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We as a representative of the Director of Public Health act as the responsible authority under the Licensing Act 2003 and would like to make a representation in support of the review regarding the premises license at: **Tiger Food and Wine, 20 Lordship Lane, Tottenham, London, N17 8NS.** 

The representation is made under the following licensing objectives:

• Protecting Children from Harm

## **Local Context of the Premises**

The premises are located within a residential area and surrounded by 1 Nursery and Children's Centre, 8 primary schools, 1 secondary school and 1 college located within 0.5 miles of the premises (10 minutes walk).

Pembury House Nursery School & Children's Centre (0.2 miles) Lancasterian Primary School (0.197 miles) The Mulberry Primary School (0.281 miles) St Francis de Sales Catholic Infant and Junior Schools (0.295 miles) Risley Avenue Primary School (0.336 miles) Bruce Grove Primary School (0.375 miles) St Paul's and All Hallows CE Infant and Junior Schools (0.406 miles) Harris Primary Academy Coleraine Park (0.501 miles) The Willow Primary School (0.534 miles)

Duke's Aldridge Academy (0.525 miles)

London Academy of Excellence Tottenham (0.433 miles)

Public Health has specific concerns about the applicant's ability to uphold the licensing objective (Protecting Children from Harm) following a failed underage test purchase from the licensed premises under the control of the Premise License Holder and Designated Premises Supervisor, Burcin Yurga on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021.

Sales of alcohol to children under the age of 18 has serious consequences including anti-social behaviour and health issues such as liver damage. Children who drink even moderate amounts under the age of 15 are in danger of severe danger of health problems and children between the age of 15 and 18 who drink in unsupervised situations are in danger of becoming dependent on alcohol at a very early age.

Evidence shows that young people who start drinking at an early age are more likely to drink more frequently and in higher quantities than those who start later in life. In Haringey, 4.2% of 15-year-olds are regular drinkers which was below the England average of 6.2%. Nationally, the rate of hospital admissions for alcohol of children and young people for conditions wholly related to alcohol is decreasing. However, in Haringey,

there is no significant trend and we are still seeing younger patients displaying the effects of excessive consumption of alcohol.

The premise license holder did not take all the reasonable steps and precautions to avoid committing the offence and did not have robust system in place to protect children and young people from accessing age restricted goods/alcohol. Underage sales constitute illegal activity in direct contradiction to a commitment to the protecting children and has likely exacerbated issues in the area such as street drinking.

## Recommendation

Due to the premises situated within a busy residential area and several schools located nearby, we have concerns over the safeguarding of children. Public health is not confident in licensee's ability to promote licensing objectives going forward as a result of their poor management to prevent underage alcohol sales and therefore we recommend the committee considers revoking the license.