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RE: APPLICATION FOR REVIEW OF PREMISES LICENCE:

PREMISES: LA LIGA, DICK LANE, THORNBURY, BRADFORD, BD3 7AT

In accordance with Section 51 Licensing Act 2003, I hereby serve the application on the following-:

PREMISES LICENCE HOLDER:

Mr Robert Blackburn
270a Cowcliffe Hill Road
Huddersfield
HD2 2NE

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Further and in accordance with Section 52(1)(b) Licensing Act 2003, I hereby give notice, that the holder of the premises licence and any responsible authority, may make representations to the licensing authority about this review application, any time between the dates indicated on the notice which has to be displayed by the licensing authority, at or near the site of the premises to which the application relates, for a period of no less than 28 consecutive days starting on the day after the day on which the application was given to the relevant licensing authority – Regulations "The Licensing Act 2003 (Premises Licences and Club Premises Certificates) Regulations 2005 (S/I 2005/No.42).

Yours faithfully,

Lynn Dobson
Leeds District Licensing Office.
West Yorkshire Police.

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Premises Licence Review-

La Liga, Dick Lane,
Thornbury, Bradford,
BD3 7AT

La Liga –

Application to Review



APPLICATION FOR THE REVIEW OF A PREMISES LICENCE OR CLUB PREMISES CERTIFICATE UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003

Please read the following instructions first

Before completing this form, please read the guidance notes at the end of the form. If you are completing this form by hand, please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary.

You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

I, (insert name of applicant) PC 5783 Dobson

- Apply for the review of a Premises Licence under Section 51
- Apply for the review of a Club Premises Certificate under Section 87 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below

Part 1 – Premises or Club Premises details

Postal address of premises or, if none, Ordnance Survey map reference or description:

La Liga, Dick Lane, Thornbury,

Town/City: Bradford

Postcode: BD3 7AT

Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known):

Robert Blackburn

Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known): PREM/02876

Part 2 – Applicant details

Please 'check' appropriate box(es)

I am:

- An interested party (please complete A or B below)
 - (a) a person living in the vicinity of the premises
 - (b) a body representing persons living in the vicinity of the premises
 - (c) a person involved in business in the vicinity of the premises
 - (d) a body representing persons involved in business in the vicinity of the premises
- A responsible authority (please complete C below)
- A member of the club to which this application relates (please complete A below)

A – Details of individual applicant

Surname:

Forename(s):

I am 18 years old or over:

Current postal address if different from premises address:

Town/City:

Postcode:

Daytime contact telephone number:

E-mail address (optional):

B – Details of other applicant

Surname: Forename(s):
Address: Town/City: Postcode:
Daytime contact telephone number:
E-mail address (optional):

C – Details of responsible authority applicant

West Yorkshire Police
Surname: Dobson Forename(s): Lynn
Address: Millgarth Police Station, Millgarth Street
Town/City: Leeds Postcode: LS2 7HX
Daytime contact telephone number: 0113 2414111
E-mail address (optional): lynn.dobson@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

This application to review relates to the following licensing objective(s): (Please 'check' one or more boxes)

- (a) The prevention of crime and disorder
- (b) Public Safety
- (c) The prevention of public nuisance
- (d) The protection of children from harm

State the ground(s) for review (please read Guidance note 1):

La Liga, also known as Club Estark, have been problematic premises for the last eighteen month. The problems stem from the 'functions' and 'private parties' that they host.

The premises first came to the attention of the Leeds District Licensing Department in 2010 following one such party, where intoxicated youths became involved in a disturbance. A meeting was called to address this incident and the premises were spoken to about the measures they have in place to prevent any underage sales of alcohol.

In October 2011 La Liga was again the focus of Police attention. Reports were received of screaming and fighting at a party which resulted in a nasty assault on which a female guest. This female was punched in the face causing a fracture of her cheek bone, her upper and lower jaw and the loss of two teeth.

Further reports have been received following functions at the venue. Reports of alcohol fuelled violent crime, namely robbery and assault.

Investigating officers have been so concerned that they have contacted the Licensing Department saying that one victim, in particular, was extremely lucky not to sustain more serious injury. The level of investigation required for the volume and severity of crime has proven to be complex and labour intensive for West Yorkshire Police. More could be done by the premises, but it has not.

Representatives from the premises were called to a meeting on 23 November 2011. They appeared dismissive of the concerns and the premises licence holder was rude, continually talked over the Officers present. He did not see that the disorder which spilled outside the premises could, in any way, be attributable to the venue. Towards the end of the meeting he told his staff to stop the parties and they should attend pub watch. The parties did not stop and nobody has attended pub watch.

By January 2012 further calls have been received and the functions have continued. Further reports of drunken and abusive youths have been received. Officers have been met with chants of 'fuck off pigs' on one occasion and underage youths have been identified from the crowd.

On 15 February 2012 a second meeting has taken place and again the premises are defensive and appear aggrieved that they have been called in for another meeting. They question the honesty of the Police statements and the validity of their concerns. They do not believe that they are contributing to crime and disorder in the area. They do not believe that they are undermining the licensing objectives and although they admit failing to attend the pub watch, they now say that they do not have the time to do so.

The meeting was concluded and the representatives were asked to go away and think seriously about the measures they would put in place to resolve the issues and uphold the licensing objectives. They were not prepared to say during the course of the meeting what measures they would take, but promised to have something with the Police by Tuesday 21 February 2012. Nothing has been received.

Whilst the crime and disorder attributable to this premises is not on the scale of that seen in other venues, it is the underage element to the crime that is extremely worrying. Violent crime at a function seems commonplace. Fights and disturbances seem to be accepted. Residents and businesses are extremely worried and the concern for the welfare of these young people cannot be expressed more strongly. The lack of regard the premises have for their customers and the licensing objectives is astonishing and they have failed to address the issues put to them.

A full chronology is attached to the review papers.

Please provide as much information as possible to support the application (please read Guidance note 2)

Have you made an application for review relating to this premises before? NO
If 'YES', please state the date of that application:

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If you have made representations before relating to this premises, please state what they were and when you made them:

Please 'check' appropriate box(es)

- I have sent copies of this form and enclosures to the responsible authorities and the premises licence holder or club holding the club premises certificate, as appropriate
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements, my application will be rejected

It is an offence, liable on conviction to a fine up to Level 5 on the standard scale, under Section 158 of the Licensing Act 2003, to make a false statement in, or in connection with this application

Part 3 – Signatures (please read Guidance note 3)

Signature of applicant or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent (see guidance note 4). If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity:

Signature:  Date: 13/03/12

Capacity: LICENSING OFFICER

Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read Guidance note 5):

Surname:

Forename(s):

Address:

Town/City:

Postcode:

Telephone number (if any):

If you would prefer us to correspond with you using an e-mail address, please state your e-mail address (optional):

Notes for Guidance

1. The ground(s) for review must be based on one of the licensing objectives.
2. Please list any additional information or details for example dates of problems which are included in the grounds for review if available.
3. The application form must be signed.
4. An applicant's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
5. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.

La Liga – Chronology

La Liga, Dick Lane, Thornbury, Bradford, BD3 7AT
Chronology

Date	Action/Offence/Intelligence	Outcome/Involved
251110	Meeting at Millgarth Police Station with Licensing Officer Donna Town when concern is raised about the parties the premises are holding.	Minutes attached to the bundle.
200811	Log 1966 – Report of screaming and shouting at the premises	Linked to below log
200811	Log 1956 – Associated log report of ongoing disturbance and fighting at the location	Significant Police involvement and attendance at the premises. Injured persons refused to say what had happened.
200811	13110401112 - Assault Complainant attends family party at local night club. At time stated a fight starts between two males near to where complainant is stood. as complainant turns to see what is happening she is punched once in the face causing fractures to her left cheek bone, her upper jaw, her lower jaw and the loss of two teeth.	Crime reported and investigated. Significant Police Involvement.
121011	13110468253 - Intelligence INTELL: VIOLENT CRIME/OTHER Intelligence re assault and suspect	Part of earlier investigation

281011	*Log 1817 – Assault and fighting. Ambulance in attendance and injured party transported to hospital.	Report of assault taken and *495536 refers.
281011	*Log 1820 – Report of assault	As above
281011	*Log 1854 – Report of a Robbery/Assault from a concerned parent. Daughter had been to a function at the premises	Minute sheet to Divisional CID for further investigation. 13110496060 refers.
281011	*Log 1930 – Call from parent that her daughter had been assaulted at the premises. Victim underage.	Linked to log 1933
281011	*Log 1933 – Associated call regarding assault. Crime details taken and investigated.	Linked to 13110496685
281011	<p>13110496060 – Robbery</p> <p>victim is at locus where a party is ongoing, a large number of people are present at the venue, at stated time a fight is ongoing and a crowd have gathered within locus, the victim has her phone in her right hand, unknown suspect grabs her wrist and begins to twist her arm back and forth in an attempt to loosen the victims grip on the phone, a struggle ensues before the victim loses her grip on the phone, the suspect takes the phone and makes off outside locus and out of sight .</p> <p>Victim and suspect both underage.</p>	1 Arrest made and NFA.

<p>291011</p>	<p>13110496685 - Assault</p> <p>Complainant attends at a party at club Estark which is in the grounds of the Odeon cinema. At time stated comp and friends leave party and walk to Odeon to call a taxi. 2 suspects are at location shouting abuse and when comp and friends arrive suspect 1 assaults comp by punching her twice to jaw and head area causing pain and soreness. Suspects 1 and 2 assault comp's friends also and they have made their own complaints to police.</p> <p>All underage.</p>	<p>Investigated and two reported for summons</p>
<p>281011</p>	<p>13110495536 - Assault</p> <p>Complainant is stood outside locus and has a verbal altercation with 2 female teenagers which escalates. 2 suspects pull victim's hair, one punch to mouth and pushes her to ground. They then leave in a car.</p> <p>All underage.</p>	<p>2 arrested and reported for summons</p>
<p>281011</p>	<p>13110498100 - Assault</p> <p>Complainant attends at a party at club Estark which is in the grounds of the Odeon cinema. At time stated comp and friends leave party and walk towards the Odeon cinema. Two females approach comp and her friends and one of them sees witness smirking before hitting them. Comp challenges this and is also assaulted by punching her in the head.</p> <p>All underage</p>	<p>1 arrested and reported for summons</p>
<p>281011</p>	<p>13110495540 - Assault</p> <p>Between times stated, complainant is approached by suspect outside club</p>	<p>Lengthy investigation and three arrests all NFA.</p>

