Licensing Hearing Panel
Supplementary agenda no. 3

Notice of a Meeting, to be held as a **Virtual Meeting** in accordance with Regulation 5 of The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020

A meeting of the panel will be held on:

Date: Tuesday, 22 December 2020

Time: 10.00am

Venue: Virtual Meeting

Agenda

7 Application for Summary Review of the Premises Licence, The Hop and Rye, 4 Wainscott Road, Wainscott, Kent, ME2 4LB **(Pages 5 - 14)**

Attached as Appendix J are further submissions in support of the premises.

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Date: 21 December 2020

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Appendix J

Further submission in support of the premises

Since receiving the police CCTV evidence on Friday 18th December, I have had time to view it.

As you can see for yourselves Mr Wilson and his friends, whom I know quite well myself a majority of the time they were all together on different occasions. The eldest is [redacted] who is in his 80's and who suffers with slight dementia and the other gentleman is 69. On two occasions they're the ones sitting down playing crib. Mr Wilson and his other friends are 60 plus and are sitting there chatting and having a pint. I would like to add as well, 5 of these gentlemen live on their own. On one occasion the lady standing at the bar on her own having a glass of wine is employed as a cleaner and sometimes as bar staff. Since this event they have all taken a Covid test, at my request and they have all come back negative, which is reassuring. I'm still not condoning this but I'm trying to put it all into perspective.

I don't know how it works in shops but I have spoken with several managers as to why some people are not wearing face masks and they've all told me they are not allowed to approach people. Does this ruling apply to public houses too? Because obviously some people are exempt. Also, looking at the CCTV some people but not all were wearing a facemask and trying to abide by the rules.

I have sent several pictures in of car cleaning establishments who I feel are breaking the rules by not wearing a face mask, getting too close to each other and being inside the general public's vehicles touching the interior. I feel this is a much more serious possibility of spreading Covid than what happened in The Hop & Rye. I took it upon myself to place an employee of mine to sit opposite the car wash on Frindsbury Hill on Saturday 19th December where approximately 10 cars per hour came in to have their cars cleaned. I think this is completely ridiculous. I know once before during lockdown the government closed down all car washes so why are they still allowed to be open? It is not an essential.

I understand from the news today (Saturday 19th December) what I keep on about the car washes; the government in their wisdom has closed them from midnight due to the increasing spread of the new strain in coronavirus.

Today, Sunday 20th December I drove into Strood to see for myself if there were any car washes open. There were 2 car washes along Knights Road who were open and business was as usual. At one stage you can count 10 people around a car in the video and picture evidence, none of which were wearing any facemasks. I reported this to the police.

This is the last piece of my evidence, which I will be sending in and I apologise for the amount of evidence and information for which I have asked you to examine and consider on my behalf. But as you can imagine I'm fighting for my business, a community hub and for the amount of local people this will affect.

I also enclose further evidence to support my defence.

1. Letter of support from P Harrison.
2. A list of bussiness', which should close from midnight, Saturday 19th December.
3. A list of fines given to business' breaking the Covid regulations.
4. Photos and a video of the car cleaning establishment in Knights Road, Strood on Sunday 20th December.

Mr Mark Greenfield

1.Letter of support

Attached

2. A list of business to close

https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/full-list-businesses-must-close-23193354?utm_source=sharebar&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=sharebar

- Non-essential shops, including electronics and clothing stores
- Hairdressers and barbers
- Nail salons
- Spas and beauty bars
- Clothing and electronics stores
- Vehicle showrooms
- Travel agents
- Betting shops
- Auction houses
- Tailors
- Car washes
- Tobacco and vape shops
- Bowling alleys, leisure centres and gyms, sports facilities including swimming pools, golf courses and driving ranges, dance studios, stables and riding centres, soft play facilities, climbing walls and climbing centres, archery and shooting ranges, water and theme parks.
- Theatres, concert halls, cinemas, museums and galleries, casinos, adult gaming centres and arcades, bingo halls, bowling alleys, concert halls, zoos and other animal attractions, botanical gardens.
- Body and skin piercing studios, non-medical acupuncture, and tanning salons.
- Libraries
- Community Centres
- Museums and galleries
- Amusement arcades

It also includes all businesses such as pubs, clubs, restaurants and bars that were already closed under Tier 3 rules.

3. A list of fines

If you break the rules

The police can take action against you if you meet in larger groups. This includes breaking up illegal gatherings and issuing fines (fixed penalty notices).

You can be given a Fixed Penalty Notice of £200 for the first offence, doubling for further offences up to a maximum of £6,400. If you hold, or are involved in holding, an illegal gathering of over 30 people, the police can issue fines of £10,000 (1).

