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Date of meeting Thursday, 4th September, 2014
Time 10.00 am
Venue Committee Room 1, Civic Offices, Merrial Street,
Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, ST5 2AG
Contact Julia Cleary

Licensing Sub-Committee

AGENDA

PART 1 – OPEN AGENDA

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Members: Councillors Hambleton, Mrs Williams and Mrs Winfield

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APPLICATION FOR THE REVIEW OF A PREMISE LICENCE UNDER SECTION 51 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003

1. DETAILS OF APPLICATION

PREMISES: Limestone Vaults

LOCATION: Pepper Street, Newcastle under Lyme,
Staffordshire, ST5 1PR

APPLICANT: Staffordshire Police

APPLICATION FOR: Review of the Premise licence on the grounds of the
Prevention of Crime and Disorder and the Protection of
Children from Harm

2. APPLICANT FOR REVIEW

An application for a review of the premise licence has been received from Staffordshire Police concerned with the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm.

3. GROUNDS FOR REVIEW

The premise was the subject of a compliance test operation of Friday 28th February 2014. The result of the operation was that alcohol was sold to a minor. Subsequent enquiries revealed that the member of staff who sold the alcohol had not received the required training.

5. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

a). Licensing Objectives

The Licensing Act 2003 requires the Council to carry out its various licensing functions so as to promote the following four licensing objectives;

- (i) The Prevention of Crime and Disorder
- (ii) Public Safety
- (iii) The Prevention of Public Nuisance
- (iv) The Protection of Children from Harm

b). Policy Statement

The Licensing Act 2003 required the Council to publish a "Statement of Licensing Policy" that set out the policies the Council will generally apply to promote the licensing objectives when making decisions on applications made under the Act.

The Council made a number of policy decisions in its Statement of Licensing Policy. The following policy decisions are relevant to this application;

- The Prevention of Children from Harm – (paragraphs 2.10 – 2.11 and 4.3).
- The Prevention of Crime and Disorder – (paragraphs 2.12 and 4.4).

- (i) National guidance which promotes best practice ensuring consistent application of licensing powers and promotes fairness and equal treatment and proportionality came into force in June 2014.

- The Review Process – (paragraph 11.1 to 11.28).

Copies of the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and the Government's Statutory Guidance will be available at the Sub-Committee meeting.

6. COMMENTS

In making their decision on the application, the Sub-Committee are obliged to have regard to the Statutory Guidance and the Council's own Statement of Licensing Policy. The Sub-Committee must also have regard to all the representations made and the evidence they hear. However the Sub-Committee must disregard any representations that do not relate to the promotion of the four licensing objectives.

The Sub-Committee may, where it considers that action under its statutory powers is appropriate, take any of the following steps for the promotion of the licensing objectives as set out in paragraph 5 (a) above:-

- (a) to modify the conditions of the licence;
- (b) to exclude a licensable activity from the scope of the licence;
- (c) to remove the designated premises supervisor;
- (d) to suspend the licence for a period not exceeding three months;
- (e) to revoke the licence.

and for this purpose the conditions of the licence are modified if any of them is altered or omitted or any new condition is added.

The Sub-Committee are asked to note that they may not modify the conditions or take any other steps the merely because they consider it desirable to do so. Any action taken it must actually be appropriate in order to promote the licensing objectives

Date of hearing: THURSDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2014

Agenda Item 2

Application for the review of a premises licence or club premises certificate under the Licensing Act 2003

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form.
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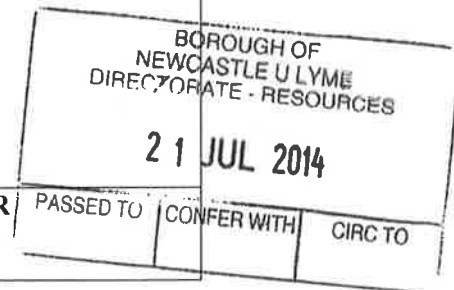
I SGT 4037 DAVID WRIGHT

(Insert name of applicant)

apply for the review of a premises licence under section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below

Part 1 – Premises or club premises details

Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description LYMESTONE VAULTS PEPPER STREET	
Post town NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME	Post code (if known) ST5 1PR
Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known) LYMESTONE BREWERY LTD	
Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known) 3451 PL0383	



Part 2 - Applicant details

I am

Please tick ✓ yes

1) an individual, body or business which is not a responsible authority (please read guidance note 1, and complete (A) or (B) below)

2) a responsible authority (please complete (C) below)

✓

3) a member of the club to which this application relates (please complete (A) below)

(A) DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT (fill in as applicable)

Please tick ✓ yes

Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other title
(for example, Rev)

Surname

First names

I am 18 years old or over

Please tick ✓ yes

Current postal address if different from premises address

Post town

Post Code

Daytime contact telephone number

E-mail address (optional)

(B) DETAILS OF OTHER APPLICANT

Name and address
Telephone number (if any)
E-mail address (optional)

(C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY APPLICANT

Name and address SGT 4037 DAVID WRIGHT NORTHERN LICENSING UNIT STOKE POLICE STATION BOOTHEN ROAD STOKE-ON-TRENT STAFFORDSHIRE ST4 4AH
Telephone number (if any) 01785 232840
E-mail address (optional) david.wright@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk

This application to review relates to the following licensing objective(s)

- Please tick one or more boxes ✓
- | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1) the prevention of crime and disorder | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2) public safety | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3) the prevention of public nuisance | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4) the protection of children from harm | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Please state the ground(s) for review (please read guidance note 2)

The Premise has been the subject of a compliance test operation on Friday 28th February 2014, where a young person was sent into the premise to see if they could purchase alcohol. Alcoholic drinks were sold by a member of staff at the premise to a volunteer aged 16 years old.

The resulting criminal enquiry revealed that the person who sold the alcohol had not received training at this premises, in relation to the sale to alcohol to persons under the age of 18. The seller has received a Police Caution.

The Police believe that in light of this the Premises Licence Holder and Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) have failed in their obligation in relation to the promotion of the licensing objectives in the areas of Prevention of Crime and Disorder and the Protection of Children from Harm. We believe a Review of the Premises Licence is necessary in the circumstances.

Please provide as much information as possible to support the application (please read guidance note 3)

Attached to this Review document are a number of sections which contain information upon which the Police will seek to use as part of their evidence in relation to this Review application. The sections are detailed as follows:-

Section 1 contains statements from Police Officers detailing the sale of alcohol to the test purchase volunteers at the licensed premises on Friday 28th February 2014.

Section 2 contains the record of interview with the person who made the sale of alcohol to the juvenile volunteer on Friday 28th February 2014.

Section 3 contains statements of officers who carried out follow up visits to the premise to check if licence conditions were being adhered to.

Section 4 contains statements from the Licensing officer and Police Officer detailing the sale of alcohol to the test purchase volunteers at the licensed premises on Friday 6th December 2013.

Section 5 contains the record of interview with the person who made the sale of alcohol to the juvenile volunteer on 6th December 2013 and training records relating to the member of staff.

Section 6 contains a copy of the minor variation submitted to the local authority following the underage sale of alcohol on 6th December 2013.

Section 7 contains the action plan received on Friday 2nd May 2014 which was formulated by the premise following the second sale of alcohol to a juvenile.

Section 8 contains a copy of the closure notice issued to the venue under section 169 Licensing act 2003 for persistent selling of alcohol to juveniles.

Chronologies of the issues encountered at the venue are as follows:-

On Friday 6th December 2013, Police Officers and Trading Standards Officers carried out a compliance test purchase operation in Newcastle town centre to see if venues would sell alcohol to an underage volunteer.

The volunteer who took part in this operation was 15 years old. The volunteer was chosen because in view of the Police Officers participating in the exercise they have the typical appearance of a child of their age.

The volunteer did not look 18 years old and this can be corroborated significantly by the fact that on the day eighteen premises were visited during the operation and only eight sold to the volunteer.

The fact that ten premises refused to sell gives a clear indication that the volunteer did look their age.

The volunteer entered the premises and purchased alcohol, the seller did not ask the volunteer for any identification to verify their age during the transaction.

The member of staff who sold the alcoholic drink to the 15 year old volunteer was interviewed by the Police following the sale and stated to the officers that he had

been trained the previous week in relation to Challenge 25. The person making the sale on this occasion has been issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice for the offence. Subsequent Police enquiries revealed that the person making the sale had received training in underage sales the previous week, however it appears that he failed the test.

On Monday 8th January 2014 a meeting was held at Stoke Police Station with the Premises Licence Holder and the Designated Premises Supervisor, in relation to the failed compliance test on the 6th December 2013. During the meeting a number of additional conditions which the Police requested to be added to the Premises Licence were discussed. Following this meeting a Minor Variation application was submitted on the 28th January 2014 to incorporate the requested conditions onto the Premises Licence.

On Friday 28th February 2014 Police Officers carried out a compliance test purchase operation in Newcastle town centre to see if venues would sell alcohol to an underage volunteer.

The volunteer who took part in the operation was 16 years old. The volunteer was chosen because in view of the Police Officers participating in the exercise they have the typical appearance of a child of their age.

The volunteer did not look 18 years old and this can be corroborated significantly by the fact that on the day seventeen premises were visited during the operation and only six sold to the volunteer.

The fact that eleven premises refused to sell gives a clear indication that the volunteer did look their age.

At approximately 23:25 hours on Friday 28th February 2014 the volunteer entered the premises with a plain clothed Police Officer and purchased alcohol drinks from the bar, the person making the sale did not ask the volunteer for any identification to verify their age during the transaction.

The member of staff who sold the alcoholic drink to the 16 year old volunteer was interviewed by the Police following the sale and during the interview stated that he had not been trained in relation to under age sales of alcohol for two years. The person who made the sale has subsequently been issued with a Police caution for the offence.

The fact that the person making the sale of alcohol on this occasion had not been trained for two years meant that the premise was operating in contravention of the conditions which were attached to the Premises Licence.

As a result of identifying the breach of conditions relating to staff training, on Tuesday 4th March 2014 at 21:35 hours Police Officers attended the premises to conduct a Premises Licence compliance visit. The Manager who was on duty was unable to produce training records as they were locked away and only the DPS had access to them. This again highlights further non-compliance with the conditions attached to the Premises Licence.

On Thursday 6th March 2014 a Closure Notice issued under Section 169A(2) of the Licensing Act 2003, for persistently selling alcohol to children, was served at the premises.

This notice related to the unlawful sale of alcohol made to a person under 18 on the

6th December 2013 and the 28th February 2014.

The period of closure during which sales of alcohol by retail were prohibited was 17:00 hours on the 26th March 2014 to 17:00 hours on the 29th March 2014.

On Friday 4th April 2014 Police Officers attended the premises to conduct a Premises Licence compliance visit. On this occasion officers discovered that there were two areas of the Premises Licence that were not being adhered to. One of these areas related to daily checks of the CCTV system and recording the checks made in a register. No record of any checks was available to the officers and the manager on duty at the time told officers that although the checks are made they are not recorded.

The second area where the Premises Licence was not being complied with was in relation to the records of staff training for Challenge 25. The staff on duty could not provide to the officers fully updated records of Challenge 25 training for the staff on duty at the time.

On Thursday 1st May 2014 the Designated Premises Supervisor was interviewed regarding breaches of the conditions on the Premises Licence contrary to Section 136 (1) Licensing Act 2003 and was cautioned for the offence.

On Friday 2nd May 2014 an email was received from the Premises Licence Holder with an action plan formulated by the premises following the second failed compliance test.

The Police believe that in light of the issues presented and the failures to adhere to the Premises Licence, both the DPS and Premises Licence Holder have failed in their responsibilities to promote the licensing objectives and we respectfully request that the Licensing Sub-Committee give serious consideration to the following:-

The removal of the current Designated Premises Supervisor.

And the inclusion of the following condition onto the Premises Licence:-

The premise will utilise ID scan equipment. The device must meet the approval of Staffordshire Police Licensing Unit and will be in use from 20:00 hours on a Friday and Saturday night when licensable activity takes place and all persons under 30 years of age entering the venue will be subject to the use of the device each time they attempt to purchase alcohol from the premise.

We believe that serious consideration needs to be given by the Licensing Sub-Committee with a view to imposing the new condition on the Premises Licence which we believe is appropriate and proportionate to deal with the issue of sale of alcohol to persons under the age of 18 which have taken place at the venue.

Should the actions requested be implemented fully, Staffordshire Police believe that the licensing objectives relative to prevention of crime and disorder and protection of children from harm are likely to be met.

The Police would also respectfully request that the Licensing Sub-Committee take note of the Section 182 Guidance issued in respect of the Licensing Act 2003 at paragraph 11.27, where it indicates that the sale of alcohol to minors is to be treated as particularly serious and in light of this we ask that the premises be advised by the Committee that a further appearance before them could give rise to revocation of the Premises Licence.

Please tick ✓ yes

Have you made an application for review relating to the premises before

If yes please state the date of that application

Day Month Year

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If you have made representations before relating to the premises please state what they were and when you made them

Please tick ✓ yes

- I have sent copies of this form and enclosures to the responsible authorities and the premises licence holder or club holding the club premises certificate, as appropriate ✓
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected ✓

IT IS AN OFFENCE, LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE UP TO LEVEL 5 ON THE STANDARD SCALE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION

Part 3 – Signatures (please read guidance note 4)

Signature of applicant or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent (please read guidance note 5). **If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.**

Signature  SCOT 4037

Date 17th JULY 2014

Capacity **NORTHERN LICENSING MANAGER**

Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 6)	
Post town	Post Code
Telephone number (if any)	
If you would prefer us to correspond with you using an e-mail address your e-mail address (optional)	

Notes for Guidance

1. A responsible authority includes the local police, fire and rescue authority and other statutory bodies which exercise specific functions in the local area.
2. The ground(s) for review must be based on one of the licensing objectives.
3. Please list any additional information or details for example dates of problems which are included in the grounds for review if available.
4. The application form must be signed.
5. An applicant's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
6. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.

SECTION 1

Witness Statement

(CJ Act 1967, s9: MC Act 1980, ss5A(3)(a) and 5B, MC Rules 1981, r70)

Statement of Graeme Robert Owen Title PC

Age if under 18 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18'). Occupation POLICE OFFICER

This statement (consisting of 1 pages each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I made it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 17th June 2014

Signature

I am a police Constable with Staffordshire Police currently stationed at Stoke police station. I am currently serving as a Divisional Licensing Officer with responsibility for on and off licence premises across the North of Staffordshire.

On Friday 28th February 2014 I had the responsibility for being the exhibits officer for an operation relating to the enforcement of the Licensing act 2003 specifically in relation to under age sales of alcohol to children. One juvenile volunteer named _____ aged 16 years was used in this operation along with plain clothes police officers, Licensing Officers and an officer from Trading Standards

At approximately 1800 hours on that date all staff met at Stoke Police station

At about 1940 we gave a briefing to the Staff and volunteers at Stoke Police Station which I video recorded and I then sealed. I now produce this tape as evidence exhibit () ref GRO 5

At about 2025 hrs on that same date the operation commenced

At about 2324 hrs that day I asked _____ to enter the LYMESTONE VAULTS situated on Pepper Street Newcastle and purchase alcohol. _____ entered the premise followed by Sc Charlene Taylor

After a few minutes _____ returned and I was subsequently seized 2 bottles of Heart of Stone Beer which I now produce as evidence exhibit no () ref GRO 11

During the course of the operation a total of 21 premise were visited and 6 premise sold to the volunteers however 15 refused to sell to the volunteers

Upon returning to Stoke Police Station I took possession of all exhibits and booked all these items into the secure property store ref 720825

Signature

Signature witnessed by

WITNESS STATEMENT

CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3) (a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.1

URN 21

Statement of: Charlene Taylor

Age Over 18

Occupation Special Constable

This statement (consisting of 1 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature Date: 01/03/14

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

I am a Special Constable 20782 based at BURSELM Police Station of Staffordshire Police.

On Friday the 28/02/14 I was on Operation Sangria 2 of 2014 this was an operation relating to the enforcement of the Licensing act 2003 specifically in relation to under age sales of alcohol to children. One juvenile volunteer was used in this operation along with other plain clothes police officers.

At approximately 20:25hrs on the same day the operation commenced.

At approximately 23:25, I entered the LYMESTONE VAULTS on PEPPER ST NEWCASTLE UNDER LYME, Staffordshire with one juvenile volunteer.

We walked through the main door and turned left into the bar. Myself and the volunteer walked up to the bar. The volunteer asked a male behind the bar, who I now know to be

DOB , for a pint of stone cutter and a pint of heart of stone.

turned to the pumps and pulled the requested drinks from draught.

The volunteer handed a £20 note. took the note and put it into the till.

handed the volunteer the requested drinks and the change from the purchase.

did not ask the volunteer for any ID during the transaction.

The volunteer exited the premise and I identified myself as a police officer.

I waited in the premise with until SC 22181 EDWARDS entered the premise. I identified to SC EDWARDS.

At 23:45 I commenced a contemporaneous interview with which concluded at 00:05 01/03/2014, I now produce this as evidence exhibit CT2 ref. ()

was not able to retrieve the training records but stated that they should be available at manager's request.

I then exited the premise.

Signature:

Signature Witnessed by:

WITNESS STATEMENT

CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3) (a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.1

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Statement of: **SC22181 Edwards**

Age **Over 18**

Occupation

Special Constable

This statement (consisting of 1 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature Date: 01/03/14

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

I am a Special Constable based with the Northern Licensing Unit of Staffordshire Police.

On Friday the 28th February 2014 I was on Operation Sangria 2 of 2014 this was an operation relating to the enforcement of the Licensing act 2003 specifically in relation to under age sales of alcohol to children. One juvenile volunteer was used in this operation along with other plain clothes police officers.

At approximately 20:25hrs on the same day the operation commenced.

At approximately 23:25hours, I entered the LYMESTONE VAULTS on Pepper Street, NUL, Staffordshire to join SC 20782 Charlene TAYLOR who had just conducted a test purchase.

I walked in through the main door to join SC TAYLOR who was standing at the bar with the drinks purchased by the juvenile volunteer. These were put into bottles as they were currently in pint glasses.

After this, myself and SC TAYLOR proceeded into the kitchen behind the bar to conduct the interview who I now know to be a member of staff named .

At 23:45hrs I sat in and observed the contemporaneous interview conducted by SC TAYLOR which concluded at 00:05hrs that day.

SC TAYLOR requested the training records, however these were unaccounted for by the member of staff.

Myself and SC TAYLOR then exited the premise.

Signature: Signature Witnessed by:

SECTION 2

Test Purchase Op Checklist

This form to be completed by the interviewing officer prior to the enquiry being accepted back by the exhibits officer

Form Completed by Cherene Taylor : 20782.

- Is CCTV readily available and has it been seized if not record why.

yes, not available right now.

- Are training records readily available at the premise and have they been seized. If not person in charge of premise to sign here to that affect

NO.

- Who was in charge of premises? Pete (do not

know surname).

- Was the seller the DPS or personal licence holder?

NO.

- Where was the DPS or PLH at the time of the sale

yes.

- How many staff on duty at time of visit

3

- Ask the interviewee if they can be interviewed in a private area for privacy or are they happy to be interviewed in the shop area, or do they wish to close the shop for a short while to allow the interview to take place

yes

- Any other information of note

NO

Voluntary Interview

You do not have to remain at the place of the interview (police station or elsewhere) you are free to leave at any time unless the police officer informs you that you are under arrest. However, if the interview takes place at premises at which the officer requires your informed consent to remain, e.g. your house you may withdraw your consent and ask the officer to leave.

