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10th May 2023

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Dear Rachit,

Re Copper Rooms/Cocktail Rooms 12a Regency Square & 76-78 Preston Street

I am writing to you in your capacity as Designated Premises Supervisor and Premises Licence holder for Copper Rooms/Cocktail Rooms.

As you are aware police and council licensing attended the premises at approximately 2355 hrs on Friday 5th May 2023 to conduct a licensing check.

As a result of what occurred during the check I requested CCTV from the premises at 1155 hrs on Tuesday 9th May 2023. I sent an online request via the Sussex Police NICE CCTV system as well as an e-mail to you advising you of the request and to provide CCTV by 1800 hrs that same day. I asked for footage from 2330 hrs till we all left the premises, and also requested the footage from all of your cameras in the premises.

I have received several e-mails where you said you were having issues and requested another online request. I sent this request at 1705 hrs.

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I understand that officers attending for a separate matter collected the CCTV on USB from you yesterday evening.

I have viewed the footage on the USB and the CCTV provided is for the Saturday evening, only covers 2 cameras and contains video files which only show still images. None of this was what I requested despite being giving you 6 hours to provide the footage on a system that you should be able to operate.

As you will know, your licence contains the following condition:-

5. Digital CCTV and appropriate recording equipment to be installed, operated and maintained throughout the RDF (Gray's) bar and covering the entrance following consultation with Sussex Police. CCTV footage will be stored for a minimum of 28 days, and the management will give full and immediate co-operation and technical assistance to the Police in the event of them requesting CCTV footage

The fact that the CCTV requested has not been provided would constitute a breach of this condition.

I remind you that non-compliance with licence permissions and conditions constitutes a breach of the Premises Licence issued under the above legislation. Please ensure that all conditions on the licence are adhered to. It is an offence under the Licensing Act 2003, S136(1) and (4) to carry on unauthorised licensable activities. The legislations states that: -

(1) A person commits an offence if –

- (a) he carries on or attempts to carry on a licensable activity on or from any premises otherwise than under and in accordance with an authorisation, or***
- (b) he knowingly allows a licensable activity to be carried on.***

(4) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to a fine, or to both.

This letter is to be taken as official notification of this breach of the premises licence, which will be kept on record and can be used as evidence in any future enforcement action.

I request that you provide the correct footage as soon as possible, either by responding to the CCTV link which I can see that you have read, or by dropping off another USB stick with the correct footage.

A copy of this letter has also been forwarded to Council licensing who may wish to take their own enforcement action.

If you have any queries about the content of this letter, then please contact Police Licensing at the e-mail at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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