



NOTICE PURSUANT TO THE LICENSING ACT 2003

Application has been made for a review of the premises licence for The Corner House, 1257, Melton Road, Syston, Leicester, by the Leicestershire Police

The grounds stated for the review relate to the licensing objectives of prevention of crime and disorder, the prevention of public nuisance, public safety, and the protection of children from harm. In particular, the following grounds apply:

1. Mr Zak Toomassi has been the Designated Premises Supervisor at these premises since May 2008.
2. On the 28th June 2008 PC Andrew Oliver reported as follows:

Licence visit. Speak to licensee Zak Toomasi. There was a large number of customers drinking drink out of glasses, some smoking. Some were standing in the road and some across the road in the town square, also with drinks. I could identify 2 males I know to be 17 drinking from glasses.

On speaking to Zak, he stated he had closed the rear door early as he'd had recent complaints of noise. He admitted that he didn't know what to do.

There was a doorman on duty, his details are Robert Stevenson, badge number 0101100278525703, expiry 5/9/10. It was his first night and he stated he had worked in the pub when it was `The Bakers Arms`. He stated he has been employed by Zak to work Friday nights only.

There was a large quantity of broken glass outside the pub, some on the road. Whilst we were there a glass was heard to break in the town square area. It was only when we arrived that staff came outside to clear the glass up. Zak stated he was going to try and get a variation on his licence to allow him to leave the garden open longer. Clearly he is struggling to run this pub, this visit is yet another sign of this.

3. On the 30th June 2008 I received a report (attached) from Mr Chris Lambert, licensing officer for Charnwood borough Council .

4. On the 4th July 2008 PC Andrew Oliver reported as follows:

Police incident 994:4:7:08 refers to a large group of 40 males fighting in Somerfields Car park. The ages of these males were reported as being 20-30. On police arrival there was no trace but an anonymous bystander told police that most of these males went in the Corner House after fighting.

5. On the 15th July 2008 I met with Mr Toomassi, Sgt Marcus Lee, Mr Chris Lambert and Mr Jon Harris, area manager for Punch Taverns PLC, at the premises and discussed the various issues that had led to complaint. As a result I wrote the attached letter to Mr Harris.

6. On the 18th July 2008 Pc Eedward Maiella reported as follows:

At 2300-2330hrs on Friday 25/7/08 there were a large number of people from this premises, drinking out of glasses on the pavement. So much so that some were stood on the road, of what is a very busy and dangerous spot-island. The licensee has been warned about people

street drinking several times. It seems only a matter of time before an accident occurs here if this continues.

7. On the 4th September 2008 PC Oliver reported as follows:

TWO SEPERATE SOURCES, WHO WISH TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS, ONE OF WHICH USED TO WORK AT THE CORNER HOUSE PH, MELTON RD, SYSTON TELL ME THAT AT THE PUB THERE IS A LOT OF UNDERAGE DRINKING GOING ON. THEY TELL ME THAT PEOPLE AS YOUNG AS 14 ARE GETTING SERVED AT THE PUB.

8. At 00:40 on the Sunday the 28th September 2008 PC Chris Haines reported as follows:

Licensing visit, speak to licensee Zak Toomasi licence no PERS8788. No issues at location, busy, but good natured. large numbers on pavement outside, licensee keeping eye on them. No door staff present.

9. On the 4th October 2008 Pc Oliver reported as follows:

Whilst on foot patrol at Town Square, Syston I saw 3 males enter Corner House PH, Melton Rd, Syston who I know to be under 18. Approx 10 minutes later I returned with shift sgt (PS2184 Jones) and visited PH. All 3 plus another male I know to be under 18, were inside at a table. There were drinks present on the table, none seen drinking. Zak, licensee, spoken to re this and he said he thought they were 18. All 4 ejected. Zak has been warned to expect a test purchase!

10. At 00:23 on Sunday the 12th October 2008 Sgt Nathan Liddicott reported as follows:

Officers were called to an incident of drugs being taken in the doorway of the premises by two men. On arrival one of them was detained by officers and stripped of his clothing in the street. As officers entered the premises to enquire after the second man there was obvious disorder. A group of men appeared to be holding back another man and there was a smashed glass on the floor. There were shouts of "old bill, old bill" as officers entered to warn parties involved. Mr Toomassi who was present agreed to close the premises for the night and stated he had taken that decision prior to police arrival and was giving the customers 5 minutes to drink up. The staff on duty included Mr Toomassi 4 other bar staff and a glass collector, there were no door staff present and they were clearly unable to keep order at the premises. Officers assisted in clearing the bar and detained a man in possession of cocaine. Once in the street outside the premises customers displayed rowdy behaviour resulting in one man being issued an FPN for disorder and several verbal warnings being given.

11. Given this sequence of events and their cumulative effect, plus complaints from residents who do not wish to be named for fear of reprisals, a point has been reached where the police no longer have any confidence in Mr Zak Toomassi's ability to promote the licensing objectives at these premises.

12. The situation is compounded by the absence of registered doostaff as referred to in paragraphs 8 and 10 above. Similarly paragraph 9 describes a situation which could not have existed if Mr Toomassi had adopted the Challenge 21 policy as he undertook to following our meeting in July.

13. The police recommend that the Committee remove Mr Toomassi as the designated premises supervisor.

Dated: 22nd October 2008

Any objections or representations in respect of the application should be made in writing to the Director Partnerships & Customer Services, Charnwood Borough Council, Council Offices, Southfield Road, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE11 2TX. Representations/objections must be received by 20th November 2008. The applicant will be supplied with copies of any objections.

A record of the application can be inspected at the Council Offices at the aforementioned address during normal office hours.

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