

APPENDIX 5

I write on behalf of the Licensing Authority in its capacity as a responsible authority. I am aware that this statement/correspondence will be used as part of an application for a review of the premises licence at The Owd Joss, 81 Market Street, Hyde PL0329. The Licensing Authority fully supports Greater Manchester Police's review application.

On 15th July 2020, GMP submitted an expedited review. This was following an incident that occurred on 13th July 2020. The altercation occurred inside The Owd Joss, 81 Market Street, Hyde between a male and another customer. The male offender was seen to punch the victim once to the face causing him to fall to the floor and lose consciousness. Whilst he lay unconscious on the floor, the offender is seen to stamp on the head of the victim.

When the police arrived, there was one member of staff working at the time who, according to the police officers attending the scene, was extremely intoxicated.

This premises were visited on 8th April 2020, during lockdown, following the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic. This was following reports to GMP that the premises was open and alcohol had been served. A paramedic had contacted the police because they had tended to a female who was extremely intoxicated and stated she had been drinking there all day. A subsequent review of the CCTV at the premises showed that family and friends of the DPS had been at a party in the private accommodation above the pub; they then came downstairs to play pool and drink their own alcohol until 7am. A prohibition notice issued under the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) Regulations 2020 was served at the premises on 8th April 2020 and the area manager of Hawthorn Leisure, Mark Knibbs, was informed.

The Licensing Authority has concerns that the management of the premises are failing to promote the licensing objectives namely: public safety.

A meeting took place on 28th July 2020 with Greater Manchester Police, Hawthorn Leisure, TLT Solicitors and the Licensing Authority to discuss the future of The Owd Joss. A number of conditions have been discussed/are agreeable by Greater Manchester Police and the Licensing Authority.

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