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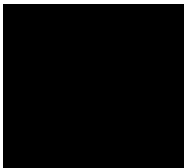
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Licensing Unit
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Worthing
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Dear Mr Jones,

Application for Review of the premises licence for One Club
Chatsworth Road Worthing

Further to the Review application served on 7th September 2017, please find enclosed a copy of additional evidence we wish to be considered.

Yours sincerely



Chief Inspector Ockwell
District Commander

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ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE

On 7th September 2017 Sussex Police submitted an application for the Review of the premises licence for One Club.

Since that date there have been a number of further incidents at the premises where intoxication has been a common denominator. This has resulted in patrons made vulnerable and /or aggressive and requiring police intervention. The review of the premises licence, (scheduled for 2nd November 2017) identifies the poor management of the premises and the impact this has upon members of the public as the cause for concern to Sussex Police. These incidents demonstrate that, despite reassurances that this has now been addressed, the new Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) and the new SIA door team have failed to address the situation and, by doing so, have continued to place members of the public at risk.

Sussex Police consider that this undermines the licensing objectives of the prevention of crime and disorder and the prevention of public nuisance.

14th October 2017

A member of the public contacted Sussex Police concerned that the door staff at 'the club' had informed them that the I.D scanner was broken. One member of the group had ID consequently they were asked to provide bank /credit cards which were then photographed. They were then asked to provide names date of birth and signature. When this was questioned they were informed that it was a police requirement that all the bars in Worthing now do this. The informant was concerned at this and, having taken advice, each member of the group subsequently cancelled their bank cards. It is accepted that this incident may relate to Molotov Cocktail and Vodka bar which is not the subject of this Review application; it is not always clear to which premises incidents are attributed. However the SIA door staff team is employed across both premises and as such it is reasonable to assume their practices are also

Sussex Police have not received notification from the premises that the ID scanner was broken. Without the recognised photographic identification entry to the premises should not have been permitted.

Annexe 3 condition 7 states that:

- Entry be restricted to those patrons whose ID has been scanned into the ID scanner system operated by the premises

Annexe 3 condition 6 states that:

- An identification scanning system with a strict no ID/no entry policy shall be operated at all times licensable activities are taking place unless prior written agreement with Sussex Police has been obtained or the system has suffered mechanical breakdown beyond the control of the proprietor. Information from the system shall be made available upon request to the Police in accordance with the Data Protection Act. Any breakdown or system failure will be reported to the Police immediately and remedied as soon as practicable.

15th Oct 01:35 hours

Police officers attended an incident in Chatsworth Road Worthing outside Liquid Oxygen (aka One Club) where an SIA door supervisor was restraining a male. An incident had taken place outside the venue whereby a female had been approached by a second female and asked for a cigarette. When she refused she was struck around the head with an object (possibly a shoe) by the suspect. The victim's boyfriend then became involved and a further fight ensued resulting in the SIA door staff detaining one of the males (as witnessed by the officers on their arrival). The female victim had pain and swelling to the side of her head and was taken to Worthing A&E. She was described by the police officers as, very drunk and struggling to walk and stand unaided.

The two males who became involved in the subsequent incident were arrested and taken into custody and later released without charge. The victim was spoken to the following morning when she confirmed that she did not wish to make a statement or pursue the matter. The victim confirmed she had been in 'Liquid Lounge'.

15th October 2017 02:50 hours

At approximately 02:40 Police officers were approached by SIA door staff from "Liquid Oxygen" regarding a female who, having been punched in the stomach by a male patron of the premises wished to press charges. The suspect was pointed out to the police officers. The male had been ejected by SIA door staff following an incident inside the premises. He was described by the officers as heavily intoxicated and barely able to stand unaided and slurred when attempting to speak. The suspect was then arrested and taken into custody where he was detained until he was sober enough to be interviewed. Ultimately the victim decided that she no longer wished to pursue the matter, and as there were no witness statements provided the male was released without charge.

22nd October 2017 approx. 01:15 hours (incident 1 of 2)

At approximately 01:15 hours police officers were directed by the police CCTV operator to an incident in Chatsworth Road outside One Club/Molotov. The incident involved members of the One Club/Molotov SIA door staff and appears to have been witnessed by the Designated Premises Supervisor Mr Vijayakumar. The matter is currently sub judice but it is understood that 2 members of the door team have now been dismissed. A member of the public had to be taken to hospital for treatment. There are a number of concerns to Sussex Police surrounding this incident, and related incidents which took place at this time. It is disappointing to note that the actions of one of the door staff on duty that evening, had previously come to the attention of Sussex Police and subsequently the SIA. It would appear that the reassurances Sussex Police received from the premises staff that he would no longer be employed as a member of the door team, were erroneous.

CCTV footage from an external camera was provided by the DPS, however body worn video footage was not available from any of the 5 door supervisors involved.

22nd October approx. 01:15 (incident 2 of 2)

A further incident involving the premises door staff took place immediately following the previous occurrence, whereby an apparently independent third party male was watching incident (1 above) when he was approached by a member of the door team. What follows is also sub judice, but relates to the actions of the member of the door staff team and the male witness. CCTV footage from an

external camera was provided by the DPS, however body worn video footage was not available from the door supervisors involved.

No call to police was made in relation to either of these two incidents nor in relation to an incident inside prior to either of these inside Molotov.

Annexe 3 condition 4 states that

- SIA door staff shall utilise functioning body worn videos at all times when they are on duty.

Information received from the DPS states that they (DPS & PLH) are only able to provide four cameras in total.

29th October 2017

During a licensing visit to One Club by a uniformed police officer, it was noted that an “extremely intoxicated” male was being removed from the premises and handed to the street pastors. Whilst it is positive that he had not been left on his own while in a vulnerable state, it is of concern that patrons of One Club are still being allowed to surpass their alcohol tolerance levels.

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 16.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9

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Occurrence Number: [REDACTED]

Statement of: MARTIN HUNT

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Police Constable CH951

This statement (consisting of 1 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature:  #CH951 HUNT, M.

Date: 15/10/2017 04:50

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded

At approximately 02:40 hours on Sunday 15 October 2017 I was on duty in full uniform in company with PC FABER DF388 in CHATSWORTH ROAD, WORTHING.

At this time we were in call sign WW50 monitoring LIQUID OXYGEN nightclub.

As we sat in our vehicle, one of the door staff walked over to us and said "THERE'S A FEMALE OVER THEIR THAT'S JUST BEEN PUNCHED IN THE STOMACH BY THAT GUY AND SHE WANTS TO PRESS CHARGES"

I then alighted from our vehicle and followed the door man approximately twenty metres to one of his colleagues who was standing next to a male who later identified himself to me as [REDACTED] born [REDACTED]

I said to [REDACTED] "YOU HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS HAVING JUST PUNCHED A FEMALE IN THE STOMACH. AT THIS STAGE I AM ARRESTING YOU ON SUSPICION OF ASSAULT OCCASIONING ACTUAL BODILY HARM" and cautioned him to which he replied "I'VE DONE NOTHING"

I then said "YOUR ARREST IS NECESSARY TO PREVENT FURTHER INJURY BEING CAUSED"

I then handcuffed [REDACTED] to the rear for his and my own personal safety before placing him into the rear of our marked police carrier.

[REDACTED] was drunk. He smelled strongly of intoxicating liquor, slurred as he spoke and continually repeated himself over and over and over again.

[REDACTED] was wearing tight skinny dark blue jeans, and a tight light grey coloured jumper.

Whilst I was dealing with [REDACTED] my colleague PC VERSLUYS went to speak with the victim who was pointed out to him.