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Annabelle Partington
Walkabout
42 Cheap Street
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RG14 5BX

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Licensing Act 2003

Premises Licence Number: 014205

Premises: The Walkabout

Premises Address: 42 Cheap Street, Newbury, RG14 5BX

Dear Annie,

On Friday 26th October 2018 I visited your premises for a **Tier 1 Meeting** to ensure that you are complying with the above premises licence. During this visit I was assisted by PC Darryl SOWDEN. Also present was Matt SHIP from Bridgegate Security.

The purpose of Tier 1 Meeting is to allow Thames Valley Police to outline any specific concerns and allow you to put forward a plan to address these concerns.

The concerns that I wished to discuss were;

- 1) A general increase in the number of incidents arising from Walkabout in recent months
- 2) Two specific incidents involving use-of-force by Door Supervisors

I was impressed with the proactive measures that you have already put in place or are actively planning;

- 1) A new head Door Supervisor Tanya FAULDS is now in post
- 2) An increase in DS numbers – up from 5 to 6 as a minimum, 7 at closing time on a Friday, 8 at closing time on a Saturday and up to 10 during particularly busy events.
- 3) Purchase of new Body Worn Video (BWV) that are worn by two DS, and a desire to purchase more units.
- 4) One CCTV camera moved to provide better coverage, and an intention to obtain a further four cameras.
- 5) Repair to the rear gate to prevent unauthorised access through the back – although you are awaiting parts for the door.
- 6) One member of DS will be located at this rear door unless a significant fight is occurring
- 7) A pledge to instigate a random search policy – initially one in five customers will be searched – to deter drug use.

We also discussed what support Thames Valley Police could offer,

- 1) Where possible, during busy evenings Officers will be deployed outside or in close proximity to Walkabout with a view to deescalating incidents involving ejected customers.
- 2) I will chase the Business Improvement District to organise repair and testing of the Town Radio system – you raised a few examples where this system has let you down.
- 3) As discussed, we will be referring the incident involving Scott ALLAN to the SIA for their information and assessment.

I suggest that a further meeting is held in mid-December in order that we can review the actions you have implemented and assess their effectiveness.

I am optimistic that your actions will avoid the need to escalate to a Tier 2 meeting where we will ask you to specifically adopt a change in your licence conditions, or a Review of the premises licence if there is no further improvement.

I would like to thank you for the assistance and I look forward to working with you and your team in the future.

Yours Faithfully

Simon White
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Newbury Neighbourhood Team