

LICENSING PANEL (LICENSING ACT 2003 FUNCTIONS) ADDENDUM 2

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Craft Union - Accident/Incident Reporting

✓ Completed

Kings Arms Brighton

14:10 - 18 Jul 2026 by Kings Arms - Brighton

CATEGORY

Crime & Violence - e.g. Altercation, Drugs, Theft

DATE AND TIME OF ACCIDENT/INCIDENT

22:52 - 17/07/2026

PLEASE GIVE A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE EVENT INCLUDING BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER THE ACCIDENT/INCIDENT.

- HOW IT HAPPENED,
- WHO DID WHAT EG: DOOR STAFF, STAFF.
- WERE ANY PEOPLE INVOLVED "KNOWN" TO YOU EG: A REGULAR, BANNED ON PUB WATCH ETC AND HOW THEY ARE KNOWN TO YOU?

We had karaoke being hosted by [REDACTED] (assistant manager) and prior to the incident happening a customer (regular) sang a song (which contained the N-word). A new customer took offence to him saying it on multiple occasions throughout the song. The regular customer looked to be going over to the new customer after his song to apologise but it was unclear for [REDACTED] hear/see what was being said with the noise in the background and the other customers being in [REDACTED] sight of view.

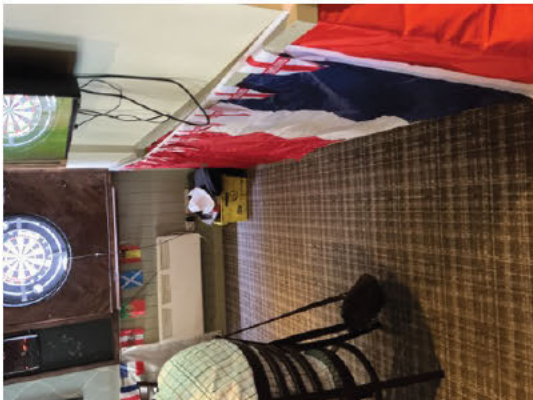
Later on in the night, the new customer then came up and sang a song of his own with his friends coming to dance around him. During the song, he appears to 'flip off' the regular customer while he is singing (22:52.16 as shown on CCTV). The regular customer then does the same thing back (22:52.24 as shown on CCTV). The new customer continues his song and the regular customer gets up and starts walking towards the new customer (22:52.36 as shown on CCTV). The regular customer appears to be trying to have a conversation with the new customer and the new customer puts his hand out as if to say that he did not want to talk with him (22:52.43 as shown on CCTV). The regular customer then punches the new customer in the face (22:52.46 as shown on CCTV). In this moment another regular customer and [REDACTED] escort the regular customer out of the building (22:52.58 as seen on CCTV) and tell him that he needs to leave and has been given a 30 day barring. [REDACTED] then goes back inside the venue to try and talk to the new customer about the situation that has just happened. Gary Wilson (Operator of the Kings Arms) then explains to the new customer that he will also have to leave the premises. He then left with a group of friends and were seen going into the Queens Arms.

WHERE DID THE ACCIDENT/INCIDENT HAPPEN?

Customer Area

UPLOAD IMAGE OF AREA

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WHAT WERE THE WEATHER CONDITIONS AT THE TIME OF THE ACCIDENT / INCIDENT?

Clear

POLICE

DID THE POLICE ATTEND?

No

WHO CALLED THE POLICE?

-

WHERE ANY ARRESTS MADE, IF NOT WHAT ACTION DID THE POLICE TAKE?

-

WHAT IS THE POLICE REFERENCE NUMBER?

-

DOOR STAFF

WERE DOOR SUPERVISORS ON DUTY AT THE TIME OF THE ACCIDENT/INCIDENT?

No

WERE ALL DOOR SUPERVISORS AT THE TIME SIA BADGED?

-

WERE ALL DOOR STAFF BRIEFED ON EXPECTATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES PRE-SHIFT?

-

HOW WAS THE BRIEFING CONDUCTED?

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HAS THE ACCIDENT / INCIDENT BEEN CORRECTLY LOGGED IN THE DOOR STAFF LOG BOOK?

-

UPLOAD PHOTO OF THE DOOR STAFF LOG BOOK ENTRY.

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WAS THE INCIDENT COVERED BY CCTV?