	<p>who he had previously had an altercation with at the same party a few hours ago. Suspect states "you're that lad from earlier" and suspect punches complainant to face. Complainant in fear of violence runs away to Odeon cinema to find suspect has given chase with suspects friends. Suspect then punch and kick complainant who then falls to the floor and suspects continue to kick and punch. Complainant receives swelling and cuts to nose and right eye.</p> <p>Those involved between 15 and 19.</p>	
291011	<p>E-mail from PS Spence regarding the calls to the premises on 281011. She describes the victim as being 'very lucky' due to the violence involved in the attack. She refers to the victims being sixteen years old and others clearly being underage. Makes reference to other calls to the location where the venue seem to have little control and take little responsibility for what goes on at the premises.</p>	<p>Monitor. Crimes investigated individually.</p>
111111	<p>E-mail received from PS Shakespeare in which she expresses concern in relation to then offences committed at the premises. Officers had to work their way through the CCTV and she expresses concern over the footage and the premises ability to operate the system and download the required images.</p>	<p>Offences investigated.</p>
231111	<p>Meeting at Millgarth Police Station regarding ongoing concerns regarding functions, underage customers and crime and disorder.</p>	<p>Minutes attached to the bundle.</p>
280112	<p>*Log 1577 – Associated log from another source. Request for passing attention because of previous history</p>	<p>Passing attention noted.</p>

	and concerns over young people at the venue and associated crime.	
280112	*Log 1888 – Report of fighting at the locus. Call received from concerned resident. Drunken abusive underage persons witnessed by Officers	Police involvement. No reports received at this time.
280112	*Log 1894 – Further report of a disturbance at the location involving a large group	Officer already aware for other logs and dealing.
290112	Log 0025 – Report of a robbery outside the premises whilst there was a fight. Officers attended and injured party transported to hospital.	Assault details taken.
290112	13120043933 - Victim is at a party and a large disturbance ensues. Victim is pushed against the suspect by unknown party and suspect punches and kicks the victim to the back of the head. Suspect number 2 then trips the victim, which causes him to fall. Victim then runs away. Suspect has mark on left wrist, grazing on both hands, grazing on left elbow and a small bump to the back of the head. Suspects described as being between 16-18 years old	Crime under investigation. No CCTV of this incident.
150212	Third meeting with the premises regarding underage issues and crime and disorder	Minutes attached to the bundle.

La Liga –

Statement – PC Lynn
Dobson

WITNESS STATEMENT

(Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B;
Criminal Procedure Rules, r.27.2)

NICHE Ref. No:

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Statement of: Lynn Dobson

Date of birth: Over 18

Occupation: PC 5783

This statement (consisting of: 4 page(s) 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 in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Signature:



Date: 090312

Check box if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

I am the above named person and I am a serving Police Officer in West Yorkshire Police. I am currently stationed at Millgarth Police Station, in the Leeds District Licensing Department and have responsibility for licensed premises in the North East Leeds area of the city. I have twenty years Police experience. Whilst my area is North East Leeds I am currently 'looking after' North West Leeds in the absence of a North West Licensing Officer. The previous Licensing Officer, Donna Town had started a process of engagement with premises in the North West area. This premises is; La Liga, Dick Lane, Thornbury, Bradford, BD3 7AT. The premises are also known as Club Estark. Concerns have been raised by residents and other businesses in relation to La Liga. Calls had been received in relation to the venue and the clientele that the premises attract. The venue is primarily a five-a-side football centre with a bar. However, the venue hosts parties and it is when these parties take place that crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour takes place.

La Liga attracts an underage clientele to the venue and advertises itself as 'Club Estark' despite the venue not being a night club. These concerns were addressed at a meeting on 25 November 2010, chaired by Donna Town. The minutes of this meeting are attached to the review papers.

Mrs Town brought the concern of the residents and the Police to the attention of the La Liga representatives; Simon Baker and Danielle Green. Mrs Town outlined an incident that occurred on 30 October 2010 and asks Simon Baker and Danielle Green to explain their understanding of what

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happened on this evening. Ms Green says that the premises were closed down for no apparent reason and there was no disorder or anti social behaviour. Danielle Green is adamant that everyone is ID checked and dismisses the suggestion that there are any issues with underage sales. Simon Baker agrees with this stance and claims that the premises are very strict. Neither Simon Baker nor Danielle Green can account for a group of one hundred plus teenagers being outside their premises.

The premises were advised about employing SIA registered door staff and promised to look into this. Simon Baker says that everything in relation to door staff and the booking procedure would be made 'tightened up'.

This meeting has been the first level of engagement with the premises, in terms of the premises licence. The concerns held by West Yorkshire Police and the residents were explained in detail to the La Liga representatives and the premises were asked to resolve the issues as a matter of urgency.

Over the following twelve months concerns have remained, with isolated reports to the Police regarding the premises and the location.

However towards the end of 2011 calls and incidents have increased in relation to underage parties. A chronology is attached to the bundle of evidence and it can be seen that parties and functions at La Liga have again become a significant issue. The calls for service have dramatically increased and the reported crime is alcohol fuelled and violent. The parties involved in these offences are nearly all underage teenagers, many of whom are intoxicated.

Following a Halloween themed party on 28 October 2011 a number of calls have been received by West Yorkshire Police and a number of crimes recorded. Officers have described the scene they were faced with upon attending the venue. Drunken, underage, abusive youths some of whom seemed extremely intoxicated and out of control.

As a result of this incident a meeting was called to address the issues. The minutes of this meeting are attached to this bundle of evidence.

The meeting took place at Millgarth Police Station and was attended by representatives from the West

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Yorkshire Police Licensing Department, West Yorkshire Police Neighbourhood Policing Team and a number of representatives from the premises. This meeting was attended by Robert Blackburn who is both the Premises Licence Holder (PLH) and Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS). It was made clear that it was disappointing to have had to call a meeting after only twelve months and following an almost identical function. From the very start of the meeting it was clear how things would proceed, when not two minutes into the discussion Robert Blackburn said "with respect we can't be held responsible for people fighting outside the premises".

The meeting continued very much in the same vein with a complete disregard for the matters put before them. Robert Blackburn continually spoke over the Police Officers present and had to be told on a number of occasions to listen to what was being said. He failed to do this and in the end was told to be quiet and listen. The La Liga representatives had not approached the meeting in the correct manner at all. They tried to compare themselves with other licensed premises when it was inappropriate to do so and failed to focus in on 'their' failings and how 'they' needed to improve. They also remained adamant that the drunken teenagers linked to the premises had not been served by them or had anything to do with the premises. They did acknowledge that they had failed to attend pub watch and agreed that they would attend future meetings.

Towards the close of the meeting Robert Blackburn says "knock them on the head" when referring to sixteenth and eighteenth private parties. The Police understanding of this was that they would stop with immediate effect and that the venue would focus on other functions.

On 28 January 2012 Officers have been called to the premises to a report of a large party and drunken underage youths at the venue. Upon arrival Officers have identified a group stood outside and have said that they aged between 14 and 20 years old. Officers were greeted with chants of "fuck off pigs". Glass and bottles could be seen on the floor outside the premises and Officers entered to speak to the people in charge. Following a discussion with Danielle Green Officers left the area only to return later the same evening to a report of another large scale disorder. A sixteen year old female, who had been

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seen on the first visit was seen again on the second and was extremely drunk. Danielle Green was present at this time.

A second meeting was called and this took place at Millgarth Police Station on 15 February 2012. This meeting was attended by representatives of West Yorkshire Police Licensing department, West Yorkshire Police Neighbourhood Policing Team, Leeds City Council Licensing and La Liga. Robert Blackburn was unable to attend on this occasion but was represented by John Cordingley Licensing Consultant. Minutes of this meeting are again attached to the review bundle.

The reason for the meeting is set out and again the representatives of La Liga are clearly 'put out' that they have been called in for a meeting. The honesty of the Police account was called into question by Kevin Hainsworth and this is challenged by the Police Officers present. Simon Baker thinks that the premises are being 'picked on' and feel the level of attention the premises are receiving is harassment. They are asked about the deployment of door staff at the venue and when it is clear that one doorman, not two, had been deployed incorrectly they were not aware as they had not been told of the circumstances in which a doorman can be deployed directly. The premises fail to see that it is there responsibility to run their premises professionally, within their licence and whilst upholding the licensing objectives.

West Yorkshire Police would ask any presiding Licensing Committee to revoke the premises licence for La Liga. A lesser measure is not considered appropriate in these circumstances.

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La Liga –

Statement

– Insp Richard Cawkwell

**WITNESS STATEMENT**(CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3)(a) and 5B;
Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.1)NICHE Ref. No: URN:

Statement of: Richard John Cawkwell

Date of birth: Over 18

Occupation: Police Inspector

This statement (consisting of 7 page(s) 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 in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Signature: 

Date: 12th March 2012

Check box if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

I am a Police Inspector in the West Yorkshire Police currently stationed at Pudsey Police Station.

My role is that of Neighbourhood Policing Inspector for the West Outer ward areas of Pudsey, Farnley and Wortley and Calverley and Farsley. I have been in my current role since March 2009.

Part of my role is to be part of the local CDRP (Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership) with responsibility to jointly chair the monthly multi agency tasking meetings with members of other partner agencies. The role of the CDRP is quite simply to address issues of crime / anti social behaviour and other issues which impact on the wellbeing of the neighbourhoods.

This statement concerns the impact that Club Estark at the Gallagher Leisure Site, Thornbury has had upon the Police in terms of calls for service and what I see as being the impact on the wider community.

The venue is primarily a five-a-side football centre with a bar. The venue does host parties and it is when these parties take place that crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour takes place.

Towards the end of 2011 calls to the Police and incidents have increased in relation to underage parties at this location. I am aware of the following recent incidents at the location. I am aware that PC Dobson has provided a full chronology of incidents at this location following interrogation of Police systems. I have had sight of this chronology and I am satisfied as to its accuracy.

What I have noted below is a selection of incidents at this location which I feel paint a suitable picture of the concerns that I have over this venue and its failure to uphold licensing objectives.

Recorded crime of assault

Crime reference number 13110401112 – On the 20th August 2011 Estark club host a family party in which a fight breaks out and a 34 year old female party is assaulted by a 23 year old male. She suffered a broken jaw and loss of teeth. Alcoholic drinks were being served at this function. Significant police investigation follows.

Recorded Crimes of assault

Crime reference numbers – 13110496685, 13110495536 and 13110498100 – on the 28th October 2011 Club Estark have a Halloween party for young people 16 years of age and over. 3 females all 16 years of

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age leave the club and make their way over towards the cinema to ring a taxi. 16 and 17 year old female suspects start to shout abuse at the victims, they then walk over and assault victims by punches to their heads. The suspects are due to stand trial for this violent assault. It is my belief that all those involved had been consuming alcoholic beverages on the club premises. This created a significant amount of work for Police Officers with a view that this party had got out of hand.

Recorded Crime of Assault

Crime reference number 13110495540 – on the same date a 17 year old male who was heavily in drink was assaulted by a number of males outside the club. All parties involved had been in Club Estark where drinks had been served.

Recorded Crime of Assault

Crime reference number - 13120043933 – on the 28th January 2012 a 20 year old male is inside club Estark when he is punched and kicked by unknown assailant(s). Alcoholic beverages were on sale in the club at the time of the offence.

