

Northamptonshire County Council

Kettering Borough Council C/O County Licensing Unit East Northamptonshire House Cedar Drive Thrapston Northamptonshire NN14 4LZ Please ask for: Tel: Our ref: Your ref: Date: Caroline Neale 01604 367327

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Dear Sir / Madam

Re: Application for the Review of a Premises Licence The Angel, 8 Carrington Street Kettering NN16 0B7

As a Responsible Authority under the 2003 Licensing Act and as a body '*responsible for protecting children from harm*' the Director for Children's Services makes the following representation in relation to the above application for the review of the licence currently in place at the premises named.

The representation relates to the following objective: -

• The protection of children from harm

The Application for Review has been made by the Northamptonshire Police Licensing Sergeant. The reason for this representation is to support this review because the premises have been described to operate in a way that undermines the core objective of the Licensing Act to protect children from harm and evidences failure to comply with conditions in place that support objectives to protect children from harm.

Within the application there is reference to a particular incident (on 31st March 2017) when an under-18s event was held at the venue. Our concerns in relation to the protection of children from harm is with regard to the impact of the incident on 31st March on young people present at the incident and the potential for subsequent problems should similar incidents occur in the future as a result of the actions / inactions by the management of the premises.

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We are concerned about this as it poses particular risks in relation to underage drinking and the potential for physical harm due to disorderly behaviour of the groups on the premises and outside the premises close to the road. We acknowledge that licensing processes have an important role in the protection of children from harm and we continue to develop close working with other responsible authorities to address risks and promote the protection of children from harm.

We therefore **support the application for the review of the licence and the options suggested by Northamptonshire Police** that this venue may be prohibited from holding further U18s events or should this not be determined that the appropriate conditions outlined are rigorously applied.

Yours sincerely

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Lesley Hagger Director for Children, Families and Education Northamptonshire County Council