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Your ref: FA Cup Final 2018/EFL  
Championship/League 1 Finals 2018

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Dear Mr. Patel,

Sent via e-mail and post

I am writing this letter in response to two police visits to The Arch, Harrow Road, Wembley, which took place on 19<sup>th</sup> May and 26<sup>th</sup> May 2018. On each of these days there were major football events at Wembley Stadium, namely the FA Cup Final (Chelsea v Manchester United) and the EFL Championship Final (Aston Villa and Fulham).

I was present on both visits in the company of another colleague wearing body worn video. On both occasions, the venue was overcrowded and this clearly presented a concern for public safety. SIA security were present on the entrance and were utilising clicker counters to measure the flow in and out of the venue. On both occasions, the number of customers far exceeded the safe capacity of the premises as set out in your premises licence. For example, when asked how many fans were in when we attended at 1330hrs on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2018, security stated "650". Despite this, they were still allowing people in.

You applied for a TEN to allow licensable activities in the courtyard area, i.e. the sale of alcohol in the courtyard. However, having a TEN granted doesn't preclude the health and safety conditions in your licence, nor does it allow you to "add" to the safe number allowed. The safe capacity on your premises licence is 340 (not including staff). Having a TEN does not mean you can have as many as 499 in total to supersede your existing licensing conditions, nor 499 on top of the 340. When Security were asked how many were allowed in, he said 500. Either way, the premises clearly exceeded capacity.

Within your premises license, the following condition is present.

**Annexe 2- Conditions consistent with the operating schedule, condition 14:**

**The maximum number of persons within the premises shall not exceed 340, not including staff.**

By not complying to this condition you are breaching section 136 Licensing Act 2003, which carries a fine of up to £20,000 and/or up to 6 months imprisonment.

Operating a licensed premises on a major football event day is no easy task and requires a vast amount of responsibility. On this occasion the Police are prepared to give you a written warning for these breaches.

Yours Sincerely,

Gary Norton

**Brent Police Licensing Officer**