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Appendix X Response from Merseyrail on 28 May 2013

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24th May 2013

Dear Mr Charlson,

Licensing Act 2003 Consideration of an Early Morning Restriction Orders for Ormskirk

Thank you for your letter of the 3rd March in respect to the above and note the request to submit responses by no later than the 7th June 2013.

I am writing to confirm my support to the Council's Licensing & Gambling Committee of the Early Morning Restriction Order proposal (EMRO) for Ormskirk.

To provide you with some background to my decision I can advise you that Merseyrail are currently endeavouring to amend their Railway Bye Laws (in terms of Bye Law 4) through the Department of Transport (DFT) to ban alcohol off the Merseyrail network. The reason for this is because of a significant increase in alcohol related incidents and offences over the past 3 years which can have a significant impact on both our customers and staff.

With that in mind we have gained support from Merseytravel, Passenger Focus, British Transport Police, and Trade Unions in our commitment to run a safe and secure railway network by banning alcohol consumption off our trains and stations. The EMRO proposal therefore aligns itself with our way of thinking. We are aware of the impact that alcohol related incidents can have on our customers and I have no doubt it will be the same situation with the general public at large.

I do therefore welcome your proposals to control the operational hours for certain licensed premises by using the appropriate legislative tools available for you to do this and I wish you every success.



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Please advise me of the decision from the Committee as soon as the information is available as it may also support Merseyrail's proposals to amend our Bye Laws.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on the above number.

Yours sincerely,

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Managing Director