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WITNESS STATEMENT**Criminal Procedure Rules r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B**URN Statement of: **Martin Richard THORLEY**

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

This statement (consisting of four pages 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 anything in it, which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature:

Date: 14th July 2020Check box if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on last page)

I am Police Constable 14627 Martin Thorley of the Greater Manchester Police stationed at Ashton-under-Lyne Police Station. My current role is that of Licensing Officer, Divisional Partnership Team for the Tameside District.

I have delegation of authority on behalf of the Chief Officer of Police for all applications made in respect of the Licencing Act 2003.

I am aware that this statement will be used as part of an application for a review of the licensed premises **Top End Bar, 134 Stamford Street Central, Ashton-under-Lyne OL6 6AD.**

Top End Bar is a public house situated on the corner of Stamford Street Central and George Street in Ashton Town Centre.

On 20th March 2020 Prime Minister Boris Johnson made a statement on coronavirus. In this statement he informed the Nation that **"We are collectively telling, telling cafes, pubs, bars, restaurants to close tonight as soon as they reasonably can, and not to open tomorrow."**

On 21st March 2020 The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Business Closure) (England) Regulations were introduced enforcing Closures.

On Friday 3rd April 2020 at 1715hrs Licensing Manager Mike Robinson and I attended at Top End Bar whilst engaged on Operation Gritstone patrol where Licensed Premises in the Tameside Borough are visited.

We had not intended to visit the premises, though as we drove along Stamford Street Central driving past the premises it was noted that the external metal gate on the front of the premises was open. Due to this we drove around the block and stopped in order to check the premises.

At this point it was noted that the metal gate appeared to have been closed. We both approached the gate which was unlocked and we opened the front door to the premises which was unlocked, as though the premises were open for business.

On entering the premises I saw a male who I know to be Sanjay Mistry. Mistry is known to me as he is the only person I have seen working in Top End Bar on my numerous visits to the Premises. Mistry appeared from

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behind the bar carrying a large red/blue coloured bag for life which he stated contained wine for a tradesman who had done work for his residential properties. Mistry changed his mind about the wine and then claimed it was for a customer who was waiting outside the bar. Mistry seemed extremely nervous and was all over the place scurrying around and repeatedly claiming that he 'was clearing the lines'.

Present in the bar at this time were two customers:-

Male one was a male aged approx. 58-60 years who was wearing a leather coat and flat cap. Mistry claimed this male was his accountant and they were in the process of a business meeting. Throughout my visit this male remained stood behind a pillar and did not engage in any conversations.

Male two was a slim male aged in his mid 40's. He had red hair and was wearing a Manchester United shirt and blue jeans. Mistry claimed this male was delivering a joint of meat and was paying his rent. A large joint of meet was seen on the bar. This male was holding a quantity of monetary notes in his hand was later observed using a key to enter the flats via a door to the right hand side of the front of Top End Bar. As he did this the male produced a letter head of paper with Tulip Foods on it. The male spoke with me and claimed to be an employee of Tulip Foods.

There was what I believe to be a bottle of Cider and a half full glass of cider on the bar and an empty pint glass which contained the remnants of what looked like bitter. On seeing this glass and walking towards it Mistry again stated 'I'm clearing the lines'.

I made my way around the bar into the cellar area situated in the rear room. All the lines appeared free from beer apart from one of the cellar boys which was half full of a beer which looked like bitter.

I asked Mistry what this was and he stated that he was in the process of clearing the lines. I find this hard to believe some 15 days after the close down enforced by the government.

I then went behind the bar and the beer lines were checked. All appeared to be clear of beers and were on water. Mistry was spoken with and was warned about what we had observed. I told Mistry that I didn't believe him and that I suspected that he was open for business and was trading. I told him of my suspicions that the beer glass on the bar had recently been drank out of.

Mistry denied this and stated 'The Bulmer's is mine. I'm drinking it, here, smell my breath'....Mistry came towards both Mike Robinson and myself in an attempt for us to smell his breath. At no point did Mistry respect social distancing and I felt at risk from him coming towards be intending to breath heavily on me.

Mistry was informed that I would require a copy of the CCTV covering the one hour period before our arrival in order for him to evidence what had occurred inside the licensed premises prior to our arrival.

