

## **Coopers Arms Hearing, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2012**

Additional information regarding the hearing:

The basis of the Police objection is the anomalies in the application whereby the operating schedule is in conflict with the intended licensable activities.

It was discovered by PC 3826 Sutherland that there were "Lock Inns" at the premise and the patrons were permitted to smoke whilst inside. This information was relayed to the licensing department of West Berkshire Council (WBC) who made a visit to the premise which was followed up by a letter. Please see the attached letter from WBC regarding this illegal activity below.

Having looked at the crime figures within the beat code that the premise is located it has emerged that there is a significant amount of crime and disorder which has undermined the Licensing Objectives contained in the Licensing Act 2003. The figures during the period looked at, ten months; there were a total of 1047 reported crimes of which 907 were directly with crime and disorder.

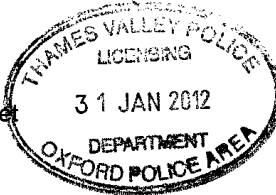
There are clear Police concerns that there will be an increase in the number of incidents of crime and disorder and that public safety would be placed in jeopardy if these levels increase.

*Mike*



27th January 2012

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Dear Mr Reid

**Re: Unauthorised Activity at The Coopers Arms**

I write with reference to a visit I made on the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2012 to The Coopers Arms 39 Bartholomew Street, Newbury. The purpose of the visit was to investigate an allegation forwarded to my office by the police that the premises were being used by yourself to facilitate drinks to customers outside licensed hours, a practice generally known as providing a 'lock in'. It was also alleged that whilst on your premises individuals attending the 'lock in' were permitted to smoke on the premises.

After explaining the allegation to you, you admitted that your premises were being used as a 'lock in' and customers were gaining access through the rear door from the car park.

You were told that this practice must cease immediately as you are acting in contravention of both the Licensing Act 2003, and in respect of the smoking, The Health Act 2006.

I advised you that I would be reporting my findings to the Thames Valley Police. I am also forwarding a copy of this letter to Arkells Brewery Ltd.

Yours sincerely

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Thames Valley Police



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