Recorded Incident Logs

Log 1966 and 1956 of the 20th August 2011, a resident of Grange Avenue (nearby to the location) telephoned the Police to state that lots of screaming and shouting was coming from the area in which Club Estark is situated. Further calls were received stating that a large number of people were fighting at the location. A significant Police response then followed to this location. On arrival it was apparent that matters had calmed down somewhat. The premises were closed down following a request by attending officers. One young man attended hospital with a minor injury, he refused to state how this had occurred.

Log 1888 and 1894 of the 28th January 2012 – another resident from Grange Avenue stating that around 100 people were fighting in the car park at the back of Grange Avenue which backs onto Estark club. Again a substantial Police response to this incident. No offences were reported on Police arrival. PC Davey witnessed a number of people who were underage who were drunk and abusive.

It is clear in my view that Club Estark is contributing to drink related disorder and violence in the immediate community in which it is located. Residents of Grange Avenue are suffering from the noise and disruption as illustrated in the calls to the Police.

My view is that Club Estark have been serving underage people with alcoholic beverage. I draw upon my conversations with my Police Constables and Police Community Support Officers who have attended at this location.

I can state that recorded levels of violent crime have fallen in the West Outer wards over the past year. We have made good inroads into reducing levels of violent crime in Pudsey Town centre. This has been due to the vast majority of Public houses complying with licensing laws.

I do have concerns about Club Estark and it has been discussed with partners at the CDRP meetings that I attend. I feel that the Police are left to deal with the aftermath of what occurs when young people drink to excess. My officers are spending considerable amounts of time investigating offences of drink related assault which could have been avoided if the Club would have adopted a robust stance in terms of serving underage people

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La Liga –

Statement – PC Chris
Davey

WITNESS STATEMENT

(Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B;
Criminal Procedure Rules, r.27.2)

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Statement of: CHRISTOPHER ANTHONNY DAVEY

Date of birth:

Occupation: POLICE OFFICER

This statement (consisting of: page(s) 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 in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Signature:

Date: Wednesday 8th February 2012

Check box if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

I am the above named person and I am currently employed by West Yorkshire police as a neighbourhood policing officer.

Part of my role within the neighbourhood policing team is dealing with on and off licence premises and the running of the west Leeds Pub watch schemes.

Over the last two years I have visited Club Le Stark on around five occasions for various matters.

At 2236 hours on Saturday 28th January 2012 I was on duty when I had cause to attend at Club Estark, which is situated on the Gallagher Leisure Park, Dick Lane, Thornbury, Bradford.

At this time I was attending to a report of a large party and that there were a number of people who were drinking under age at the premises.

The premises are a night club type premises which is also part of a sports facility. The premises do not open as a pub and relies on trade from people using the sports facilities and also holding functions at the premises. There is a large car park surrounding the front and one side of the premises. To the other side is some football pitches and behind them and the rear, are private dwelling houses. Opposite the club is the Odeon cinema which at this time of night had lots of patrons. This was a large number of people stood outside the cinema and also in the car park.

Over the past twelve months I have been made aware of functions which have been held at the club where there have been allegations that under age drinking has been taking place.

On my arrival I could see that there was a large group of people stood outside the premises and also to the side and in the car park.

As I pulled up I immediately saw that around eighty percent of the people stood outside were aged between 14 and 20 years of age and probably half of these would have been under the age of eighteen. There was a mixture of males and females.

I alighted from the vehicle and I greeted with shouts from the group of "fuck off pigs". I could not see who was shouting this.

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Continuation Statement of CHRISTOPHER ANTHONNY DAVEY

My attention was then drawn to floor as I heard a bottle smash. This was to the side of the building. I saw a smashed vodka bottle. I also saw two further empty vodka bottles on the floor and also a bottle of what looked like shots which were also empty.

I could clearly see that a large number of the people were drunk. One of which was a young girl, I asked her name and then asked her age, she said she was 16. She was unsteady on her feet, her eyes were glazed and smelt strongly of intoxicants. She was drunk.

I saw that there was one doorman working on the front door. There was no door man working on the side door. I spoke to the door man who stated that he had been "id ing" people as they were entering.

As I entered the premises I saw around eighty people inside the premises. There was a large range of age groups but there was clearly a large amount aged between 14 and twenty. There were a good number of these that were clearly under age in the premises. To the right were several tables and chairs were a number of people who were clearly under age. On the tables in front of them were alcoholic drinks.

I then made my way to the bar area and spoke to a female who stated she was the manageress, who was called, Danielle GREEN [REDACTED]
I asked her "are you the designated premises supervisor or are they here?"
She replied "eh, whats that".

I then asked GREEN for her Part A of the premises licence.

GREEN just shook her head "I don't know what you mean".

I could see that a part B of the licence was being displayed behind the bar.

I reminded GREEN about serving under age people and using a age verification policy. GREEN stated she had been asking people for identification.

I reminded her about her responsibility that when the customers leave that they do so quietly and responsibly.

As I left the premises, I could see that there were still around sixty people outside, I could now see that some of them were drinking from glasses which had been brought from inside the club.

I then left the area.

At 2356 hours the same day I returned to Club Le Stark after we had several reports of large scale fighting and disorder.

A number of other police units were present when I arrived. I made my way to the club where there were around 60 people stood outside. There was a lot of shouting between people and some pushing and shoving. I stopped the police vehicle and alighted. I could see GREEN stood in the doorway of the premises. There were very few people inside the premises.

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Continuation Statement of CHRISTOPHER ANTHONNY DAVEY

I then had to speak to a large number of people one of which was the girl who had earlier stated she was 16. She was being helped away by a female friend. She was now very drunk and struggling to walk.

There were a number of people outside who I had seen from my visit earlier.

Again I could see a large amount of rubbish outside the club some of which were smashed alcoholic bottles, including WKD bottles.

I took officers around twenty minutes to separate all the groups that were shouting and swearing and scuffling with each other.

It was clear that the people involved had come from Club Le Stark and were not from the cinema.

Whilst I was still at the scene a report was received from a [REDACTED] who had been robbed in the car park after being at the party at Club Le Stark. The offenders had also been at the party. Another officer attended this call.

then resumed patrol.

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La Liga –

Statement – PC Arslan
Akram

**WITNESS STATEMENT**

(CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3)(a) and 5B;
Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.1)

NICHE Ref. No:

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Statement of Arslan AKRAM

Date of birth: Over 18

Occupation: Police Constable 276

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Dated: *Monday 8th November 2010*

Signature:

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I am the above named Police Constable employed by West Yorkshire Police and currently stationed at Trafalgar House Police Station, Bradford South Division.

On Saturday 30th October 2010 at 2300 hours I was on duty and in full uniform in company with PCSO 367 PETTY when we attended at Phoenix Leisure Park, Thornbury, Bradford. The retail outlet is made up of Odeon cinema, Esporta Gymnasium and Club Estark licensed premises.

On our arrival to Club Estark I could see that the club was having a Halloween night. I would approximate that there was at least 200 people both outside and inside the premises many of whom looked very young in age. I would say that majority of the people; approximately 100 of them were between 15-17 years in age.

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Continuation Statement of Arslan AKRAM

I began to ask many of the young teenagers, who smelt of intoxicants how old they are to which many stated that they were 16 or 17 years old. At that point I felt that I had to go inside and see if the people inside were as young as the people outside.

I entered the premises and could see that there was no door staff on the door and that the bar had only two members of staff working. Once inside the club I could see that the club was approximately 20 metres by 10 metres with a bar in front of you as you walk in. The music in the club was very loud and there were approximately 100-150 people in the club.

The male member of staff identified himself as Chris STAND [REDACTED]. The female member of staff identified themselves as Danielle GREEN [REDACTED]. GREEN stated that they were the only members of staff working and that the door staff were working, which I could not see. I asked GREEN "WHO IS THE LICENSOR?" to which GREEN replied "HE'S NOT HERE." I then asked GREEN "WHY IS THERE SO MANY UNDER AGE DRINKERS?" Green stated "I DON'T KNOW." I then stated to GREEN "THE YOUNG PEOPLE OUTSIDE HAVE STATED THAT THEY ARE ONLY 16 OR 17 AND THEY ARE DRINKING ALCOHOL AND ARE INTOXICATED." GREEN replied "WE DON'T SELL WHAT THEY ARE DRINKING."

At that point I informed GREEN that I am not happy for the club to remain open as there are too many under age children around who are drinking. GREEN stated that they are licensed to sell until 23:30 hours but agreed to close the club early.

I then called for some other units to assist in getting the young people out and into taxis as I felt that as the club closes there may be trouble. At approximately 23:15 hours the young people within the club left and officers. I had no further involvement.

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Statement – PC Adam
Whitehead

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WITNESS STATEMENT

(Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B;
Criminal Procedure Rules, r.27.2)

NICHE Ref. No:

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Statement of: Adam Whitehead

Date of birth: Over 18

Occupation: PC 6867

This statement (consisting of: 1 page(s) 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 in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Signature:

[Redacted Signature]

Date: 07/11/2011

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I am PC 6867 Whitehead and I am currently stationed at Horsforth Police Station as a response officer. On Friday 28th October 2011 I was on duty in full uniform in company with PC 1172 Elliott. At about 2230 hours we were asked by our control room to respond to an emergency call of a large fight/disturbance outside Club Estark, Thornbury, Leeds.

On our approach we passed the Odeon cinema where there were about 100 youths aged between 16 and 18 years of age who were either walking away from club Estark or arguing with each other. We continued and drove to club Estark. Outside the club, there was approximately 200 youths stood outside and looked to have all come out of the club as they were either stood in front of the front doors or were stood next to the fire door at the side.

The club had already been closed down and there was nobody present inside except the landlord and bar lady. As we alighted from our Police car, a male approached us with a very bloody face and was complaining he had been attacked by a group of Asian males. I now know this male to be [Redacted] D.O.B [Redacted] [Redacted] looked to have a swollen right eye and a swollen nose.

PC Elliott obtained details from [Redacted] and walked across the car park to the Odeon cinema to try and locate [Redacted] mobile phone which he had lost in the fight. By this time there were many other Police units at the scene of Club Estark and we began dispersing the large crowds of youths. All the youths appeared drunk and were shouting and swearing and many were staggering. Again, the youths all appeared to be between 16 years of age and 18 years old. There was also many cars with older males inside constantly driving past doing circuits of the car park and trying to talk to the young females. I then went to assist PC Elliott in looking for [Redacted] phone. As I was walking across the car park I could see that there were several scuffles involving young females who all appeared to be about 16 years old.

The females were rolling around on the floor in front of Odeon Cinema. By the time I had arrived the fighting had stopped and were split up by a Police Dog unit. I spoke to some of the females that were stood outside of the Odeon Cinema who explained they had been to an 18th Party at Club Estark. When I asked their age, they replied "16". The females were waiting outside the Odeon cinema to be collected by their parents. They did not confirm whether or not they were served alcohol inside the club.