You are entitled to free legal advice

- A solicitor can help and advise you about the law.
- If you want a solicitor, tell the police officer. The police will help you contact one.
- The police must let you talk to a solicitor if you want to.
- If you do not know of a solicitor in the area or you cannot get in touch with your own solicitor, you can speak to the duty solicitor.
- To arrange your legal advice the police will contact the Defence Solicitor Call Centre (DSCC). They will arrange for legal advice to be given either from a solicitor you have asked for or from the Duty Solicitor.
- The Duty Solicitor scheme is an independent service which arranges free legal advice and has nothing to do with the police.
- You are entitled to a private consultation with your solicitor either on the telephone or where you are being interviewed. The method is for the solicitor to decide which is best.
- Usually, the police are not allowed to ask you questions until you have had the chance to talk to a solicitor.
- If you spoke with the solicitor via the telephone and you need to talk to them again, ask the police to contact them.
- If you initially did not want to speak to a solicitor but you change your mind, tell the police officer. The police will then help you contact a solicitor.

People who need extra help

- If you are under 17, or you have learning disabilities or an issue relating to mental ill-health, then you should have someone with you when the police interview you. This person is called your 'appropriate adult'.
- Your appropriate adult is there to help you and to make sure you understand what is happening and why.
- You can speak to your solicitor without your appropriate adult in the room if you want to.

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Contemporaneous Notes SELLER ON LICENCE

Person interviewed:

Place of interview:

Home Address:

Telephone number: Record Overleaf

Date of interview:

Time commenced:

Interviewing Officer(s):

Other persons present:

Police Exhibit No: CT2
Number of pages: 11
Signature of interviewing officer producing Exhibit

DOB

Time concluded: 23.05

28/2/14

23.45

Sc Taylor 20782

Sc Edwards 22181

Tape Counter Time	Person Speaking	Text
0000		CAUTION (All cases).
	Q	I wish to ask you some questions, but before I do I must caution you that you do not have to say anything, but it may harm your defence if you do not mention when questioned, something which you later rely on in court. Anything you do say may be given in evidence
	R	OK
		Interviewee to sign:
		*NON-POLICE PREMISES ONLY (Delete Section & initial if not appropriate).
	Q	I must also tell you that you are not under arrest and you are free to terminate this interview at any time. In addition, you are entitled to obtain independent legal advice either now or at any time during the interview. Do you understand?
	R	yes
		Interviewee to sign;
	Q	Do you wish to exercise any of these rights?

Signature(s):

(Contemporaneous notes only)

Four empty rectangular boxes for recording information.

Continuation Sheet No ...2....


Person interviewed.....

Tape Counter Time	Person Speaking	Text
	R	Interviewee to sign:
		* POLICE PREMISES ONLY (Delete & initial if not appropriate).
	Q	I must tell you also that you are not under arrest and not obliged to remain at the police station. You are entitled to obtain free and independent legal advice either now or at any time during the interview. The interview can be delayed for you to obtain legal advice if you wish. Do you wish to exercise any of these rights?
	R	<i>CA</i>
		Interviewee to sign.
	Q	You may, if you wish, speak to a solicitor on the telephone. Do you wish to do this?
	R	<i>NO .</i>
		Interviewee to sign:
	Q	What are your reasons for not wanting legal advice?
	R	<i>Don't know .</i>
		Interviewee to sign:
	Q	Are you an employee and what is your role?
	R	<i>Bar Assistant at weekends and also employee at Brewery .</i>
	Q	If not, what is your position within the Company?
		<i>NIA</i>

Signature(s):
(Contemporaneous notes only)

Continuation Sheet No ...3....

Person interviewed.....

Tape Counter Time	Person Speaking	Text
	R	10 hrs at weekend. 7 hrs in the week.
	Q	How many hours a week do you work?
	R	
	Q	How long have you worked here?
	R	1 week.
	Q	Have you worked selling alcohol before?
	R	Yes, the lounge in Stone. The New Broom in Cheadle.
	Q	Police officers and Trading Standards Officers entered this premises with young persons who are16.....years of age. They purchased2 pints of heart of Stone / Stone cutter. You have been identified as being the seller from these premises. I am now showing you Exhibit NumberGro!!!..... Do you recall selling this item?
	R	Yes.
	Q	Can you please tell me what the product is?
	R	1 heart of Stone - Pint Stone Cutter - Pint.
	Q	Looking at this item I believe it to be an alcoholic drink. Do you agree?

Signature(s):

(Contemporaneous notes only)

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Continuation Sheet No ...4....

Person interviewed.....

Tape Counter Time	Person Speaking	Text
	R	Yes.
	Q	Do you remember the person who purchased this item.
	R	yes .
	Q	I am now showing you a photograph of the person who purchased the product (Exhibit ...Geo3...). Can you confirm it is the same person you thought purchased it?
	R	Yes .
	Q	At the time you sold the item to that person, how old did you think they were?
	R	over 25 .
	Q	Did you consider asking for any proof of age identification from this person?
	R	No .
	Q	The police officers and the Trading Standards Officers who accompanied the volunteer purchaser witnessed the fact that you did not ask the person their age or ask for identification. Why was this?
	R	She looked over 25 .
	Q	What sort of premises is this and what does it sell?
	R	local traditional pub that sells real ale .

Signature(s):
(Contemporaneous notes only)

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Continuation Sheet No ...5....

Person interviewed.....

Tape Counter Time	Person Speaking	Text
	Q	What is the age that a person can legally purchase alcohol in licensed premises?
	R	over 18 .
	Q	Are you aware that it is an offence to sell intoxicating liquor to a person under the age of eighteen?
	R	yes .
	Q	What training have you had in respect of selling alcohol and the age limits at which persons can buy it?
	R	in pub training .
	Q	When did you last receive any training in underage sales?
	R	2 years ago .
	Q	Who provided the last training you had?
	R	Can't remember .
	Q	How was your training delivered, was it in person or were you given a book to read yourself?
	R	both . member of bar staff trained , then I read booklet at home .

Signature(s):
(Contemporaneous notes only)

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Continuation Sheet No ...6....

Person interviewed.....

Tape Counter Time	Person Speaking	Text
	Q	Was it explained to you how to deal with underage sales, what to look for and what to ask for?
	R	yes.
	Q	If you have undertaken training, was it a "Challenge 21/" "Knock Back" or a Company Scheme?
	R	Company Scheme.
	Q	What age was it suggested that someone should be to buy alcohol without having to show ID.
	R	21.
	Q	If they are supposed to be 21 years old the volunteers don't look that old and you state that they appeared to be25..... years old, why did you not consider asking for ID in line with your training?
	R	I thought they were over 25.
	Q	Do you have any documentary proof of the training you have received?
	R	Not sure.
	Q	Produce records of training to interviewee and ask...

Signature(s):
(Contemporaneous notes only)

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Continuation Sheet No ...7....

Person interviewed.....

Tape Counter Time	Person Speaking	Text
	R	Did you receive the training that is shown here? N/A
	Q	Are the signatures on these training records your signatures?
	R	N/A.
	Q	Do you agree that by signing these documents you are accepting that you have received the training that the document relates to?
	R	N/A.
	Q	Are you aware of any signs regarding age restrictions for alcohol sales being displayed in the premises?
	R	Yes.
	Q	Do you have a refusals register?
	R	yes.
	Q	When was the last time you made an entry in this register?
	R	last week ^{of} valentines weekend. 14th / 15th Feb '14.
	Q	Who is the Designated Premises Supervisor of the premises?

Pete. (do not know surname)

Signature(s):
(Contemporaneous notes only)

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Person interviewed.....

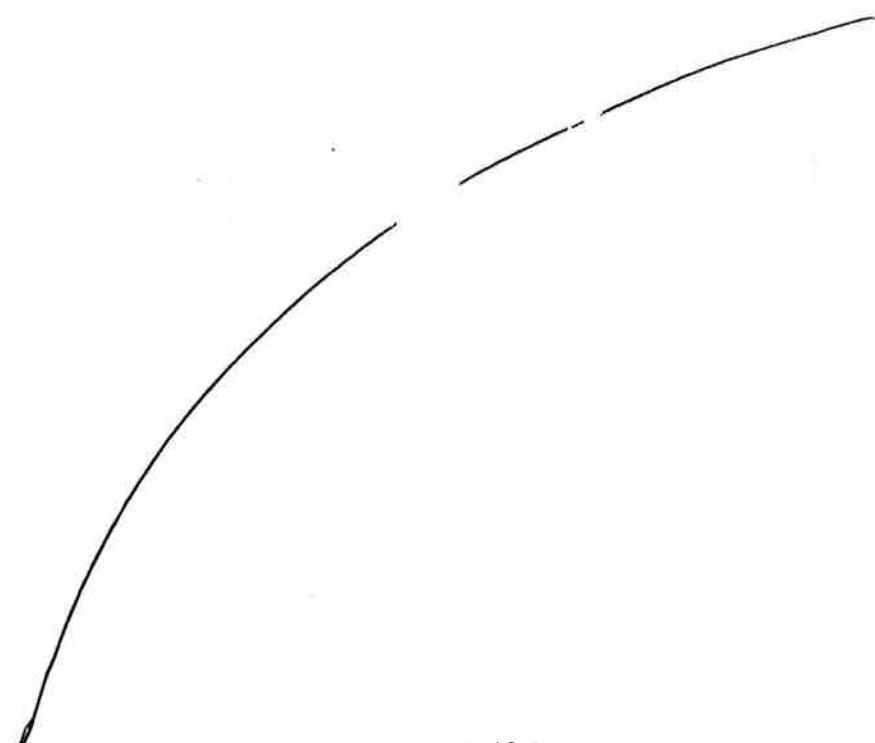
Tape Counter Time	Person Speaking	Text
	R	
	Q	How often do you see the Designated Premises Supervisor at the premises?
	R	Every time I come to work .
	Q	Where was the Designated Premises Supervisor at the time of the sale?
	R	Bar area .
	Q	The drink that was purchased by the underage person, how much does that cost?
	R	£2.90 .
	Q	At the time the volunteers were in the premises how many other customers were in the premises?
	R	about 80 .
	Q	How many members of staff were working at the time?
	R	3 .
<p>ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS SHOULD BE RECORDED HERE. IF THERE ARE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS THEN STRIKE OUT THE BLANK SPACE AND GO TO LAST COMMENT.</p>		

Signature(s):
(Contemporaneous notes only)

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Continuation Sheet No ...9....

Person interviewed.....

Tape Counter Time	Person Speaking	Text
		
	Q	Is there anything you wish to add or clarify?
	R	NO
		DO NOT REPORT FOR SUMMONS IF ALL ENQUIRIES NOT COMPLETE!!
	Q	You will be reported for the offence of selling alcohol to a person under the age of

Signature(s):

(Contemporaneous notes only)

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Continuation Sheet No ...10...

Person interviewed.....

Tape Counter Time	Person Speaking	Text
	R	<p>eighteen and any other offences disclosed. You do not have to say anything, but it may harm your defence if you do not mention when questioned, something which you later rely on in court. Anything you do say may be given in evidence. Do you understand?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>yes .</i></p> <p>I have read this interview and confirm that it is a true and accurate account of the interview.</p> <p>Signature of interviewee.</p>

Signature(s).
(Contemporaneous notes only)

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Continuation Sheet No ...11...

Person interviewed.....

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SECTION 3

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

URN 21

Statement of: Gareth James Ewart

Age Over 18

Occupation

Special Constable

This statement (consisting of 1 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature Date:

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded [] (supply witness details on rear)

I am a Special Constable currently serving with the Northern Licensing Unit of Staffordshire Police.

On Tuesday 04th March 2014 I was on duty in uniform with SC 17224 Fegan conducting licensing tasks throughout the north of the county.

At approximately 21:35hrs on the same day we attended Limestone Vaults, Pepper Street, Newcastle-under-Lyme in order to carry out a full licence compliance check.

There were people inside the premise and I saw two members of staff behind the bar. SC Fegan spoke to a male behind the bar, who stated that he was the manager for the evening. Utilising a copy of the premise licence, myself and SC Fegan checked that the premise was complying with the conditions of the licence.

We found that the following conditions regarding Challenge 25 and staff training were not being adhered to: 'All staff are to be fully trained in its use before being allowed to sell alcohol. All staff training to be refreshed every two calendar months and a written record of the training to be kept.

Premise supervisor should ensure that a record is kept of all staff training and is fully updated at all times. The records of training must be kept at the licensed premise and be made available immediately to police officers or trading standards officers upon request.'

No training records could be provided at the time of our visit as they were in a locked drawer to which another manager held the key, which despite a phone call to the key holder, could not be provided that night.

The venue was complying with all other aspects of the licence conditions and as such we then exited the premise.

Signature:

Signature Witnessed by:

RESTRICTED (when complete)

WITNESS STATEMENT
(CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3)(a) and 5B; MC Rules 1981, r.70)

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Statement of: Amy Fegan

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: SC17224

This statement (consisting of 1 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I made it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature: _____ Date: 04/03/2014

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

I am the above named person and I am currently undertaking the role of Special Constable for the Northern Area Licensing Unit based a Stoke police station.

On Tuesday 04th March 2014 I was on duty in full uniform conducting licensing checks with my colleague SC16924 EWART.

At approximately 21:35hrs we attended Limestone Vaults, Pepper street, Newcastle-under-Lyme to conduct a full licence compliance check of the premise.

There were people in the premise however it was not busy and I could hear low level background music.

I spoke to a male member of staff who was behind the bar. He presented himself as the manager for that shift.

My colleague and I conducted the checks with the venues current licence. The DPS was not present at the time of the visit and the male staff member accompanied us around the venue.

We found that the venue was in breach of challenge 25 Conditions on the premise licence:

"All staff are to be fully trained in its use before being allowed to sell alcohol. All staff training to be refreshed every 2 calendar months and a written record of the training to be kept."

Premises Supervisor should ensure that a record is kept of all staff training and is fully updated at all times. The records of training must be kept at the licensed premises and be made available immediately to police officers or trading standards officers upon request."

No training records could be provided at the time of the visit as they were locked in a drawer to which another manager held the key. I made the manager aware that it was a condition on the licence to keep all written training records at the venue and accessible immediately to the police on request.

The male attempted to contact the manager however the key could not be provided that night.

Signature: _____

Signature witnessed by: _____



Continuation of Statement/Interview of SC 17224 Amy FEGAN

It was agreed by the manager of the venue that the training records would be made available Thursday 06th March at 12:00hrs when the DPS was present with a key.

We found the venue was fully compliant on all other areas of the licence and we exited the venue setting the expectation of a follow up visit to obtain the requested training records.

04/03/14.

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

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Statement of: **Gareth James Ewart**Age **Over 18**

Occupation

Special Constable

This statement (consisting of 2 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature Date:

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

I am a Special Constable currently serving with the Northern Licensing Unit of Staffordshire Police.

On Friday 04th April 2014 I was in uniform conducting licensing checks throughout the North Staffordshire Area with SC 17224 Fegan.

At approximately 23:00hrs we entered Limestone Vaults, Pepper Street, Newcastle-under-Lyme to conduct a full licence check on the premise following a check on 04th March 2014 where several points of the licence were not being adhered to.

Inside the premise there was approximately 45 persons and I could see no door supervisors working within the premise. I witnessed SC Fegan speak to a member of the bar staff, asking if she could speak to the manager. A male, who I now know to be made himself known to us stating that he was the Duty Manager.

SC Fegan began the licence check, running through the points with As this check was taking place another male, John CAMERON joined us. CAMERON stated that he was the DPS, but that evening he was not working and that he was in the premise as a customer.

During the check I asked CAMERON to provide signed training records for the two members of staff that were working the bar that night. CAMERON was unable to do this.

The premise licence requires 'The premise must adopt a locally recognised Challenge 25 scheme to tackle underage sales. All staff are to be fully trained in its use before being allowed to sell alcohol...and a written record of the training to be kept'

I made CAMERON aware that he was in breach of two points of his licence; no staff training records and a CCTV issue identified by SC Fegan.

I asked CAMERON, 'Has alcohol been sold tonight.'

CAMERON replied, 'yes.'

I then advised CAMERON that as the breaches discovered on the visit on 04th March 2014 had not been rectified that a Closure Notice would be served under S.19 of the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001. I advised CAMERON that until each staff member was trained as per the licence and that the CCTV condition

Signature Signature Witnessed by:

Continuation of Statement of: **Gareth James Ewart**

was rectified then the venue 'would have to cease all licensable activity and that to conduct further licensable activity can result in offences being committed under the Licensing Act.'

CAMERON then asked if he could pull his staff off the bar and if just him and _____ could serve alcohol as they both held a personal licence.

I said, 'this is a fair compromise, however, I would advise you to call last orders now, and before conducting any licensable activity tomorrow you complete all relevant training with your staff.' Due to this compromise no Closure Notice was issued.

Myself and SC Fegan then exited the premise.

Signature: _____

Signature Witnessed by: _____

RESTRICTED (when complete)

WITNESS STATEMENT
(CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3)(a) and 5B; MC Rules 1981, r.70)

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Statement of: Amy Fegan

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: SC17224

This statement (consisting of 1 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I made it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature: _____ Date: 05/04/2014

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

I am the above named person and I am currently undertaking the role of Special Constable for the Northern Area Licensing Unit based a Stoke police station.

On Friday 04th April 2014 I was on duty in full uniform conducting licensing checks with my colleague SC16924 EWART.

At approximately 23:00hrs we attended Limestone Vaults, Pepper street, Newcastle-under-Lyme to conduct a full licence compliance check of the premise and particularly in relation to the staffs training documents and records, which had not been made available to myself and SC EWART during our last visit to the venue Tuesday 04th March 2014.

When entering the venue I noted there was no door supervisors present a fact that was later corroborated by the DPS. There was approximately 40-50 people in the venue and I could hear low level background music.

I spoke to a bar attendant and asked for the manager, I was greeted shortly after by the Duty Manager

I conducted the checks with the venues current licence. We were then joined by the Designated Premise Supervisor John CAMERON, who stated that her was drinking in the venue as a customer.

I found that the venue was in breach of two conditions on the licence. The first being in relation to the CCTV unit; a condition on the licence is *"Daily checks to be made to check the operation of the CCTV system and confirm it is working correctly and such checks to be recorded in a register which is to be endorsed by the person conducting the check and to contain the name of the person conducting the check."* - No such record could be found by

Signature: _____ Signature witnessed by: _____



Continuation of Statement/Interview of SC 17224 Amy FEGAN

When I questioned he explained that daily checks are undertaken by staff to ensure the CCTV is running but this activity is not recorded.

The second breach was in regards to the training of the staff. A condition on the licence is "The premise must adopt a locally recognised Challenge 25 scheme to tackle underage sales. All staff are to be fully trained in its use before being allowed to sell alcohol. All staff training to be refreshed every 2 calendar months and a written record of the training to be kept". I asked CAMERON to provide the staff training records as required by the license and was presented with underage sales training and company produced training on ID and Challenge 25, none of which had staff signatures or dates of the training. CAMERON explained he has been trying to get support documents from trading standards in relation to training, but provided no justification for why the documents they did have had not be completed and signed. SC16924 EWART then asked CAMERON to provide signed off training packs of two members of the bar staff who were working that night. CAMERON could not provide this.

In light of the two breaches SC 16924 EWART made CAMERON aware that he was in breach of two sections of his licence as he believed alcohol was being served on the premise that evening and therefore a police closure notice would be served under S.19 of the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001. He outlined that until the aforementioned training has been completed with all staff and the register has been created for the CCTV that the venue would have to cease licensable activity and that any licensable activity would be an offence under the Licensing Act 2003.

CAMERON then questioned if he could remove all the bar staff and not allow them to serve alcohol until he had completed their training. He then asked as he and his duty manager who are both personal licence holders could serve until the venue closes. I noted the time as 23:30hrs.

SC 16924 EWART then stated "this is a fair compromise, however I would advise you call last orders now, and before conducting licensable activity tomorrow you complete all the relevant training with your staff".

I recorded this agreement in my pocket notebook and CAMERON signed to this effect.

I then added that he needed to ensure the CCTV register was completed the following morning and completed daily to which CAMERON agreed.

I recorded the license check on a copy of the premise licence which I now produce as evidence as exhibit AF01 (ref.)

