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RE: Premises licence review, Mimi's, 7 Bacup Road, Rawtenstall, Rossendale, BB4 7NG

I Daniel Benson acting as an interested party in my capacity as general manager of Qube Nightclub (Queens Arms Rawtenstall) wish to make a representation in relation to the application made by Susan Chadwick on behalf of the Licensing Authority to review a premises licence in respect of the premises known as Mimi's, 7 Bacup Road, Rawtenstall, Rossendale, BB4 7NG.

I am on the understanding that the review has been brought against the premises licences as a result of a relevant offence under the Licensing Act 2003 as amended by the Immigration Act 2016. I am in no position to comment on the offence committed however I would like to make the following comments in respect of the review.

I have been the general manager of Qube Nightclub since 2013 and since that time I have developed an agreement with the premises which helps us with dispersal of persons from the front of our premises towards Mimi's which as a result means any potential noise from people leaving is directed away from the front of our premises which could disturb the residential properties that are situated directly across the road.

I fear that should the premises licence be revoked or the premises has its trading hours reduced people leaving our premises will congregate outside while waiting for transport home. As it stands each night we are open we inform Mimi's of the time we are closing and the amount of people we have in the premises to which they will then stay open to allow people to get food.

As you will be aware Mimi's is the only late-night refreshment venue within Rawtenstall town centre and in my experience, plays a part in the dispersal of people from the area who may have attended one of the local venues. People tend to get food and go home.

In my time working within Rawtenstall I have never known Mimi's to be associated with crime and disorder and in my view, is a well-run premises, however I accept a relevant offence has been committed and the licence holder should be held accountable. I don't believe the premises licence should be revoked or the hours reduced. Revocation of the licence would still mean the premises could trade until 23:00. I believe conditions should be imposed on the licence such as employee vetting, right to work checks and documentation which should be held and made available upon request by authorised persons.

I thank you for your time and I trust the committee will reach the appropriate decision.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Daniel Benson", written over a white background.

Daniel Benson