Yes

WHAT IS THE REASON THAT THE INCIDENT WAS NOT COVERED BY CCTV?

-

UPLOAD CCTV FOOTAGE

WAS ANYONE INJURED DURING THE ACCIDENT/INCIDENT?

No

INFORMATION OF INJURED PERSON/S

WHAT TYPE OF INJURY HAS RESULTED FOLLOWING THE INCIDENT? (DESCRIBE THE INJURY , WHICH AREA OF THE BODY ETC)

-

DID THE INJURED PERSON/S GO TO HOSPITAL?

-

PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS OF HOW THE INJURED PERSON GOT TO HOSPITAL

-

WHAT IS THE APPROXIMATE OR KNOWN AGE OF THE INJURED PERSON?

-

WERE EMERGENCY SERVICES CONTACTED IF SO WHICH SERVICE (EXCLUDING POLICE)?

-

WHICH EMERGENCY SERVICE WAS CONTACTED EXCLUDING POLICE?

-

IS THIS PERSON A:

-

INJURED PERSON NAME:

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INJURED PERSON ADDRESS:

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INJURED PERSON PHONE NUMBER:

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INJURED PERSON EMAIL ADDRESS

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IF STAFF, WERE THEY ABLE TO CONTINUE TO WORK? IF NOT, WHERE DID THEY GO?

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IF STAFF, WILL THEY BE OFF WORK MORE THAN 7 DAYS?

-

FIRST AID

WAS FIRST AID GIVEN?

-

WHAT WAS GIVEN AND WHO PROVIDED IT?

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SUBMISSION

FORM COMPLETED BY:(FULL NAME)

LAST UPDATED

14:09 - 18/07/2026

Craft Union - Accident/Incident Reporting

✓ Completed late

 Kings Arms Brighton

12:48 - 18 Apr 2026 by Kings Arms - Brighton 9 hours and 18 minutes late

CATEGORY

Crime & Violence - e.g. Altercation, Drugs, Theft

DATE OF ACCIDENT/INCIDENT

17/04/2026

TIME OF INCIDENT (IN 24-HOUR CLOCK IN MMHH FORMAT, EG: 17:30)

22:55

PLEASE GIVE A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE EVENT INCLUDING BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER THE ACCIDENT/INCIDENT, HOW IT HAPPENED.

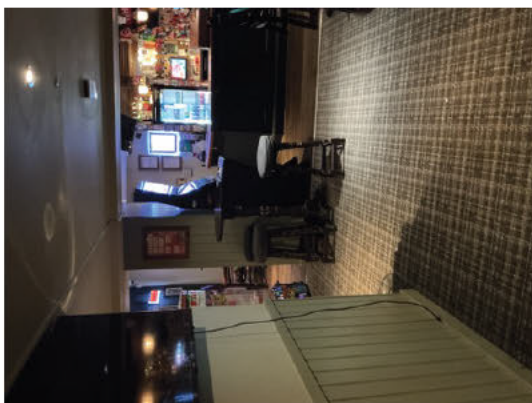
Two customers (not known to the area) were at a table talking and [REDACTED] (Assistant Manager) witnessed them pass a substance from one to another. In the process of that, the substance was then spilled on the floor. Both gentlemen were then asked to leave the premises and to not return. One customer left immediately while the other began to confront [REDACTED] (Assistant Manager). [REDACTED] once again stated that the wanted the customer to leave the premises and the customer purposefully pushes over a drink over the table/floor so is once again asked to leave. At this point the customer begins to threaten [REDACTED] by saying 'I will smash your face in, I have beaten up women before so you are no exception for me' The situation has now become a safety issue for both staff and customers so it was made aware to the customer that he needs to leave immediately. The customer apologised as left the premises.

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WHAT IS THE APPROXIMATE OR KNOWN AGE OF THE INJURED PERSON?

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WERE EMERGENCY SERVICES CONTACTED? (PLEASE STATE YES IF AN INJURED PARTY WENT DIRECT TO HOSPITAL BY ANY MEANS OF TRANSPORT, PROVIDE DETAILS IN DESCRIPTION).

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IS THIS PERSON A:

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INJURED PERSON NAME:

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INJURED PERSON ADDRESS:

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INJURED PERSON PHONE NUMBER:

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INJURED PERSON EMAIL ADDRESS

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POLICE

WERE THE POLICE INVOLVED?