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SECTION 4

Witness Statement

(CJ Act 1967, s9: MC Act 1980, ss5A (3) (a) and 5B, MC Rules 1981, r70)

Statement of Kevin Sherratt Title Mr

Age if under 18 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18'). Occupation Licensing Officer

This statement (consisting of pages each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I made it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 17th June 2014

Signature

I am a police Licensing Officer currently stationed at Stoke police station. I am currently serving as a Divisional Licensing Officer with responsibility for on and off licence premises across the Northern Staffordshire.

On Friday 6th December 2013 I was on Operation Sangria 8 of 2013. This is an operation relating to the enforcement of the Licensing Act 2003 specifically in relation to under age sale of alcohol to children. Two juvenile volunteers were used in this operation along with plain clothed police licensing officers and Trading Standard Officers.

At Approximately 19:40 hours on the same day the operation commenced.

At approximately 23:35 hours I entered the Limestone Vaults, Pepper Street, Newcastle, ST5 1PR with one juvenile volunteer.

We walked through the main door passed the door staff without being challenged and into the main bar area.

The volunteer walked up to the bar and followed closely behind by myself. The volunteer asked the male behind the bar, who I now know to be for 2 bottles of alcoholic cider.

turned to the fridge behind the bar and retrieved two bottles of the requested alcoholic drinks.

The volunteer handed a £20 note. took the note and put it in the till.

Signature

Signature witnessed by

Continuation of Statement/Interview of Kevin Sherratt

handed the volunteer the requested drinks and the change from the purchase. The volunteer then handed me the 2 bottles of alcoholic cider and she left the premise.

I then spoke to _____ and identified myself as a police licensing officer and told him that he had just sold alcohol to 16 year old girl and asked him to remain behind the bar.

At 23:45 I went into the kitchen area of the premise and conducted a contemporaneous interview with _____. Also present at the interview was his shift leader

The interview concluded at 00:08 hours Saturday 7th December 2013.

Signature _____

Signature witnessed by _____

Witness Statement

(CJ Act 1967, s9: MC Act 1980, ss5A(3)(a) and 5B, MC Rules 1981, r70)

Statement of Graeme Robert Owen Title PC

Age if under 18 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18'). Occupation POLICE OFFICER

This statement (consisting of 1 pages each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I made it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 17th June 2014

Signature _____

I am a police Constable with Staffordshire Police currently stationed at Stoke police station. I am currently serving as a Divisional Licensing Officer with responsibility for on and off licence premises across the North of Staffordshire.

On Friday 6th December 2013 I had the responsibility for being the exhibits officer for an operation relating to the enforcement of the Licensing act 2003 specifically in relation to under age sales of alcohol to children. Two juvenile volunteers named _____ and _____ both aged 16 years were used in this operation along with plain clothes police officers, Licensing Officers and an officer from Trading Standards

At approximately 1800 hours on that date all staff met at Stoke Police station

At about 1940 we gave a briefing to the Staff and volunteers at Stoke Police Station which I video recorded and I then sealed. I now produce this tape as evidence exhibit () ref GRO 9

At about 2030 hrs on that same date the operation commenced

At about 2331 hrs that day I asked _____ to enter the LYMESTONE VAULTS situated on Pepper Street Newcastle and purchase alcohol. _____ entered the premise followed by Licensing Officer Kevin Sherratt.

After a few minutes _____ returned and I was subsequently entered the venue and seized 2 bottles of Koppaburg Cider which I now produce as evidence exhibit no () ref GRO 16

During the course of the operation a total of 18 premise were visited and 8 premise sold to the volunteers however 10 refused to sell to the volunteers

Upon returning to Stoke Police Station I took possession of all exhibits and booked all these items into the secure property store ref 709096

Signature

Signature witnessed by

SECTION 5

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Contemporaneous Notes SELLER ON LICENCE

Person interviewed:

Place of interview:

Kitchen.

Home Address:

Telephone number: Record Overleaf

Date of interview:

06/12/13

Time commenced:

23:45

Time concluded:

00:08

Interviewing Officer(s):

Kevin Sheratt

Other persons present:

Shift Leader

Police Exhibit No:
Number of pages:
Signature of interviewing officer producing Exhibit

Tape Counter Time	Person Speaking	Text
0000		CAUTION (All cases).
	Q	I wish to ask you some questions, but before I do I must caution you that you do not have to say anything, but it may harm your defence if you do not mention when questioned, something which you later rely on in court. Anything you do say may be given in evidence
	R	Yes
		Interviewee to sign: X.....
		*NON-POLICE PREMISES ONLY (Delete Section & initial if not appropriate).
	Q	I must also tell you that you are not under arrest and you are free to terminate this interview at any time. In addition, you are entitled to obtain independent legal advice either now or at any time during the interview. Do you understand?
	R	Yes
		Interviewee to sign: X.....
	Q	Do you wish to exercise any of these rights?

Signature(s): X
(Contemporaneous notes only)

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Continuation Sheet No ...2....

Person interviewed... ..

Tape Counter Time	Person Speaking	Text
	R	Not at the moment.
		Interviewee to sign:
		* POLICE PREMISES ONLY (Delete & initial if not appropriate).
	Q	I must tell you also that you are not under arrest and not obliged to remain at the police station. You are entitled to obtain free and independent legal advice either now or at any time during the interview. The interview can be delayed for you to obtain legal advice if you wish. Do you wish to exercise any of these rights?
	R	
		Interviewee to sign:
	Q	You may, if you wish, speak to a solicitor on the telephone. Do you wish to do this?
	R	No
		Interviewee to sign:
	Q	What are your reasons for not wanting legal advice?
	R	I want to co-operate.
		Interviewee to sign:
	Q	Are you an employee and what is your role?
	R	Bar staff.
	Q	If not, what is your position within the Company?

Signature(s): ..
(Contemporaneous notes only)

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Continuation Sheet No ...3....

Person interviewed...

Tape Counter Time	Person Speaking	Text
	R	
	Q	How many hours a week do you work?
	R	30 hours
	Q	How long have you worked here?
	R	1 year.
	Q	Have you worked selling alcohol before?
	R	No
	Q	Police officers and Trading Standards Officers entered this premises with young persons who are16.....years of age. They purchased <u>Recorderly</u> You have been identified as being the seller from these premises. I am now showing you Exhibit Number <u>Gloib Glo</u> Do you recall selling this item?
	R	
	Q	Can you please tell me what the product is?
	R	Alcohol cider
	Q	Looking at this item I believe it to be an alcoholic drink. Do you agree?

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Continuation Sheet No ...4....

Person interviewed.. ..

Tape Counter Time	Person Speaking	Text
	R	Yes
	Q	Do you remember the person who purchased this item.
	R	Yes
	Q	I am now showing you a photograph of the person who purchased the product (Exhibit). Can you confirm it is the same person you thought purchased it?
	R	I believe so
	Q	At the time you sold the item to that person, how old did you think they were?
	R	30 years old
	Q	Did you consider asking for any proof of age identification from this person?
	R	I did not
	Q	The police officers and the Trading Standards Officers who accompanied the volunteer purchaser witnessed the fact that you did not ask the person their age or ask for identification. Why was this?
	R	I thought she was old enough
	Q	What sort of premises is this and what does it sell?
	R	Pub and sells alcohol and food

Signature(s):
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Continuation Sheet No ...5....

Person interviewed.

Tape Counter Time	Person Speaking	Text
	Q	What is the age that a person can legally purchase alcohol in licensed premises?
	R	18
	Q	Are you aware that it is an offence to sell intoxicating liquor to a person under the age of eighteen?
	R	Yes
	Q	What training have you had in respect of selling alcohol and the age limits at which persons can buy it?
	R	I don't remember because of the stress of tonight
	Q	When did you last receive any training in underage sales?
	R	Last week
	Q	Who provided the last training you had?
	R	
	Q	How was your training delivered, was it in person or were you given a book to read yourself?
	R	Written text.

Signature(s):
(Contemporaneous notes only)

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Continuation Sheet No ...6....

Person interviewed.....

Tape Counter Time	Person Speaking	Text
	Q	Was it explained to you how to deal with underage sales, what to look for and what to ask for?
	R	Challenge 25 and ask for ID
	Q	If you have undertaken training, was it a "Challenge 21/" "Knock Back" or a Company Scheme?
	R	Challenge 25.
	Q	What age was it suggested that someone should be to buy alcohol without having to show ID.
	R	30 yr mark
	Q	If they are supposed to be 21 years old the volunteers don't look that old and you state that they appeared to be years old, why did you not consider asking for ID in line with your training?
	R	N/A
	Q	Do you have any documentary proof of the training you have received?
	R	Yes
	Q	Produce records of training to interviewee and ask...

Signature(s): ...
(Contemporaneous notes only)

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Continuation Sheet No ...7....

Person interviewed.. ..

Tape Counter Time	Person Speaking	Text
	R	Did you receive the training that is shown here? <i>Yes</i>
	Q	Are the signatures on these training records your signatures?
	R	<i>Yes</i>
	Q	Do you agree that by signing these documents you are accepting that you have received the training that the document relates to?
	R	<i>Yes</i>
	Q	Are you aware of any signs regarding age restrictions for alcohol sales being displayed in the premises?
	R	<i>Yes I think so but I can't remember where</i>
	Q	Do you have a refusals register?
	R	<i>Yes</i>
	Q	When was the last time you made an entry in this register?
	R	<i>I don't remember</i>
	Q	Who is the Designated Premises Supervisor of the premises?

Signature(s): .
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Continuation Sheet No ...A....

Person interviewed.....

Tape Counter Time	Person Speaking	Text
	R	John Cameron
	Q	How often do you see the Designated Premises Supervisor at the premises?
	R	Most days
	Q	Where was the Designated Premises Supervisor at the time of the sale?
	R	At home I believe
	Q	The drink that was purchased by the underage person, how much does that cost?
	R	£7.50
	Q	At the time the volunteers were in the premises how many other customers were in the premises?
	R	80ish people
	Q	How many members of staff were working at the time?
	R	4.
<p>ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS SHOULD BE RECORDED HERE. IF THERE ARE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS THEN STRIKE OUT THE BLANK SPACE AND GO TO LAST COMMENT.</p>		

Signature(s):
(Contemporaneous notes only)

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Continuation Sheet No ...9....

Person interviewed... ..

Tape Counter Time	Person Speaking	Text
	Q	Is there anything you wish to add or clarify?
	R	I thought she was old enough not to be 10. &
		DO NOT REPORT FOR SUMMONS IF ALL ENQUIRIES NOT COMPLETE!!
	Q	You will be reported for the offence of selling alcohol to a person under the age of

Signature(s): .
(Contemporaneous notes only)

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Continuation Sheet No ...10...

Person interviewed.....

Tape Counter Time	Person Speaking	Text
	R	<p>eighteen and any other offences disclosed. You do not have to say anything, but it may harm your defence if you do not mention when questioned, something which you later rely on in court. Anything you do say may be given in evidence. Do you understand?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Yes</i></p> <p>I have read this interview and confirm that it is a true and accurate account of the interview.</p> <p>Signature of interviewee:</p>

Signature(s):
(Contemporaneous notes only)

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Person interviewed.....

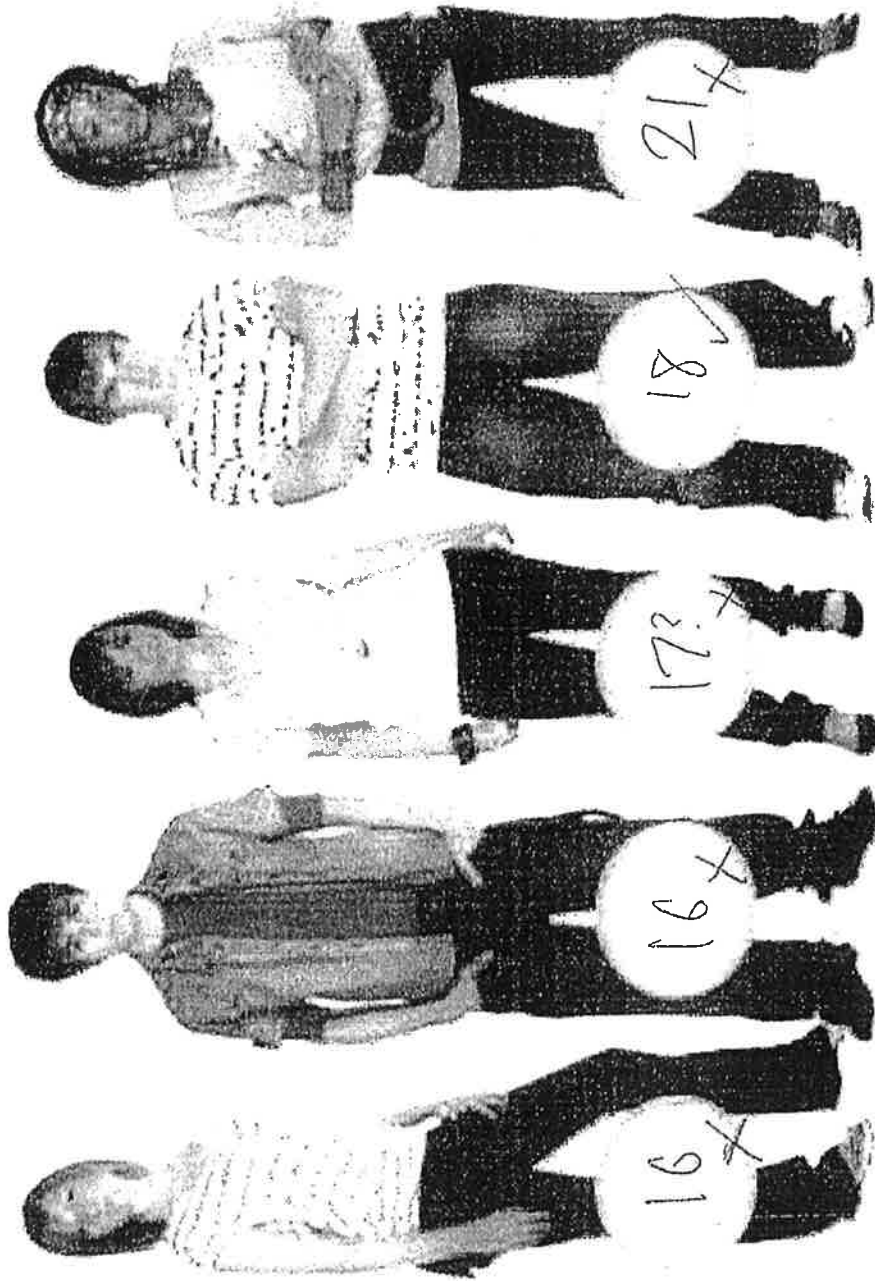
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Signature(s):
(Contemporaneous notes only)

◆ Not relevant for contemporaneous notes

04/12/13

Can you guess their ages?

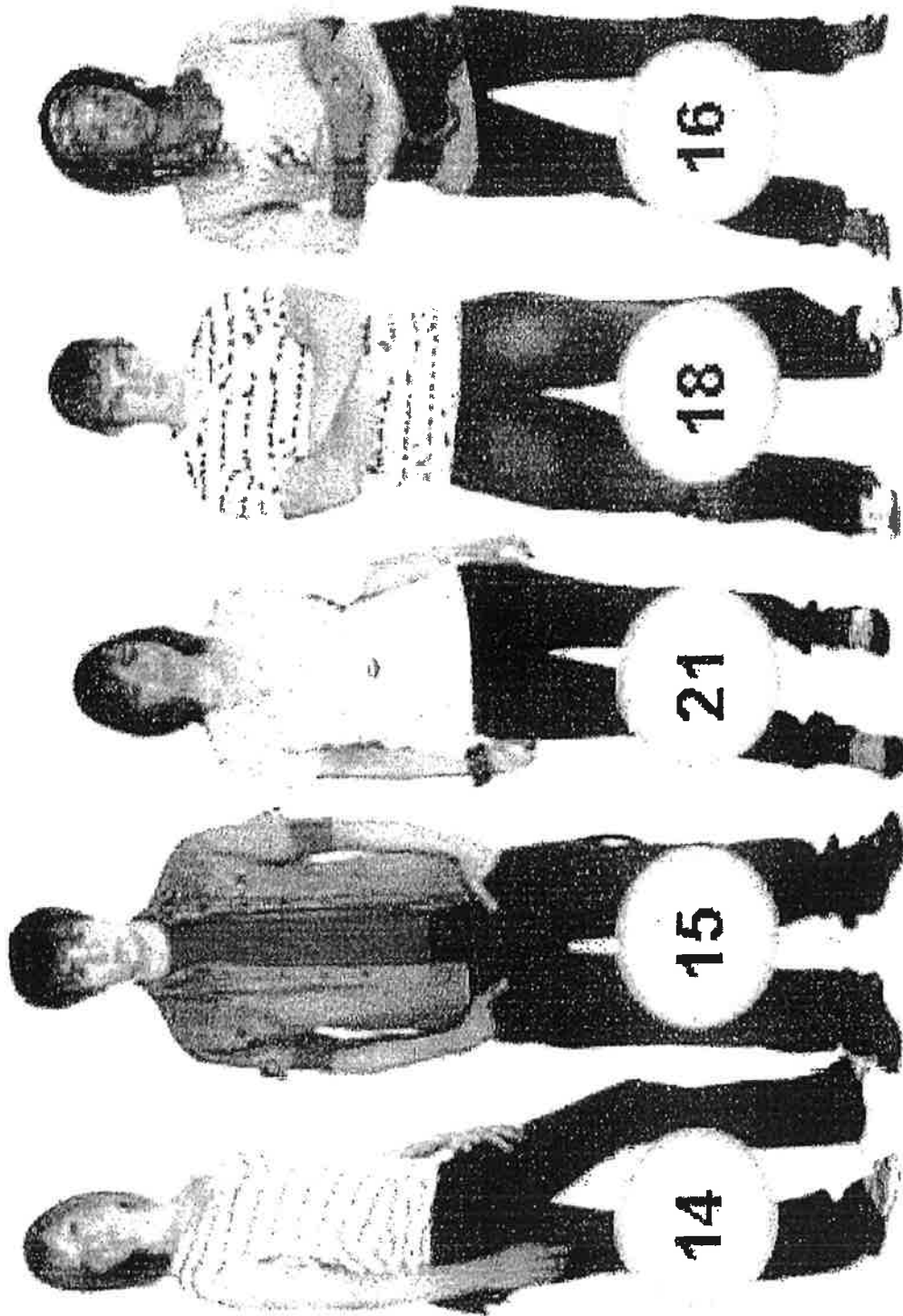


ID all of them any way except maybe A
depending on how her face actually looks

Can you guess their ages?



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TEST PAPER ONE

Name:

Date of test: 02/12/13

This is a multiple choice test, containing 15 questions - to pass you must answer all 8 questions in PART ONE correctly and 4 out of the 7 questions in part two. Please indicate your choice of correct answer by placing a tick in the box. Only one of the four answers a, b, c and d are correct.

