

## APPENDIX - G

BY EMAIL AND POST

**Licensing Department**

Luton Borough Council

Town Hall

George Street

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**Our ref:** RJT/MJM/98454-20316-3

**Your ref:**

**Date:** 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014

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Dear Sirs,

**re: Licensing Act 2003 – Review Proceedings  
Bling Nightclub (formerly Bentleys), Church Street, Luton**

We act on behalf of Enterprise Inns PLC. Our client holds a long lease on these premises and we have discussed the ongoing review proceedings with PC Esther Read of Bedfordshire Police.

We would be grateful if you would accept this letter as a formal representation on behalf of our client. Enterprise Inns PLC owns around 6000 public houses in England and Wales. Over 99% of these premises are the subject of lease/tenancy agreements by 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. These premises are the subject of a lease in favour of Miss D Jefferies, the premises licence holder, who has been operating these premises since March 2014.

Please note, we take a wholly neutral stance with regard to the allegations raised in the application for review. Indeed, we have not yet seen a copy of the review proceedings although we are aware of the issues following our discussions with the Police.

We understand that the cause of the proceedings relates to an association with certain promoters and we would respectfully submit that the review could be determined on the basis of enforceable conditions to the effect that the premises licence holder does not permit the premises to be operated by external or named promoters. It may be, that having heard the evidence, the Committee also takes the view that a further period of suspension is necessary to allow the dust to settle.

We would be grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of this representation. It may be that our client will wish to expand on matters raised within this letter of representation at the hearing. We understand that the hearing is listed before the Licensing Committee on the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2014 but we have not received any details of the hearing venue.

We look forward to receiving those details.

Yours faithfully



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