No

WHAT ACTION WAS TAKEN BY THE POLICE?

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WHAT IS THE POLICE REFERENCE NUMBER?

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DOOR STAFF

WERE DOOR SUPERVISORS ON DUTY AT THE TIME OF THE ACCIDENT/INCIDENT?

No

WERE ALL DOOR SUPERVISORS AT THE TIME SIA BADGED?

N/A

WAS IT COVERED BY CCTV?

Yes

SUBMISSION

FORM COMPLETED BY:(FULL NAME)

[REDACTED]

LAST UPDATED

12:48 - 18/04/2026

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 Kings Arms Brighton

13:14 - 18 Apr 2026 by Kings Arms - Brighton 9 hours and 44 minutes late

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Crime & Violence - e.g. Altercation, Drugs, Theft

DATE OF ACCIDENT/INCIDENT

17/04/2026

TIME OF INCIDENT (IN 24-HOUR CLOCK IN MMHH FORMAT, EG: 17:30)

20:45

PLEASE GIVE A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE EVENT INCLUDING BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER THE ACCIDENT/INCIDENT, HOW IT HAPPENED.

Two customers ([REDACTED]) were talking from the bar to a nearby table. The conversation becomes heated with [REDACTED] continuously getting closer to [REDACTED]. Due to this, [REDACTED] punches [REDACTED] in the face and moved away. With this happening, [REDACTED] (assistant manager) steps in to separate the two customers. The main focus was to separate the two customers and hear from them both separately about what has lead to this altercation happening and what the consequences of the incident will be.

[REDACTED] tries to get [REDACTED] outside first to calm down as he is still trying to get to [REDACTED] to talk with. While trying to escort him out he continuously grabs [REDACTED] by the wrists and shoulders to move her out of the way. With help from a friend of [REDACTED] we were able to get him outside. [REDACTED] first spoke to him about the fact he grabbed her and that would not be tolerated in the pub. From this [REDACTED] becomes extremely angry with [REDACTED] and not wanting to talk about any of the altercation that happened inside with [REDACTED]. He tries once again to force his way past [REDACTED] and into the pub but was unable to do so.

A conversation was had separately with both customers and it was decided there be a 30 day barring for both of them.

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Yes

INFORMATION OF INJURED PERSON/S

WHAT TYPE OF INJURY HAS RESULTED FOLLOWING THE INCIDENT? (DESCRIBE THE INJURY , WHICH AREA OF THE BODY ETC)

Redness on left cheek

DID THE INJURED PERSON/S GO TO HOSPITAL?

No

WHAT IS THE APPROXIMATE OR KNOWN AGE OF THE INJURED PERSON?

45

WERE EMERGENCY SERVICES CONTACTED? (PLEASE STATE YES IF AN INJURED PARTY WENT DIRECT TO HOSPITAL BY ANY MEANS OF TRANSPORT, PROVIDE DETAILS IN DESCRIPTION).

No

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No

WERE ALL DOOR SUPERVISORS AT THE TIME SIA BADGED?

N/A

WAS IT COVERED BY CCTV?

Yes

SUBMISSION

FORM COMPLETED BY:(FULL NAME)

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LAST UPDATED

13:14 - 18/04/2026

Guillaume Chipchase

From: Operations <operations@consec-risk.com>
Sent: 26 September 2026 17:01
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Kings Arms incident report

Attention: This email originated from outside Stonegate Group. Please take extra care when opening links or attachments. If in doubt, please contact the IT Service Desk.

Hi [REDACTED]

Callout came through at 22:49, we attended at 22:55. One unit stood down at 23:15 and second unit at 23:50.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 September 2026 16:57
To: Operations <operations@consec-risk.com>
Cc: [REDACTED]@consec-risk.com>; [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Kings Arms incident report

Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for the below, please could you advise what time the call from received and what attendance time was from and until. Please include [REDACTED] in the response.