As a result of what I observed during this visit and what I suspected had occurred prior to my arrival I served a Warning Letter on Sanjay Mistry before finally leaving the premises.

The CCTV was produced and was provided by Sanjay Mistry (Exh SM/1) during a further visit by PC Tony Lawton and Mike Robinson.

The CCTV was handed to me and I reviewed the contents on the CCTV on Wednesday 8th April. Upon viewing the footage I was not satisfied that the CCTV was conclusive as to activities behind the bar and so I

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contacted Anita Mistry at 1548hrs on 8th April 2020 to request for further footage covering the bar area and pool table/toilet area.

I was contacted by Anita Mistry at 0828hrs on Saturday 11th April informing me that the CCTV footage was ready and could be collected from the bar at 1500hrs.

At 1440hrs Mike Robinson and myself attended at Top End Bar. Again on attendance the front door was unlocked and we walked straight into the bar. I again asked Mistry why the door was open and why he was at the bar. He claimed it was due to him expecting our attendance. The further CCTV was provided by Anita Mistry at 1500hrs on Saturday 11th April 2020 when she attended outside Top End Bar.(AM/1)

This further CCTV was reviewed by myself on Thursday 16th April 2020 and in my opinion is conclusive in evidencing that Mistry is open and selling / serving alcohol. I have produced exh Ref MRT/1 ad MRT/2 in relation to this CCTV.

Both seized CCTV footage appears to be showing the incorrect times.....I first attended at 1715hrs, yet the CCTV shows me attending at 1610hrs.

Following reviewing the CCTV and based on what I had observed when I attended at the Top End Bar on 3rd April 2020 I feel that both member of staff Sanjay Mistry and Designated Premises Supervisor Anita Mistry have failed to promote the licensing objectives.

As a result of this Greater Manchester Police are in full support of a standard review of the Premises Licence submitted by Tameside MBC in relation to Top End Bar pursuant to s.51-53 of the Licensing Act 2003. Under the following objectives:-

Public Safety

As it is considered that the activities could cause immediate harms resulting from activities being carried on at the premises. It is unarguable that the immediate contraction of a potentially fatal illness is an immediate harm.

Public Nuisance

By being open and trading was causing the risk of infections spreading as a result of activities carried out on land.

Crime and Disorder

By being open and trading was causing the risk of infections spreading as a result of activities carried out on land. Causing a public nuisance is a serious criminal offence under the common law punishable with a maximum of life imprisonment (see R v Rimmington & Goldstein [2005] UKHL 63).

I have caused the production of the following exhibits which are to be presented for the Review Panel Hearing:-

AM/1 CCTV from Top End Bar produced on memory stick

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SM/1 CCTV from Top End Bar produced on memory stick

EW/1/98374 CCTV of Top End Bar edited/transferred onto DVD

MRT/1 CCTV Log of incidents viewed on CCTV (AM/1 and SM/1)

MRT/2 CCTV log of incidents downloaded (EW/1/98374)

MRT/3 Delegated Authority from Chief Constable.

MRT/4 Copy of Warning letter served on Sanjay Mistry

MRT/5 Transcript of Prime Minister Boris Johnson statement on coronavirus 20th March 2020.

It is my belief that the manner in which the premises of Top End Bar have been managed, allowing the congregation of persons to gather and attend at a time when the Nation has seen the devastating impact of Covid 19. The actions of both Sanjay Mistry and Anita Mistry are a blatant breach of the regulations, given that The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Business Closure) (England) Regulations 2020 (SI 2020/327) being in force.

The Designated Premises Supervisor has put the welfare of staff, customers, attending Police and Council Officers and the wider members of the public in danger of contracting a potentially fatal illness. I consider the behaviour and actions of the management and staff at Top End Bar have been totally irresponsible especially as the closure of Pubs was ordered by the Government during a global pandemic.

I am aware that Sanjay Mistry date of birth [REDACTED] of Top End Bar has convicted on the PNC for offences under Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 Sect 170 (1) (b).

I have viewed the PNC which shows that Mistry was convicted to 27 months imprisonment on 7th October 2013.

I understand that Mistry served nine months in prison and was released on Home Detention Curfew until his conviction was spent on 6th January 2016.