PART ONE

1. Which one of the following is not one of the licensing objectives ?

- a. Protection of children from Harm
- b. Public Safety
- c. Prevention of crime and disorder
- d. Public Health

2. It is a criminal offence for any person to sell alcohol to a person who is under the age of ?

- a. 16
- b. 18 with some exceptions
- c. 18 with no exceptions
- d. 21

3. Which of the following is the correct statement with regards the consumption of alcohol by 16 or 17 year olds?

- a. 16 or 17 years olds cannot consume alcohol of any nature
- b. 16 or 17 year olds can consume alcohol, if paid for by an adult, as long as the adult is sitting with them and it is with a table meal
- c. 16 or 17 years can consume beer, wine or cider with a table meal, if paid for by an adult, and as long as the adult is sitting with them
- d. 16 or 17 years olds cannot consume alcohol of any nature unless it is with a table meal

4. Which one of the following is an offence?

- a. To allow children who are 16 or 17 to drink non alcoholic drinks, unless accompanied by an adult
- b. To allow children under 16, who are not accompanied by an adult, to be on premises exclusively or primarily used for the sale of alcohol
- c. To ask anyone who looks under the age of 21 for identification
- d. For a waiter / waitress, under the age of 18 to serve alcoholic drinks in a restaurant

5. If you suspect someone to be under the age of 18 you must...

- a. Ask them their age
- b. Ask them for ID such as a birth certificate
- c. Ask them for valid proof of age such as a passport, photo driving licence or a card with the Pass logo that shows the person to be over 18
- d. Give them benefit of the doubt on this occasion but advise them to bring ID on a future visit

✓

✓

6. When is it not an offence to sell alcohol to a person who is drunk or appears to be drunk ?

- a. If the person is threatening you
- b. If the person is a regular customer who is normally well behaved
- c. If it is the person paying the bill at a function
- d. It is always an offence

✓

✓

7. At what percentage **abv** does a drink become intoxicating / alcoholic ?

- a. 1.2%
- b. 0.05%
- c. 0.5%
- d. 1.5%

✓

X

8. When can you refuse to allow a police officer to enter the premises during opening times for the service of alcohol?

- a. If the designated premises supervisor is not on duty
- b. If they are in uniform
- c. You cannot refuse them
- d. If you are on your own behind the bar

✓

X

PART TWO

9. The best advice to give customers with regards drink driving is

- a. To drink no more than 2 ½ units of alcohol
- b. Not to drink alcohol unless having a meal
- c. Not to drink alcohol at all
- d. To use a breathalyser kit

✓

✓

10. The role of the designated premises supervisor

- a. Is to provide a single point of accountability in the event of a problem
- b. Is the person to pay all fines and take legal responsibility for all offences
- c. Is to be on the premises at all times when it is open
- d. Is to be the person responsible for any staff selling to someone under age

✓

✓

11. The recommended safe limits of alcohol consumption, as recommended by the Government are:

- a. Men - no more than 21 units per week / women - 14 units
- b. Men - no more than 30 units per week / women - 21 units
- c. Men - 3 to 4 units per week / women - 2 to 3 units
- d. Men - more than 21 units per week / women - more than 14 units

✓	✗

12. The following spirits must be served in measures of 25ml or 35ml or multiples thereof

- a. Gin, whisky, rum and vodka
- b. Gin, brandy and vodka
- c. Whisky, rum, brandy and vodka
- d. Whisky, gin, brandy and vodka

✓	✗

13. It is illegal to sell cigars or cigarettes to anyone under the age of

- a. 14
- b. 16
- c. 18
- d. 15

✓	✓

14. When serving wine by the glass, which is the most important

- a. Serving in glasses with a government stamp on the side
- b. serving in measures of 125 ml or 175 ml or multiples thereof
- c. Serving from a bottle visible to the customer
- d. Ensuring that it is from a newly opened bottle

✓	✓

15. If you suspect someone of using or dealing in drugs you must

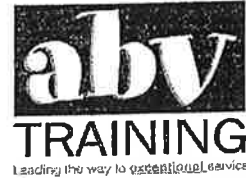
- a. Confront them
- b. Ignore them, to prevent a scene and tell your supervisor later
- c. Immediately inform a personal licence holder or your supervisor / manager
- d. Ignore it, drugs are a part of life now

✓	✓

Scores:

	Score	Out of	
Part one	5	8	Pass mark 8
Part two	5	7	Pass mark 4
total	10	15	Pass / (Fail)

Signed: _____ (candidate)



Premises Name The Limestone Vaults Staff Member Name.....

Staff Training Tests

Public Safety

- 1) Where are the first aid facilities in your venue? In the kitchen by the sinks ✓
- 2) In case of emergency, who is the appointed person? shift supervisor ✓
- 3) List the names of your qualified first aiders John Cameron ✓
- 4) Where is broken glass stored? Broken glass bin until it is taken to the street ✓
- 5) Do you enter the cellar as part of your duties? Yes/No ✓
- 6) If yes, how should gas bottles be stored – a) when in use? clained to wall ✓
b) when empty? out of way but still clained x
- 7) If you do cellar work, what personal protective equipment should be used if you work with beer line cleaner? Safety gloves ✓
- 8) All staff – where are the cleaning chemicals stored in your venue?
under sink in pot wash area or the cleaning ~~cupboard~~ cupboard ✓
- 9) List five safety precautions listed in your COSHH (Control of Substances Hazardous to Health) training regarding the safe use of chemicals.
wear gloves, protective stoes, dont lift with back, use in well ventilated area, dont contact with skin ✓

Prevention of Public Nuisance

1) Where do you dispose of empty bottles?

Wash In a bottle bin until taken to shed ✓

2) How and when do you do this?

Via strong malt sacks when there is a full sack and the bar is not crowded ✓

3) Does your venue operate a dispersal policy when customers are leaving the venue?

Yes ✓

4) If yes, please list the main points of this policy

Customers are informed of last orders and they are regularly asked and reminded to finish their drinks. X

MAKE SURE THEY LEAVE QUIETLY

5) How do you ensure that noise from customers is kept to a minimum in outside smoking areas?

If it is too loud staff will inform ^{them} and resolve the problem. - HOW?

6) Who is responsible for keeping the smoking area clean and free of litter and dirty glasses?

Glass collection is done regularly across the day/night and the area is swept every morning who by?

Score from 15/

Signed Staff Member.....Signed Manger/DPS.....

Print Name.....Print Name.....Date.....



Premises Name The Lymestone Vaults Staff Member Name.....

Staff Training Tests

Prevention of Crime and Disorder

1) What is the capacity of the venue? 200 X 110

2) Please list the steps that are used to control this limit Door staff with running counters is there always door staff?

3) Which document would you use to record an accident and where is the document kept? Incident/Injury book under the back bar X first aid log book in kitchen

4) How would you record or find out the details of incidents that occur on your premises in relation to:

Venue security Recorded in logs, action taken if appropriate ✓ which logs?

Lost and found property Property stored in office, what and when noted ✓

People who are ejected or have been barred If possible identity of those barred recorded where? ✓ ✓

5) Does your venue have a search policy? No ✓

6) Please list the main points of this policy

7) What right do you have if a person refuses to be searched? Right to deny access ✓

8) What should you do if you suspect a person to be drunk or buying on behalf of a drunk? Refuse service ✓

9) Please detail what you would do if you discovered what you suspected to be drugs? report to supervisor ✓

10) How would found or seized drugs be disposed of in your venue?

By the police ✓

11) What steps does your venue have in place to prevent thefts by customers?

cctv cameras and At times doorstaff + Bar staff

12) What procedures would you follow if there was disorder occurring on your premises?

Inform supervisor + attempt to diffuse situation peacefully
How?

13) What would happen if a member of staff discovered a weapon on the premises?

Report weapon to supervisor and keep away from
Public and call authorities

14) If a crime did occur, what steps could you take to help preserve the scene until the
police arrived?

Ensure customers do not go to the scene, physically X
but it off

15) What are the two financial penalties that you could suffer if you were caught selling
alcohol to someone under the age of 18?

Fixed penalty £ 5,000

Maximum fine in court £ 80,000 X

Score from 15/

Signed Staff Member: Signed Manger/DPS.....

Print Name.....Print Name.....Date.....



Quick Quiz



1. What are the three elements of the triangle of fire

- oxygen ✓
- fuel ✓
- source ✓

2. Where is the fire warning notice? kitchen wall ✓
which door?

3. Where are the fire alarm break glass points? By the door and in the kitchen ✓

4. What type and colour of extinguisher is located where? What do you use them on?

Bar	Use
Cellar	Use
Kitchen	Use

5. Where is the fire assembly point? the cenotaph outside of the bar ✓

6. What must you check fire exits for at the start of a session? They are not ~~obas~~ obstructed / unusable ✓

7. Where is the fire evacuation plan located? kitchen wall ✓

8. List three things that you can do to help prevent fire? ^{think} look for hazards, don't create risks, make sure others are aware ✓

Name..... Signed..... Date 02/12/13

The Licensing Act 2003 : Authorised to sell alcohol by Retail

Name:	Date of Birth:
Address:	ID. Check (state details of I.D. checked – passport, driving licence, photo id with pass logo – photo copy to be attached)
Post Code:	Contact Number

Training completed

	Date of training	refresher	refresher	refresher
The 4 Licensing Objectives				
Licensing Activities				
Personal Licence Holders				
Details / The role of the designated premises supervisors				
Penalties for the Unauthorised sale of alcohol				
Right of officials to inspect the premises				
Sale and supply of alcohol to children				
Consumption of alcohol by young people				
Fixed Penalty Notices				
Proof of age schemes				
Alcohol – social responsibilities				
abv - strengths of alcoholic drinks				
Duty to refuse service to a person who is drunk				
Drugs – basic awareness				
The Premises Licence – conditions				
Summary of offences under Licensing Act 2003				
Weights and Measures				

I _____ sign to confirm that I have received the training outlined above and fully understand my responsibilities as someone who sells alcohol by retail at the premises named as _____.

Signed: _____ . date: ____ / ____ / 20____.
(team member)

Name of personal licence holder: _____ . number: _____.

Issuing Authority: _____.

Signed: _____ . date: ____ / ____ / 20____.
(personal licence holder)



**Licensing Act 2003 :
Fire Safety Training Record**



Name:	Date of Birth:
Address:	Contact Number
Post Code:	

Training completed

	Date of training	refresher	refresher	refresher
Your Legal Duty				
The Danger of Fire				
The Triangle of Fire				
Discovering a Fire				
Raising the Alarm				
Responding to an Alarm				
Sweeping the Premises				
Assembly Points				
Fire Exits – location and maintenance				
Fire Fighting Equipment – types				
Fire Fighting Equipment – basic use				
Fire Fighting Equipment – location				
Reporting Procedures				
Fire Warning Notices				
Officials Right of Entry				

I _____ sign to confirm that I have received the training outlined above and fully understand my responsibilities as someone who works at the licensed premises named as _____.

Signed: _____, date: ____ / ____ / 20__.
(team member)

Name of licence holder/manager: _____, number: _____.

Signed: _____, date: ____ / ____ / 20__.
(personal licence holder/manager)

SECTION 6

Rec No 358411

£89

cash

28-1-14

[Insert name and address of relevant licensing authority and its reference number (optional)]

Application for a minor variation to a premises licence or club premises certificate under the Licensing Act 2003

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Before completing this form please read the Guidance Notes at the end of the form, especially Note 1.

If you are completing this form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary.

Once completed please send your application to the relevant licensing authority. You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

LYMESTONE BREWERY

(Insert name(s) of applicant)

being the premises licence holder(s)/club holding a club premises certificate, apply to vary a premises licence under section 41A/club premises certificate under section 86A of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below.

Part 1 - Premises details

Postal address of premises (or, if none, ordnance survey map reference, or description) LYMESTONE VAULTS PEPPER STREET	
Post town NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME	Postcode ST5 1PS

Telephone number at premises (if any)

01782 615 801

Premises licence number/club premises certificate number

PL 0383

Brief description of premises (Please see Guidance Note 2)
A TRADITIONAL STYLED REAL ALE PUB -

Part 2 - Applicant Details

I am/we are the premises licence holder/club premises certificate holder. (Please delete as appropriate)

Contact phone number in working hours (if any)

01785 817796

Applicant Postal address IF DIFFERENT FROM PREMISES ADDRESS LYMESTONE BREWERY LTD UNIT 5 MOUNT ROAD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE MOUNT ROAD	
Post town STONE	Postcode ST15 8LL
Please provide email address if you would prefer us to contact you by email (optional)	

Part 3 – Proposed variation(s)

Please tick

Do you want the proposed variation to have effect as soon as possible? Yes No

DDMMYYYY

If not, from what date do you want the variation to take effect?

Do you want the proposed variation to have effect in relation to the introduction of the late night levy? (Please see Guidance Note 3) Yes No

Please describe the proposed variation(s) in detail in the box below and explain why you consider that they could not have an adverse effect on the promotion of any of the licensing objectives (See Guidance Note 1). This should include whether new or increased levels of licensable activities will be taking place indoors or outdoors (indoors may include a tent):

Details of proposed variation(s) (Please see Guidance Note 4)

PLEASE REFER TO PAGE ATTACHED.

Details of proposed variation(s) (Continued)

Part 4 – Operating Schedule

Please tick those parts of the Operating Schedule which would be subject to change if this application to vary was successful.

Provision of regulated entertainment

Please tick all that apply

- a. plays
- b. films
- c. indoor sporting events
- d. boxing or wrestling entertainment
- e. live music
- f. recorded music
- g. performances of dance
- h. anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g)

Provision of late night refreshment

Supply of alcohol

(Note that this can only relate to reducing licensed hours, or moving them without any overall increase between 7am and 11pm)

Please tick to indicate you have enclosed the following:

I have enclosed the premises licence/club premises certificate



I have enclosed the relevant part of the premises licence/
club premises certificate



I have included a copy of the plan
(this is necessary if the proposed variation will affect the layout)



If you have not ticked one of the previous three boxes, please explain why in the box below.

Reasons why you have not enclosed the premises licence/club premises certificate or relevant parts.

Any further information to support your application. (See Guidance Note 5)

CHECKLIST:

Please tick to indicate agreement

- I have made or enclosed payment of the fee; or
- I have not made or enclosed payment of the fee because this application has been made in relation to the introduction of the late night levy.
- I have enclosed the plan, if appropriate, of the premises in scale [1mm to 100mm], unless otherwise agreed with the licensing authority.
- I have enclosed the premises licence/club premises certificate or relevant part of it or provided an explanation.
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected.
- I understand that I must now advertise my application for a continuous period beginning on the first working day after the day on which the application was given to the relevant licensing authority and ending at the expiry of the ninth consecutive working day after that day.

IT IS AN OFFENCE, LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING LEVEL 5 ON THE STANDARD SCALE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION.

Part 5 – Signatures and Contact Details
(See Guidance Note 6)

Premises Licence: Signature of applicant (the current premises licence holder) or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent (see Guidance Note 7). If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state your name and in what capacity you are authorised to sign:

Signature	
Date	27/01/14
Capacity	DESIGNATED PREMISE SUPERVISOR.

Where the premises licence is jointly held, signature of 2nd applicant (the current premises licence holder) or 2nd applicant's solicitor or other authorised agent (See Guidance Note 8). If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity.

Signature	
Date	
Capacity	

Where the premises are a club

I (insert full name)
authority to bind the club.

make this application on behalf of the club and have

Signature	
Date	
Capacity	

Contact name (where not previously given) and address for correspondence associated with this application. (See Guidance Note 9)	
Post town	Postcode
Telephone number (if any)	If you would prefer us to correspond with you by email your email address (optional)

To remove all embedded restrictions under annex 2

The designated premise supervisor will ensure that all door supervision utilised at the venue to be aware of the challenge 25 policy in place at the venue and be fully conversant with the types of identification that are to be accepted at the venue.

At all entrance points / or each till an ultra violet light must be installed which allows proper inspection of certain types of identity documents of customers prior to entry. The ultra violet lighting must be fully functional at all times the premise is open for licensable activity.

At each till there will be placed a date of birth check card which will be kept updated at all times with the current date at which a person must be born before to be aged 18 or over

At any time when door staff are to be deployed at the venue one member of the door staff must be deployed at entrance to the premise and they must be positioned at pavement level and not inside on any raised area.

Section 7

Limestone Vaults Action Plan May 2014

In December 2013 a member of staff at the Vaults failed to identify an underage test purchaser.

This test purchaser was accompanied by an adult male police officer and the licensed door supervisor and member of bar staff thought that they were a couple, and allowed them into the premises and served them without asking for ID.

CCTV was viewed and staff training was adjusted to encourage staff to ID couples as well as individuals, to increase the number of ID checks and to record all activity. They were also instructed to check with one another that ID's had been completed, and to step in if they thought that an ID was required and had not been done

In March 2014 a new member of staff on his second shift was left alone on the bar at the end of the night. Despite his initial training and his good practice all evening, he failed to spot the age related test purchaser and served her

The Vaults was offered, and chose to accept a 3 day closure notice and subsequently closed on Wednesday 26th – 29th March 5pm till 5pm

As discussed with Inspector Mark Barlow, below is a table of actions to demonstrate the changes that the Vaults have implemented since the closure notice was issued to enable staff to be more effective in their ability to identify underage drinkers in our real ale pub

Action	Activity	Review Date and feedback
Licensed door supervisor	<p>A new member of door staff has been employed by DB Securities specifically to work at the Vaults. This means that she can fully understand our business, our unique customer base and our requirements; our customers can also get to know and respect our member of door staff</p> <p>The same member of staff is always on duty on a Friday and Saturday and completes ID checks as people enter the building. There is only 1 entrance/exit (barring the emergency exit) and she stands outside in the doorway/road and is visible to all who enter the pub.</p> <p>We have introduced an ultra violet light torch on the door to spot fake ID's, and an additional refusals log is held by the security staff.</p> <p>At the entrance we have placed additional Challenge 25 posters in a prominent position to deter underage drinkers</p>	
Staff Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% of staff have undertaken additional/repeat training in Challenge 25 as per the National guidelines • New ID picture quiz sheets have been produced for staff to complete, 	

	<p>to train them to identify young people who are under age</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual staff records have been expanded to include a signed copy of the premises age verification policy, their training records and evidence of any additional training undertaken • Staff are expected to complete training every 2 months, and a signed copy of their complete activity is retained in the folder • Guest trainers are commissioned to attend the pub and work with the staff. This approach allows the staff to learn from other practices and from one another • Minutes from the pubwatch meeting are taken by the member of staff who attends the meeting and are then handed to the staff. (Minutes are not currently taken at the pub watch meeting) 100% of staff read and sign the minutes • Customer service guidelines – including age verification and refusals have been written and a copy is in each personnel file • New posters are now in public view around the venue, including the types of ID that are acceptable • Staff sign in at the start of EVERY shift to confirm that they fully understand the Challenge 25 policy and will work towards this while on duty, failure to do so is considered a breach of contract and will result in disciplinary action • Notes taken from the conversations with Sgt Wright have been produced and read/signed by 100% of the staff. • Trading Standards guidelines have been read by 100% of the staff and signed 	
Partnership Working	<p>At the most recent pub watch meeting in April 2014 other pubs in the town centre were asked about the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared training • Sharing training materials <p>Most of the venues in the town are owned by pubco's and therefore are not in a position to share their training – it is done internally. Argo agreed to share their training records and the folder was brought to the Vaults for us to cross reference examples of best practice with theirs. Copies</p>	

	of new information/ideas were taken and will be implemented within the staff training programme	
Trading Standards	<p>After the each failed test purchase Trading Standards in Stafford were contacted and asked for help and support</p> <p>Pervious information sent out by the department had been found lacking and there is no local website to provide information to licensees</p> <p>e.g. <i>"Often young people will attempt to purchase products using a large amount of change , an indication that a group of young people have clubbed together"</i> Clearly this is inappropriate advice given that the test purchasers used £20 notes and were accompanied by an adult</p> <p>Viv and John have been asked by the TS dept to review the new guidance and to offer their comment on any new information that is produced – this they have agreed to do</p>	
Stoke of Trent Trading Standards	<p>It had been suggested by Sgt Wright that a package of training called Knock Back Pack was available via SOT City Council TS Dept. Contact with Stoke TS confirmed that we were not eligible for any help from them as we are not in the City and we were refused access to their service, Viv was asked to call Stafford CC instead. Stafford TS do not use this package of training and could not provide it</p>	
Police Training	<p>Earlier in 2014 a package of training called Night Life Sales Training was offered to those licensees who attended a pub watch meeting (minutes at that time were NOT taken as there was no-one provided by the BC to do so and no-one at the meeting volunteered to complete them). Those not at the meeting and not on email did not receive the invite to training</p> <p>Viv has since spoken to Julie Davies Business Crime Manager at HQ and has been informed that a new training programme is currently under development but is not yet available</p> <p>When it is the Vaults has asked for places for staff to attend</p> <p>In order to roll out the training the Pub-watch group asked for volunteers to undertake the training the trainer course.</p> <p>Viv and the manager at the Golden Lion both agreed to take on this role and to support their own pubs and others in the town centre</p>	
Best Bar None	Despite this training programme being primarily aimed at Anti Social and	

	<p>violent behaviour – the Vaults has not had any problems since it opened and has had not cause to call the police for assistance – the Vaults has agreed to be a part of this training programme and is awaiting the full joining information (I understand that the decision to roll out this programme is being made at County level and is not yet confirmed)</p>	
Customer feedback/Support	<p>Table talkers have already been used to communicate with our customers about our closure notice, and we plan to do the same with the issue of the prevention of underage drinkers entering the premises We will also be asking our customers to provide us with ideas to reduce the risk of underage young people gaining access to the Vaults Analysis of our customer feedback will be undertaken – we regularly undertake customer feedback and in doing so gain vital information about our customers</p>	
Social media	<p>Facebook will be used alongside the table talkers to give our customers the chance to share their views with us and to help us prevent underage sales</p>	
Staffing levels	<p>As well as providing a licensed door supervisor additional bar staff have been put on duty on Friday and Saturday nights. This allows for 2 senior experienced members of staff to floor walking to visualise the customers in the Vaults and collect glasses, while ensuring that no members of staff are left on their own on the bar serving the customers</p>	
Research of Underage Drinking	<p>Over the last few weeks a lot of research has been done into underage drinking in the UK The main body of research – taken from the IAS (Institute of Alcohol Studies) will be printed off and shared with the staff and customers The Vaults will continue to support the TCP and its application for Purple Flag status and will encourage the staff and customers to be involved in this process</p>	
Lymestone Newsletter	<p>We will produce a monthly Newsletter – staff will have a role in this – to share our staff training, activities at the Brewery and generally involve the customers in the running of the Vaults</p>	

Section 8



CLOSURE NOTICE FOR PERSISTENTLY SELLING ALCOHOL TO CHILDREN
 Section 169A(2) of the Licensing Act 2003

This notice offers a period of closure as an alternative to criminal prosecution for an offence of repeatedly selling alcohol to underage persons. It is addressed to the person(s) (which may include a company etc.) who hold the relevant premises licence for the premises concerned. A copy of this closure notice will be sent to the holder of the premises licence at the address for that person set out in the licence.

