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Dear Sirs

<u>Re: Application to Transfer a Premises Licence, at 26-28 Vance Road, to Mr Derek</u> <u>Littlejohns (previous Falconer)</u>

I am in receipt of an application to transfer the above premises licence to the applicant, Mr Derek Littlejohns. On behalf of the Chief Officer of Police, I make a formal objection to this application.

Since 1999 Mr Littlejohns has been convicted of 4 offences in England and Scotland the last being in 2012, 3 of these convictions relate to Theft offences and the fourth being for criminal damage. The Theft offences are relevant to the Licensing Act.

Since 2000 Mr Littlejohns has also received 4 Police Cautions, 2 again for Theft offences and the remaining 2 both in 2009 for a Drugs offence that being Possession of a Class B substance and a Public Order offence contrary to Section 5 of the Public Order Act.

Although not all of the above are listed as Relevant Offences under the Licensing Act, and they may be spent under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act, they cause huge concern to the Constabulary, due to the nature and the number of crimes.

In addition to the above the Lancashire Constabulary Intelligence system holds information which links Mr Littlejohns to matters pertaining to the Supply and Use of Drugs, Child Protection issues and also the Misuse of Alcohol and its provision to underage persons.

With the aforementioned criminal history and intelligence reports, it is our belief that Mr Littlejohns is not a fit and proper candidate to run any licensed premises in the town of Blackpool. Premises Licence Holders wishing to operate in Blackpool should be capable of, and willing to, promote the Licensing Objectives; with the objectives "The prevention

of crime and disorder" and "The protection of children from harm" in mind, it is our opinion that the applicant is neither.

If this application is granted, it is our belief it would seriously undermine the crime and disorder objective and also gravely weaken the status of Premises Licence Holders both within the licensed trade and to members of the public, police and media.

Yours faithfully

PC 3127 Ben Reynolds pp Chief Superintendent