To the best of my knowledge and belief there is no reasonable ground for believing that the information produced above, from various Police computer systems, and included in this statement is inaccurate because of improper use of the computers and to the best of my knowledge and belief at all material times the computers were operating properly, or if not, any respect in which they were not operating properly or were out of operation was not such as to effect the production of information or its accuracy.

PC 14627 Martin Thorley

Signature:.....

Signature witnessed by:

Witness contact details

URN

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Postcode: SK14 2LJ

Home telephone no.:

Work telephone no:

Mobile no: 07393145364

E-mail address:

Preferred means of contact:

(Specify details for vulnerable/intimidated victims and witnesses only):

Gender: Male

Date and place of birth:

Former name:

Ethnicity code 16+1

DATES OF WITNESS NON-AVAILABILITY:

Witness care

- a) Is the witness willing and likely to attend court? If 'No', include reason(s) on form MG6. Yes No
- b) What can be done to ensure attendance?
- c) Does the witness require Special Measures Assessment as a vulnerable or intimidated witness? *Youth under 18; witness with mental disorder, learning or physical disability; or witness in fear of giving evidence or witness is the complainant in a sexual offence case) If 'Yes' submit MG2 with file in anticipated not guilty, contested or indictable only cases.* Yes No
- d) Does the witness have any particular needs? Yes No
If 'Yes' what are they? (Disability, healthcare, childcare, transport, language difficulties, visually impaired, restricted mobility or other concerns?)

Witness consent (for witness completion)

- a) The Victim Personal Statement scheme (victims only) has been explained to me: Yes No
- b) I have been given the Victim Personal Statement leaflet: Yes No
- c) I have been given the leaflet 'Giving a witness statement to the police' Yes No
- d) I consent to police having access to my medical record(s) in relation to this matter: Yes No N/A
(obtained in accordance with local practice)
- e) I consent to my medical record in relation to this matter being disclosed to the defence: Yes No N/A
- f) I consent to the statement being disclosed for the purposes of civil or other proceedings if applicable: e.g. child care proceedings, CICA. Yes No N/A
- g) **Child witness cases only.** I have had the provision regarding reporting restrictions
Explained to me. Yes No N/A
I would like CPS to apply for reporting restrictions on my behalf Yes No N/A

I understand that the information recorded above will be passed on to the Witness Service, which offers help and support to witnesses pre-trial and at court;

Signature of witness:..... PRINT NAME:

Signature of parent/guardian/appropriate adult: PRINT NAME:

Address and telephone number if different from above:

Statement taken by (print name): Self Station: Hyde

Time and place statement taken: 1200 hrs Hyde Police station

Top End BarCCTV LOGFootage from memory stick PNY 16GB Exh ref AM/1**Bar Camera**

Till can be seen switched on and illuminated behind the bar

- 145000 Male in flat cap sat on barstool with a pint of beer on the table
- 150637 SM goes behind the bar, pours beer from pump having selected a glass from under bar
- 150642 FC pays for beer placing money on a tablet on the bar
- 150710 SM pours beer from Pump and serves beer to the table of FC, placing beer onto the table
- 151016 FC drinks beer from glass which was on the table
- 151358 SM takes money from on the tablet on the bar placing money in glass behind bar
- 151700 SM places bucket on the floor behind the bar and starts pulling beer through the lines emptying the contents in the bucket
- 151907 Having pulled beer through the lines SM selects new glass and pours FC a small beer. FC drinks beer from on the bar
- 151922 SM removes bucket from behind the bar
- 152419 SM is seen counting large quantity of money notes onto the bar
- 152553 FC drinks beer from pint glass
- 153150 SM seen breaking seal on packaging of cans of Magners and stocking shelves
- 153719 SM seen breaking seal on packaging of cans of Magners and stocking shelves
- 153940 FC drinks beer from pint glass
- 154116 SM stocking shelves under the bar with cans
- 154806 SM selects bottle of Bulmers, pours it into a glass. Appears to till the transaction in on the till via a mouse positioned on the bar
- 152220 SM pours beer from pump and serves it to FC who is positioned at table
- 155245 FC seen counting money in hand. SM does not accept money
- 160100 SM enters carrying Red/Blue holdall, goes behind the bar and places bag onto the floor. Starts to fill bottles and places the bottles onto the bar – 6 bottles are filled when the CCTV stops at 160708