Once the large groups had dispersed I returned back to Club Estark and spoke with the licensee. I asked him if he had any security for the club, i.e door staff. He explained the party provide their own and were asking every person for I.D and could prove it on his CCTV. He also explained that a scuffle broke out in his club earlier and as soon as he saw this, to prevent any further trouble he turned on the lights and stopped the music and asked everyone to leave. We and the other Police units came free from the club after about one hour of arriving as it took this long to disperse and control the large crowds.

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Continuation Statement of Adam Whitehead

This is not the first time I have had to attend Club Estark due to a large disturbance. This type of occurrence seems to be every other weekend and the club do not appear to have any control over their security or how many people enter their club. The club appears to be turning a blind eye to the age of their customers also as the majority of the youths outside the club were blatantly under the age of 18.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Signature Witnessed by:

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Statement – PS Rebecca
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WITNESS STATEMENT

(Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B;
Criminal Procedure Rules, r.27.2)

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Statement of: Spence

Date of birth: Over 18

Occupation: PS 4532

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Date: 17/02/2012



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I am a Police Sergeant in the West Yorkshire Police currently stationed at Horsforth Police Station.

At 2242hrs on Friday 28th October 2011 I attended, in company with PC 3184 Hinds, a report of a fight/assault taking place at the ODEON cinema on Dick Lane, Thornbury.

On our arrival a number of other officers were already present and I was informed that a male had been assaulted by a large group outside the ODEON cinema. This male was going to hospital and had been inside Club Estark, a nightclub in the same complex at the other side of the car park to the Cinema. There were a number of teenagers present in and around the car park and I was informed that there had been a Halloween Party at the club. Many appeared to be under 18 yrs of age. I was informed the male party who had been injured was 17 yrs old.

As the incident was being dealt with I made enquiries at the cinema complex in relation to any CCTV covering the incident. Whilst there I spoke to Andy GADIE, the cinema manager. He expressed concern about the number of teenagers attending the nightclub and leaving in drink.

Myself and PC Hinds were then asked to attend a report of a robbery that had also occurred in the club. On arrival at  PC Hinds took a statement from her in relation the robbery and informed me that  had been inside the nightclub having been invited to a party. She believed that the party would be chaperoned by adults but it became clear this was not the case after she arrived. She stated that no identification of age was required to purchase alcohol at the bar.

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Statement – PC Andrew
Hinds

WITNESS STATEMENT




(Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B;
Criminal Procedure Rules, r.27.2)

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Statement of:	Andrew Hinds		
Date of birth:	Over 18	Occupation:	PC 3184
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I am a Police Constable employed by West Yorkshire Police stationed at Horsforth police station. On Friday 28 October 2011 I was on mobile patrol and in full uniform. My tour of duty was 2100hrs x 0700hrs.

At approximately 22:40hrs, I attended CLUB ESTARK, part of the Gallagher Leisure Park where Odeon cinema is also located, as there was a report of a large fight at the location. Upon arrival, I saw approximately 40 – 50 people outside. I would describe them all as teenagers approximately 15 – 17 yrs old. Some of them spoke to me and by their demeanour I would describe some of them as being drunk as they slurred their speech and were unsteady on their feet.

A person reported that  was missing. A short time later, the Divisional Control Room, informed me that it appeared that  parent had telephoned the police and reported that her telephone had been stolen whilst she was at CLUB ESTARK. I later attended her home address and took a statement from  in the presence of her father.

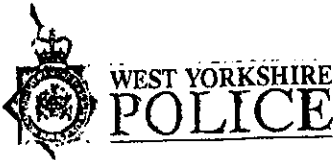
She stated in her written statement: 'THE PARTY THAT I ATTENDED WAS A JOINT 16 YEAR OLD BIRTHDAY PARTY INVOLVING 3 FEMALES. THE AGE RANGE OF PEOPLE AT THE PARTY WAS APPROXIMATELY 15 YEARS OLD TO 18 YEARS OLD. ALCOHOL WAS BEING SERVED AND I ONLY SAW THREE STAFF, A MALE, APPROX MID 50 YEARS OLD AND TWO FEMALES IN THEIR LATE 20'S. I ARRIVED AT THE CLUB AT 20:20HRS. THE ATMOSPHERE WAS GOOD BUT AS THE NIGHT PROGRESSED MORE PEOPLE TURNED UP AND A LOT OF PEOPLE WERE GETTING DRUNK REGARDLESS OF AGE. THINGS BEGAN TO FEEL TENSE, PEOPLE WERE BEGINNING TO PUSH EACH OTHER. THERE WERE FAR TOO MANY PEOPLE IN THAT VENUE.'

I have nothing further to offer in assistance.

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Statement – Andrew
Gadie



WITNESS STATEMENT

(CJ Act 1967, s.9 MC Act 1980, ss. 5A (3) (a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.1)

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Statement of: Andrew Graeme Leonard GADIE

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18, insert 'over 18'). Occupation: Cinema Manager

This statement (consisting of 5 page(s) 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 in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

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Date: 23rd November, 2011

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I am the above-named person and I am the manager of the Odeon Cinema on the Gallagher business park at Thornbury. One of the neighbouring premises on this site is Club Estark which is a five-a-side football club/pitch with a bar attached to it.

I have managed this cinema since 2004. Until two years ago we had no problems with Club Estark and indeed used them for private hires - venue football competition.

A couple of years ago we started having issues with Estark more often than not surrounding what I would class as 18th birthday parties - particularly events where younger people were attending.

The basic problems were drunk youths wandering into the cinema after leaving, or being ejected from Estark. Once in the cinema they damaged property, abused my staff and trustees and often fought amongst

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Continuation of statement of: Andrew G. L. GADIE

themselves. These incidents had an effect on staff deployment and working, particularly in respect of their safety, and contributed to an increase in security at front of house.

I have provided to the police two incident reports of disturbances that impacted on the Odeon on 12 and 26 February 2010 which are self-explanatory.

I only work part-time and am not the only manager at the Odeon but I know that since the time of the above incidents we have had sporadic incidents involving drunk nuisance customers from Estak, passed on to me by colleagues. We have had to introduce measures occasionally to restrict cinema and car park access to stop what I'd deem as undesirable gaining access. The police have asked me about groups who congregate in the car park (which we share with Estak) but apart from "boy racer" types attending occasionally I have not noticed many problems. I've seen alcohol bottles left there on the odd occasion but not often - and whether they were bought at Estak or latched from elsewhere, I don't know.

In autumn 2011 we had further problems with Estak. All this stemmed from two parties or functions Estak held on Thursday 27th and Friday 28th October for Halloween. I

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Continuation of statement of: Andrew G.L. GADIE

wasn't working on 27th but a fellow manager told me that on this night as Estark closed around 10.30 - 11.00pm the Odessa had an influx of their customers who were all young, many quite apparently under-18 and a lot of them in a drunk state. A comment was made about the girls in the group being unacceptably dressed - specifically 15 and 16 year olds being dressed in little more than just underwear - that was described as "Sun Summer gear". It was obvious to me looking at the CCTV of the incident that the girls were under-age dressing themselves up to look older. Once they get to 18/19 year old in my experience females don't need to do this as they look their age anyway and dress normally.

On the night of Friday 28th October 2011 I was on duty at the cinema on a 6pm till midnight shift. At about 10.30pm I noticed a group of youths leaving Estark and going round the back of the club. I went off to make sure nothing was going on that was likely to affect my premises. And as was doing this saw more people starting to leave Estark so went back to alert security to staff locking the cinema doors and make sure plenty of people were at front of house to safeguard my customers.

Shortly afterwards a fight began outside

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Continuation of statement of: Andrew G. L. GADIE

on the car park between Estak customers. A lad about 5'10" in a checked shirt was getting assaulted and eventually ended up on the floor where he was taking vicious kicks from the group attacking him.

I got Security with me and tried to get the door open but I was fumbling with a large bunch of keys and couldn't do it. Because of the beating the lad was getting I barged on the glass door and started for them to leave the lad alone and they ran off. When I eventually got the door open I advised the lad's friend to keep him laid still on the ground while I called 999 for an ambulance but shortly afterwards they picked him up and walked him back over to Estak.

The police arrived shortly afterwards and dealt with the matter. While they did I saw groups of drunken teenagers milling about in states of intoxication. In particular one female who was staggering around arguing with female friend and punching one at our porter bar.

I can say that the customer base we demographic / age / chess and intoxication was the same as I saw on the CCTV from the previous night. I suppose "underworld and shabby chesses" summed it up.

At about 10.50pm ever after the

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Continuation of statement of: Andrew G. L. GADLE

arrival of the police I saw a fight break out between a group of gals that the police had to deal with.

I will say that the crowd will have mostly dispersed by just after 11.00 pm but the police were there for a while after that.

The nature of Estak's business and some of the functions they are having are now affecting the trade at the Oddey and I fear that the activities of some of their clients are dissuading cinema - goes from patronising my arena. There are also serious concerns over the safety and well-being of my staff and existing customers. It's easy to be access to an isolated drunk and for abusive Estak clientele but we were just swamped on this occasion and cannot cope with disorder of this nature in what we class as a non-problematic business providing a service for people who just want to be out and have a good time, and without fear of violence



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INCIDENT

Location Odeon Leeds-Bradford

Date 26/02/2010 23:21:17

Incident Type Violence
Area Violence

Questions

Answers

Incident date 26/02/2010

Incident time 22:45

Details of persons affected Non Guest Male aged 17

Age 16-21

Person reporting incident Andrew Gadie

Nature of Incident Physical assault

Precise place of incident Car Park

Was incident captured on CCTV. No

If yes please retain copy.

Main factor that triggered confrontation Use of Facilities by non-guests

Were there any witnesses Yes

Give details Police have details - all involved were non-guests

Persons involved N/A

Is the incident RIDDOR Reportable	No
Were the police involved	Yes
Was anybody arrested	No
Crime Reference Number	1899 26/02/2010
Was incident Drug related	Yes
Was incident Alcohol related	Yes
List Injuries Sustained	Multiple injuries from bat/punches to face & body
List Hospital Treatment	Ambulance called, treated for cuts, potential concussion, vomiting, alcohol
Details of First Aid Treatment	As administered by Paramedics
Was there any absence from Employment	N/A
Did the team member require counselling	N/A
Was transport home offered/arranged	Yes
Please provide details	Usual end of night taxi's
Has the ODEON employee who dealt with the incident received personal safety training?	Yes
Date of training	07/08/2010
Please give full description of the	At approx 22:50 I was called out by a team member, a group of youths had come into the building after attending a

incident here.

party at EStark (pub/venue sharing site with Odeon & Esporta) after the male had been beaten up by a gang of a friends ex-boyfriend. Male teenager (who later gave age to paramedics/police as 17 though he had been drinking alcohol at EStark) ran to hide in fire exits on ground floor. Police & Ambulance called by external security. Police attended within 3 minutes.

Please attach any images associated with the incident here.

