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Date: 6th April 2016



Mr J.H.T. Jones (By Hand)
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*In reply address correspondence to:
David Smethurst, Licensing Officer.
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Re: Urgent CCTV review at The Mill Bar & Restaurant, Sandbach

Dear Mr Jones,

I write further to my last letter dated 29th March 2016 where I sought copies of recorded images from your CCTV system. As a result of that interaction with you it has come to my notice that images which are recorded to your CCTV system are of poor quality, grainy and frankly not fit for purpose. In addition you appear not to be complying with your premises licence conditions in that unedited images are not securely retained for at least 28 days.

It is also questionable if you are complying with a further condition which requires that staff are competent to operate and take copies from the CCTV system and particularly as I was recently given copies of CCTV images which were completely different dates from those I requested.

Your premises licence conditions also require 'A CCTV system will be installed and maintained at the premises to the satisfaction of the Police Licensing Officer' and what is currently in place is far from my satisfaction.

In short I want to review your entire CCTV provision in terms of the number of cameras, the field of view of each camera, the quality of recorded images, the retention period of recorded images and the competence of those staff trained to operate it, in compliance with your premises licence conditions.

Can I therefore ask that you contact me at your earliest convenience and in any event within the next 7 days, i.e. by Wednesday 13th April 2016, to arrange a visit by me.

Yours sincerely

D.G. Smethurst

c.c. Sgt Chamberlain
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Re: CCTV review at The Mill Bar & Restaurant, Sandbach

Dear Mr Jones,

I write with reference to my last letter dated 6th April 2016 and enclose a copy for your reference.

In that letter I hopefully made clear that your CCTV system at The Mill Bar & Restaurant and your operation of it did not comply with conditions on your premises licence, which are potentially offences against section 136 of The Licensing Act 2003. In addition it has undermined a number of criminal investigations, including one recent serious assault, and as a result has undermined the crime and disorder licensing objective. In a nut shell I concluded that it is not fitted, maintained or operated to my satisfaction, a condition of your premise licence, and is not fit for purpose.

In the enclosed letter I, on behalf of the Chief Officer of Police, urgently sought to try and work with you to improve your CCTV system so that it is compliant with your premises licence conditions and is fit for purpose.

As you have not, as I requested, contacted me by yesterday I am afraid that unless you have taken significant steps to put these matters right then every time you offer licensable activities under the authorisation of the premise licence at The Mill Bar & Restaurant you are potentially committing offences against section 136 of The Licensing Act 2003 by not complying with your premise licence CCTV conditions.

It always has been, and still remains, your own personal responsibility to ensure that the operation of The Mill Bar & Restaurant is fully compliant with the various pieces of legislation controlling its activities.

I will pass on, to the local police managers, your refusal to engage with me, as the representative of the Chief Officer of Police, and thereby attempt to promote the licensing objectives. They may well take more than a passing interest in your CCTV system the next time you are open and they visit. A copy of this letter will also be forwarded to the Licensing Authority.

Yours sincerely

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