Camera 7 Pool Table/ Toilets

161120 MUFC seen counting large amount of money notes under the camera
161200 SM places Red/Blue holdall behind the bar on the floor close to the hatch
161645 FC goes to the toilet area beyond pool table (glass secreted from view)
161807 FC returns from the toilet area
161820 SM goes into the toilet empty handed and returns empty handed
163955 SM goes into the toilet empty handed
164000 SM reappears from the toilet area carrying empty glass in his right hand. SM takes empty glass into the room behind the bar

Footage from memory stick DataTraveler G4 8GB Eh Ref SM/1

Camera 2 Front Door

155423 SM leaves front of pub empty handed
155453 SM enters pub empty handed
160034 SM leaves pub empty handed
160112 SM enters the pub carrying a large Red/Blue holdall
160909 Male with MUFC shirt arrives with rucksack
161046 MR MT arrive and enter via unlocked front door
161153 SM MUFC leave bar SM carrying Red/Blue holdall. SM immediately walks back in in possession of holdall
161307 MUFC walks back in empty handed
161519 MUFC leaves carrying backpack. Is followed by MT MR SM
161703 SM re-enters pub followed by MUFC with backpack
161746 MUFC leaves pub with backpack
161840 MT enters pub with Covid 19 warning letter
161908 MT leaves pub followed by SM
161928 SM re-enters pub carrying letter in left hand
162157 FC leaves the pub carrying the Red/ Blue holdall
162229 SM leaves the pub
163933 SM re-enters the pub

Camera 4 Lounge area

- 151704 FC sat at bar table full pint and one empty pint glass
- 151932 FC drinking wine whilst standing at the bar
- 152054 SM removes empty pint pot from table of FC and returns to the bar
- 153557 SM leaves bar carrying orange bag
- 153648 SM enters the bar empty handed
- 154206 SM leaves bar carrying orange bag
- 154257 SM enters the bar empty handed
- 155040 SM drinking from pint glass at the end of the bar talking with FC
- 155245 SM puts a full pint on the table of FC. FC is seen to be counting coins in his hand. There are 1 ½ pints of beer on the table
- 160007 SM is seen to be using a tablet device near bar tapping on the device
- 160031 SM leaves pub empty handed
- 160116 SM enters the pub carrying Red/ Blue holdall. Takes it behind the bar
- 160605 FC finishes pint of beer and places empty pint pot on the bar near to SM's pint glass
- 160921 MUFC enters the pub and places back pack on floor. Pulls a joint of meat out of bag and places it on the bar
- 161004 MUFC counts quantity of money notes at the bar whilst becoming aware of somebody outside (MT and MR arriving)
- 161044 On being alerted to the arrival of persons. SM picks up Red/ Blue holdall and walks from behind bar towards the front door
- 161050 SM is met by MT and MR at the front door
- 161110 MUFC continues to count money whilst sat with FC
- 161114 FC hides beer on the floor behind pillar out of view of MT and MR. Beer can be seen on CCTV behind the pillar under the table
- 161200 MR sees ½ pint and empty pint glass on the bar. SM is holding a Red /Blue holdall over his shoulder
- 161232 MR MT SM enter behind the bar and off camera
- 161317 FC takes jacket off the floor and places the jacket over the pint glass full of beer which is on the floor
- 161404 MUFC hands SM large amount of money notes over the bar

161517 MUFC SM MR MT leave towards the front door. FC remains at the table standing over the hidden beer

161620 FC is seen to wipe the table clean removing residue which has been left from glasses

161643 FC bends down and puts pint glass within his coat and makes his way towards the toilet area.

161707 SM re-enters the pub and removes tablet from unattended table

161735 MUFC enters the pub and carefully removes jacket from the floor and is seen communicating with SM

161740 SM drinks from pint glass which was on the end of the bar

161745 MUFC leaves bar and SM finishes drinking from pint glass and returns behind bar

161809 FC returns from toilets and is seen rubbing hands together. Speaks with SM

161824 FC and SM go towards toilet area

161845 MT enters the pub with Covid 19 warning letter

161849 SM returns from toilet area

161852 Letter is served to SM by MT on the bar

162129 SM hands FC large Red/ Blue holdall having checked that MR MT are not in pub. FC walks towards the door

163405 **CCTV STOPS**

163545 SM walks towards the toilets

164047 SM appears from toilets area carrying an empty pint glass. SM takes pint glass behind the bar

165000 SM is moving large stock of toilet paper into stock room

170646 **CCTV STOPS**

Top End BarCCTV LOGFootage from memory stick PNY 16GB Exh ref AM/1Camera 8 (Bar Camera)