The premises licence holder(s) should read parts 10, 11, 12 and 13 of this notice with particular care as they contain information concerning their rights. If you have been handed this notice and are not the premises licence holder, you may wish to inform the premises licence holder(s) that this notice has been served.

1. Name and rank of the police officer (must hold the rank of superintendent or above) / name of the inspector of weights and measures [delete as appropriate] giving this closure notice.											
Superintendent 4119 Jeffrey MOORE											
2. Name of the police, community support or trading standards officer [delete as appropriate] serving this closure notice. (A closure notice may be served by being handed to a person on the premises who appears to have control of or responsibility for the premises and who need not be the premises licence holder).											
SGT 4037 David WRIGHT											
3. Date on which closure notice is given.				0	6	0	3	2	0	1	4

Details of premises and premises licence holder(s).	
4. Address of premises in respect of which this notice is being given.	Limestone Vaults Pepper Street Newcastle-under-Lyme Staffordhsire ST5 1PR
5. Premises licence reference number and issuing licensing authority.	PL0383 / 3451 Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council
6. Name of premises licence holder(s).	Limestone Brewery Ltd
7. Address of premises licence holder(s). (This is the address to which a copy of this closure notice will be sent).	Unit 5 Mount Road Industrial Estate Mount Road Stone Staffordshire ST15 8LL

8. Particulars of alleged offence under section 147A of the Licensing Act 2003, including:

- particulars of unlawful sales made to persons under 18;
- dates of the sales; and
- the individuals making the sales (so far as known).

(Note: you can be liable for the offence if you were a premises licence holder at the time each unlawful sale took place on the premises).

First unlawful sale:	Premises visited as part of compliance check operation on the 6 th December 2013. Unlawful sale of alcohol made to person under 18 by member of staff,
Second unlawful sale:	Premises visited as part of compliance check operation on the 28 th February 2014. Unlawful sale of alcohol made to person under 18 by member of staff,

9. Proposed period (at least 48 hours but not more than 336 hours (14 days)) during which sales of alcohol by retail are to be prohibited (commencing not less than 14 days after this closure notice was served):

From	Time: 17:00 hours	To	Time: 17:00 hours
	Date: 26 th March 2014		Date: 29 th March 2014

10. Effect of accepting of the proposed prohibition (closure)

If you decide to accept the proposed closure (on how to do this, see part 12 below), all sales by retail of alcohol at the premises during the period specified in part 9 of this notice will be unauthorised. An unauthorised sale is a criminal offence (see section 136 of the Licensing Act 2003). A person guilty of an offence under that section is liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding £20,000, or to both.

11. Right to elect to go to trial

You do not have to accept the proposed closure. As an alternative, you may elect to be tried in a court of law for the offence described in part 8 above. That right may exercised by informing the officer named in part 14 in writing or by e-mail.

12. How to accept the proposed prohibition

In order to accept the proposed closure, **all** premises licence holder(s) should notify the officer named in part 14 of their decision in writing or by e-mail **within 14 days** of this notice being served. Failure to notify the officer named in part 14 of acceptance of the prohibition within 14 days will be taken as a decision to elect for trial for the alleged offence described in part 8.

13. Effect of a failure by one or more of the premises licence holders to accept the proposed prohibition.

The right to be tried for the alleged offence described in part 8 of this closure notice will be taken to have been exercised unless every person who was a holder of the premises licence at the time this notice was given accepts the proposed prohibition.

14. Name of the police officer or trading standards officer to whom notice exercising the option to accept the prohibition should be given, or election to go to trial must be sent, within 14 days.

SGT 4037 David WRIGHT

The address of the officer in part 14.

Stoke Police Station
Boothon Road
Stoke-on-Trent
Staffordshire
ST4 4AH

E-mail address of the officer in part 14.

david.wright@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk
northern.licensing@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk

Cleary, Julia

From: adrian manion [redacted]
Sent: 14 August 2014 21:48
To: licensing
Subject: Lymestone Vaults, Newcastle Under Lyme

Dear Sirs

I have just read about the licensing panel review that has been convened for the Lymestone Vaults pub, and some of the issues that are being put forward, including the forced installation of an ID scanner and the attempts to remove John , the current licensee (DPS).

I have no idea what these ID scanners are, so can only assume they are not regularly used in other licensed premises, well at least not the ones I frequent. And that is probably a worth while point- I don't go to pubs which attract / encourage / condone under-age customers. From my experience, the Lymestone Vaults most certainly does not "attract / encourage / condone under-age customers". I am aware of the codes of practice that surround the use of Test Purchase operations, where an underage person deliberately tries to purchase alcohol. From what I have gathered, the only indicator that the premises has sold to someone under 18 was on Test Purchases. I don't live in Newcastle Under Lyme any more (I'm just over the border in Crewe) so while I am not a regular of the pub; on all occasions I have been in, the clientele most certainly was not what you would call in the late teen or even early 20s age group. So, perhaps the only time anyone under 18 has actually bought alcohol here, was a test purchaser. Not really the same league as certain other pubs in Newcastle / Staffordshire where underage drinking is not only occurring, but well known as the place to go when you're 16 or 17.

The second part of the review agenda alarms me somewhat. I have known the landlord of the Vaults for a considerable number of years, both professionally and personally. He has held a number of responsible positions in both retail and the licensed trade, and I can say with 100% certainty, that he has the upmost regard for legal compliance in all he does. While not in a formal capacity, my qualifications, training and current employment have meant that I have been privileged to be a "go to" resource for John, in terms of food safety legislation, health and safety, staff welfare, data protection and the like. John has never been one to try and keep under the radar or try to muddle by under any sort of mis-understanding. He has always sought to proactively ensure legal compliance in all his areas of responsibly at work.

If John or a member of his staff, wherever he has worked, make and error, then he always learns from it, tightens up procedures, conducts more and better training and coaching, and works WITH not against the enforcement authorities.

The suggestion that the removal of the current DPS will somehow prevent under-age drinking in Newcastle is an illogical argument. What will you get? A new DPS without the same degree of commitment to "doing the right thing to the best of their ability".

I implore you, do not use the Lymestone Vaults or the current DPS to set some sort of example to the licensed trade in Newcastle under Lyme.

Well done to the Vaults for being part of a diverse drinking / socialising scene in Newcastle. The town should be proud of your presence here.

I would be grateful if you would acknowledge receipt of this formal representation to be included in the review consideration as I understand there is a short deadline for this due to delays in the Limestone Vaults being advised on Licensing Panel review process.

Mr A Manion BSc(hons) PG Dip,MCIEH

Robinson, Lynne

From: Alex Moores <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 13 August 2014 13:22
To: licensing
Subject: Fwd: Limestone Vaults

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Alex Moores <[REDACTED]>
Date: 13 August 2014 13:20:50 BST
To: "licensing@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk" <licensing@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>
Subject: Limestone Vaults

Dear Sir/Madam,

I'm writing to express my concern about the possible use of ID scanners in the named pub above.

I find it incredulous that you're threatening to install an ID scanner in the friendliest, most relaxed and loveliest pub in the town.

To say it's an over the top response is an understatement. Have you ever actually frequented this drinking establishment? If you have then you will know what kind of crowd drink in there, it's not the 'neck shots to get as drunk as possible' crowd, it's an older crowd looking to have a few drinks of a night, away from the raucous end of town.

So a few underage people got served, they've learnt from their mistakes, it's not the end of the world and it doesn't require this heavy handed response.

This pub is the type of establishment you should be encouraging/promoting. Newcastle isn't exactly flourishing at the moment but with a little help and support of places like Limestone it could. The introduction of ID scanners will detract from this lovely, unique pub, please think about the potential consequences from introducing such things.

Yours sincerely

Alexandra Moores, Newcastle resident

Sent from my iPhone

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Robinson, Lynne

From: Andrew Gilford [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 August 2014 19:49
To: licensing
Subject: Lymestone Brewery review

Dear Sirs,

It has come to my attention that The Lymestone Vaults is under license review due to the use of underage test purchasers and thus the active encouragement for the pub to cause a criminal act in the sale of alcohol to underage patrons.

The Lymestone Vaults is the type of establishment that the Borough Council should be encouraging. It supports local producers, offers a quiet social environment which the town is often lacking. I compare this to other areas of the town where underage drinking is rife and violence is seen both inside the pubs and outside most weekends. I would suggest you just walk around the pubs in town on a usual Friday night to see where the Police are hovering, where tensions are high and where the underage teenagers are focused.

This is most certainly not the Lymestone Vaults. In fact this is the one pub where an older clientele wish to avoid such loutish, teenage, often violent atmospheres are happy to frequent.

I understand that a mistake has happened in the past with underage drinkers. I assume that, due to the more relaxed and older clientele of the pub that some younger drinkers have slipped through. However, the landlord is obviously trying to do the right thing and wants to offer a decent environment for the town.

I currently do not currently understand a situation in a town where a decent pub, such as the Lymestone Vaults, is, as I see it, being persecuted instead of encouraged.

I do hope you review you decision

Regards,

Andrew Gilford

Sent from my iPad

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Cleary, Julia

From: Cath Zamur <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 15 August 2014 15:31
To: licensing
Subject: The Limestone Vaults

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I currently do not currently understand a situation in a town where a decent pub, such as the Limestone Vaults, is, as I see it, being persecuted instead of encouraged whilst I must still inform friends and colleagues that are new to Newcastle to avoid certain areas at night to the levels of violence.

I would therefore suggest that you become aware of where the real problems are in Newcastle and concentrated your resources in making these more accessible to decent citizens, such as the 99.99% which visit the Limestone Vaults.

Regards,

C.zamur

Robinson, Lynne

From: Darren Hughes [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 August 2014 19:05
To: licensing
Subject: Lymestone Vaults Licence Review

Dear Sir/Madam,

It has come to my attention that The Lymestone Vaults is under license review due to the use of underage test purchasers and thus the active encouragement for the pub to cause a criminal act in the sale of alcohol to underage patrons.

I am a resident of Newcastle-under-Lyme and a regular at the Lymestone Vaults. It is the type of establishment that the Borough Council should be encouraging. It supports local producers, offers a quiet social environment which the town is often lacking. I compare this to other areas of the town where underage drinking is rife and violence is seen both inside the pubs and outside most weekends. There has never been any trouble in the Lymestone Vaults, it is always a pleasant atmosphere.

I understand that a mistake has happened in the past with underage drinkers, but I feel that the Lymestone Vaults is being unfairly targeted as an easy target compared to other establishments in the town where this is rife, it is due to the more relaxed and older clientele of the pub that test purchasers have slipped through. This is not an excuse, however, the landlord is obviously trying to do the right thing and wants to offer a decent environment for the town.

I agree that more needs to be done to prevent underage drinking but persecuting decent pubs like the Lymestone Vaults will not stop it, all it will do is kill it as a business. I have seen ID scanners in action in Watford and while I don't agree with them as an invasion of privacy, I can understand their use for nightclubs and bars. It will just kill establishments like the Lymestone Vaults though, as a lot of the older clientele either don't have or carry ID with them, and nor should they have to.

I would therefore suggest that you become aware of where the real problems are in Newcastle-under-Lyme and concentrated your resources in making these more accessible to decent citizens, such as the 99.99% which visit the Lymestone Vaults.

Regards,

Darren Hughes

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Robinson, Lynne

From: Gemma Bloor [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 August 2014 13:24
To: licensing
Subject: RE: License Review

Dear whomever it may concern,

I was saddened to hear about the proposed ID scanner going into the premises at the Limestone Vaults. When the vaults opened I started to go out socialising in Newcastle as there was now a place to go for people that didn't want to hang around drug takers, intoxicated children and aggressive youths. Having been in the wrong place at the wrong time years ago and hit with a flying bottle i simply dont entertain anywhere now with any ounce of rough frequenters and I know there are many other decent tax paying people who feel the same as me. If it wasnt for the limestone vaults i would not socialise in this city as there seems to be a lack of good places to go. And by that i mean the people that frequent there and not the place.

Its unfortunate that Limestone fell foul to a lady who looked older than she was but i can see nowadays how this can easily be done however. I know of many teenagers from my area who visit newcastle every friday night who are not 21 and yet these pubs with their droves of underage children never seem to get problems.

Adding a scanner will lose trade in that pub as people of the right age simply don't walk around with ID for fear of losing it. I for one will not walk around with my driving license unless I really have to and 100% not my passport. This means that a large percentage of visitors to that pub will turn up without ID and if they havent got social access to information (facebook etc) they simply wont know to take it. Business is hard nowadays and losing any trade means potential to shut.

I plead that you take another look at potential other ways of enforcing your punishments to this pub. Not only for the pub, visitors and owners but also for the town itself. Newcastle town centre was for many a place that they had started to visit again. This will start to put nails in the coffin of night life for the generation you should be attracting to the town. The ones who dont cause trouble, the ones who dont start fights and need ambulances for intoxication, the ones who dont vandalism the city and abuse taxi drivers, the ones who HAVE MONEY. You will force those people back into nantwich and stafford again and more and more of the crowd you are wanting to stop. Vicious circle.

Thank you for your time.

Gemma Bloor



Robinson, Lynne

From: Harry Bradford [mailto:bradfordh@bt.com]
Sent: 13 August 2014 12:49
To: licensing
Subject: Limestone Vaults

Dear Sir or Madam

My name is Harry Bradford and I am a resident of Newcastle-under-Lyme and have been for 24 years. I am contacting you in regards to the license renewal and discipline of the Limestone Vaults.

As an individual who has visited friends and cities nationwide the only two cities in which bars actually utilise the ID scanners are Liverpool and Manchester. Aspiration aside Newcastle-under-Lyme is neither. Its High Street is failing. It is a paved walkway of boarded up units and charity shops akin to Cannock. And, yet there are glimmers of hope for this town and one of them (The Limestone Vaults) is under constant scrutiny.

In case you weren't aware the Vaults is an award winning, local and charity supporting, local employing, local produce sourcing and tourism award winning establishment. This is exactly the sort of business you should be encouraging and not entrapping with your overzealous police team. If my High Street were to be clutching on the precipice for survival I certainly wouldn't be hammering at its fingers.

There are numerous things you could be doing in the town to fix its problems and yet you seem to be focusing on crushing and relentlessly pounding a small independent business into submission. The company is new and has made mistakes, this is apparent. The arguing of such techniques used by the police is further debate for another day.

I believe any further debate would be myself merely reiterating my points or stating common sense, which I don't believe I need to do (please prove me right).

You have the responsibility and power to support something good. Please do this and give the people of your town something worth celebrating.

Yours sincerely
Harry Bradford

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Robinson, Lynne

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 August 2014 20:40
To: licensing
Subject: The limestone vaults

To whom it may concern,
I have learnt today of the proposal to install an ID scanner in the limestone vaults in order to prevent underage drinking.

Whilst I appreciate that underage drinking is an issue that should be taken seriously, I do feel that in this instance the installation of a scanner is a) disproportionate to the offence and b) inappropriate for a real ale pub with a predominantly older clientele.

The vaults is a valuable addition to a high street in decline and this proposal would seriously affect its future potential, putting jobs at risk and leading to another empty unit.

Surely there are better ways to monitor the pub going forward and I urge you to consider them.

Regards,

Kate Bateson

Sent from my HTC

Robinson, Lynne

From: Michael Blakemore [mailto:Michael.Blakemore@neighbourhoodinvestor.com]
Sent: 13 August 2014 19:36
To: licensing
Subject: Limestone Vaults

Dear Sirs

I have noticed that the licence for the Limestone vaults in Newcastle has been put under review and I would like to add comment in support of this establishment.

I have frequented this pub on many occasions and to me it's one of the best run pubs in Newcastle it has no loud music no TV's showing sport and more to the point NO TROUBLE. I was told that they failed two test purchases and read that they were issued a three day closure order as a result, and as far as I am aware they haven't failed a third so surely they have been punished for said offence so I'm confused why they are being reviewed.

I have been in other pubs that have scanners and they seem to be more young club type bars nothing like the Limestone Vaults and their clientele. I have seen the manager working and he seems totally committed and on the ball as far as ensuring the place is a safe place for his customers and his staff are very vigilant with regard to checking ID's so I believe removing him would be counter productive.

My daughter has been asked for ID at the Limestone Vaults and at the time was 29 and she was shocked as nowhere else in town asked her for it.

Surely the local police and borough council should be working in partnership with local businesses to make our town centres nice places for everyone to enjoy.

This pub is a gem and something Newcastle should be proud of.

Kind regards.

Michael Blakemore

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Robinson, Lynne

From: paul [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 August 2014 16:09
To: licensing
Subject: Limestone Brewery

Dear Sir/Madam,

I recently became aware of the intention to review the license of Limestone Brewery. I really hope a solution is found that does not negatively effect the unique and people focussed offer their business brings to the region.

Thanks
Paul

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Cleary, Julia

From: peter [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 August 2014 18:18
To: licensing
Subject: Limestone vaults

Hello

I am sending this e-mail to protest against the punitive measures being proposed against the Limestone vaults in pepper street Newcastle.

I recognise that the pub failed against two test purchases but they were penalised for that failure by an enforced closure notice. I consider it grossly unfair and contrary to natural justice to then impose further penalties for the same event. In Fridays and Saturdays there are always door staff present, who scrutinise persons trying to enter the pub also i often see bar staff requesting proof of age from persons requesting drinks. I cannot see how having a fixed scanner will materially improve on the existing systems. Also as a member of the public I have reservations about data being held "off site". Such data would be subject to the data protection act, how would I as a member of the public be reassured concerning the security and appropriate use of such data? As concerns the owners, DPS and staff, they have worked hard to create a safe and inviting environment where people who just want to have a quiet drink with friends can go without any loud music or any expectation of trouble. Rather be penalised further or removed, they should be congratulated on their achievements. I would be grateful if you could consider my comments when carrying out the review.

