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By email only: Carey.Denham@met.police.uk

Dear PC Denham,

Re: Concerns Regarding Crime Data and Representations in Licensing Proceedings

I write in relation to the recent Licensing Sub-Committee hearing concerning North Eight, 26 High Street, London, N8 7PB, held on 17 July 2025, and the representations made by the Metropolitan Police Service in connection with that matter.

Having spent no less than ten hours reviewing the reports and data disclosed, I must express concern that a significant proportion of the incidents cited were either closed, resolved, or resulted in a “no crime recorded” outcome. As you will be aware, this designation means that although an incident was reported to police, it did not meet the threshold to be logged as a notifiable crime under the Crime Recording General Rules (CRGR 2025/26) and the National Crime Recording Standard (NCRS). This decision must be based on clear, auditable criteria and must be communicated to the reporting party.

I enclose a summary of my analysis of the CAD report you provided, which included hundreds of pages of incident data. I would appreciate your confirmation of which entries you agree were correctly classified as “no crime recorded,” and where you may disagree with my findings regarding the outcomes.

The April 2025 update to the Crime Recording Rules for Frontline Officers and Staff reinforces a number of key principles, which include timely and accurate recording and to have auditable decisions: Where a decision is made not to record a crime, an auditable record must be created and where a crime is recordable, it must be assigned one of the 22 Home Office outcome types, and decisions must be made transparently and consistently.

These standards are not optional—they are essential to maintaining public trust, ensuring fairness in licensing proceedings, and safeguarding the integrity of police data.

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Given the seriousness of the matter and its potential impact on licensing outcomes, I ask that you:

1. Review the representations made in this case and confirm which incidents were classified as “no crime recorded.”
2. Clarify the verification process used to ensure the accuracy of the data presented.
3. Confirm whether any steps will be taken to correct the record before the reconvened hearing.
4. Provide assurance that future representations will comply fully with the CRGR 2025/26 and NCRS.

The public and licensing authorities are entitled to expect that police submissions are accurate, current, and professionally verified. Anything less undermines confidence in the licensing process and the integrity of police data.

I look forward to your response and confirmation of the steps being taken.

Yours sincerely

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