Till can be seen switched on and illuminated behind the bar

- 145408-145500 Male in flat cap sat on barstool with a pint of beer on the table
- 150637-150726 SM goes behind the bar, pours beer from pump having selected a glass from under bar
- 150642-150710 FC pays for beer placing money on a tablet on the bar
SM pours beer from Pump and serves beer to the table of FC, placing beer onto the table
- 151358-151410 SM takes money from on the tablet on the bar placing money in glass behind bar
- 151700-151940 SM places bucket on the floor behind the bar and starts pulling wine through the lines emptying the contents in the bucket. Having pulled wine through the lines SM selects new wine glass and pours FC a glass of wine. FC drinks the wine whilst standing at the bar
- 152410-152626 SM is seen counting large quantity of money notes onto the bar
- 154806-154843 SM selects bottle of Bulmers, pours it into a glass. Appears to till the transaction in on the till via a mouse positioned on the bar
- 155210-154843 SM pours beer from pump and serves it to FC who is positioned at table
- 160100-160708 SM enters carrying Red/Blue holdall, goes behind the bar and places bag onto the floor. Starts to fill bottles and places the bottles onto the bar – 6 bottles are filled when the CCTV stops at 160708

Camera 7 Pool Table/ Toilets

- 161120-161500 MUFC seen counting large amount of money notes under the camera. MR & MT arrive in Pub
- 161645-161700 FC goes to the toilet area beyond pool table (glass secreted from view)
- 163955-164100 SM goes into the toilet empty handed SM reappears from the toilet area carrying empty glass in his right hand. SM takes empty glass into the room behind the bar

Footage from memory stick DataTraveler G4 8GB Eh Ref SM/1Camera 2 Front Door

- 160034-160114 SM leaves pub empty handed SM enters the pub carrying a large Red/Blue holdall
- 160900-160915 Male with MUFC shirt arrives with rucksack

- 161040-161120 MR MT arrive and enter via unlocked front door
- 161834-161923 MT enters pub with Covid 19 warning letter MT leaves pub followed by SM

Camera 4 Lounge area

- 151704-151720 FC sat at bar table full pint and one empty pint glass
- 151900-151938 FC drinking glass of wine whilst standing at the bar
- 155020-155040 SM drinking from pint glass at the end of the bar talking with FC
- 155240-155254 SM puts a full pint on the table of FC. FC is seen to be counting coins in his hand. There are 1 ½ pints of beer on the table
- 160025-160120 SM leaves pub empty handed SM enters the pub carrying Red/ Blue holdall. Takes it behind the bar
- 160603-16-612 FC finishes pint of beer and places empty pint pot on the bar near to SM's pint glass
- 160915-160948 MUFC enters the pub and places back pack on floor. Pulls a joint of meat out of bag and places it on the bar
- 161000-161124 MUFC counts quantity of money notes at the bar whilst becoming aware of somebody outside (MT and MR arriving)
- On being alerted to the arrival of persons. SM picks up Red/ Blue holdall and walks from behind bar towards the front door
- SM is met by MT and MR at the front door
- MUFC continues to count money whilst sat with FC
- FC hides beer on the floor behind pillar out of view of MT and MR. Beer can be seen on CCTV behind the pillar under the table
- 161154-161233 MR sees ½ pint and empty pint glass on the bar. SM is holding a Red /Blue holdall over his shoulder
- MR MT SM enter behind the bar and off camera
- 161300-161317 FC takes jacket off the floor and places the jacket over the pint glass full of beer which is on the floor
- 161350-161420 MUFC hands SM large amount of money notes over the bar
- 161524-161655 FC is seen to wipe the table clean removing residue which has been left from glasses
- FC bends down and puts pint glass within his coat and makes his way towards the toilet area.
- 161734-161746 MUFC enters the pub and carefully removes jacket from the floor and is seen communicating with SM
- 161840-161909 Letter is served to SM by MT on the bar

162140-162158 SM hands FC large Red/ Blue holdall having checked that MR MT are not in pub. FC walks towards the door

