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Att'n Lorraine Neale – Senior Licensing Officer,
Licensing Team,
Maidstone Borough Council,
Maidstone House,
King Street,
Maidstone,
Kent ME15 6JQ

29th June 2016

Dear Ms Neale,

Management of the Premises

I am the tenant and DPS at the Premises. [redacted] is my Assistant Manager and the House Mother. She is a personal licence holder. Additionally I have two bar girls and two girls involved in the promotion of the business. We have door staff one of whom is a female as recommended by the council. She is a really nice person. We are currently looking to recruit another female member of door staff.

Allegation of Drug Use at the Premises

There is no truth in the suggestion that drugs are being used at the premises. The police have confirmed that there is no correlation of crime that they would expect in premises that are involved in drugs. The allegation just does not match up with the facts. I would make the following points:

1. The club has full CCTV coverage and I know the police recently inspected the system,
2. There are 21 points of coverage.
3. Our CCTV has to be kept for a period of a month
4. If there is anyone dealing with drugs this would be caught on CCTV.
5. We attract a diverse range of customers, some of whom I suspect are police officers.
6. If this was going on we have no doubt it would have been seen and reported well before now.
7. We are subject to random inspections by the police and council and if anything of this nature occurred it would have come to light by now.
8. We have a door person that walks the floor.
9. All door staff communicate via walkie talky devices.
10. The girls know they have to report any incidents and no such reports have been made as referred to in these e-mails.

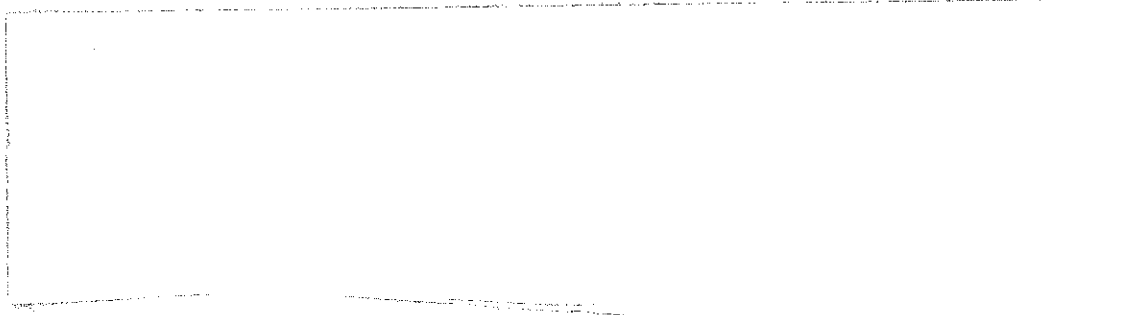
It does not happen. I would not allow my livelihood to be put at risk in this way.

Observance of House Rules

The rules are in place and strictly observed. We know that we can be visited and adherence to the rules can be checked by the Council at any time. The girls are required to notify us of any misconduct by customers and our door team do provide close surveillance to prevent problems arising. Customers know the rules and do not wish to get into trouble. We have a good set up with a supportive network of girls, a good House Mother, door staff who look after us and care for us and a very carefully structured regime.

The Police

spoke to me when the objections were received and I understand that they have no objection to me being the Licence Holder.

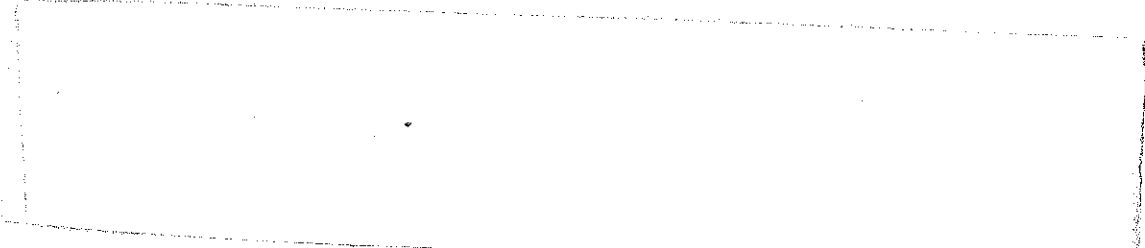


In support of the contention that I am a fit and proper person I make the following points:

1. The police do not raise objection to my suitability,
2. I have no convictions,
3. I was found to be a fit and proper person to hold the licence last year
4. My experience as House Mother, the confidence Admiral Taverns have in me and the fact that I have been DPS at the premises for 2 years clearly show that I have every qualification to run this type of premises,
5. I fully understand the conditions on the licence,
6. I have a track record of compliance
7. I run the premises myself with the assistance of my Management team,
8. Having been a House Mother the performers and their welfare come first
9. There has been no criticism of the manner in which I have run the premises in the past,

Conclusion

I am trying to sort my future out and achieve stability in a business and industry which I understand and can succeed in. We have run the premises without problems since the licence was last renewed. Indeed we are known as premises that do not cause a problem.



I have asked my staff to contact my solicitor independently to clarify and verify our procedures.

Yours faithfully,

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