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To: All Members of the Licensing (Hearing) Sub-Committee

Dear Councillor,

**LICENSING (HEARING) SUB-COMMITTEE - TUESDAY, 17TH AUGUST, 2021 ,
Council Chamber - Epsom Town Hall,
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8109747494173920271>**

Please find attached the following reports for the meeting of the Licensing (Hearing) Sub-Committee to be held on Tuesday, 17th August, 2021.

1. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: APPENDICES 10/11** (Pages 3 - 6)

Additional information to be considered at the Licensing Hearing to be held on 17 August, including Appendices 10 and 11.

For further information, please contact Democratic Services, democraticservices@epsom-ewell.gov.uk or 01372 732000

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive

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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: **Claudia HUMPHREYS**Age if under 18: (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: **Police Constable**

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:  41538

Date 09/08/2021

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

This statement is in relation to an visit I conducted with licensing officer Jenny BILLIN 16229 on FRIDAY 16TH APRIL 2021.

On this day I was in full uniform, based out of BANSTEAD POLICE STATION under call sign 41538. I was crewed with Jenny BILLIN 16229 as we were conducting licensing checks in EPSOM and EWELL, due to lifting of Covid-19 restrictions.

At roughly 22.30 hrs on this day, we attended MINIATURES on UPPER HIGH STREET, EPSOM. Upon arrival, three males were outside and were extremely intoxicated. Male 1 had been ejected earlier that evening from the premises, but had returned to find his friend. He was extremely intoxicated, as he was slurring his words and unsteady on his feet. The male had blood on his hand, but when asked where this had come from, he would not say. The male was asking for his friends to leave the premises as he had no money to get home. I intervened and spoke to the male, and managed to get him to leave and get a train home. He was slightly aggressive and I would say this was due to him being intoxicated.

Male 2 had been ejected from the premises as he had vomited over himself. He looked unwell, unsteady on his feet and confused. I would say this was due to him drinking excessively in MINIATURES and becoming extremely intoxicated, causing him to be sick.

Male 3 was slightly aggressive and argumentative to male 1. He had just been ejected from MINIATURES. I would say this behaviour was due to him drinking in MINIATURES and becoming intoxicated.

As I am a Police Constable, I would consider myself to have professional witness capacity to identify someone as being intoxicated, and I considered all three males above to be intoxicated at that time.

Following this, Jenny BILLIN has spoken to the door staff to establish what had happened and how the males became so intoxicated.

Signature:

Signature Witnessed by:

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Police Reported Incidents from 01/01/2020 to 10/08/2021

DATE	TIME	TYPE	NARRATIVE
04/06/2021	23:30	LICENSING - AFTER HOURS	Breach of hours - formal final warning letter sent.
30/05/2021	00:48	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	Male reported to be in possession of a knife and causing a disturbance outside of the premises.
26/05/2021	22:19	COVID-19 RELATED INCIDENT	Premises using shisha pipes - under current covid restriction this is not allowed. The PLH is aware of this information around use of pipes. Env. Health were to follow up.
23/05/2021	23:35	ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME - ASSAULT - ABH or less, CRIME - CRIMINAL DAMAGE	Multiple 999 calls of 20 persons fighting/brawling inside venue. On arrival 20-30 people dispersing from venue and across street. Allegations of altercation after door staff have tried to eject people. Numerous chairs and tables smashed inside venue by customers. Door staff seemed particularly ineffective. Chose to eject some suspects, but friendly/exchanging favours/high fiving other nominals and suspects. Appear to be friendly with some guests and unpleasant to some others. Owner seemed bewildered by situation and no parties giving particularly clear accounts to the police. Overall Officers that attended believed there to be very poor control of the venue and police had to step in and ask them to close down & remove everybody so the incident could be dealt with - they tried to continue trading and allow some suspects back in to finish their drinks around smashed furniture. 20-30 people lingered outside venue for significant time after this incident causing ASB to local residents and further minor drunken altercations. Customers all significantly intoxicated inside the venue. One male with dislocated shoulder from brawl required hospital treatment. CCTV timings confirm time of operating.
24/04/2021	23:57	VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PERSON	Group of persons fighting. Door staff cannot manage. Parties separated by police and left towards High Street.
04/12/2020	22:00	COVID-19 RELATED INCIDENT	Email from council - redacted
17/10/2020	21:18	DRINK DRIVE, POSITIVE ACTIONS	Door staff reporting drink driver. Warned mop not to drive. Vehicle left at loc.
22/08/2020	01:45	LICENSING - UNDER AGE, LICENSING - AFTER HOURS	Fight has occurred outside miniatures between 2 females. On speaking to victim and witnesses have stated they were in the bar drinking from around 8pm to 1:30am. Both females are 17 years old and likely were served alcohol. CCTV requested from premises – Taken from Crime Report updates “I, PC Glover, have called manager of Miniatures as request for CCTV was been completed but no footage has been sent through. New request has been sent however he has advised that the camera has been moved and only points to the ceiling. However he contradicts himself by saying there was no fight just shouting match. We know from town CCTV that a physical fight did occur right outside his bar.” CCTV was never sent to the Officer. Due to this there was lack of evidence to secure ID of suspects and fight.
13/08/2020	23:09	COVID-19 RELATED INCIDENT	Anon report. No social distancing in place and persons are on top of each other. Believes that they are selling to u18s. States that they lock the doors. Reported to Trading Standards too.
29/07/2020	01:10	LICENSING - AFTER HOURS	Group of males have still been drinking in the premises past licensing hours. Males are intoxicated and rowdy. These males have then left and gone on to break the glass door at faradays and racially abuse a member of public. IA McFarlane has information that there is no covid regs in place and that the manager was very guarded about the timeline of events and would change timings. CCTV has been requested by the Investigating Officer for the above incident. He believes it will for certain show them serving alcohol beyond their hours. CCTV was not provided. Only stills from rear entrance of 3 males leaving. Street CCTV shows venue allowing people in and out at 01:43.
18/02/2020		LICENSING - OPERATING WITHOUT LICENCE	Potential unlicensed activity. Boxing that would be show past licence hours for premises being advertised on “A-Frame” blackboard. No TEN in place - sale of alcohol. Boxing due 23/02/2020. Due to resourcing undetermined whether event went ahead.

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