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**Our ref:** The Arch – Breach of License

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**Date:** Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> of April 2022

Dear Mr Patel,

Further to our e-mail chains and the visits from myself and other officers to The Arch since the 26<sup>th</sup> of March 2022.

Uniformed officers attended The Arch on 26/03/2022 to conduct a licensing check due to the England V Switzerland friendly football match which was played at Wembley Stadium, with a kick off time of 17.30 hours.

The officers that attended on the 26/03/2022 informed me that the pub was still open with alcohol been served / consumed at 17.00 hours. As you know, your pub like the majority within the Wembley footprint must stop serving alcohol one hour prior to kick off, which would have been 16.30 hours.

Due to this report myself and Sergeant Clarke attended the Arch on 29/03/2022 where the three of us discussed this matter. There you confirmed that you had failed to abide with the conditions of your license on 26/03/2022. So there was no misunderstanding of your conditions you produced a copy of your premises license.

We read out the match day restrictions (section 10) which states *'The premises will close one hour prior to the designated kick off time and not to re-open until 15 minutes after kick off (football only)'*

When we read this out you didn't realise that the venue had to close, but were under the impression that you only had to stop serving / consuming alcohol. It is worrying that you, the DPS were unfamiliar with the conditions of your own premises license.

Due to this I asked you to provide me with CCTV from the 26/03/2022 from 16.30 to 18.00 hours. I received a USB stick via recorded delivery that you confirmed was from yourself. This footage would not play and the recordings showed the 29/03/2022 not the 26/03/2022 that I had asked for.

Due to this myself and Sergeant Clarke attended the Arch on 03/04/2022, which was another match day at Wembley Stadium. During this visit the venue was closed to customers with no alcohol been served, as per your premises license

There you showed me the footage of 26/03/2022 on your CCTV system. This footage showed that the pub was still busy with alcohol been served at 16.30 hours on 26/03/2022. The CCTV also showed that there were customers in your pub at 17.00 hours, with alcohol been consumed. I recorded your CCTV footage on my police issued body cam for evidential purposes.

**Failing to stop serving and closing the venue at 16.30 hours on 26/03/2022 is a clear breach of your premises license.**

**A separate warning letter was sent to you on 06<sup>th</sup> of January 2022 by PC Norton**

**Please treat this e-mail / letter an additional warning letter.**

**If there are any other breaches of your license I will have no option but to consider reviewing your license**

I have attached a copy of your premises license, so you have a digital copy which is dated 17<sup>th</sup> of August 2005. Please let me know if this is a different dated license than the one you have.

Moving forward, our visit on 03/04/2022 showed that the venue was closed with no customers inside one hour before kick-off at 15.00 hours (abiding by your match day restrictions). You state that you will be having a meeting with all your staff and SIA to explain the conditions of your license and the seriousness of this breach.

A special emphasis is put on all licensed premises to abide by their licensing conditions on match days at Wembley Stadium, with officers making licensing checks on these days. But please remind your staff that your licensing conditions apply all year round, regardless whether or not football is been played at our National Stadium.

If you have any questions or need any assistance please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

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