Thank You

Dear Sir/ Madam

I am writing in relation to the recent closure notice served upon the Limestone Vaults, in Pepper Street, that occurred from Wednesday the 26th March at 12pm to Saturday the 29th March at 5pm. It has recently been brought to my attention that the licencing authority wishes the pub to install a digital id scanner (at their expense) to combat the recent failed sting operations undertaken by youth officers acting with Staffordshire police; This reparative action has recently been undertaken by Mr Reid (the manager of Revolution in Hassell Street) but there are some key differences I wish to point out to you. Revolution is a huge company with over 70 bars up and down the country; they have money and resources that Limestone Vaults simply does not have access to in its single venue. Revolution is more of a nightclub offering cheap Alcopops to the youth of today, whilst they listen to Dubstep and other such music. If you have ever attended the vaults you would be greeted by the ambient background and friendly staff who meet the needs of the client base; most of whom are looking for an old fashioned boozier to enjoy locally produced real ale in a selection of varieties.

It would be uncommon for underage youths to go to the vaults and try to order a pint of stout when they are so concerned with drinking white lightning on the parks and causing public nuisance, something that the police could be focusing on rather than the single minded chastisement of pub owners.

In relation to the installment of the digital scanner; if the pub were to install the SCAN NET system (safer nightclubbing at night network) which can recognise 3,500 forms of ID from around the world, and utilises complex mathematical algorithms and schematics they could tell instantly whether the ID has been tampered with and if it is legitimate. Large night clubs in Ibiza, London and Manchester along with border control around the world use scanners like this; this hardly seems necessary for a small venue in Newcastle.

Given the fact that these machines can pick up more than enough data for identity theft, I am troubled that all these ID scanning schemes are being run by the private sector, where data breaches are soaring. Furthermore, abuse by door staff towards people they don't like could get someone unfairly banned from all venues in the town. Such rogues could similarly abuse the system to ascertain details of where a vulnerable young lady may live; this individual would then have access to her home address, phone number and other personal details. How do you suppose we combat this? This could lead to a violation of the data protection act as well as becoming an infringement on people's privacy.

Part of the Mandatory Code of Practice for Alcohol Retailers requires premises to an age verification policy, which came into effect on 1st October 2010. As a minimum, premises must have a policy that requires people who appear to be under the age of 18 to be asked for identification before being served alcohol.

It is interesting that the only violations in the serving of minors in the pub are to those 'agents' you employ to carry out sting operations. One of these 'minors' appeared to be, by all accounts, closer to thirty than thirteen. How can any premises be expected to adhere to the challenge 25 rule when the minors you employ have may have tattoos and piercings for which they should be at least 18 under U.K. statute, also making them legal to consume alcohol. You have deliberately greased the stairs so that public houses stumble only to attach a fine and impose ludicrous security measures at the patron's expense.

Since January last year 18 venues in the vicinity of the town center and a further 11 in the Leek area have been caught selling alcohol to minors. My concern is that the young lady who performed the sting on the vaults will be sent into other establishments.

In a recent interview Sergeant Dave Wright commented that; Officers will be working with licensees in Newcastle to prevent underage sales and providing free training for bar staff working in pubs and clubs; I am astounded that this has not occurred sooner, the support should be an on-going process rather than them being marched in front of the firing squad when incidents like this occur. Why can the manager of the premises for example Mr Cameron of the Vaults be aware of the sting operation in the manner that teachers are aware of a fire drill in school, the burden of care would then be with the individual serving the youth to ensure the statutory requirements are met. If they fail then the discipline can be an internal matter in conjunction with the police and licensing board and not a way to impose ludicrous measures to reduce the workload of the local constabulary.

This is in no way a criticism of the licencing board or the local police I just believe that forcing the Limestone Vaults to install a digital scanner is a ludicrous and costly actions that would discourage the regular clientele from going out. It is not the intention of any of the staff to serve alcohol to minors, in truth no one wants children in the place, it's a local pub not a crèche. So I can only hope you can impose a different sanction.

Thank you for your time.

J. Burton LLB (Hons) MA.

Cleary, Julia

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 August 2014 13:42
To: licensing
Subject: Lymestone Vaults

Dear Sir or Madam

It has come to my attention that The Lymestone Vaults is under license review due to the use of underage test purchasers and thus the active encouragement for the pub to cause a criminal act in the sale of alcohol to underage patrons.

The Lymestone Vaults is the type of establishment that the Borough Council should be encouraging. It supports local producers, offers a quiet social environment which the town is often lacking and is the kind of place that you can go to enjoy an evening out or just a quick pint without fear of running into loutish teenagers drinking large quantities of cheap lager.

I understand that a mistake has happened in the past with underage drinkers. I assume that, due to the more relaxed and older clientele of the pub that some younger drinkers have slipped through. However, the landlord is obviously trying to do the right thing and wants to offer a decent environment for the town.

For the sake of the town I have lived in all my life please do not ruin one of the few places that the more mature patron can actually go to for a quiet drink by introducing ID scanners and focus attention on the pubs where they sell as much as they can for as little as they can. I feel sure the Police are called to these premises and their vicinity much more frequently than they are to The Lymestone Vaults.

Kind regards

Richard P. Farrell

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Tel: [REDACTED]

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Robinson, Lynne

From: ryan smith [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 August 2014 13:37
To: licensing
Subject: Stop replacing pen and paper.

Dear Newcastle Licensing,

I'm writing in response to the implementation of IDscan software in The Lymstone Vault.

Are you serious? Firstly lets consider practically why the system wouldn't work, ever tried to get served on a busy saturday night?...ever wanted to wait an extra 2 minutes per person whilst everyone's card gets scanned (when the machine works!) on top of that? With the security you want to impose you will ruin the dynamic of the bar at the cost of the customers experience.

That's a minor thing though in consideration to how ethical moronic the system is!

Nothing good happens when you give access to databases of people to private companies, databases of essentially a fraud care package that can easily be hacked as all the data is stored online. All this risk can be avoided when you use the system that's been working fine for years of checking people for ID. You're replacing pen and paper...and it won't work, technology breaks and can be inaccurate as you remember there are no scholarly articles proving its effectiveness!

The bar staff need my photo ID with my date of birth on it, they do not need to know whether my documents are valid, my address (With a map), a fresh picture taken, how it is linked to my other documentation, criminal records checks, etc etc

Just because it is popular in Australia it doesn't mean it is needed here, just as having the drinking age of 21 is deemed necessary in America.

The old system works when you do it right, and doesn't put customers at risk. Don't be so bloody stupid.

Robinson, Lynne

From: Simon Pool [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 August 2014 16:15
To: licensing
Subject: Limestone Vaults Licence Review

Dear Sirs,

It has come to my attention that The Limestone Vaults is under license review due to the underhand use of underage test purchasers and thus the active encouragement for the pub to cause a criminal act in the sale of alcohol to underage patrons.

I am a resident of the Borough and the Limestone Vaults is the type of establishment that the Borough Council should be encouraging. It supports local producers, offers a quiet social environment which the town is often lacking. I compare this to other areas of the town where underage drinking is rife and violence is seen both inside the pubs and outside most weekends. The Police frequent and monitor, where tensions are high and where the underage teenagers are focused.

This is most certainly not the Limestone Vaults; this is the pub where people frequent who wish to avoid such loutish, teenage, often violent atmospheres.

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I currently do not understand a situation in a town where a decent pub, such as the Limestone Vaults, is, as I see it, being persecuted instead of encouraged, whilst I must still inform friends and colleagues that are new to Newcastle to avoid certain areas at night due to the levels of possible violence.

I would therefore suggest that you become aware of where the real problems are in Newcastle and concentrated your resources in making these more accessible to decent citizens, such as the high majority which visit the Limestone Vaults.

Regards,

Simon Pool
Director

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Robinson, Lynne

From: Sue Mulroy [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 August 2014 17:19
To: licensing
Subject: Limestone Vaults

Dear Sirs,

It has come to my attention that The Limestone Vaults is under license review due to the use of underage test purchasers and thus the active encouragement for the pub to cause a criminal act in the sale of alcohol to underage patrons.

I am a resident of Newcastle and a frequent visitor to the town.

The Limestone Vaults is the type of establishment that the Borough Council should be encouraging. It supports local producers, offers a quiet social environment which the town is often lacking. I compare this to other areas of the town where underage drinking is rife and violence is seen both inside the pubs and outside most weekends. I would suggest you just walk around the pubs in town on a usual Friday night to see where the Police are hovering, where tensions are high and where the underage teenagers are focused.

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I would therefore suggest that you become aware of where the real problems are in Newcastle and concentrated your resources in making these more accessible to decent citizens, such as the 99.99% which visit the Limestone Vaults.

Regards,

Sue Mulroy
Sent from my iPad

CHAPTER 11

Robinson, Lynne

From: The Bevington Family [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 August 2014 19:48
To: licensing
Cc: pcc@staffordshire.pcc.pnn.gov.uk; mark.thomas@ennsol.co.uk; Wallace, Robert
Subject: Limestone Vaults, Newcastle.

Dear All,

This letter is being sent FAO the licencing review panel, following instructions issued by them, to the owners of the Vaults.

I am writing in support of the owners of the Limestone Vaults who I consider to be extremely comptient very socially responsible & incredibly law abiding members of the community of Stone, Clayton & Newcastle.

I frequent Limestone vaults when possible, Brad Viv & their team make it a very attractive environment to socialise & I can't ever remeber an occassion when I witnessed any form of anti-social behaviour or any attempt to serve or permit under age drinking.

The Vaults has ensured high quality beer is served in Newcastle, most is brewed by Limestone in Stone, so both facilities employ numbers of local residents & contribute significant revenue through local & national taxation.

It seems that measures being suggested (as detailed below) go beyond the norm, in enforcing age-based drinking legislation.

The responsible attitude shown by the staff contributes to safe & responsible drinking & discourages anti-social behaviour, which reduces drink related anti-social behaviour! An issue which uses up so many (expensive) police resources.

I know as an active CAMRA member and acquaintance of the late Bob Jones, that he would have supported the methods & practices which Viv & Brad aspire to in their roles as CAMRA members, "Publican's and Brewery owners". Surely their example is breathing life into a trade which if not balanced will continue to encourage a binge drinking culture founded on mega-pubs serving poor quality alcoholic products.

Please re-consider applying further draconian measures which are more likely to drive the business into the ground, rather than encourage other pubs to follow their shining example of being a social enterprise for local poeple!

Andrew Beington.
Gnosall
[REDACTED]

Hi Everyone. Today after several weeks of trying to speak to someone in the Licensing Team at the BC I have managed to track down a very friendly and helpful lady. It seems that it is the responsibility of the police to explain the review process, but as this has not happened we have been in the dark and are now running out of time. We are being taken to license review because of our failure to spot the underage test purchasers; and the

review panel are being asked to enforce the use of an ID scanner and to remove John as our DPS. We feel that this is an over the top response as we are working very hard with our staff and our customers to spot and prevent underage sales and we do not believe that having an ID scanner will help with this.

Now this is where you our customers come in....

We have been asking for comments via the pub, but I have been told today that you can comment directly to the review panel, BUT time is running out.

Please help us prevent the installation of an ID scanner by supporting us.

Email your comments to licensing@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk BEFORE 5PM ON SUNDAY

Robinson, Lynne

From: Tim Greenwood [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 August 2014 12:26
To: licensing
Subject: Licensing review Limestone Vaults

Dear Sirs,

It has come to my attention that The Limestone Vaults is under license review due to the use of underage test purchasers and thus the active encouragement for the pub to cause a criminal act in the sale of alcohol to underage patrons.

I am a previous resident of Newcastle but still a frequent visitor to the town.

The Limestone Vaults is the type of establishment that the Borough Council should be encouraging. It supports local producers, offers a quiet social environment which the town is often lacking. I compare this to other areas of the town where underage drinking is rife and violence is seen both inside the pubs and outside most weekends. I would suggest you just walk around the pubs in town on a usual Friday night to see where the Police are hovering, where tensions are high and where the underage teenagers are focused.

This is most certainly not the Limestone Vaults. In fact this is the pub where us which wish to avoid such loutish, teenage, often violent atmospheres are happy to frequent.

I understand that a mistake has happened in the past with underage drinkers. I assume that, due to the more relaxed and older clientele of the pub that some younger drinkers have slipped through. However, the landlord is obviously trying to do the right thing and wants to offer a decent environment for the town.

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I would therefore suggest that you become aware of where the real problems are in Newcastle and concentrated your resources in making these more accessible to decent citizens, such as the 99.99% which visit the Limestone Vaults.

Regards,

Tim Greenwood

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Limestone Vaults Licensing Review

I understand that the Limestone Vaults are shortly due to receive a licensing review due to failure to spot underage test purchasers during operations conducted by the police. I would like to put my personal thoughts forward on this case and pledge my support for the Limestone Vaults.

I have been a regular at this establishment since it's opening, visiting usually once a week. During those visits I have occasionally witnessed the bar staff asking drinkers for ID but on NO occasion have I witnessed bar staff selling alcohol to people who I consider to be underage, nor have I seen people that I consider to be underage drinking in the pub. Quite often, it seems to me, that at 54 I am the youngest person in the establishment. One visit to the Vaults will show you that this is not a 'troublesome' pub; its main clientele is middle-aged people. I have even had the pleasure of seeing the Mayor drinking in there. On a Saturday you will find families in the pub having a bite to eat knowing that their policy on swearing is clear to all who visit, a credit to the pub attitudes.

I also understand that the position of John as the DPS is under some threat. I have got to know John over the last year and a half and it is clear to me that John is responsible for many of the high standards operated by the pub. Last week I heard John say to a new member of staff "Time to lean? Time to clean". Perhaps you may wish to consider such a simple mantra when you next visit your local and observe the actions of their bar staff. I have heard John guiding the staff to achieve a seamless customer service and I know that the 'tone' of the pub belongs to John and his hard work.

As a Trustee of the Burgesses of Newcastle-under-Lyme I am proud to have the Limestone Vaults in my town, representing my town, supporting my town, supporting activities in the town centre, supporting local industries. This is the type of business of which we all should be proud; it is award winning (awarded Gold for 'Tourism Pub of the Year' in the Enjoy Staffordshire Tourism Awards 2013) and original. Remember that the word Lyme in Limestone is named after our town.

People from outside of Newcastle-under-Lyme travel to come to this public house bringing with them revenue for our town. If we make visiting this pub onerous, for example by means of an ID scanner, this will send a wrong message to visitors and could well destroy this wonderful benefit to our town centre.

I implore you to visit the pub, unannounced, unofficially and see for yourself how it operates, watch the professionalism of the staff, see the cleanliness, even sample the food during the daytime, then ask yourself which pub in Newcastle has higher standards.

Please consider the public houses in the town centre and which you would choose to enter. Does the Limestone really deserve to be singled out for the restrictions that could be imposed upon it when others with known more serious problems do not have these restrictions?

Please consider very carefully before you take any actions against the Limestone Vaults. This is not an establishment that is trying to break the law, it is working very hard to uphold the law but has made a simple error for which it has already made amends. We should be supporting and nurturing this establishment and not taking actions that may destroy it.

Thank you for reading my letter of support for the Limestone Vaults, John, his staff and Brad and Viv at the brewery.

Ian Bailey

15/8/14,

Lymestone Vaults.

Customer Comment Cards.

~~Wasted~~

SCANNERS ARE EXCESSIVE BEYOND THE AGE OF 21, AND LEGALITY QUESTIONABLE.

WHY NOT ISSUE PERSONALISED I.D CARDS TO YOUR REGULARS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18 AND 21 WHO INITIALLY PROVE THEIR AGES AND PROVIDE I.D. - COST TO THE BUSINESS WOULD BE MINIMAL i.e. SMALL LAMINATING MACHINES AND PRE-PRINTED CARDS WITH A SPACE FOR A PHOTOGRAPH. THIS WOULD

SIMPLIFY THE PROBLEM WITH HAVING TO I.D. ALL CUSTOMERS. SIGNAGE ON ENTRY WOULD REDUCE NUMBERS TRYING TO OBTAIN ACCOUNTS WITHOUT I.D. CARDS.

roy.glass@ntlworld.com

MISUSE OF CARDS RESULTING IN BANS etc etc.

Jeff Abbotts
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The requirement of all customers under 25 is absurd, but I agree with a under 21 drink, to safeguard your sales. The k.v. is a superb venue for a drink + food, but I appreciate that to protect yourselves a

under 21 policy helps. Thanks for your contribution to the real ale front.

Jeff Abbotts

Mr & Mrs Kinglet. 14 The Crescent,
Trent Vale, S.O.T. ST4 5QP
1997 Bigg@gmail.com

We do NOT agree with the useing of
an ID Scanner!! There are not a lot
of Young People that use This Pub.
We think the staff do a good Job and
don't need anymore training; my husband
P.T.O

Came in the vaults ²⁰¹⁴ with his
daughter and was asked for some I.D
~~how do they~~

re ID Scanner: -
I don't believe that this is
necessary. Its just more
'Big Brother' tactics.

Overkill.

I think you are responsible
enough to check ages in
yourselves.

Jan Baddery

jan_baddery@yahoo.co.uk

The information that will be collected by the ID scanner is private and confidential.

- Q — Who are the service providers of the scanner?
- Q — Have they been security cleared and vetted under the Data Protection Act?
- Q — Where is our personal info being stored and who has access?

②

- Q — Who else will be given our info? (which other companies?)
- Q — Why do they need to scan our ID AND STORE IT?

Checking ID rigorously is a good idea. A policy similar to that in the USA could be adopted here — if you look under 30 YOU WILL BE ASKED.

③

Scanning and storing our personal information is unnecessary, inappropriate and amounts to a disproportionate response to ~~the~~ a problem that has been resolved.

Tom Marshall
E- tommarshall74@gmail.com.

I'm all for the end of the bad old days of Friday night's in Newcastle. It was an unpleasant, nasty and violent place a few years back.

At the same time though, it's not like that any more, far from it. It feels like these latest measures are a step towards killing the town off totally. I also have a

major issue with Data Protection re these scanners. It is "personally identifiable" data with no contract in place between the provider, user and general public. It is possibly wide open to ~~some~~ legal challenge.

Ian .. 8/8/14
ianbu1@hotmail.

COM.

The vaults is always a very safe & warm welcoming pub. We have never experienced the slightest bit of trouble or mither.

This I.D. ^{scanner} is an over the top reaction to a simple mistake. The police are being over the top! And using their powers to heavily.

How do you prevent under-age drinking? Perhaps you do need to I.D. all who look under 25 but an I.D. scanner is a step too far.

Happy Customers (who feel welcome & safe)

Kevin Hawkins & Hazel Dance
The Vaults 1903 Whitburn

been
YOU have ^{been} the subject of
a police 'sting' or set up as I
prefer to call it, at your busiest time.

The so called authorities tend to
pick on places that do not have
a problem - like yourselves.

They do this to show their paymasters
they are being 'proactive'. In fact the

opposite is true. You run a good
orderly house, without problems.

The only problem is the police who
pick on soft targets rather than
tackle trouble spots known to them.

'STICK TO YOUR GUNS' - An I.D. Scanner
is far worse than bar staff (HUMAN)
intervention.

This is ridiculous! Of all the pubs/bars
in Newcastle, the Vaults is the most
welcoming, safe, non-threatening & grown up.
As a regular customer since its
opening I have never witnessed
anything untoward & think the
staff do an exceptional job.
The proposal of an I.D. scanner is
not only a waste of time, it is also

a waste of money. I believe the local
authorities should be spending their
time tackling the more troublesome
pubs in Newcastle. The local authorities
should be working with & celebrating
local businesses, not alienating
them. Soon Newcastle town centre
will be a ghost town if these
proposals go through.

