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To:

Subject: (Case Ref: MO11376)

Good afternoon,

Melanie has had an enquiry from her constituent, Serkan Ucan, director of Flys Catering Ltd, trading as 06 Turkish Restaurant in Cleethorpe regarding a review of their premises licence. They have asked for some points to be considered fairly in the review. Please see below for his enquiry:

'I am the director of Flys Catering Ltd, trading as 06 Turkish Restaurant in Cleethorpes. This is a small family business and the only source of income for our family.

The Home Office has issued a £40,000 civil penalty and has now applied for a review of our premises licence, seeking revocation of the licence.

I would like to explain that we never knowingly employed an illegal worker.

Before [REDACTED] started helping at the restaurant, we obtained the documents requested by our accountant, including her ARC card and National Insurance documentation. We relied on professional advice and were informed that she could work. We do not have strong English language skills and therefore depended heavily on our accountant for employment and immigration compliance matters.

We genuinely believed that all required checks had been completed correctly. Had we known that there was any restriction preventing her from working in that role, we would never have allowed her to work.

This situation has caused severe hardship for our family.

In recent months our family has suffered the death of a newborn baby. My wife experienced serious medical complications and continues to require medical care. We also have several young children, including a child with additional needs who requires ongoing support.

At the same time, the business has been struggling financially. We have VAT liabilities, business rates, council tax arrears and other business costs. Customer numbers have fallen significantly due to major construction works in Market Street and the removal of nearby parking.

Despite these difficulties, we have cooperated with the authorities, submitted representations to the Council, implemented a written Right to Work Compliance Policy and started reviewing our employment procedures. We are also seeking a new accountant because we have lost confidence in the advice previously provided.

North East Lincolnshire Council has confirmed receipt of our representation and a Licensing Sub-Committee hearing is expected in July 2026.

If the premises licence is revoked, the business may not survive. This would have devastating consequences for our family, employees and our ability to support our children.

I respectfully ask whether your office could continue to monitor this case and make any enquiries that may assist in ensuring that our circumstances, our cooperation and the steps we have taken to improve compliance are fully considered.

In terms of the outcome I am hoping for, my main concern is protecting the future of our family business.

The Home Office has issued a £40,000 civil penalty and has now applied for a review of our

premises licence. If the licence is revoked, it could force the closure of our restaurant and have devastating consequences for our family.

I would be grateful for any assistance in ensuring that the full circumstances of the case are considered fairly, including:

That we did not knowingly employ an illegal worker;

That we relied on professional advice from our accountant regarding right-to-work checks;

That we have cooperated throughout the process;

That we have introduced new compliance procedures to prevent any future issues;

The severe impact that licence revocation and the civil penalty would have on our family business and our children.

This business is our family's only source of income. We are already facing significant financial pressures including VAT liabilities, business rates, council tax arrears and reduced trade due to ongoing construction works and parking changes in Market Street.

Our family has also experienced extremely difficult personal circumstances, including the loss of a newborn baby and ongoing health issues within the family.

I fully respect the legal process and understand the seriousness of the matter. I am simply asking for help in ensuring that our circumstances, cooperation and corrective actions are properly taken into account.

I am happy to provide any documents that may assist, including correspondence from the Home Office, the licensing review documents, and evidence of the steps we have taken to improve compliance'.

Would you be able to send this to the relevant officers and ask for his points to be considered ahead of the Licensing Sub -Committee hearing in July?

Kind Regards,

Emma Wilkinson

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