163950-164050 SM walks towards the toilets

SM appears from toilets area carrying an empty pint glass. SM takes pint glass behind the bar

**GREATER MANCHESTER
POLICE**

DELEGATED AUTHORITY

LICENSING ACT 2003

I, the Chief Constable of Greater Manchester Police, hereby authorise and delegate powers conferred upon me by:

Licensing Act 2003 ("the Act")

With regard to the following functions and responsibilities under the aforementioned Act:

All functions under the Act where the Chief Officer of Police acts as a Responsible Authority

To:

Police constable (or higher ranking officer), Divisional Partnership Team, Greater Manchester Police;

Police constable (or higher ranking officer) (Licensing Lead), Integrated Delivery Team, Greater Manchester Police;

Police constable (or higher ranking officer), Alcohol and Licensing Lead, Neighbourhoods Confidence and Equality, Greater Manchester Police

This delegation revokes all previous delegations under the Act and shall remain forever in force until revoked by the Chief Constable of Greater Manchester Police.

Signed:

Dated: 30 June 2016.

**Ian Hopkins QPM
Chief Constable
Greater Manchester Police**

Sharon Smith
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Date 27 March 2020

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Health Protection (Coronavirus, Business Closures) Regulations 2020

The above Regulations came into force at 2pm on 21 March 2020 -
<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2020/327/contents/made>

On 23 March, the Government stepped up measure to prevent the spread of Coronavirus and save lives. All non-essential premises must now close. Takeaway and delivery services may remain open and operational in line with guidance on Friday 20 March. Online retail is still open and encouraged and postal and delivery service will run as normal.

Retail and public premises which we expect to remain open must:

- Ensure a distance of two metres between customers and shop assistances; and
- Let people enter the shop only in small groups, to ensure that spaces are not crowded.
- Queue control is required outside of shops and other essential premises that remain open.

Parks will remain open but only for individuals and household to exercise once a day. Communal spaces within parks such as playgrounds and football pitches will be closed.

Non-Essential businesses and premises must now shut

The following businesses must remain closed:



Business, Premises or Place	Exceptions
Food and drink	
Restaurants	Food delivery and takeaway can remain operational.
Cafes, including workplace canteens	Food delivery and takeaway can remain operational. Cafes or canteens at hospitals, care homes or schools; prison and military canteens; services providing food or drink to the homeless.
Public Houses	
Bars and Nightclubs including bars in hotels or members' clubs	
Retail	
Hair, beauty and nail salons including piercing and tattoo parlours	
Massage parlours	
All retail with notable exceptions	Supermarkets and other food shops, health shops, pharmacies including non-dispensing pharmacies, petrol stations, bicycle shops, home and hardware shops, launderettes and dry cleaners; garages, car rentals, pet shops, corner shops, newsagents, post offices and banks.
Outdoor and indoor markets	Market stalls which offer essential retail such as grocery and food.
Auction houses	
Car showrooms	
Hotels	
Hotels, hostels, B&Bs, campsites and boarding houses for commercial use.	Where people live in these as interim abodes whilst their primary residence is unavailable they may continue to do so. Key Workers can continue to stay in hotels or similar where required.
Caravan parks/sites for commercial use.	Where people live permanently in caravan parks or are staying in caravan parks as interim abodes where their primary residence is not available, they may continue to do so.
Non-Residential Institutions	
Libraries	
Community centres, youth centres and similar	Facilities may remain open for the purpose of hosting essential voluntary or public services, such as food banks or homeless services. We will do everything we can to support vulnerable people who are without a network of friends or families.
Places of Worship for Services	Funerals following the social distancing guidance; places of worship should remain open for solitary prayer. Live streaming of a service without audience would be permissible.
Cinemas, theatres and concert halls	Live streaming of a performance by a small group could be permissible with social distancing observed.

Assembly and leisure	
Museums and galleries	
Bingo halls, casinos and betting shops	
Spas	
Skating rinks	
Fitness studios, gyms, swimming pools or other indoor leisure centres	
Arcades, bowling alleys, soft play centres and similar.	
Outdoor recreation	
Enclosed spaces in parks, including playgrounds, sports courts and pitches, and outdoor gyms or similar.	

