

Mr Mark Anthony Counihan
The Field
249 Neasden Lane
NW10 1QG

3rd February 2021

Our Ref: Premise Licence 14861

Dear Mr Counihan,

Licensing Act 2003 - Breach of Premise Licence Conditions
Re: The Field, 249 Neasden Lane NW10 1QG

I am writing to you in relation to the recent complaints we have again received of the above premises opening to customers and carrying out licensable activities during the current government lockdown.

As you are aware there were previous complaints which once investigated were verified to be accurate, as the premises was found to be operating, carrying out licensable activities when in fact it should have been closed. On 12th May 2020, a prohibition notice was served under The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) Regulations 2020. At the time of my visit, I was informed that you were in Ireland due to family matters.

A warning letter was then sent to you on 16th July 2020 in relation to an inspection carried out by Licensing Inspector Esther Chan, which detailed the breaches in licence conditions, during her visit.

On 27th January 2021, I visited the premises to meet with the DPS Camila Mihoc to collect CCTV footage as a result of the most recent complaints. On attending, Ms Mihoc was unable to provide the CCTV footage as the drive had not been recording.

You are reminded that there are 6 conditions relating to CCTV, condition number 1 being ***'CCTV shall be installed to Home Office Guidance standards and maintained in a good working condition and recordings shall be kept for 31 days and shall be made available to police and authorised Officers from Brent Council. This must comply with the Data Protection Act including signage'***. This condition is not limited to when licensable activities are taking place or opening times/closing times. Regardless of whether there is government lockdown, you would

therefore be required to ensure your CCTV is recording for 31 days, which must be made available to officers upon request.

You now have 7 days from the date of this letter to produce evidence that the CCTV hard drive is recording. This will need to include:-

- A receipt to show the drive has been repaired.
- A recording of one hour of your choice showing a date and time since the hard drive was repaired.

Should you a) fail to produce this or b) fail to provide CCTV footage should it be requested again, the premises licence will be reviewed immediately. This is likely to be a request for revocation due to the number of issues to date.

What is also of concern, is that Mr Tim Sheehan should not be involved in the premises, but he attended the premises last year when I and the police carried out an inspection. He alluded to the fact that he still has involvement in the premises when he said he would sue the police if they attempted forced entry. If Mr Sheehan is found to be involved in the premises, this will again be a reason for a review of the premises licence.

I cannot convey enough, the seriousness of these matters and the subsequent consequences that will follow, should you fail to adhere to both government regulations and premises licence conditions.

Further, my colleague Esther Chan asked for a contact telephone number and email address for you, but you have not provided this. In addition, you have not confirmed whether the home address you have provided on the premises licence is still valid. Please email me using the email address at the top of this letter with the details as requested.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Faithfully

Susana Figueiredo
Licensing Enforcement Officer
Regulatory Services

cc: Brent Licensing Police Department
Camelia Viorica Mihoc - DPS
