

Mr. Patrick Joseph Finn

10/03/2023

Our Ref: Application Number 27367

Mr. Finn,

**Supporting Evidence in relation to the application for a Premises Licence under Sect 17 of The Licensing Act 2003 for premises at The Field Public House, 249 Neasden Lane, London, NW10 1QG**

The above-named application is being dealt with by Ms. Esther Chan. On Thursday 09/03/2023 I was present with Ms. Chan when she conducted a telephone call with Mr. Patrick Joseph Finn in relation to this application. A number of questions were asked in relation to Mr. Finn's plans for the premises and his current position in relation to the lease on the premises. Mr. Finn stated that he believed that the lease may still be in the name of the previous leaseholder and that he was not going to sign any lease until the application for a premises licence was granted in his name.

We also discussed what Mr. Tim Sheahan's role would be in the running of the premises following two licensing reviews in 2017 and 2021 when he was involved in the running of the pub.

In 2018 the premises licence was revoked, and a new licence was subsequently granted on the condition that Mr. Tim Sheahan have no involvement but there was evidence at the review hearing in 2021 that he was still actively involved with the pub.

There is recent evidence from the Metropolitan Police that Mr. Sheahan is involved with the premises. A statement has been obtained from PC |Smallwood 2269NW who states that on Tuesday 14/02/2023 at 7.00pm a visit was conducted to The Field Public House, 249 Neasden Lane, London, NW10 1QG as a result of concerns that the premises may be operating without a premises licence. One male found inside the premises initially gave his name as Mr. Joseph Finn of [REDACTED]. But, when further questioned by the police he admitted that he was in fact, Mr. Timothy Oliver Sheahan.

During the phone call to Mr. Finn, we discussed that on the application for the new premises licence he had shown the proposed Designated Premises Supervisor to be Kenneth Guthrie of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] which is the same address Mr. Sheahan had provided to the police on 14/02/2023. It was then put to Mr. Finn that this raised concerns that Mr. Sheahan is still involved in the plans for this premise. Mr. Finn denied this.

The above gives a strong indication that Mr. Sheahan has continued to be involved in the running of this premises and if a new premises licence is granted I believe that any condition to prevent his involvement in the premises would be ignored. The premises would likely to be then operated in a similar manner that it had been in the recent past and would undermine the licensing objectives.

Yours faithfully

John McGann  
Licensing Officer  
Regulatory Service