These premises and other venues must close as they involve prolonged close social contact, which increases the chances of infection spreading.

This legislation has been put into effect to protect both yourselves and others and to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

We will monitor compliance with these regulations and businesses that commit offences will be subject to **prohibition notices**, and potentially **unlimited fines**. As a further measure, and if needed, businesses that fail to comply could also face the **loss of their alcohol licence** when it is reviewed.

Those businesses offering takeaway or delivery services must not provide alcoholic beverages if the licence does not already permit. Please check your licence to ensure it covers you for off sales of alcohol and not just on sales.

If you would like any further information on this, please contact **the Licensing Unit on the email address above.**

Yours faithfully



Sharon Smith
Head of Public Protection
Operations & Neighbourhoods

PM statement on coronavirus: 20 March 2020

Prime Minister Boris Johnson made a statement on coronavirus.

Good afternoon and thank you for coming again,

Today I am joined by the Chancellor of the Exchequer Rishi Sunak and Jennie Harries deputy chief medical officer.

Yesterday I set out the ambition of this government to turn the tide against coronavirus within 3 months. And I want to repeat that determination today.

We are going to do it with testing. We are going to do it with new medicines, and with new digital technology that will help us to see the disease as it is transmitted, and thereby, by eliminating it, to stamp it out.

And above all, now we are going to defeat this disease with a huge national effort to slow the spread by reducing unnecessary social contact.

And I want to thank everyone for following the guidance we issued on Monday:

to stay at home for 7 days if you think you have the symptoms,

for 14 days if anyone in your household has either of the symptoms – a new continuous cough or a high temperature.

To avoid pubs, bars, clubs and restaurants.

To work from home if at all possible.

Keep washing your hands.

I know it has been tough.

I know it has been inconvenient.

But these actions that we're all taking together are already helping to take the strain off our NHS.

Bit by bit, day by day, by your actions, your restraint and your sacrifice, we are putting this country in a better and stronger position, where we will be able to save literally thousands of lives, of people of all ages, people who don't deserve to die now.

People whose lives can, must, and will be saved.

And as we take these actions together and as we make these sacrifices, we can see the impact on the real economy.

Already, fantastic British companies, already under huge strain, big and small.

Workers who are finding that their jobs are under threat or are going, through no fault of their own. And to all of them, we in government say: We will stand by you.

And I say that to companies, remember our joint objective: to beat this virus. And we will do everything in our power to help.

And in just a minute, Rishi is going to explain how we are going to help workers of all kinds to get through this crisis,

Supporting you directly in a way that Government has never been done before, in addition to the package we have already set out for business.

And of course these measures are intended to be temporary and of course I am confident that, in time, the UK economy is going to bounce back.

Of course it is.

But I must be absolutely clear with you: the speed of that eventual recovery depends entirely on our ability, our collective ability, to get on top of the virus now.

And that means we have to take the next steps, on scientific advice and following our plan, we are strengthening the measures announced on Monday which you will remember.

And of course people have already made a huge effort to comply with those measures for avoiding unnecessary social contact.

But we need now to push down further on that curve of transmission between us.

And so following agreement between all the formations of the United Kingdom, all the devolved administrations,

We are collectively telling, telling cafes, pubs, bars, restaurants to close tonight as soon as they reasonably can, and not to open tomorrow.

Though to be clear, they can continue to provide take-out services.

We're also telling nightclubs, theatres, cinemas, gyms and leisure centres to close on the same timescale.

Now, these are places where people come together, and indeed the whole purpose of these businesses is to bring people together. But the sad thing is that today for now, at least physically, we need to keep people apart.

And I want to stress that we will review the situation each month, to see if we can relax any of these measures.

And listening to what I have just said, some people may of course be tempted to go out tonight. But please don't.

You may think you are invincible, but there is no guarantee you will get mild symptoms, and you can still be a carrier of the disease and pass it on to others

So that's why, as far as possible, we want you to stay at home, that's how we can protect our NHS and save lives.

To repeat, I know how difficult this is, how it seems to go against the freedom-loving instincts of the British people. And I also know much, right now, workers and business deserve the financial reassurance we are giving them.

But we will get through this.

We will get through it together, and we will beat this virus.

And to ram that point home: the more effectively we follow the advice that we are given, the faster this country will stage both a medical and an economic recovery in full.