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Good Afternoon,

Please see attached freeholder representation letter in relation to the review proceedings at the above premises submitted by the Licensing Police dated 22nd February 2023.

Please kindly acknowledge receipt of the same and confirm that our representation is accepted.

Kind regards

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Dear Daniel,

Re: Licensing Act 2003 – Review Proceedings
The Kings Head, Headcorn Road, Grafty Green, Maidstone ME17 2AN

We act on behalf of Ei Group Ltd. Our client is the freeholder owner of these premises and we have received a copy of the application for review of the premises licence by the Police dated 22nd February 2023.

We would be grateful if you would accept this letter as a formal representation on behalf of our client.

Ei Group Ltd owns around 4000 public houses in England and Wales. The vast majority of these premises are the subject of lease/tenancy agreements through 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. The Kings Head is the subject of a 27 year lease agreement in favour of Kenneth and Evelyn Sweet, the premises licence holders.

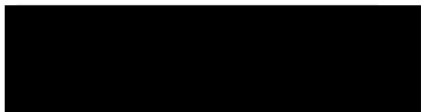
Please note that we take a wholly neutral stance with regards to the allegations made given that our client has no operational responsibility for the operation of these premises.

Our representation is that the licensing objectives will be promoted by the removal [REDACTED] of the premises licence holder' (as described in the review papers) from the premises so he has no involvement in the running of the premises and also isnt allowed to live on the premises. Plus, the addition of some intense staff training for the management as to their responsibilities under the Licensing Act 2003.

We would be grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of this representation and advise as to the date of the hearing as our client may wish to expand upon it at the hearing.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,



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