Thanks
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Regional Security Manager

Mobile: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

From: Operations <operations@consec-risk.com>

Sent: Saturday, September 26, 2026 4:43 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@consec-risk.com](mailto:[REDACTED]@consec-risk.com)>

Subject: Kings Arms incident report

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Good afternoon [REDACTED],

Please see below incident report from yesterday's callout to Kings Arms:

Called for assistance as mass brawl broke out, when both units arrived, front window smashed, glass smashed all over the floor. On arrival Police units were already present with most of them dealing with ICI male on the floor by Queens Arms with severe laceration to his right arm and other cuts on his person. 2x ICI males with smaller cuts to their person were detained by Police at the same time. First male received medical assistance from police and an off-duty paramedic. MSU actively assisted Police with crowd control and with arguments which were occurring outside and inside the venue. Ambulance arrived and took first male to A n E. 1 of the other 2 males was restrained to the floor by police and had knee and ankle. Braces applied as was resisting and kicking out, male was lifted onto a stretcher, and seat belts were fastened over him to prevent him from moving. 2nd male was arrested and taken to custody.

From information we gathered from Police and few people inside, male had an argument with other males who were not in the venue. Argument got heated and male proceeded to smash the window with his bare hand, causing himself life threatening injury. Police shut the venue, collected details of everyone in the venue and with our assistance moved people out of the area.

CAD number for Police reference : [REDACTED] of 25th September 2026

If you have any more questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,
[REDACTED]

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S6 – EF Validated on the licensing objectives of PCD, PS and PPN.

From: REDACTED

Sent: 11 October 2026 18:10

To: EHL Licensing <ehl.licensing@brighton-hove.gov.uk>; **REDACTED**

Cc: REDACTED

Subject: THE KINGS ARMS, 56 GEORGE STREET, BRIGHTON, BN2 1RJ

Dear **REDACTED**

Re: THE KINGS ARMS, 56 GEORGE STREET (KEMPTOWN)

Events have gotten so bad recently that I feel compelled to write this email, but I wish to stay anonymous as I will live in fear of reprisals.

I hope that you don't see this email as just words on a screen to be just filed away.

Those of us **REDACTED** the Kings Arms have endured months of disruption, sleepless nights & living in fear when we have to **REDACTED** in the evening/night. The ongoing disruption has worsened my **REDACTED** and negatively affected my whole family, including **REDACTED**.

As I understand it, a licence is normally granted with conditions that if breached could result in that licence being revoked. The problem with this procedure is that any 'stated conditions' are only effective & adhered to if they are enforced. The government for instance state speed restrictions on all roads with those restrictions enforced by the police. Despite being enforced a large number of speeding offences are still reported so you can imagine that without that enforcement everyone would be ignoring the speed restrictions.

It's the same with a public house licence, what's the point of having operating conditions if they are not policed & enforced. I appreciate that councils, even the police, are restricted by budgets but I would be interested to know what level of policing the council undertakes to ensure licensees are complying with the imposed operating conditions. It would be unfair just to rely on the public reporting issues as they **REDACTED** after reporting.

I only have the following application appendix P, so I assume the same or similar conditions are in place for the current licensee. I'm further assuming the contents are supplied by the licensee.

P Describe any additional steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives as a result of the proposed variation:

a) General – all four licensing objectives (b,c,d,e) (please read guidance note 9)

We intend to employ SIA Door Supervisors through Sassco Security and have installed a CCTV system covering inside and outside the premises. Our staff will be trained to identify potential trouble and inform Sassco Security who will also be providing a response team backup to the Kings Arms at all times.

The content is vague with no detail as to days/times door supervisors will be employed

There are NO door supervisors employed here, SIA or otherwise on any day. It's a free for all in the street outside the pub with drug dealers unrestricted plying there trade.

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

As above
We have CCTV installed in the main areas of the Kings Arms as well as outside the front and back yard.
Our toilets are designed to deter drug use with flat walled cubicles. They will be checked periodically to maintain vigilance.
Our staff will be trained to spot trouble makers and take the necessary steps to stop ongoing problems.

There are CCTV cameras covering the front entrance so these should record any concerns on the pavement outside so evidence is available to be viewed. Whether these are working or used is unknown. This CCTV would only be of benefit if the camera angle is such that it covers the payment & the licensee is prevented, as an operating condition, from deleting footage for a minimum of 30 days. Drug taking, especially the smoking of cannabis, is openly committed outside the pub with the pungent smell of weed being a constant in **REDACTED**

If staff do undertake any training, I would like to know what training is given plus evidence employees have completed training. Whatever does take place is not working as staff do not prevent or intercede when any trouble outside occurs.

c) Public safety

As above

In addition, to limit the number of people in the street smoking we have formed a smoker's yard with access from inside the premises. It has CCTV and its own emergency exit.

