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**Date:** 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Sir,

**Re: Licensing Act 2003 – Review Proceedings**  
**The Woodland Tavern, 99 Canterbury Street, Gillingham, ME7 5TS**

We act on behalf of Ei Group Limited. Our client is the freehold owner of these premises and we have received a copy of the application for review of the premises licence issued by the Metropolitan Police dated 28<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

We would be grateful if you would accept this letter as a formal representation on behalf of our client.

Ei Group Ltd owns around 4000 public houses in England and Wales. The vast majority of these premises are the subject of lease/tenancy agreements through which the tenant operates his/her/its own business out of our client's premises. The lease/tenancy agreement makes it clear that all operational responsibility for the premises lies with the tenant. The Woodland Tavern is operated under a tenancy dated 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024 in the name of Mr L Gaul the premises licence holder and DPS.

Please note that we take a wholly neutral stance with regards to the allegations made given that our client has no operational responsibility for the operation of the premises.

Our representation is that in these circumstances, an appropriate and proportionate response would be the removal of the DPS and/or the addition of some new conditions onto the licence, as suggested by the Police.

We would be grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of this representation and advise as to the date of the hearing as our client may wish to expand upon it at the hearing.

Yours faithfully

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