Follow up action

INCIDENT

Location Odeon Leeds-Bradford

Date 13/02/2010 11:05:41

Incident Type Violence
Area Violence

Questions

Answers

Incident date 12/02/2010

Incident time 22:15

Details of persons affected N/A

Age

Person reporting incident Andy Gadie

Nature of Incident Threatening behaviour

Precise place of incident Foyer

Was incident captured on CCTV. Yes

If yes please retain copy.

Main factor that triggered confrontation Use of Facilities by non-guests

Were there any witnesses Yes

Give details

[REDACTED] - Team Leader
[REDACTED] - Team Member
[REDACTED] - Team Member

Persons involved	N/A
Is the incident RIDDOR Reportable	No
Were the police involved	Yes
Was anybody arrested	No
Crime Reference Number	Log Number 1947
Was incident Drug related	No
Was incident Alcohol related	Yes
List Injuries Sustained	None
List Hospital Treatment	N/A
Details of First Aid Treatment	N/A
Was there any absence from Employment	No
Did the team member require counselling	N/A
Was transport home offered/arranged	Yes
Please provide details	Normal end of night taxi's as per usual arrangement
Has the ODEON employee who dealt with the incident received personal safety training?	Yes
Date of training	01/08/2006

Please give full description of the incident here.

Estark venue on same complex as cinema was holding a private event and closed early as a decision by the venue management due to violence which had erupted in the club. Venue management did not involve police to deal with the incident but just closed the bar and put shutters down, leaving approx 60-80 people aged between late Teenagers/early 20's in the car park. The groups then entered the ODEON cinema, causing disruption to team members, pulling up the party area flooring, acting aggressively amongst themselves. People were spotted with obvious injuries from fighting and blood stained in cases. Instructed [REDACTED] to begin closing the internal shutters and work on getting the people back into the car park, and then to lock the doors and monitor situation to enable guests to leave safely as normal. Police were called and attended within 5 minutes to clear the car park. GM To speak to landlord agents regarding continuing poor management of Estark venue.

Please attach any images associated with the incident here.

Follow up action

La Liga –

Minutes – 25 November
2010

Minutes of Meeting at Millgarth Police Station
On 25th November 2010 at 2.00pm

Present were:

Donna Town (DT)
Simon Baker (SB) Commercial Manager
Danielle Green (DG) Manager of Club Estark

Minutes

DT confirms with SB and DG that the meeting will be recorded to allow accurate minutes to be produced. SB and DG agree to this.

Introductions made.

DT asks for clarification of how the premises works ie. It's called Club Estark but it is also a football venue. SB explains that it is a 5 a side football centre with a licensed premises to the side. Originally, the bar was like any other bar in a football centre, but wasn't attracting much trade. SB explains that they refurnished the room but stressed it is not a night club. It is somewhere where the customers who use the football facilities can have a drink. These customers make enquiries about using the room for family parties, for example 18th birthdays. SB states that they do have Christmas parties, but mainly throughout the year, they have birthday parties. DT thanks SB for clarifying the matter, and explains that the name of the bar "Club Estark" was confusing, as it's not a night club. SB agrees it does confuse people.

DT states the reason SB and DG have been asked to the meeting today is in relation to the events of Saturday 30th October, which SB is aware of following earlier phone conversation. DT asks DG and SB what happened on this night from their point of view.

DG states nothing happened, there was no fighting, there was nothing. The officer just came in and shut it down without explaining why. DG states that she asked the officer why, as it was 2230 hours and their license is until 2330 hours. DG states that she asked the other kids what the issue was and they told her they thought it was to do with people bringing their own drinks. DG does not know how the police were called as there was no violence and no trouble. DG stated that maybe one of the teenagers had gone home drunk and it was a parent that had contacted the police.

DG states that on 30th October they had a private function at the premises that was an 18th, and it was Halloween themed. DG states they were ID checking everybody and they will not serve anybody without ID.

DT states that the incident has been brought to her attention via a statement from a police officer who attended the area in relation to a completely unrelated incident. DT explains that the police have a responsibility to deal with the situations they find, and not to leave them.

DT explains that the statement refers to people outside the premises approximately 100 of them were between 15-17 years old and smelt of intoxicants. DT asks if Club Estark have a car park. SB explains that they share a car park with the Odeon and it also backs onto a golf course. SB states that it can be a hangout for teenagers, mainly in cars.

SB states they will not tolerate underage drinking, they will eject anybody from the premises who is too drunk to be there or who could cause a disturbance to others. However, this problem is usually worse through the summer months.

SB states that after the party on 30th October, during the clean up of the car park, they found empty absinthe, Bacardi Breezer and vodka bottles. None of these are sold in Club Estark. SB accepts that some customers consume alcohol on the way to the premises as they know they won't get served inside. SB states that this situation is monitored as is people purchasing alcohol for other customers who are under 18. If anyone is found to be doing this, both parties will be ejected. SB states the premises has had other problems, for example complaints around noise nuisance, and because of this they are not prepared to jeopardise their alcohol license.

DT asks for clarification on how there have been 100 drunken teenagers outside their premises, in their car park that they share with the Odeon, and no action has been taken about this.

SB states he finds it hard to believe that there were 100 people in the car park. SB questions how anybody would know the ages of these people without checking their ID. DG states that they ID checked the majority of party goers.

DT asks if DG is saying that the teenagers outside had been in Club Estark. DT states that it has not yet been established who the people outside were. DG states, no, she doesn't understand it. DG states that there were only 150 people maximum at the Halloween party. SB points out that the bar would have been empty for 100 of the party goers to be outside. So either the bar was empty, or the people outside were not from their party. DG states the room only holds 180 people.

DT summarises that there were some teenagers outside, the exact ages of which are not known, that were nothing to do with Club Estark, who were intoxicated.

DT explains that the police statement states there were no door staff on, yet DG on the night, states they did have door staff on. DG confirms that Club Estark do not provide door staff. The party provided their own door staff. DT asks if DG knows who the door staff were, or what company they were from? DG states she doesn't know any details at all.

DT points out that the premises license has a condition that if door staff are used, there will be a register. DT explains that even where they do not provide the door staff themselves, they must still keep a register of that. DG states they don't. DG states that they don't usually have any door staff. She can think of only 2 events where door staff have been used. They are not a club, they are a function room.

SB states that the only trouble they ever get is between family members at family dos. Usually there functions are very small, it is very rare they get a function with 180 people attending.

DT states that hopefully, this was a one off incident, but that measures must be put in place for the future, lest they hold another 18th birthday where a similar thing happens.

DT reminds SB and DG that, even though they may not have provided the door staff, they are responsible for their own premises license. DT states that if they book

another party where door staff are provided by the booker, SB and DG need to establish who the door staff are.

SB confirms that he will incorporate this into their routine, and if there is a party, even though they don't have to provide door staff as per their license, they will have a routine whereby, if they are expecting over 100 people to attend an 18th birthday party, they will put door staff on. SB states that for other occasions, like a retirement do, they probably won't put door staff on. SB states he is more than happy to arrange that the party bookers have to have door staff on who are SIA registered, and if the booker does not agree, the party will not go ahead.

DT asks what made the party booker want to have door staff on this occasion? DG thinks maybe because it was an 18th. DT confirms practice regarding door staff must be made stricter. SB agrees and confirms it will be.

DT asks how much time the DPS Graham Cadman spends on the premises? SB states Graham Cadman has been on long term sick. SB will check with his managing director but they might be applying for DG to be made DPS. DT asks how long Graham Cadman has been off work for? SB states probably 6 months. SB states that this meeting has been a 'kick up the bum' for them. DT says she hopes it has. SB states that the bar is the bread and butter for the place. SB confirms he will be putting the application in, he feels DG is in a position where she can take that role now. DT asks DG is she is a personal license holder. DG states she is, it was issued by Kirklees Council.

DT asks how the authorisation by the DPS has been given to DG to sell alcohol on his behalf? DT asks DG if she has ever met Graham Cadman or if she started there after he started sick leave? DG confirms she started after he left and has not met him.

DT expresses concern about the DPS having been on long term sick, the current manager not having met him, and ultimately the DPS therefore cannot have given any authority to sell on his behalf. DT stresses that in this situation, it could be argued that there is no DPS in place to authorise sale of alcohol, resulting in a breach of their license.

DT suggests that this is rectified very, very quickly. SB asks if it is an application that has to be made or just a formal letter. DT says it has to be an application to Leeds City Council. DT states that she needs to see the application early next week. SB confirms this will happen.

DT asks about CCTV and who has the technical knowledge to work it. SB states he does, and a number of other people do and there is usually somebody on the premises who can download the data. SB also confirms it is saved for a month.

DT summarises that SB has agreed to tighten up door staff arrangements, and also to apply for DG to be made DPS by early next week.

DT refers back to earlier in the conversation where SB mentions their car park is a haunt for teenagers hanging round, especially in cars. SB states they are always having to have these people removed. DT asks how they do this, SB states they ring the police.

DT explains that if there are any problems that the premises are experiencing that the police could help with, it is absolutely imperative that they either let their local NPT know, or they let DT know, so attempts can be made to resolve the problems.

SB explains that there are has other issues relating to nuisance motor bikes on the golf course for example, and the local NPT have SB's number, they have such a good working relationship.

SB states that he will suggest to his managing director that where a party is expected to have over a certain number of guests, 70 for example, that the party must pay for door staff also, and that the premises will provide the door staff. This way, they will know who is on their doors, and that they meet the requirements of their premises license. DT confirms this would be ideal.

DT asks if DG or SB have any questions.

SB states he wondered under what authority did the officer close the party down? DT states it was closed down due to the concerns the officer had regarding the drunk teenagers outside associated with Club Estark.

DG states she would like to stress that they do not serve anyone who does not have ID on them who looks under 18. DT asks if they have anything displayed to this effect. DG confirms they do. DG states that she would not do anything that would jeopardise her license. DG also states that when someone comes to book an 18th, they must bring their passport or proof of age with them to prove their age. They are also told at this early stage that any under 18s will not be served.

DT states that although there is some discrepancy with regard to how many people were outside the premises on this occasion, reputable door staff would have dealt properly with this issue, and we wouldn't be here today.

SB states that another issue they had recently is people booking their function room as a party and then advertising it as a Bassline event where tickets are being sold. SB and DG found out about this and cancelled the booking. DG reiterated that they are not a club, they are a function room. DT asks that if SB ever does come to a point where he wished to put on this type of event, he must let DT know. SB states they will not have this type of event and also that licences are harder to obtain than they are to lose.

SB states that he will contact their solicitor when he gets back to the office today to get the application in to change the DPS.

La Liga –

Minutes

23 November 2011

Meeting with La Liga, Dick Lane, Thornbury, Bradford, BD3 7AT
Millgarth Police Station
Wednesday 23 November 2011

Persons present:

Danielle Green (DG) – La Liga (On site Manager)
Simon Baker (SB) – La Liga (On site Manager)
Robert Blackburn (RB) – La Liga (Owner)
Kevin Hainsworth (KH) – La Liga (Owner)
Sgt Louise Julian (LJ) - Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT)
PCSO Mick Cox (MC) – Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT)
Sgt Rob Fullilove (RF) - Leeds District Licensing Officer
PC 5783 Lynn Dobson (LD) – Leeds District Licensing Officer

Before the main topics are discussed RF asks those present from La Liga to explain their roles within the business. Each person outlines their role, but there is confusion as to who exactly the premises licence holder (PLH) is and who the designated premises supervisor (DPS) is. This point is clarified from the premises licence before the commencement of the meeting. Both these positions are held by RB.