1/8/14

KEEP SELLING PROPER REAL ALE

AND KEEP THE NO-AMBIENT

MUSIC POLICY AND YOU

WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT

UNDER 18'S FINDING THIS

PLACE ENTERTAINING !!

DON'T AGREE WITH ID SCANNERS

THINK CHALLENGE 25 AS IN

SUPERMARKETS

ASK FOR ID.

MY 21 yr OLD DAUGHTER ALWAYS

CARRIES HER DRIVING LICENSE.

M. DUNN

jmc5at31ouatt@tiscali.co.uk

1/8/14

Absolute Bonkers !!

As I am 48 yrs old, this

does not affect me one bit -

but victimising all 18-30yr olds

is nonsense ! NOT TO MENTION
DATA PROTECTION *

THE LICENSING LAWS STATE THAT
IT IS AN OFFENCE FOR ANYONE UNDER
18 TO ATTEMPT TO BUY ALCOHOL, SO
SURELY THE POLICE ARE BREAKING THE
LAW BY SENDING SOMEONE UNDER AGE
TO ATTEMPT TO BUY ALCOHOL FROM
LICENCED PREMISES

The idea of the scanner
I find a little intrusive,
however if it could be
used to track out ~~people~~ low
people who cause trouble, then
it could be positive.

I would not be happy with
this public house having to
pay for this however

George Firth

george.firth85@gmail.com

The Police should understand that
the Vaults is not the type of
establishment that generally attracts
the Under 25s. The clientele are
general mature adults. I suspect the
bar staff were unused to asking
customers for ID because it is so
unusual for youngsters to enter these
premises. In my view, the ID scanner is
not necessary in this instance. pto

MARK WHITTER
15 DUNKIRK COURT
N'CASTLE
07984 076520

le don't object to the use of I.D.
Scanners, but we feel that the
keeping of data by another
agency is ~~scary~~ worrying -
what is this used for?
we have never seen any trouble
in the vaults, but if this is an
on going problem staff training
must be ongoing ~~and~~ ^{edgeleys}
Jude & Rick Edgeley @sky.com

Scanners not needed, I've
not noticed big problem in
vaults, have done in some
pubs, not everyone has passport
or driving licence - big brother
methods not needed here.
Mrs M. Eagles.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN AN 8
YEAR OLD DOESN'T DRIVE
NO PASSPORT???

WHO ARE THESE GUYS
THINKING OF THIS BOL*XXS
GOVERNMENT MONEY SCURRING TWATS TATS WORD.

WHO TAKES A DRIVING LICENCE
OR PASSPORT OUT WHEN
GOING 4 A PINT?

WHAT ARE WE LIVING IN,
A FACIST POLIE STATE?

WERE YOU TAKEN OUT AND BEATEN WITH
RUBBER TRUNCHEONS? NO? THEN YOU ARE
TALKING HYPERBOLLOCKS.

THIS LICENSING AUTHORITY IS USING
A SLEDGEHAMMER TO CRACK A
NUT. LICENSEES ARE BEING
VICTIMISED TOO MUCH IN AN
ALREADY DIFFICULT JOB. MY
GENERATION STARTED DRINKING IN
PUBS AT 15 OR 16 AND HAD TO
BEHAVE OURSELVES WHICH HAS
LED US TO A LIFETIME OF

DRINKING WHERE WE RESPECT
PUBS AND LICENSEES.

SURELY THERE IS A BETTER
WAY TO TACKLE CURRENT
ISSUES THAN HOW THINGS
ARE CURRENTLY BEING DONE
IN THIS AREA

NIGEL BARKER (AGED 55 3/4)
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IF A PERSON GIVES YOU PERMISSION
TO SCAN THEIR CARD BUT
DOES NOT GIVE YOU PERMISSION
TO STORE THE DATA YOU WILL
BE BREAKING THE LAW UNDER THE
HUMAN RIGHTS ACT YOU CAN NOT
STORE DATA WITHOUT THE
CONSENT OF THE PERSON,

THESE FOLK ARE YOU SA TELLING
PEOPLE NO STORED DATA PTO
NO DRINK

PLEASE LOOK CAREFULLY

AT THIS ISSUE



I suggest that the scanner would be better at the door so the bar staff can carry on pouring drinks and not hassled by scanning all the time.

ps. by on the door give the job to the bouncer.

1. I agree with the need to show ID but do not think there is a need to scan this information.

.. No the pub is friendly welcoming due to the real ale served naturally attracts customers over 25.

I have not witnessed a need for training. As long as ~~the~~ ID is ask for this is sufficient

I do not agree that my information on a central database. I cannot see an issue with asking for identification manually at the door for every patron.

Why pick on a pub that provides great beer & great service when other pubs in town are known for creating violence & aggression.

DATE: 14/8/14

1) ID SCANNERS ARE POINTLESS AND A PAIN AS THEY DON'T ACCEPT ALL FORMS OF ID.

2) NO PROBLEMS HERE EXCEPT WHEN POLICE SEND IN UNDERAGE ON PURPOSE WHO PROBABLY LOOK OVER 18.

3)

I THINK THE STAFFS TRAINING IS IMPECCABLE AS I'VE SAID HERE I HAVE WATCHED THE STAFF BE COURTEOUS POLITE AND ASK FOR ID IN A MANNER WHICH WOULD NOT EMBARRASS BUT PROMOTE AWARENESS THAT UNDERAGE DRINKERS ARE NOT WELCOME.

AK 07568343208

I do not think that a scanner would help improve the problem as long as the staff are trained and proof of age is provided that should be enough. Maybe a senior member of staff could adjudicate when suspected under age issue arises. This would include refusal to serve if necessary, or maybe let them at the door. PRO Birch (age 55) That would mean the bar staff could just serve.

It would do the police good to do a proper job and serve in a busy pub. They would then realise how impractical this system would be.

Encouraging under 18's to break the law to punish good businesses is not what I expect our taxes to be spent on.

Get a life.

This bar is a happy place that causes no problems regarding anti social behaviour.

Tricking the management so that a good place could lose its licence is not what I want my council tax spent on.

If I didn't know better I would assume that the police want to justify an over the top presence to control a problem that isn't caused here.

Pubs with such a pleasant ^{and} relaxing atmosphere as this should be encouraged in every way.

Any resources spent in avoiding social problems would be better used elsewhere.

To the police!

Do not trick responsible businesses!

This is a brilliant innovative bar which can create a new image for Newcastle. Do not undermine it by tricks!

The police are our representatives not our repressors. Please support a good thing!

PK
FIND US A PANICMAO/
MAY STAFF WHO DIDNT
DRY/DRINK DRINK UNDER 18!

SOUNDS LIKE TIME SPREAD AS
"BIG BROTHER"! WAS IT TO THE
STAFF.

KEPT. SOUNDING UNDER AJS KIDS
IN TO DELIBERATELY TRY TO CATCH
YOU OUT/BREAK THE LAW 'AGENT PROSEC?'

Mich-De
0776858134

While the "Punishment" may in your
view be excessive, the fact is
they have found you out twice. So
it is difficult not to accept the
proposal.

Staff in the Pub are fine, they
simply need to check all the
time, and maybe a supervisor
double checks

John Kelly

Kellyshome41@virginmedia.com

077755 73456

Sorry,

I have never seen under-age customers at this place - ever. but like in Supermarkets just ask for ID if you think that they are.

Thanks.

I would suggest the only way is to ask them to produce ID. - No ID. - to drink.

It is very difficult to tell a young person's age, especially young girls, whom we ~~are~~ usually the ones who are sent to catch the staff out. It is for the scanners - no point.

I THINK YOU SHOULD I.D ALL BAR THE OBVIOUS COFFIN DODGERS. SOME MAY BE OFFENDED BUT THEY WON'T WANT DRINK ELSEWHERE THE F.O SCANNER BELONGS IN AN AIRPORT. I DOUBT BIN LADEN'S CREW ARE GOIN TARGET HERE THIS IS AN OUTSTANDING JOB TO STOP AN UNDER 18 BEING SERVED? IM AFRAID SOME WILL ALWAYS FALL THROUGH THE NET. :|

The ID Scanner seems to be a "Big Brother" scenario. As long as people can produce valid I.D to prove they are over 18 should be enough. It is like using a sledgehammer to crack a nut. Surely continuous staff training should be enough.

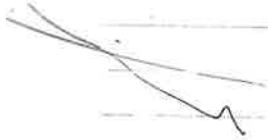
There is no need for ID
Scanners.

We feel the Limestone is
being singled out!

The reason we use this pub
is because there are no
youngsters in it! (And of
course the good ale)!⁶⁶

PTO →

Chrisdrewery916@yahoo.co.uk



We have been using the Limestone
since it opened and have rarely
seen anyone under the age of
30 in it anyway!

Perhaps the police should concentrate
their efforts on the likes of Gates,
Revolution, etc.

Keep up the good work - you are the

best pub in Newcastle!

janetdrewery266@yahoo.com

- NO to ID Scanners

No problem, rarely see anyone under 30 in here.

- If the police did their job properly there wouldn't be a problem.

- A bit OTT, bloody nanny state!

Spotting people's age is getting more and more difficult.

If using a scanner to identify age will be a disadvantage to your business and protect you against closure.

If you scan someone's identity and it fails that is in your defence.

CHRIS BAILEY. chris3557@yahoo.com

TOTALLY AGAINST SCANNERS. YET AGAIN HONEST TRADERS VICTIMISED BY POLICE SCAM. NO DOUBT YOU WILL HAVE TO PAY THE COST FOR DEER MAN AND TO GET CUSTOMERS. BET WITHERSPOON DON'T HAVE SCANNERS.

Good luck + fit to the last.

B. D.

Totally OTT!

This is not the source of the problem.

Es. D.

S. Nichol / P. Myatt

We do not think the vaults is a pub that would appeal to underage drinkers, we drink here as we like the alcohol selection - it's full of people our age (over 40's). Underage test purchasers never reflect reality, hence coming to a pub without problems (dressed to look older). Why should drinkers in their late 20's have to carry a passport around, I do

Not wish to carry a passport around with me.

We have been to Portmouth and been refused entry to a pub as we didn't have ID, even when we are over 40. It either needs to be like the USA where everyone under 21 needs to carry ID or it isn't applied. You cannot have different pubs with different criteria. It is nanny state rather than common sense, mistakes do occasionally happen.

I disagree with I.D Scanners in the Lymestone Vaults. Having come in here regularly, I find I am often one of the youngest customers, on various days (I am 24 years old). This is not a pub which young people (around 18) drink. It is a quite pub which attracts no trouble at all.

The staff are very efficient.

Of people around 30 are being asked for I.D (P.F.O)

this could reduce ^{the} their business for one of the best pubs in Newcastle (if not the best)

Only way's suggest improvement is to make sure staff ask if in any doubt at all.

Thank you for brilliant service

I think its a good idea
to have a scanner,

you really never know
how old somebody is.

I often see under age girls
in clubs/pubs every week.

THE POLICE ARE ACTING IN
A TOTALLY DISPROPORTIONATE
MANNER.

THEY'RE SIMPLY AFTER 'EASY
TARGETS' AS OPPOSED TO 'REAL
CRIMINALS'.

Dave Rishon

1) Scanners

Strongly disagree

David Forster

David.forster1981@gmail.com.

If you asked me if I was
under 30. I'd be thrilled!

What would you scan -
finger prints?

If you are in doubt offer them
a soft drink...
see if they stay - or get offended

ID SCANNER will still be not be-fool proof!!!

Most of "today's" kids are very savvy and I myself could pass for 20 at 16., I don't think times have changed.

I would copy someone else's ID CARD and pay for the PRO

convenience,

You can purchase anything from the Internet.

If I have this knowledge and I am 50 next year.

the world is there Oyster.

Rave over!

Time for more ALE "LOVLEY".

I think that if staff have been trained further then they can produce ID for staff to check. The police should recognise this extra training and staff prepare for spot checks in the future. I personally have been in a n/c pub where they have a scanner (Revolution) and I watched as all people where queing and produced ID for scanning - in full view - I

I found it intrusive to peoples personal info.



Break out
the Tasse
(Dink) he's
under 30
LOL.

andrew_stewart1@yahoo
.com

Think 10 scanners are a good idea, but relatively
simple, as most young people can just borrow a
pound 10 and get away with drinking in pubs.
I'm 23 years old and get asked for 10 in the
pubs, however because the staff recognise me
it's becoming less frequent. I can definitely tell there's
been an increase in staff training and it's a
positive step forward. Do away with scanning
machines. Always remember (used to be a barman)
- if you have any doubt whatsoever, ask!
You run a great pub - !! jakewaltersavage@gmail.com

WILL A COPPER UNDER THE
AGE OF 30 YEARS

BE ALLOWED TO CARRY OUT
THIS PROCEEDURE!!

ITS NOT YOUR FAULT THAT CUSTOMER
ACT IN A UN SOCIALABLE
BEHAVIOUR

No to scanners

I would be very concerned about my
data being stored by clients
machine - BIG BROTHER step too far.
I would refuse and go somewhere else.
Sarah. (Age 37)

2/8/14

We are aged 54+ and regularly use the Vaults. We have never seen or been suspicious of underage drinkers. We believe that this is victimisation of the Vaults and that Scanners are an infringement of Civil Liberties. Do they have scanners in the large Chains? Who has to pay for those scanners? The police? PTD

Better time spent policing Asian newspapers & Bargain Booze.

~~deb.bailey1959@yahoo.co.uk.~~

As I thought when I heard of the closure, this was a ridiculous over-reaction by the Police. Although I do not drink in here as often as I'd like, your Staff always appear to be very aware and professional. (Something which cannot be

said for many pubs these days!) I hope very much that this does not affect your trade.

I am, however, annoyed that I was not I.D'ed - I'm only 44!! ☹

I would not come here
if my data were
being stored. I have no
problem with being
asked to see proof of age.

Don Age 35.

This is an example of a poor law that is difficult to police and enforce. Lazy law makers then impose inconvenient and bureaucratic measures on the law abiding citizen. We need to encourage responsible drinking in teenagers, not a hard cut-off at 18. The whole approach to alcohol and teenagers needs a fresh approach starting with treating people as responsible, sensible people by default, not as a number which is their age.

Police state gone mad! IMO.

The only thing needed in
my opinion is the pub
(all pubs) to sign
something once a year
that states that staff
have been trained to spot
& deal with underage drinkers.

Nothing else needed

Steve Jackson, aged 52!

I have no problem being asked for
ID. I have a HUGE problem with my
data being stored. It serves no
purpose with regard to my being
legally able to purchase alcohol. It
would actually put me off coming
in here in

22/7/14.

46.

- 1) I don't agree with scanners, I think it won't "catch" any extra under 18's and it would harm Trade.
- 2) I don't believe the Vaults has a 'underage' problem - full stop.
- 3) On training, the suggestion I would make is to ~~have~~ have 'spot' checks or 'ad-hoc' reminders for staff and customers - make us all 'aware' of the rules, and keep records of the spot checks

This pub has a great and homely atmosphere and (if anything) the clients are ~~of~~ at the 'older' end of the ~~age~~ age group.

~~John~~ John, Brad + Vir have my full support whatever they have to do.

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I think the use of I.D. scanners would be appropriate if there was a proved problem with I.D.ing customers, however asking anyone under 30 is ridiculous. I used to work in retail, + it really isn't that hard to ask customers who look young for I.D.

I do not think there is a problem at Limestone Vaults, + I have been asked for I.D. before!

You maybe need to use the bank 25 policy, + give staff the confirmation that they are fully backed by management if they ask for I.D. or refuse to serve anyone who does not have it.

Page 148 the scanner is introduced I may go elsewhere as I think its

I don't think there is currently a problem with under age drinking at the vaults. I've never been asked for ID but then I'm 43 so wouldn't expect to be. I have seen staff challenge customers on occasion but I don't believe the vaults is the kind of pub targeted by under age drinkers so am bemused that the police are targeting you.

Mike. Della @ Virgin.net.

Mike. Proctor - Arrow Brand.

Who carries their PP or DL with them?

Certainly 18-21 just passed etc may do as they may be frequently asked - but 25-30y/o - no

1. Would not provide this ID - its totally intrusive
Where does the info then go? Data Protection?
looks to me as if they have it in for us
Is what they demand legal? Probably not.
Absolute nonsense. and who is going to monitor it
Insulting to ask customers to do this anyway

I do NOT agree with ID scanners.

This is an over-reaction & not necessary with responsible staff.
There will always be people under 18 trying to drink in pubs, landlords just use common sense & vigilance.

1/8/14

Scanners are not required (the legal age for drinking is 18 NOT 30)

There is no problem in this pub & it is wrong you were set up in the first place.

22/11/2014.
For outrageous "idea" from
the police!
The idea that anyone
who can perfectly legally
be alcohol but has to
prove their "innocence"
up to the age of thirty
seems superb at best.
Also the idea of a
third party doing
personal information
such as passport or
driving license number
being highly possible
and open to abuse. →

The staff are constantly
asking customers for
ID in my experience
people are certainly not
against
Assuming that's been
no major transgressions
since the three day
closing, this marks
of victimization by
the police.
They should join their city
colleagues in Halesowen
and to see who is taking
driving is really the
DANE BOUNDIVE.

From my recent visits here I do
not think you have a problem
but obviously test purchasers get
through.

Question - who decides if you are
under 30?

Does everyone have either
passport / driving license

I think ID scanners are a step
to far - Big Brother 1984

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Oh Yeah Great Idea !!?

Replace human with
machine, Its like

Terminator. Idiot police



Have a word with

Dave + Kay Washbrook
of the Blue Bell in Kingsgrove

They have had dealings with
the Licensing people at Newcastle B.C.

JAN DAVE 2011 at hotmail.co.uk
We feel sorry for the
Vaults, with this problem.
They do everything possible
to keep a great place for a
drink. Its the day and age
we live in lots of the girls
to-day look far to old for there
age.

Its the one pub that we would
come in town for a drink
and feel safe.

IF underage drinkers
enter a public house they
should be the ones Fined and
ARRESTED and parents to pay the
Fines, NOT the establish-
ments that they enter

The law needs Changing

If everybody who looked
under age OR NEAR TO IT were
challenged and produced ID.
that appeared to verify their age
then have you not done enough?
People come in to buy a drink not to
access FORT NOX. Peter PTO



~~PTO~~

One of the main reasons that I choose to drink in the
vaults is because of the very clear policy in place
regarding challenging visitors who may appear to be
under the legal drinking age. It is a mature pub
for mature people - the staff are exceptionally
diligent when it comes to 'challenge us', and involve
the policy at all times, even when the pub is busy
and there are people waiting to be served. All staff
'buy in' to a culture that is set and maintained
from the top down. There is simply no reason to change.

Working in retail I understand
how hard it is to sometimes
to Judge. But if you are
never sure always say NO

I do not agree to having I.D
scanners in this pub.
I don't see a lot of
young people in here,
so I do not see
why the staff should
have more training

MRS V. Burton

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VICKY - burton50@Hotmail.CO.UK

I think proving that you are
30 years ~~plus~~ ^{or younger} is excessive.
Not everyone has a passport
or driving license.
As long as the staff remain
vigilant.

Samantha Waters

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CHARLIE WALLIN

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NO, I DON'T AGREE WITH THE
USE OF AN ID SCANNER - IT'S
MORE UNNECESSARY PERSONAL DATA
CAPTURE.

ALSO THE 30 YRS + UNDER IS

Also. Are you being victimized
for some reason.

Can staff/police prove that they
are applying the discretion
activities to ALL licensed
premises in ~~the~~ the Borough.

In theory the police are paid by
the public to work FOR the public
Peter peterabc2003@aol.com

The introduction of a scanner is simply unnecessary
and outweighs the need for it entirely. I don't
know of, or visit, any other pubs that challenges
age as regularly and as systematically as the
Vantaa.