We have recently installed a full Fire Safety regime including a new fire alarm system and all new emergency lighting.

The content here does not contain anything that protects non customers. If there is a rear smoking area its not used judging by the number of customers in the street.

d) The prevention of public nuisance

As above

As a team Kings Arms staff and Sassco will monitor people leaving the premises and endeavour to keep noise and public nuisance to a bare minimum.

As above, this doesn't happen.

e) The protection of children from harm

As above

The Kings Arms does not allow children in the trading areas of the premises except those of the management passing through to the living accomodation.

There has been instances of young children left outside while their inebriated parents are in the pub. Apart from the unsuitable environment it's a very narrow pavement between the pub & road.

Other issues.

- The opening hours being operated seems to be 24/7; there are often people drinking at 5am in the morning
- The pub windows are left open all the time allowing the noise to disturb residents. When **REDACTED** 'windows have to be open as part of their health & safety as they didn't have air conditioning'. Apart from being a stupid response **REDACTED** shouldn't suffer from something that is preventable, in other words, install an AC unit.
- During this licensee's tenure the police have attended on several occasions to deal with serious incidents putting their officers at risk & tying up valuable

police resources that could be deployed elsewhere. Trouble like this also puts **REDACTED** at risk.

- Some of their customers appear to be underage which I understand is a criminal offence on its own.
- Cars drive the wrong way up to the pub then reverse back out.
- Real glass glasses are brought out in the street whereas I thought they had to be plastic.
- On one occasion, while the manager, **REDACTED**, was absent, the disturbance was significantly worse. It appeared that a lock-in was taking place, with noise continuing beyond the permitted closing time. Does the licensee not have to be on site during opening hours or a relief licensee present.
- The manager, **REDACTED** is often outside with the customers and doesn't discourage the anti-social behaviour.
- We are sometimes forced to **REDACTED** due to noise, cannabis and cigarette smoke, yet the noise remains intrusive even with the **REDACTED**
- As **REDACTED** we are scared for our safety, **REDACTED** pub goes urinating in the street, **REDACTED** on while talking/shouting, including foul language, literally **REDACTED**
- It's a scary & intimidating to come **REDACTED**

We don't object to a pub **REDACTED**, in fact it would be nice to have a well run communal pub to visit ourselves, but this is not a pub in the real sense, but a venue for criminals to prosper unrestricted with absolutely no respect or consideration for anyone else.

Please do something about this to give us a **REDACTED** we have to endure **REDACTED**, fighting amongst pub customers & even a stabbing. Please don't wait until someone is killed before acting as that person could be **REDACTED**

Kind regards

REDACTED

Statement of Paul Wright

Paul Wright will say as follows:-

1. I am the Licensing Director of the Stonegate Pub Company, which wholly owns the Craft Union Pub Company Ltd (Craft Union), the premises licence holder at The Kings Arms, 56 George Street, Brighton.
2. I make this statement to assist the Licensing Sub Committee with regard to the review application made by Sussex Police.
3. Craft Union operates its pubs in partnership with its publicans. The publican is self-employed and is responsible for the day to day running of the premises and employment of the staff. The company holds the premises licence, and the management agreement requires that the publican operates the premises in accordance with its policies and procedures to ensure that all Craft Union Pubs operate to the same standards. The publican is required to be the DPS as he/she/they are responsible for the day-to-day management of the premises.
4. There are currently 645 Craft Union pubs operating in England and Wales.
5. The company supports its publicans via a pyramidal structure of management to create local pubs operated by local people, but which benefit from having the weight of a large pub company and its experience behind them.
6. The management agreement between Craft Union and the publican can be terminated should the publican fail to operate Craft Union's policies and procedures, operate otherwise than in accordance with the law or do anything that puts the premises licence at risk.
7. Within Brighton & Hove we have 7 premises. 4 of which sit within our Craft Union estate and a further 3 that are managed sites.
8. The Kings Arms has been a public house in the Kemp Town community since 1823, seeing multiple iterations and name changes over nearly 200 years. The premises

has been operated as a Craft Union pub since October 2019. It has had six persons as DPS since 2019, aside two shorter term DPS appointments between September 2025 and February 2026 both of which were holding the premises whilst a permanent DPS could be recruited, the remaining previous DPS appointments were in situ for a minimum of 2 years each. The latest DPS Mr Gary Wilson being appointed in February 2026.

