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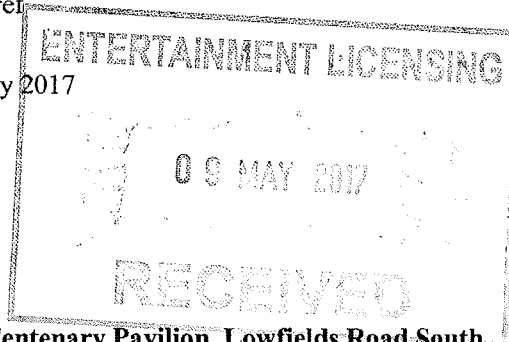
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Our ref PW/EH/LEE001-5-0/2833

Your ref

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Dear Mr Shaw

**Re: Review of Leeds United - Premises Licence for Centenary Pavilion, Lowfields Road South, Beeston, Leeds, LS12 6BS**

As you are aware, we represent Leeds United in relation to the review of the premises licence for the above. From the outset can we re confirm our clients wish to continue to work closely with all sections of the West Yorkshire Police. It is a strong relationship which the Club wants to maintain and ensure they work hand in hand with the WYP to minimise any public disorder across all aspects of operation at Elland Road, not only the events at the Centenary Pavilion.

Our understanding of the position is that WYP stance is to ask for the following at the review of the premises licence:

1. Removal of the boxing or wrestling entertainment (including cage fighting and mixed martial arts authorised licensable activity).
2. Have the following condition attached to the premises licence:

“a minimum of 28 days’ notice to be provided, by way of electronic correspondence, to West Yorkshire Police (WYP) where the following events are planned:-

- Music orientated events involving genres recognised as “dance, grime, bassline or R&B”
- Where alcohol is sold; and
- Where the anticipated number of attendees exceeds 500 (all three elements must apply for notification to be mandatory).

3. For an additional condition to be added as follows:

“for any event to which paragraph 2 applies, an electronic risk assessment must be submitted to WYP at least 7 days prior to the day on which the event takes place.

We are aware that before we were involved in these proceedings, Leeds United were expressing a view that they were amenable to all three of the police requests, and to lodge a minor variation to affect the changes.

However, having assessed their position when set against the revenues that they receive from professional boxing events, which have not caused difficulties, they have instructed us to offer that the following conditions be attached to the premises licence without the removal of the boxing and wrestling authorised licensable activity. They want to stress this has been the result of a careful assimilation of the facts and the history/track record of the premises.

Conditions to be offered as follows:-

1. "The premises licence holder shall not hold any white collar or amateur boxing events. The only boxing/wrestling events which will be held at the premises will be professionally promoted events. The premise licence holder will give 28 days notice to West Yorkshire Police (WYP) of these events ensuring that the full list of professional boxers fighting at the event are provided to West Yorkshire Police (WYP)."

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We appreciate that our clients have changed their position in relation to the initial offer, which was to be dealt with by way of minor variation, and this has led to the review of the premises licence by West Yorkshire Police.

However, we have now been able to undertake a review of the number of events that have taken place at the premises which have involved boxing. There have been two black tie boxing dinners per year at the premises along with four amateur boxing fights per year and six ultra-white collar boxing events. In total there have been 323 events held at the Pavilion in the last 18 months which equates to 563 events if match day activities are taken into place.

Leeds United have invested significantly in the CCTV system at the premises and this has now be enhanced further to cover all areas of the Centenary Pavilion. The system is infra-red and offers night vision both internally and externally. Our clients have been told that the quality of the CCTV images from the night of the trouble/fighting has been instrumental in the detection of those who committed crimes on the premises.

On the basis that there has been a common theme to the events which have caused difficulties, but that a significant number of events passed without any issue, we would ask you to consider in the circumstances that the conditions offered above are a proportionate and appropriate outcome for the review rather than removing boxing/wrestling as an authorised licensable activity. Leeds United's position is that the professionally promoted events, having not caused difficulty, should be allowed to be continued but notice

given to yourselves as to when they are to take place and who will be fighting on the night in question. There is a complete assurance given that the Cub will continue to work in an open and transparent way with WYP licensing team and continue to share any relevant information with you.

If we can assist you further at this stage, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Woods Whur".

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