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Hawthorne Leisure Community Pubs Ltd
16 Burlington Place
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27th October 2020

Dear Sir/Madam

Licensing Act 2003 – Formal Warning
Premises: The Mariners Rest, Albion Street, Grimsby, DN32 7DN

I write with regards to serious covid compliance concerns at the above premises.

The Licensing Department received a complaint regarding a wake which was recently held at the premises. The complainant stated they had witnessed a number of patrons and staff not wearing face coverings, no table service at the premises, patrons moving freely around the premises and mingling in large groups both inside the premises and outside when smoking and an open finger food buffet.

The above complaint was discussed with Lee Collins at the premises Friday 23rd October 2020 with both Council and Police Licensing. Lee stated there were around 40 patrons in attendance spread across 2 spaces in the premises. Lee was then advised of the restrictions around wakes which he stated he was not aware of. The current guidelines in relation to wakes are as follows: *Wakes or linked ceremonial events (such as stone-settings) before or after the funeral are limited to 15 people and must not take place in private homes. Where food or drink is consumed, this should be in the form of a sit down meal.*

Based on the information received by the complainant, Lee and staff members who attended this meeting, we requested to check the CCTV to either prove or refute the allegations made against The Mariners Rest however, we were informed that there had been a fault with the CCTV and evidence of this specific incident had not been recorded.

As the licence holder it is your responsibility to ensure your premises is Covid Secure and your Designated Premises Supervisor and all other members of staff are aware of what is expected of them to safeguard those using the premises. The premises must enforce the guidelines issued by the Government and those customers who do not wish to adhere to the rules must be removed from the premises as soon as possible. Whilst I understand this comes with its difficulties, there are no exceptions to this and if necessary, the premises must contact Humberside Police on 101 or 999 depending on the severity of an incident.

We recently wrote to you in relation to a similar incident regarding a lack of control and covid compliance at the premises. As we are having to write to you a second time, I must advise you that this is a final warning for the premises. The Covid Secure Guidelines are enforceable by law and new powers are being provided to Local Authorities to take action against premises who are non-compliant. Any further breaches of these guidelines could result in Fixed Penalty Notices, Prosecution or a Review of the Premises Licence. However, due to the serious nature of the breaches identified, the Licensing Authority would seek an immediate closure of the premises and Review of the Premises Licence for the recommended outcome of that Review to be revocation of the licence.

If you wish to discuss the contents of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of the Licensing Enforcement Officer.

Licensing Enforcement Officer