RF outlines the reason for the meeting and that it is his understanding that the premises have had two events, with a Halloween theme, on 27 October 2011 and 28 October 2011.

DG corrects RF saying that the events were held on the Wednesday and the Friday and not the Thursday and the Friday. This would make the dates 26 October 2011 and the 28 October 2011.

RF says that his information suggests Thursday and Friday but it is mainly the Friday that has attracted Police attention for all the wrong reasons. He continues that it is not twelve months ago that La Liga were called in for a meeting under similar circumstances. Minutes are on file in relation to the meeting in 2010 and RF finds it disappointing that a meeting has had to be called again.

RF continues that this particular event has attracted Police attention because of disorder and the underage clientele frequenting the premises. RF continues that he has obtained a witness statement the same morning which clearly sets out concerns in relation to La Liga and underage sales of alcohol. These sales have a knock on effect to anti-social behaviour and crime and disorder.

RB says "with respect we can't be held responsible for people fighting outside the premises".

RF says that the premises can be held responsible if the premises are fuelling the behaviour.

RB continually talks over RF and RB is told that he not present to have an argument but the evidence and the facts will be put to him in the meeting and that he would get the opportunity to address the concerns properly.

RF then goes through the crimes and calls attributable to the premises. RF says that the information is quite infrequent but the golden thread that runs through the reports is in relation to underage sales of alcohol.

RF invites someone from La Liga to account for what happened in October.

DG says that she was present on the night in question.

RB says that they work as a team and they put procedures in place.

KH says that they put procedures in place to "make sure things like this don't happen".

LD asks KH to outline what procedures they have in place.

KH says that they have an under 18s policy and anyone under 21 gets ID checked.

LD asks why DG had been so defensive on the phone when she had called to make the appointment for today. DG says that she wasn't defensive, but they do always check ID.

LD asks DG to say what the customer to staff ratio was at the Friday event.

DG says that it was a private party and that the venue isn't a night club. However, other people turn up and she is sure that the 'parties' are advertised through facebook.

RB says that they did have another party booked in for next week but they have cancelled this. DG agrees with this statement.

LD asks DG to answer her question.

DG says that there were between one hundred and one hundred and twenty customers and two staff.

LD asks if DG thinks two staff to a hundred and twenty people is enough.

DG says that they never know how many people are going to turn up. DG continues that she does ask the question and she does tell the party organiser that under 18s will not be served but the person booking the party does not always keep her informed.

RB says that if there is an inkling that there will be over one hundred then they 'put door staff on' and get another member of staff on duty.

LD asks which door staff they use.

RB says that they are just two door staff that they put on the door.

LD asks which company they use but no one is able to answer this question.

DG says that they don't have door staff for any other party than the eighteenth birthday parties. No other party cause the problems that the eighteenth birthdays do!

LD asks a hypothetical question of whom would they employ as door staff if they were to employ them.

RB says that they would use West Yorkshire Security.

LD asks if the premises had security for the Friday night event. DG says that they did but she did not check their door badges and did not know where they were from.

LD comments that the door staff could have been from anywhere and may or may not have been SIA registered. DG agrees with this statement.

LD continues that the premises licence clearly states that when door staff are employed then they must be SIA registered. RB interrupts saying that he did not employ the door staff they came with the party. RF interjects saying that RB is 'splitting hairs' the licence belongs to the premises and it must be the premises that must comply with the conditions of the licence.

RF asks if the premises display Check 21 posters. DG says that they do have Check 21 posters displayed.

RF asks who was working on the Friday night in question. SB says that he was not working as such but he did assist an Officer in relation to a robbery that had taken place and assisted with the CCTV.

RF asks for further clarification. SB says that there was a fight inside the premises and this fight involved the youth whose picture appeared in the paper. There was then a second offence involving another group and he assisted in identifying the person involved. SB continues that the lad who was badly assaulted then made his way over to the Odeon Cinema and something further occurred, according to the paper.

RF asks those present to take what is reported in the paper with a 'pinch of salt', there will be more than one account of the situation.

RF asks how frequently the venue has parties and with what regularity does things get out of hand and there is crime and disorder.

DG says that they have parties every week, not eighteenth, but these parties do attract problems. RB interjects saying if the Police went into any pub in

Bradford then they would see what went on. RB talks over LJ when she tries to explain the nature of the complaints that are being received.

LD stops RB saying that those present have not been called to talk about any other premises but La Liga. It is something that she hears time and time again, in action planning meetings such as this, where the operator tries to deflect attention onto other premises.

RB again interrupts saying that the Police are trying to make out that 'we are this, we're that and the other' and that they are no different to any other venue.

LD shows those present the Yorkshire Post photograph saying that this boy has had 'a good kicking'. LD reiterates that the meeting had been called to discuss La Liga and only La Liga and that the premises have not been called in to be 'hauled over the coals' but there are things that need to be addressed.

LD continues that as Licensing Officers they are perfectly entitled to call premises in for action planning meetings. Section 182 of the Licensing Act says that responsible authorities (RAs) should engage with the trade and where possible resolve any issues. Action planning meeting such as this are a way of resolving issues and documenting the engagement.

RB says that from where he is sat it feels like they are being prosecuted. LD says that this is not the case and that the meeting is to work with the premises.

LD makes it clear that is an incident happens outside, but is still attributable to the premises, and then the premises cannot 'wash their hands of it'. It cannot be acceptable that something happens inside, the venue throws the group out onto the street and then says 'over to you' expecting the authorities to pick up the pieces.

DG says that they did not throw the party goes outside but then agrees that they did!

LD says that because of the assault and the disorder that took place on Friday the meeting has had to be called to address the issues. LD says that it is perfectly normal to have such a meeting and that the premises should not be so defensive and they should work with the Police.

RB says that it is double standards and 'what are they meant to do keep the music playing and keep the lights down and carry on. LD says that he needs to 'manage his premises properly'.

RB interrupts again and LD asks RB if he is going to talk over her the entire meeting. RB continues shouting LD down continually.

LD tells RB to be quiet and listen for just one moment. LD continues that two staff to over a hundred people is no acceptable. It is not acceptable not to

know who the door staff are or even if they are SIA registered. LD tells RB that he needs to be quiet and listen to what he is being told, he is too busy trying to shout down the Officers present and he really is not listening to what is being discussed. RB is trying to detract from the matter in hand but Officers need him to focus on his own premises.

LD continues by saying it is not good to be called in for a second action planning meeting in twelve months about under eighteens parties. It is not good that someone has 'had their head kicked in' and those present do not seem to understand the seriousness of the incident.

LD asks DG if she checks every single persons ID when they go to the bar. DG says that she does. LD asks DG if the same person comes to the bar twenty minutes later does she check their ID again. DG says she has a good memory and so does her colleague, so she does not ask for their ID a second time.

LD asks how she overcomes problems when customers share ID or they buy alcohol for guests who are underage.

DG asks what LD means. It is obvious from DG's reaction that she is not familiar with this tactic and that older children do buy alcohol for younger guests who may never go to the bar all night.

LD explains what proxy purchasing is. DG does not know what this is. KH explains his understanding of proxy purchasing.

LD asks again, how do two members of staff keep on top of one hundred and twenty guests and be alert to everything that is going on. DH does not respond.

KH asks how many staff the Police would recommend they employ. LD says this is not for her to dictate but two clearly is not enough given the problems the premises are experiencing and the apparent lack of knowledge.

DG says that she was expecting about fifty people, however earlier in the meeting she was uncertain of numbers and despite asking party organisers how many guests they were expecting they didn't usually say.

DG says that they do their best but they are lied to about numbers.

LD asks why then do the premises keep having parties. DG says that they don't this is the first party they have had all year and the organisers have booked under someone else's names and been sly. This too is a contradictory statement.

LD asks what questions DG ask when a booking is made. DG says that she asks for the name of the contact, a phone number, the type of party and asks for ID where appropriate. DG then says they are meant to fill a form in but the premises do not obtain a guest list.

DG does not see the necessity to obtain a guest list because the event is a private party.

LD says that venues also hide behind the term 'private party'. LD says that the staff should be 'on the ball' and be able to control what goes on just as any other venue would be expected to do whether it was a city centre venue or a smaller venue outside the city.

LD says that DG should be asking more questions. At the very least LD would expect them to have a guest list and some ages of people attending. This would assist them in assessing the crowd and staffing the premises sufficiently.

KH asks what the recognised staff to customer ratio is. LD says that there is nothing written down that she is aware of but two staff seems far too few for an under eighteens event.

Both RB and KH say that it is not an 'under' eighteens but an eighteenth birthday party. LD asks what the parent to child ratio is at functions such as these. There is no parent to child ratio.

RB says that there is no parent to child ratio the guests and eighteen. It is made clear that there will be under eighteens present. DG agrees saying that is why they check ID.

KH says they do want to operate properly and that they want the people who attend to have a nice time. KH continues by saying that the bar is not a 'seedy place' it is nice and they want people to attend and enjoy the experience. He continues by asking for any help WYP can offer to assist them.

KH asks DG how many eighteenth the premises have had in 2011. DG says 'loads' and says that the Halloween party is the only party they have had any problems with.

RF makes comparisons between La Liga and some of the city centre venues when promoters want to supply their own door staff. This is fraught with danger and should not be allowed to happen. RF suggests for any other parties that La Liga books the security staff and the event organiser will just have to pay the going rate.

RF asks what the door staff were accepting as legitimate ID on the night of the party. SB says that no IDs were checked on the door just on the bar.

RF continues that there are two lines of defence in relation to underage sales, the first is your door staff the second is the bar staff. RF discusses acceptable and unacceptable methods of ID and makes comparisons with city centre premises.

RF says it would appear that DG has been let down by the alleged door staff, but as they were employed by the organisers there is no way of telling if they were actually door staff at all.

RB starts to make comparisons between La Liga and a six hundred capacity night club in Leeds. RB suggests that a club of this size would have only four members of door staff therefore the ratios for his venue are much greater and therefore better.

RB is told not to compare his venue to a city centre premises in this sense and again to concentrate on the matter in hand. He should concentrate on the running of his venue and not others in Leeds or Bradford.

LD asks DG what measures she would put in place for any future parties having had today's discussion. DG agrees to get more details and check these thoroughly. She would consider asking the parents to come into the venue when the guests are dropped off. She would consider a parent to child ratio.

RB interrupts saying that the sixteenth and eighteenth birthday parties should stop and says to her to 'knock them on the head'.

SB says that the problems they have had in the past are in relation to pre-loading and drinking outside and not even in the club. SB claims to have found empty alcohol bottles outside in the bushes after such events.