9. In terms of the breach letter received at the same time as the review paperwork, we are taking corrective actions to address these points. We have arranged for our contractors to attend to rectify the CCTV clock and ensure that the noise limiter is fully functional or replaced if necessary. We do maintain a record of refusals via our till system and will ensure that this is easily available. In addition, a physical refusals logbook will be kept at the premises moving forward and on appointment we will work with the new DPS to develop a site-specific risk assessment for Door Supervisors. All of which will be completed prior to any re-opening.
10. Equally we have committed to conduct independent audits of the premises, in addition to our own. These audits are conducted covertly by Serve Legal usually over a period of 8-12 weeks, we then receive a full report which we are happy to share with the Police.
11. Since February 2026 and until the events that led to the review, the only issues we were aware of at these premises related to incidents at the premises in April 2026 & July 2026. Prior to February 2026 we have not had any incidents or concerns about the premises escalated to ourselves as premises licence holders by the Police.
12. In April the Deputy Manager ejected customers on two separate occasions, once for possession of drugs and another for an altercation between two customers resulting in both being barred. In July there was an altercation at the premises between 2 customers as a result of offence taken to song lyrics sung at karaoke, again resulting in both customers being barred. Other than that, there were no complaints/issues escalated to us by the DPS. (see Appendix 1)
13. I am aware of the incident on the 25th September 2026, and on review of the CCTV and in discussion with our Operations teams, it is clear that the level of aggression shown by the individuals involved is not something that we condone in any licensed premises.

14. The premises staff in particular the Deputy Manager did make attempts to remove those involved from the premises with some success, they also called the Police and Ambulance Service and the mobile support unit as per the conditions of the licence, who in turn supported the Police officers on the ground at the time (appendix 2). That said we agree with the police that intoxication was high, that on-site security measures were lacking and that earlier intervention may have prevented matters escalating to the level that they did.
15. I am aware that following the Incident on Friday 25th September that the premises were requested to close for the remainder of the weekend, which we complied with and that they re-opened on the 28th.
16. On receipt of the summary review paperwork on the 29th September, we immediately took the step to close the premises ahead of the summary review hearing, communicating this to both the Council Licensing Officer and the Police.
17. Further, on digestion of the additional matters raised in the Summary Review Papers in relation to intoxication, managerial control, and drugs we have also taken the step to remove the DPS from the premises. Submitting the formal Vary DPS application to specify 'no DPS' on the premises licence on 01/10
18. Aside a brief re-opening on the 28th September the premises has remained closed since 25th September.
19. Sussex Police indicated to us that they were willing to discuss a way forward, and as a result we have been able to have constructive discussions with Sgt Redbourn and Claire Abdelkader on 14th October.
20. On 14th October, we discussed a proposed a list of conditions to be attached to the licence (see Appendix 3), clarified the point the police have raised that the site does not have a Mobile Support Unit (it does) and viewed the BWV footage of Officers searching the male toilets, discovering drugs wraps and a small amount of cannabis as stated in the Police hearing papers.
21. I'm pleased to say that with the addition of a condition for toilet checks every 30 minutes and retention of the existing Mobile Support Unit the list of conditions was agreed to be 'a really good' step.

22. Further we have committed to the Police that should the premises be allowed to re-open we do not intend to do so immediately. Aside the recruitment of a new DPS, we have proposed multiple training elements in our conditions which we will seek to have completed prior to re-opening.

23. Both us and Sussex Police recognise that having the right calibre of DPS in place to prevent future occurrences will be key to the future of the premises, but also that the DPS fully understands not only the internal procedures and expectations & those of the police and support network in place from ourselves and utilises those to their benefit. We will of course liaise with the police regarding any potential candidate for the position.

24. We invite the committee to:

- i. Impose the attached list of conditions on the licence
- ii. Determine that the premises will not reopen until such time as a DPS acceptable to the Police has been appointed and all staff training and breach letter rectification elements can be evidenced.

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