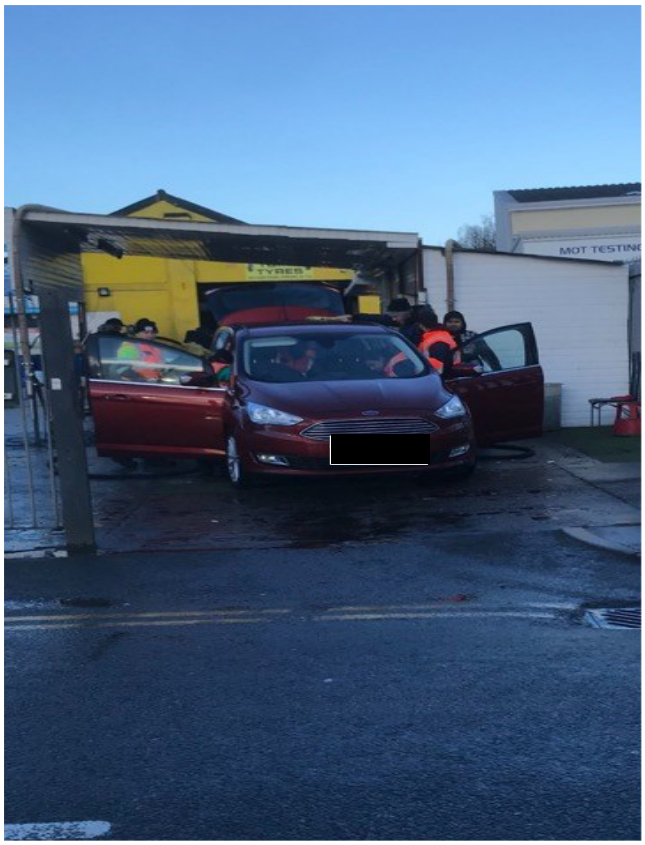
(1) https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tier-4-stay-at-home

4. Photos

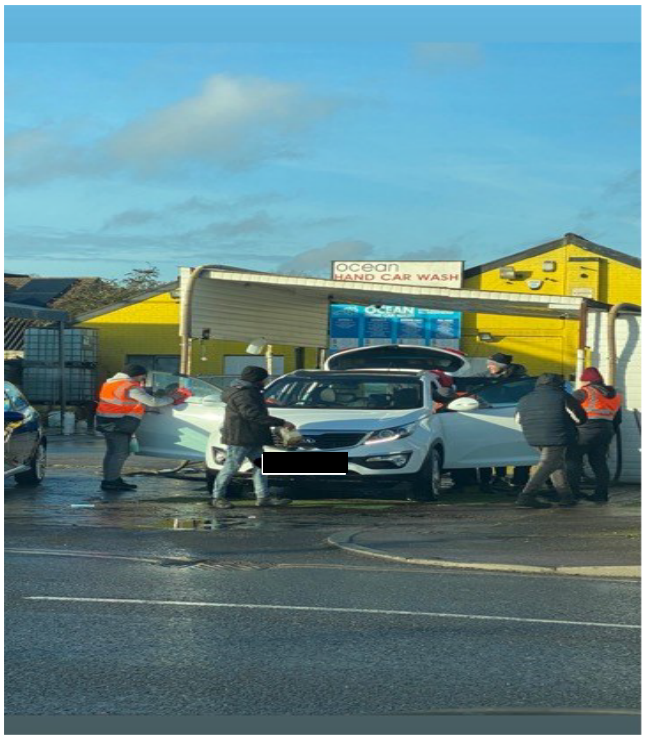









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HAND CAR WASH




MOT TESTING

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Saturday, 19 December 2020

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I understand that an infringement of Covid-19 'lock down' rules occurred recently at the Hop & Grape micropub and local officials took immediate and necessary remedial action.

These are extremely difficult times and I applaud local officers for carrying out their duties in a swift and responsible manner but am concerned that rumours are spreading of a 'punishment' of closing the pub down.

As local councillors, I'm sure you're aware that vast numbers of sole traders will never be able to return for business once this terrible disease passes, either on medical or business grounds. The pub also provides employment to a small number of local residents who will ultimately become a burden on local services should their income be curtailed. I and several local friends, frequent the pub and will be extremely sorry to see this business collapse through 'officialdom' and not because of financial failure.

Hospitality in the local area is under great threat of disappearing altogether, meagre though they may be and I strongly feel, that the permanent closure of this new venture punishes the local community –and voter- far more than the financial loss to the proprietors

Yours sincerely

[redacted]

P.Harrison

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