SB is quite vociferous saying that La Liga will not allow the sale or consumption of alcohol by under eighteens on the premises. However he does go on to say that the door staff have witnessed the 'children' hiding alcohol in the bushes but does not say what the door staff have done about this.

RF says that he is fully aware of pre-loading but he makes the assumption that the problems stem from La Liga and the sale of alcohol from this venue.

KH quickly says that WYP cannot make that assumption and RF says that he can based on the demographics; the times, the lack of control on the door and the apparent shortcomings of the bar staff which should be the second line of defence.

RF says that it is not good enough that the premises have been in for a meeting a year ago for a matter related to underage sales and here we find ourselves again discussing the same subject following a nasty assault.

KH is 'put out' that RF has made this statement and feels that DG's input is being completely disregarded. DG interjects and says she was extremely careful at the party and thought that everyone was over eighteen. Some of the statements made throughout the meeting are contradictory.

LD reads sections of a statement from an Officer who attended on the night of the assault. The victim was sixteen years old and heavily in drink but other reports also refer to fifteen and sixteen year olds who are believed to have been in La Liga.

Reports suggest that the party was actually a sixteenth birthday party organised by a local school. DG is asked if she was aware of any of these details she says that she was not aware.

DG goes on to say that she only served alcohol to those people who showed ID. If the victim was drunk then he has obtained the alcohol from somewhere else or someone has bought the alcohol for him. It is pointed out that this is a proxy sale and that the venue must be alert to such sales.

LD says that Officers have obtained statements and reports and members of the public describe the customers as not conducting themselves in a manner you would expect.

DG says that there were lots of bottles found outside after the party had finished. LD asks "If they are nipping in and out, what are your door staff doing?"

DG does not reply. RF says that the door staff should be doing their job correctly and should not be allowing this free movement of people if it is suspected that they are consuming their own alcohol outside. RF does not believe that this was the main problem; he believes the lack of control inside the venue is more to blame.

Staff from La Liga all talk at once saying that this was not the case DG says that she did clear up bottles from outside and others saw her doing this.

RF acknowledges what DG has said but reads from a statement obtained that morning which sets out a completely different view point.

The validity of the statement is questioned. SB says that the security guard rarely comes anywhere near La Liga and tends to patrol the perimeter near the cinema but he does not venture as far as their premises.

RF says that the Police Officers present have given their account and their understanding of what happened at the Friday party. The La Liga representatives are asked what they are going to do to address the issues raised.

RB says that he thinks it must start with security on the door 'it's as simple as that'.

KH says that the problem is intoxicated people and whether these people are inside or outside then they must be dealt with. KH says that if the customers look like they have had enough alcohol then they should be ejected from the premises.

LD says that they should not be serving drunks anyway it is an offence. LD continues that this is something else they must be vigilant about, as well as underage customers.

KH agrees and says that they will do things properly and DG needs to be careful when taking bookings. RB jumps to DG's defence saying that she is more than careful. KH says he just wants to learn from the experience and hopefully move on and do things better.

LJ says that the premises really needs to 'get a grip of' the movement of people from the inside space to the outside space, and this is where the door staff should be doing their job.

DG agrees saying with only two bar staff they cannot keep on top of everything inside as well as outside the premises. Security is discussed further and how proper SIA registered staff should be deployed.

RF says that there will not be another action planning meeting, but if assistance is needed either from licensing or from the local Police then this will be given. However a review is a very real prospect if there are other reports or other 'parties' that get out of hand and it can be proven that the events were not managed correctly.

RF goes onto explain the sanctions available to the Licensing Committee at review; revocation being the most serious. RF says that it really would be a last resort but there are things that the premises can do to help themselves before a review would be considered.

LJ says that if the premises notify the local NPT then they will make a point of visiting the premises and the area. LJ continues that the Police cannot be present throughout the evening but they would make every effort to visit over the course of the evening.

RB comments that this has been a one off and people have only asked questions once 'someone has had their face stoved in'. RF says that it is not as simple as this and that La Liga has been offered help and that there are things that the premises could do to help themselves.

MC asks if it is a condition that the premises attend pub watch. RF confirms that it is a condition. MC comments that the premises used to attend pub watch but fail to do so now. MC says that it would be beneficial for the premises to attend as well as it being a condition of their licence.

MC continues saying that nobody had attended the pub watch for eighteen months as far as he was concerned the premises were closed, but clearly not.

SB says that the premises will cooperate and will do all they can to promote themselves as a good venue. They do not want to upset the Odeon Cinema, they do not want to promote underage drinking or for families to suffer as a result of crimes that occur at La Liga.

KH asks about the benefits of being on either a Leeds pub watch or a Bradford pub watch. SB thinks ninety per cent of the clientele at La Liga come from Bradford. MC does not mind which pub watch they are in as long as it is appropriate for the premises. MC goes into more detail about Pudsey pub watch to which RB comments that the parties at la Liga are slightly different and they do not operate as a pub.

RB seems to have failed to grasp that the premises still have a licence to sell alcohol for the consumption on the premises. They may very well be serving all the banned people from pub watch, or their associates. The strengths of pub watch are championed and the need to attend is stressed.

LD draws the meeting to a close saying the 'ball is very much in their court' and that La Liga must comply with their premises licence and be vigilant to underage sales. The continuance of eighteenth birthday parties must be given serious consideration as must the deployment of SIA registered door staff. A Check 21 policy must be adopted and strongly adhered to and the second line of defence, their bar staff, must be at the top of their game.

LD gives DG some PASS accredited ID literature. Meeting concluded. No further meeting booked at this stage.

La Liga –
Minutes
15 February 2012

Meeting with La Liga, Dick Lane, Thornbury, Bradford, BD3 7AT
Millgarth Police Station
Wednesday 15 February 2012

Persons present:

Danielle Green (DG) – La Liga
Simon Baker (SB) – La Liga
Kevin Hainsworth (KH) – La Liga
John Cordingley (JC) – Licensing Consultant
Paul Rix (PR) – Leeds City Council Licensing
PCSO Mick Cox (MC) – Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT)
Sgt Rob Fullilove (RF) - Leeds District Licensing Officer
PC 5783 Lynn Dobson (LD) – Leeds District Licensing Officer

RF welcomes everyone to the meeting and invites everyone to introduce themselves for the purpose of the minutes.

RF continues by saying Officers from North West Leeds (NWL) had brought it to the attention of the Licensing Department that there had been another incident at La Liga which had required Police attendance. RF continues that it is his understanding that there was an eighteenth birthday party and this had resulted in Officers being called. RF continues that matters such as this were discussed in November 2011 and that there is a common theme in relation to juveniles. To be fair to the club RF makes it clear that these issues may relate to incidents outside the club as well as inside but the problems are still felt to be attributable to the premises.

RF invites the La Liga representative present to give 'their take' on what happened on the 28 January 2012.

JC asks the Officers present to give an overview of the Police concerns and DG says she does not know why they have been asked to attend despite RF having just outlined the reason for the meeting.

LD goes into more detail saying that there was a party on 28 January which the Licensing Department have been told resulted in a large fight and Officers having to attend. LD continues that DG had been seen and spoken to and the Officers in attendance did not feel that DG 'had a grip' of what was going on at the club.

DG is noticeably 'put out' that she has had to attend the meeting and starts rolling her eyeballs. LD requests that she take the meeting seriously and that someone, preferably DG, gives an account of what happened on the 28 January 2012.

LD asks the direct question of 'are we dealing with an eighteenth birthday party'.

DG replies that it was an eighteenth but door staff and parents were present. DG continues by saying that it was her friend's party and no-one under age was served alcohol. DG says that she knew a lot of the guests and the person whose party it was is popular and it was going to be a busy party.

DG says that there was no fighting and she kept checking with the doorman and everything was in order. There were 15-20 adults present, over the age of thirty, and there were no problems. DG cannot stress enough that there were no problems at the venue and that it was a really good night.

KH says that since the last meeting the premises have adopted a number of control measures namely, check 25 and thorough checks of passports and driving licences.

LD confirms with DG that a doorman was in place for the eighteenth birthday party and DG says that this is correct and confirms that the party was booked for 150 people but approximately 120 attended.

LD asks if only one doorman was employed. DG says that there was only one doorman and that he was called Stephen Black and his door number is 0130 0130 6807 8649. DG cannot recall which door company he works for. DG says that another member of staff arranged for the doorman and all she knows is that he works on the doors in Leeds City Centre.

It is confirmed that the arrangement was made direct with Stephen Black and not through a company.

LD asks which member of the La Liga staff has an SIA badge. Nobody is able to answer as no member of the La Liga representatives present have a door badge.

JC queries this point and RF and LD both confirm that if a member of door staff is deployed directly then the person deploying that member of staff needs to have a door badge. No one is aware of this and RF asks if the SIA legislation is something that La Liga is unfamiliar with.

KH replies absolutely. KH says that when they last attended the meeting in November this point was not made clear to him that he had to employ a doorman through a door company. KH claims to have made this mistake quite innocently and that he thought he was doing the right thing.

SB says that La Liga insisted that parents were present as per the Police recommendations.

RF makes it clear and refers to discussing this point at length in the previous meeting, that any door staff should be correctly badged. The door staff should be deployed through a company and should not be paid 'cash in hand' or be deployed directly if an SIA badge holder is not the person doing the deploying.

RF stresses that the premises need to familiarise themselves with the legislation. KH says that now they know they can do things differently.

LD asks DG if the doorman was checking all the IDs of people coming into the venue. DG replies yes.

LD asks DG if she was checking all the IDs of the people coming to the bar. DG replies yes and says that there were three bar staff employed on this particular night.

DG says that the Police man came in and wished to discuss a disturbance at the premises and DG says that she told him that there had not been any fights.

DG says that she had walked round and chatted to people to make sure things had been running smoothly. DG goes on to say that she had not seen anything to suggest that things were not in order or that there had been a fight or a disturbance.

DG says that it was a good party and that the 'birthday boy' is 'well respected' and that he wouldn't have those sorts of people at his party. DG says that the staff at La Liga did not leave the premises until a quarter to one in the morning.

RF reads from a computerised log which sets out the details of the call to the Police.

SB says that he feels like there is harassment going on and that the staff at the Odeon Cinema are harassing La Liga. SB continues that staff from the Odeon has called into La Liga wanting to know when the next party booking is for, SB says that it is nothing to do with them and this is the reason why they keep ringing the Police.

RF says that he will look into this but is interrupted by JC who asks for the name of the security firm.

RF says that he does not know the name of the security company he has only had dealings with members of staff from the Odeon.

RF continues to read from the computerised log from the night in question.

RF says that Police have told La Liga door staff to remove all underage persons from their venue as a result of the call. DG says that this did not happen.

RF continues to read from the log and a second log from later in the evening which is entitled 'fight'.

DG says that this was just two girls over near the cinema fighting over a boy, nothing to do with the club and 'it finished before it started'.

RF continues that there have been other reports saying large groups are involved.

