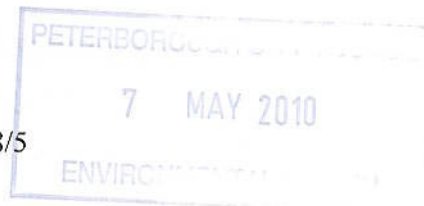




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Dear Sirs

Review of Premises Licence under Section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003
Premises: Shooters Bar of 29 New Street, Peterborough, PE1 1FJ

We refer to the decision of the Licensing Committee today under Section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003 to impose interim steps pending a review of the Premises Licence.

Please take this letter our client's representations under Section 53B(6).

Our client's representations are as follows:

1. The application from Cambridgeshire Constabulary makes reference to evidence that was produced to the Licensing Committee on the 28th April 2010. This evidence is irrelevant for the purposes of the application under Section 53A. This latest review is subject of a separate process and the evidence upon which the police are relying under the application that has been put to you specifically relates to the incidents on the 30th April and, we believe subsequently on the 2/3rd May.
2. The evidence of the police in their application is grossly exaggerated. The CCTV evidence shows the following facts:
 - (a) The incident itself did not start until at least 03:40. It is evidenced from CCTV footage that the door-staff at the bar were aware that an incident may take place and were monitoring the situation very closely.
 - (b) The first punch was thrown at 03:41:03.
 - (c) The door-staff had restrained and separated all of those involved in the incident by 03:41:25 a little over 20 seconds after the incident started.
 - (d) By 03:41:45 the door-staff had substantially moved all of the people involved other than those who had been restrained.
 - (e) At 03:42:17 one other person was restrained by door-staff at the premises.

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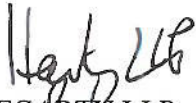
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- (f) At 03:43:37 the police arrived on the scene.
 - (g) At 03:55 the first person who had been arrested was placed in a police van.
 - (h) At 03:56 a person who, our client believes was not a customer of the premises, causes a further incident on the public highway and not on our client's premises and he was restrained by 03:57.
3. There were no more than 5 people involved in throwing punches, although other people were in the area.
 - (a) The police refer to 4 people being arrested, although the CCTV evidence only shows 2 people being arrested.
 - (b) The people who were involved in throwing the first punch, who is well known to the police (as he is a member of the door-staff at another local premises) was allowed to leave the scene.
 - (c) A number of the people involved tried to gain access to our client's premises, but they were refused access.
 4. This incident should be placed in context of an incident that took place earlier in the evening outside Liquid Night Club. At that incident approximately 40 people were involved in a fight. This was caught on CCTV but although a number of arrests were made the time, those individuals were de-arrested and allowed to stay in the vicinity. There is no suggestion that any of those people involved in that fight were customers of our client's premises.
 5. Following the incident referred to above, our client's contacted the City Link via radio to ask who they should be refusing entry to their premises and they were told by the CCTV operators that there were so many people involved in the incident that they could not give proper information. Therefore, this did not assist our client in trying to avoid any later incidents.
 6. Our client's believe that no action has been taken against Liquid Night Club, notwithstanding that a substantially more serious incident took place with customers from their premises.
 7. Notwithstanding the serious nature of the incident that took place with the Liquid Night Club customers and the fact that those customers were left in the area, the police did not maintain a presence in the area despite the bad atmosphere that was clearly left behind.
 8. The police have not substantiated that the people who were involved in the incident on the 30th April were customers of our client's premises.
 9. The incident itself does not amount to serious crime or serious disorder as is demonstrated by the relatively few people involved and the duration of the incident itself.
 10. In relation to the incident that took place on the 2/3rd May, one of the arresting officers commented to a doorman at our client's premises that it was unusual to have such an incident were one of those involved was not drunk.
 11. The incident took place between two people who were essentially friends who got involved in an altercation where one punched the other. They were properly separated by the door-staff at our client's premises and were dealt with by the police accordingly.
 12. The incident that took place outside our client's premises on the 30th April was not dissimilar to incidents that take place outside every other venue in the city centre and, in our client's

view, was properly managed and handled by them, showing that the premises are properly managed.

In accordance with Section 53B(b) of the Licensing Act 2003, we look forward to receiving confirmation of the date, time and location of the hearing that must be held within 48 hours of the time of these representations.

Yours faithfully



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