I have never once observed any trouble or disorder
of any kind on my frequent visits here. Like I
said at the start - it's one of the main reasons I
come here (as well as the fine ale and great

kerry2002@hotmail.co.uk.

COMMENT: PATHETIC OVER KILL PUBS/SHOPS
ETC ALREADY HAVE OVER 25 RULE
LEGAL AGE IS 18 !! WHY ?
LOOK OVER 30 ? I GIVE IN

NANNY, NOTHING BETTER TO DO,
STATE.

BUYING CIGGIES - DO YOU LOOK OVER 23 !!!

ID Scanners is this a
police state ???

We live in a free country and
a democracy; when did we
agree to be "scanned" whilst
out for a social evening?

I never take out a passport or Licence!!

Will the next step be ID cards
for all ??

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THERE IS NO PROBLEM IN THE VAULTS
THE PROBLEM IS WITH THE POLICE

THE INTRODUCTION OF ID SCANNER
WILL ONLY WORK IF EVERY PERSON
IS SCANNED ON ENTERING THE
VAULTS AT THE FRONT DOOR

if whoever it may concern, the Limestone
culls are doing everything they can to
revent underage drinking, posters
everywhere etc. Why not target Yates'
or Wetherspoons in the Ironmarket
where youngsters would tend to go because
of cheaper beer? Not so sure of a scanner,
but passport or driving licence to prove age
would be sufficient

I don't agree there's a problem
with underage drinking. The
staff are switched on and
have checked my son who
is 28. Paul PSK27@AOL.COM

Never seen kids in
this pub.
I come here ^{precisely} for that
reason. David
722476

This suggestion is ridiculous and
another unnecessary expense
to a venue that promotes
responsible drinking, offers
a unique experience in a town
full of Keg Palaces with
irresponsible "Managers".

Mark Turner
Licensee. M.I.M.

Really liked being ID'd. THANK
YOU ☺

I do not think The Vault should be persecuted by the police as a result of underage drinks.

They obtain false I.D. I know I have had one who has done this. They will find a way. This is entrapment by the police.

PTO

Also I would be most upset if I was not challenged being over 50. Only joking!

Number of points

- ① How do you establish who is under 30? It is exactly the same as spotting under 18s
- ② The data stored by the provider smokes of BIG BROTHER - This is POLICE STATE!!
- ③ ID Scanners are not the solutions. Will prevent people from coming in the Pub
- ④ Yes you have a problem. It is a nice pub. You need to be a pub where there is a drug + drunken problem because under 18s will not

try to get in there. YOU ARE TOO NICE AND THE POLICE WILL TARGET YOU

- ③ Training - You will have to ask everyone
- ④ If anyone refuses to provide I.D, phone the police and tell them someone is trying to purchase alcohol. If an underage person tries to buy alcohol it is an offence just the same as it is to sell it!!

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I think it would be much easier to simply ask for ID and if they don't have it they don't get served.

Unless the scanners are introduced into every single pub on Stoke-on-Trent, or even the UK, then it is simply victimisation of a single pub.

How can that be right ???

Police policy or democracy?

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ARE THE POLICE TARGETING OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS?
WHY WERE THEY SURVEYING STAKE Pubs?
ITS A PINE LINE TO ASSESS SOMEONES
JOB & ANYWAY I BELIEVE "FALSE" ID
CARDS ARE EASILY AVAILABLE
DOES EVERYONE WHO WANTS TO DRINK
T A LEGAL AGE HAVE A DRIVING
-LICENCE NOT TO MENTION PASSPORT
IS A DIFFICULT ONE.
UNTIL WE GET "IRIS" SCANNERS!!

SIDE 1

One of the reasons that I come to this pub is because there are NO underage drinkers. The Vaults does not feel that it is aimed at younger drinkers, e.g. the type of drinks, the furniture, the music, the lack of entertainment machines.

The pub has a nice, charming, laid back feel more suitable to its more senior clientele.

P.T.O

SIDE 2

I do not know how you can do more to ensure that underage people are not served, I have NEVER seen underage people being served in here & I am a regular.

I am concerned that my personal data as gathered by an ID Scanner will not be correctly controlled & do not see how this will prevent ~~an~~ an underage breach.

This is not the problem pub in town, this is a shining example to the town & should be fully supported.

As someone who has been ID'd at the ~~pub~~ ~~pub~~ often drinks at the Vaults, and who often gets I.D'd I have to say that the standard of vigilance shown by the staff is impressive. This is the only establishment I feel properly scrutinises my identification, and I really believe that the staff take the possibility of underage drinking extremely seriously. The I.D. Scanner seems to be a knee jerk reaction to a problem that has been dealt with in the

most efficient and comprehensive way. The scanner also seems to be an unnecessary expense and I fail to see what it will add to the situation.

I am also concerned about the fact that the data will be stored in a central database. I would like to hear further clarification as to why this needs to be the case and who would access this data.

The Vaults staff.

I drink in the vaults weekly. I am over 21 and have seen on occasions young looking (under 21) asked for ID and on one occasion a young man returned with ID, the staff seem to record something. I have never seen trouble at the vaults and the owners seem to take this

issue seriously. They are a pub that is interested in the town and trade for all shops not just their own pub.

This in my opinion is the kind of landlords we should support.

Karen Emmens.

I feel very strongly that ID Scanners are an intrusive means of checking a simple fact and overly invasive of people's privacy.

The use of ID Scanners would put me off using the pub.

I can absolutely see that they may have a use in establishments attracting under age drinkers, but I do not believe that the Limestone Vaults is pro such an establishment.

The staff are clearly working hard to prevent under age drinkers and I have never seen any evidence of under age drinking here.

I hope that the police can feel satisfied in this, without resorting to the use of ID Scanners. Surely requiring a passport or driving license is evidence enough of someone's age, without recording it?

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18/14.

As a 50 yr old it don't affect me ⁱⁿ but I don't like the idea of my daughters passport or ID licence being scanned, + info kept by ???

SIG BROTHER GONE MAD!!

plus they just FAKE ID ANYWAY!

How R u on a Venue covered if you

scan a passport + it says 21 you

take them in + they are on fake ID!

It won't stop them but you will

still be liable!!

Bollocks, that's what it is.

My stepdaughter is 29, 30 on the 31/12/14. She's regularly stopped and questioned about her age - lucky woman.

However with a mortgage and four (4) children she has neither a driving licence or a passport as she will still look under 30 next year is she going to

been penalised because she looks young. Your proposal is inane, discriminatory, and questionably illegal under S.8, ECHR.

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If the scanners do indeed store the data, then they are in breach of the 5th principle of the Data Protection Act: information is kept for no longer than is necessary. There is no justification to store this data, just to verify the validity of the ID.

As for preventing the sale of alcohol to minors, check EVERYONE, no matter how old they seem.

ATO

Certainly no woman is ever going to be abandoned at the prospect of being mistaken for someone younger. There will be the odd person you will lose custom from, but better to lose them than your licence.

Put a note on the entrance informing customers that they will be asked for ID; this will reduce waiting time at the bar as people will have ID ready.

ID Scanners? No.

What happens to information obtained?

How do you tell difference between a 29 and a 31 year old?

Have n't seen any trouble set in juveniles persistently

What happens to 29 year old who doesn't drive and does not travel abroad?

Staff here seem to have been very well trained

H. Sassi

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WE DO NOT THINK YOU
NEED SCANNERS

WE HAVE NEVER
NOTICED ANY PROBLEMS

20

STAFF ARE SOME OF
THE BEST WE HAVE
COME ACROSS

UNDER 18'S CAN ONLY
BE STOPPED BY THEIR
PARENTS THEY SHOULD
BE RESPONSIBLE.

Bethan Foulkes - b.p.foulkes@
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-Of all the institutions in N-U-L
which may have a problem with
wage drinking, The Vaults is not it.
As a local business (a thriving &
valuable one at that), I believe that
the police should be doing
everything to aid the pub, not

abet it. Staff training & ^{DTD} legal
compliance is obviously necessary,
but sensible common sense should
be allowed to prevail. I do not
believe that the DTD scanner helps
in any way (rather hinders the staff in
doing their jobs effectively), & I
personally resent having my personal
recorded, so that I can perform a
legal activity.



No need for scanners
- will put customers off!
- like an airport
Security lounge!!

- x ① Retrain staff + door staff
- ② Poster campaign in pub
- ③ Advertise 18/21 limit +

need for ID to be shown at all times

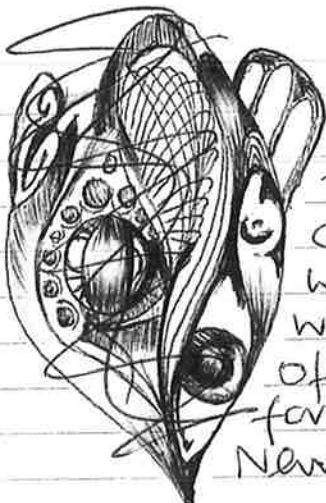
~~30~~ too high!!

From
An older (58) drinker

ally

OVERKILL !!?

Never seen any problem / trouble ever in Lymestones. (We visit 3x weekly). Mainly a mature clientele. Cannot see why the pub / staff should be burdened with the extra expense. The punishment was more than enough. Why drag it out? Aren't there



more pressing and URGENT situations the police should be concerning themselves with?? After all - where else can people of a certain age go for a decent pint in Newcastle?

THANK + THANK

Makes me unhappy to know
that someone else is going to
store all my details.
You already have a lovely
security woman who does a
great job, and you've clearly
bumped up training because I
get I.D'd EVERY TIME! I don't
mind waiting for that but a
machine would put me off. PTO.

(However I'll stay a loyal
customer because I love you :))
If you guys have to get a
scanner then all pubs in
Newcastle should!

Love, Heather Locker.

(heather.locker@outlook.com)



Didn't think this was the kind of place
that had a problem with underage
drinkers.
Wouldn't mind being scanned - would
welcome being mistaken for under 30!!



ALTHOUGH I AM AN INFREQUENT VISITOR TO THE
UNITS, I SEE NOTHING IN THE PUB TO ATTRACT UNDER
18'S TO ENTER. I FEEL THE SCANNER WOULD BE A WASTE
OF TIME AND WOULD NOT INCREASE SECURITY ON THE
PREMISES ALSO I WOULD WANT REASSURANCE ON WHO HAS
ACCESS TO THE SCANNER DATA. HOW SECURE IS IT
HELD? HOW WILL THE LEGITIMACY OF THE DATA
PROTECTION ACT BE MET? WILL SUPERMARKETS ALSO HAVE
THESE SCANNERS? (REAR. SCANNERS@VIRGIN.NET) P.T.O.

I LIVE CLOSE TO A LARGE SUPERMARKET AND
FREQUENTLY SEE VARY ONWARD PRICES OFFERED FOR
ALCOHOL. I THINK THIS IS OF FAR MORE CONCERN
RE- UNDER AGE DRINKING THAN PUBLIC HOUSES.

Unless this new process is used or
introduced into all similar establish-
ments, then all relevant individuals should
be aware + informed. In which case
they will have the required documents
with them. And of course the police
will have educated the relevant public
of 30 + below that they must carry the
relevant documents with them.
However if this is not the case, then
P.T.O

there may be a question of
victimisation, being applied to this
establishment.

And there is also the issue of those of
us fortunate enough to look under
30 and actually be over 40 and
I will not be carrying such ID so
to whom do I register my complaint
with the police - ...

Dear Brad, as an infrequent drinker, I thoroughly appreciate what the Vaults stand for. I can not understand why the police should even send someone in here. It is obviously an older persons pub. which I for one are thankful for. The clientele are well behaved and the atmosphere is great.
The police should visit the other younger pubs in town. There were

dubious age group drinkers in Yates' and they can not trust there customer to drink sensibly - providing them with plastic mugs. They overcharge bring drinking with cheap cocktails

Please carry on what your doing

Pete Groom of Buckminster

ID SCANNERS NOT NEEDED;

TEST PURCHASES NOT A MONEY

RAISING SCAM THAT DO NOTHING

TO STOP UNDERAGE DRINKING.

AND SO WHAT? WE ALL DID IT.

PTD

IF PEOPLE COMPLAIN
ACCEPT IT,

THE CUSTOMER IS ALWAYS
RIGHTS

GUIDANCE NOTES

NATURAL JUSTICE AND FAIRNESS

These are the principles used in the determination of just or fair processes and stem from the common law legal system.

According to Roman law, certain basic legal principles were so obvious that they should be applied universally without the need to be enacted into the law.

The rules of natural justice are now regularly applied by courts in both common law and civil law jurisdictions.

Natural justice operates on the principles that man is basically good, that a person of good intent should not be harmed and one should treat others as they would like to be treated.

Natural justice includes the notion of procedural fairness and may incorporate the following guidelines:-

- A person accused of a crime, or at risk of some form of loss, should be given adequate notice about the proceedings (including any charges);
- A person making a decision should declare any personal interest they may have in the proceedings;
- A person who makes a decision should be unbiased and act in good faith. He therefore cannot be one of the parties in the case, or have an interest in the outcome. This is expressed in the Latin maxim, *nemo iudex in causa sua*: “no man is permitted to be judge in his own cause”;
- Proceedings should be conducted so they are fair to all the parties – expressed in the Latin maxim, *audi alteram* : “let the other side be heard”;
- Each party to a proceeding is entitled to ask questions and contradict the evidence of the opposing party;
- A decision-maker should take into account relevant considerations and extenuating circumstances, and ignore irrelevant considerations;
- Justice should be seen to be done. If the community is satisfied that justice has been done they will continue to place their faith in the courts.

Where a person’s legal rights are concerned, the principles of natural justice are bolstered by Article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights which is now incorporated into domestic law.

THE RULE AGAINST BIAS

It is elementary to the rules of natural justice that the deciding body is to be free from bias.

The rule is that the body must be and be seen to be impartial, independent and disinterested.

There are two broad categories of bias:

- (a) Actual Bias: when the decision-maker has an economic interest in the outcome of the case (also known as a material or pecuniary interest) subject to the De Minimum doctrine;
- (b) Reasonable Apprehension: unbiased appearance is an essential part of procedural fairness. The test is whether, having regard to the circumstances, a well informed person (“reasonably informed bystander”) would consider that the interest might have an influence on the exercise of the decision-maker’s duties.

GUIDANCE NOTES

HUMAN RIGHTS ACT 1998

In considering allegations against Members you should have regard to the provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998 which embody the rules of natural justice.

Rights and Freedoms to be considered when determining matters

ARTICLE 6: RIGHT TO A FAIR TRIAL

1. In the determination of his civil rights and obligations or of any criminal charge against him, everyone is entitled to a fair and public hearing within a reasonable time by an independent and impartial tribunal established by law. Judgement shall be pronounced publicly, but the press and public may be excluded from all or part of the trial in the interest of morals, public order or national security in a democratic society, where the interests of juveniles or the protection of the private life of the parties so require, or to the extent strictly necessary in the opinion of the court in special circumstances where publicity would prejudice the interests of justice.
2. Everyone charged with a criminal offence shall be presumed innocent until proved guilty according to law.
3. Everyone charged with a criminal offence has the following minimum rights:
 - (a) to be informed promptly, in a language which he understands and in detail, of the nature and cause of the accusation against him;
 - (b) to have adequate time and facilities for the preparation of his defence;
 - (c) to defend himself in person or through legal assistance of his own choosing or, if he has not sufficient means, to pay for legal assistance, to be given it free when the interests of justice so require;
 - (d) to examine or have examined witnesses against him and to obtain the attendance and examination of witnesses on his behalf under the same conditions as witnesses against him;
 - (e) to have the free assistance of an interpreter if he cannot understand or speak the language used in court.

ARTICLE 8: RIGHT TO RESPECT FOR PRIVATE AND FAMILY LIFE

1. Everyone has the right to respect for his private and family life, his home and his correspondence.
2. There shall be no interference by a public authority with the exercise of this right except such as is in accordance with the law and is necessary in a democratic society in the interests of national security, public safety or the economic well being of the country, for the prevention of disorder or crime, for the protection of health or morals, or for the protection of the rights and freedoms of others.

ARTICLE 10: FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

1. Everyone has the right to freedom of expression. These rights shall include freedom to hold opinions and to receive and impart information and ideas without interference by public authority and regardless of frontiers. This Article shall not prevent States from requiring the licensing of broadcasting, television or cinema enterprises.

2. The exercise of these freedoms, since it carries with it duties and responsibilities, may be subject to such formalities, conditions, restrictions or penalties as are prescribed by law and are necessary in a democratic society, in the interests of national security, territorial integrity or public safety, for the prevention of disorder or crime, for the protection of health or morals, for the protection of the reputation or rights of others, for preventing the disclosure of information received in confidence, or for maintaining the authority and impartiality of the judiciary.

ARTICLE 14: PROHIBITION OF DISCRIMINATION

The enjoyment of the rights and freedoms set fourth in this Convention shall be secured without discrimination on any ground such as sex, race, colour, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, association with a national minority, property, birth or other status.

NB This is not a substantive right, but comes into play if other rights are likely to have been infringed. The prohibition is wide, but not exhaustive

ARTICLE 1: OF THE FIRST PROTOCOL PROTECTION OF PROPERTY

Every natural or legal person is entitled to the peaceful enjoyment of his possessions. No one shall be deprived of his possessions except in the public interest and subject to the conditions provided for by law and by the general principles of international law.

The preceding provisions shall not, however, in any way impair the right of a State to enforce such laws as it deems necessary to control the use of property in accordance with the general interest or to secure the payment of taxes or other contributions or penalties.

NB Possessions, in this context, includes the right to apply for a licence, the right to hold and retain a licence and the goodwill of a business.

NOTE In this context it is also particularly important for members to observe the rule against bias.

PROCEDURE FOR REVIEW TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE AT A REVIEW HEARING

NOTE:

All hearings will normally be held in public. However, the Licensing Sub-Committee may exclude the public from all or part of a hearing where it considers that the public interest in so doing outweighs the public interest in the hearing or that part of the hearing taking place in public. A party or that party's representatives may be treated as a member of the public and therefore excluded from the meeting for all or part of the hearing, and all parties have the right to be represented and to call witnesses.

The Clerk to the Committee will have the right to ask questions on behalf of the Committee of any party to the proceedings.

PROCEDURE:

1. The Chair of the Sub-Committee will open the meeting and introduce the members of the committee and call upon the parties to identify themselves and their representatives and to identify any witnesses they intend to call.
2. The Chair of the Sub-Committee will call upon the Clerk to the Committee to explain to the parties the procedures which will be followed at the hearing. Unless the Chair directs otherwise, each party will normally have a maximum period of one hour in which to give further information and call any witnesses in support of their case. In every case, all parties will have an equal maximum period.
3. The Chair of the Sub-Committee will then normally call upon the interested party or the responsible authority which has made the application for a review, to provide evidence in support of their application.
4. The holder of the premises licence will then have an opportunity to question that party or responsible authority.
5. Members of the Sub-Committee will then have the opportunity to question that party or responsible authority.
6. Any person who has made relevant representations will then call any witness in support.
7. The holder of the premises licence will then have an opportunity to question that witness.
8. Members of the Sub-Committee will then have the opportunity to question that person.
9. Stages 6 to 8 will then be repeated for each person making relevant representations.
10. The holder of the premises licence will then have the opportunity to give evidence in response to the application and in response to the relevant representations which have been made.

11. The interested party or responsible authority will then have an opportunity to question the holder of the premises licence.
12. Members of the Sub-Committee will then have the opportunity to question the holder of the premises licence.
13. Stages 10 to 12 will be repeated for any witnesses on behalf of the holder of the premises licence.
14. The interested party or responsible authority will have the right to address the sub committee.
15. The holder of the premises licence will have the right to address the Sub-Committee in summing up his case.
16. All parties will then leave the room while the Sub-Committee consider their decision.
17. The Sub-Committee will normally make their determination at the conclusion of the hearing, but when this is not possible, will make its determination as soon as possible and in any event the decision will be communicated in writing to all parties.