LD reads from an Officer's statement who describes a very different scene and believed there to be a large proportion of the guests who were underage and some of whom were intoxicated.

LD continues to read from the Officers statement and highlights that the Officers were met with abusive language from the guests gathered outside and that there was glass on the floor from broken bottles.

LD continues further that a sixteen year old was spoken to at this time and admitted her age. She was clearly intoxicated.

LD continues to read from the Officer's statement. DG agrees with the Officers statement in relation to their first conversation inside the premises. But disputes other areas of the Officers statement in relation to the numbers gathered outside; the fact that they had glasses outside; or that anyone at the party was behaving in a disorderly manner.

LD suggests that the evening did not go quite as well as DG is saying, certainly not from the Officers point of view or from the reports that have been received.

LD says whatever happens at La Liga it is having an impact on the area. LD continues that the staff at the premises are the first line of defence and they should put in place measure to deal with emerging problems. LD does not think that La Liga have done enough to address the concerns.

DG says that La Liga have done everything asked of them and more. LD asks if the premises have been to pub watch, DG says that she hasn't been to pub watch and that she does not have time to go to pub watch.

LD reminds the La Liga representative present that attendance at pub watch was discussed at the first meeting in November and it was stressed that they must attend. LD continues that La Liga may very well be having the parties that no-one else will have because of the characters involved and because they are banned from other premises.

LD says that it is a condition of the premises licence and someone needs to attend. DG replies that she works to eleven o'clock each night and that she does not have time to go.

KH says that they will attend pub watch.

JC asks for the details of the next pub watch meeting and these are provided by MC. MC volunteers to drop off the minutes of the last meeting, and a calendar of future meetings.

LD says that there was the action planning meeting in November and since this time there have been three pub watch meetings and they have failed to attend all of these.

RF reiterates that pub watch was discussed at length at the last meeting and it was impressed upon the staff of La Liga that they must attend. It is also felt that the Pudsey meeting is more appropriate than a Bradford meeting.

PR agrees that the Pudsey pub watch is the more appropriate to attend. DG protests saying that most of the parties they have are from Bradford and is told to attend two meetings in that case if she feels it would assist.

JC stresses someone must attend pub watch.

LD says that moving forward; they will have to agree to disagree in respect of what happened on the 28 January 2012, based on the verbal account given in today's meeting. However the Licensing Department are in possession of an Officer's statement; there are crime reports and calls logged against the premises which are timed and dated; and the door staff have been deployed incorrectly and the legislation in relation to the deployment not looked into or understood.

LD continues by saying that she had informed those present that door staff are better employed in twos rather than ones and they have ignored this. LD says the decision as to how to proceed with the club lies with Insp Cawkwell.

KH says that he wishes to make an observation and that there are two very different views of what happened on the 28 January 2012. One is that of Police Officer and the other is that of DG. KH asks why the Police Officer in attendance did not try and voice his concerns to DG and resolve the issues on the 28 January 2012. KH says he can't believe the premises are 'being accused' of selling to underage and the matter was not addressed at the time.

KH says that what the Officer is saying 'does not gel' and asks again why the matter was not resolved on the night.

LD replies by saying that the Officer who attended made a judgement call on the night given the circumstances he was faced with when he attended. Licensing is not a quick fix; everything does not have to be dealt with there and then. In these circumstances it sounds as though the best option was for the Officer to record what he could, deal with what he could and forward the matter to the Licensing Department for a meeting in the 'cold light of day'.

LD says that the premises are being treated no differently to any other premises and action planning meetings take place with many other premises to try and resolve issues.

KH says that he understands what LD is saying but he feels that La Liga are being accused of something and he disputes what the Officers are saying. He

refers to the sixteen year old discussed earlier and says that others may have been buying her drinks for her.

LD, RF and DG say that these are proxy purchases and were discussed at the last meeting. KH fully supports DG and trusts what she has said in the meeting.

RF reiterates what LD has said earlier that the Officers will have dealt with what they were able to on the night but the matters discussed in today's meeting are more appropriate for a meeting around a table than in a busy club on a Friday and Saturday night.

RF continues that the sales direct or otherwise need to be looked into. It would appear that one door man was not enough to control the crowd, KH interrupts saying that the evidence is contradictory. In his opinion there has been no trouble either inside or outside the premises. He agrees with DG's version of events.

LD says that in the action planning meetings she has described, operators claim that crime and disorder and anti social behaviour has nothing to do with them. If the problems are directly attributable to the premises then it is looked into; if it is within the curt ledge of the premises then it is looked into; if the trouble causers are in an area to frequent premises then all of this will be looked at and if necessary a meeting will be called.

KH continues to dispute the Officer's statement. RF says that at the last meeting the premises licence holder (PLH) commented along the lines of 'what goes on outside has nothing to do with us'. RF says not to make the same mistake as it would appear that the most recent calls have been generated as a result of the club.

KH says that he was not aware of any issues outside the club; the only incident he has been made aware of was seven to eight hundred yards away. This was out of view and he asks what his premises can do about something he knows nothing about.

JC asks if the Police have taken statements from the girls who had a fight.

LD says that she does not have any statements from the girls he refers to but points to the other calls and concerns that still need to be addressed.

LD again reads from the Officers statement. Saying that the Officer attended and was greeted with a crowd shouting 'fuck off'; he approaches DG and is brushed off and she cannot answer his questions; there is one doorman and not two and there is glass all over the floor outside.

Before LD is finished KH asks DG and SB if the side door could be used. Both agree that it cannot be used when functions are taking place. SB says that the premises are a single entry, single exit venue.

LD asks what the door man is doing if he is not controlling the door properly.

KH moves on to discuss the glass issues and DG says that there was no glass to clear up.

LD goes back to the Police reports and asks for clarification. In the eyes of La Liga there has been no disorder; no large disturbance or fight; no rowdy groups outside; the discussion that took place between DG and the Officer did not take place as described; the door man did do a proper job; there was no evidence of glass; or of people bringing their own drinks. LD says that La Liga are therefore saying that the Officers statement is false, is that correct?

DG interrupts but LD asks to be allowed to finish and reads the signed declaration at the top of the Officers Criminal Justice Statement, which he signs to say the account is true.

JC asks DG to give her account again which DG says she was confused when the Officer entered the premises and asked for Part A of the premises licence. The other points are not addressed.

JC asks again why the matters were not addressed at the time. LD says that this has been discussed and it is each individual Officers judgement call depending on any given situation.

LD says that the Officers statement will be included in any future proceedings and he will be given the opportunity to speak at those proceedings.

The question of whether the La Liga staff present believes the statement to be false is not answered.

LD reads from the section of the La Liga minutes from the earlier meeting in which Robert Blackburn say "that the sixteenth and eighteenth birthday parties should stop and says to her to 'knock them on the head'.

LD asks why therefore the parties are continuing. KH and DG cannot really answer this point.

JC asks if there has been some confusion. LD says that there has been no confusion.

SB says that they thought they could continue but they needed to be better and tighter at running the functions. The La Liga staff talk over one another and the discussion is unclear. SB thinks having parents present was the Police recommendation.

LD says that earlier on in the meeting other control measures were discussed but the parting shot from Robert Blackburn was that sixteenth and eighteenth needed to stop. "Knock them on the head".

LD reads from the minutes. JC asks for a copy of the minutes at the conclusion of the meeting. LD continues that all other ways of controlling sixteenth and eighteenth has been discussed but the decision of the PLH appears to have been ignored.

There is confusion and no-one remembers Robert Blackburn giving this instruction.

PR says that he used to cover the area in which La Liga is situated and he too thought that the parties had stopped. He has previously been told by the PLH/DPS that the parties would stop. PR says this is going back a number of years but there was an assurance that sixteenth and eighteenth parties would stop. Whilst he accepts that business find they are struggling in the current economic climate they need to be careful and pick what they are going to do. In his opinion sixteenth and eighteenth parties and fraught with danger and that any premises hosting such events are bringing trouble to their own door.

KH still protests about when it is appropriate to have parents on site at a party or when it is appropriate to have door staff or introduce additional measures.

JC says that the premises have check 21 policy and LD corrects him by saying DG had informed her earlier in the meeting that they had adopted a Check 25 policy voluntarily.

PR explains the complexities of operating above and beyond the normal Check 21 scheme and that there should be a written policy in place for any underage scheme. The premises realistically should be checking twenty-four year olds and he would question if they are or not.

LD says that there is a condition on the premises licence about causing nuisance to other residents and businesses. JC questions whether the group of sixty approaching midnight may have been waiting for a taxi. LD says that she will ask the question but on the face of it residents and businesses are being disturbed and they are not happy.

JC seems surprised and asks if residents are complaining.

LD says that residents are not happy.

RF says that the Odeon is not happy either and the complaints are of the same nature and they do not seem to have been addressed satisfactorily. RF continues that La Liga are impacting on businesses that they are co-located with and the Police Inspector in charge of the areas is fed up of the repeated calls to the location when the premises have failed to address issues attributable to the venue.

RF says that things cannot continue as they are. He does not believe that the November meeting was taken seriously and those present find themselves back round a table discussing an almost identical incident.

RF says juveniles and alcohol do not mix and he wants some answers as to what the venue will do in the next few months to address the issues.

JC asks what the duty manager at the Odeon is called. KH still believes DG's version of events and says no one else present at the meeting was there. RF warns KH not to go down the line of accusing Police Officers of lying. JC cuts KH short and says they would not do this.

JC says he will work with the Odeon to try and build a better relationship. JC then moves completely away from the point and asks if the Odeon is a 24 hour cinema.

RF brings JC back to the question and wants to know what La Liga are going to do to address the Police concerns before the matter reaches formal proceedings.

DG strays off the points also asking why the Odeon staff want to know what time the La Liga parties are due to finish. LD comments that it may be that the Odeon are worried about any aftermath, judging from previous experience.

SB says that they will work on the relationship with the Odeon. But says in respect of the residents they are complainers and that they have previously 'complained and complained and complained'. SB says they have 'tried and tried and tried' to keep people happy but they will try and speak to the Odeon in the first instance.

JC asks again why the Odeon have asked La Liga what time their parties finish. PR says probably because they will want to know when they will 'get hit' by groups leaving.

PR says the image of La Liga is not good and Facebook says a lot about the venue. The perception of the club is not good.

KH again disputes this and is disbelieving of what is on Facebook. He views that these are private parties; La Liga is not a pub.

The discussion goes off track again and seems to focus on the Odeon and why they are unhappy. RF brings the discussion back on track and asks again what measures La Liga are going to put in place.

KH want to discuss the matter privately. KH trusts DG and says he wants to work the Police and not against them but it will be for the La Liga management to discuss and decide. LD says if door staff are to be discussed in this conversation then to consider three door staff and again KH says that they will decide.

Pub watch details are again provided to JC and the meeting is concluded. LD asks for a strategy by next Tuesday 21 February 2012 so that she can brief Insp Cawkwell.

Meeting concluded and no further meeting booked at this time.