

TAMESIDE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J.Act 1967, s.9; M.C.Act 1980, ss5A(3)(a) and 5B; M.C.Rules 1981, r.70)

STATEMENT OF: Louise Ashton

Age of Witness (if over 18 enter over 18): Over 18

Occupation of Witness: Regulatory Services Manager

1. I am Louise Ashton, I am employed by Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council as a Regulatory Compliance Officer.
2. On Friday 11 September 2020, I was working with the Police as part of Operation Gritstone carrying out a series of pro-active visits to licensed premises across Tameside to check that they were adhering to Government Guidance and were covid secure.
3. At approximately 21:00, I arrived at Jolly Hatters, 119 Town Lane, Denton, in the company of Sergeant Chris Beck and a Special Constable from Greater Manchester Police.
4. Upon arrival at the premises, I noticed that the front door was closed and I could hear loud music emanating from inside the premises. We entered the premises and the lighting was very dark, disco lights were operating and a DJ was playing loud music.
5. I asked to speak with Debroah McCallum, the Designated Premises Supervisor and requested that the volume of the music was turned down.
6. I asked Ms McCallum if we could go outside, where it would be quieter so that I could complete the inspection paperwork. Ms McCallum, who appeared to be intoxicated, disputed that the music was too loud and said "What's the point of me paying a DJ if he can't play loud music?"
7. Ms McCallum informed me that she was having a singer performing at the premises on Saturday 12 September, I advised her that the volume of the music must be at a low, background level and that she must adhere to the Government Guidance if carrying out this activity.
8. I provided Ms McCallum with a warning letter, confirming the identified breach and informing her of the action required to control COVID-19 and rectify the issues.
9. I left the premises at approximately 21:15.

This statement, consisting of 1 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 for prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 15 September 2020

Signed L. Ashton

MR/5

LICENSEE PERMITS
TAKING OF LOCKDOWN REPORT

Johny Roberts 7000 West 10th St.

Johny Roberts, Mc Callister, Deborah Brodman

- Is there a sign in place? Yes
- Is Social Distancing being maintained? Yes
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1 person sang for church

uses laser thermometer on customer as entry

Current Opening Hours

Mon - Thurs 3 - 11:30
Fri Sat Sun 12 - 12:30 Sun 12 - 11:30

Any entertainment/big screens/music/sports?

Broadcast on big screen low volume
No big celebration. May not show second table

is music being played at background level only? Yes No
Too loud/asked to not reduce

Comments/Concerns

Volumes of singers Dj etc. Needs monitoring

Officer Name and Contact Details

Louise Ashton 0161 342 3

As a result of the Council's decision to issue a warning notice, you are required to take the following steps to ensure compliance with the relevant provisions of the Act.

When notified that you would be required to take such steps, you should have taken such steps as soon as possible and you should have notified the Council of any additional steps you have taken to ensure compliance with the relevant provisions of the Act.

The Council is of the view that adequate compliance with the relevant provisions of the Act has not been achieved and you are required to take such steps as soon as possible to ensure compliance with the relevant provisions of the Act.

In the event it is necessary to issue such a notice, you will be required to provide a written response and inform the Council of any steps you have taken to ensure compliance with the relevant provisions of the Act.


Failure to comply with the relevant provisions of the Act will result in a prosecution being brought against you and you should follow the relevant provisions of the Act.

We know that this is a difficult time for business and many of us want to bring Covid home, keeping our families at risk. If we all work together in controlling the virus we can help a good business to recover and allow a more significant return to normality and protect our economy.

If you need any support or wish to discuss this notice please contact the person listed below.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Saxon
 Director of Operations and Neighbourhoods

Name of person(s) receiving warning notice:	Deborah McCann	
Name of Premises:	Jolly Matters 191 Town Lane Derby	
Address:		
Action required to be taken to control Covid19 virus:	Music too loud (DJ) Risk assessment needs reviewing no separate exit (not enough) Need to watch Arch Point.	
Name of Enforcement Officer issuing warning:	LOUISE ASHTON	
Signature of Enforcement Officer:		Contact No: 0161