

APPENDIX F – In support of the Review Hearing

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Sent: 13 April 2022 14:53

To: Licensing <licensing@gravesham.gov.uk>

Subject: Review by Kent Police of Premises Licence , Casino Rooms , Blue Boar Lane , Rochester ME1 1PD

Hello - I refer to the above licensing review .and would like to offer the following representation for consideration .

There is much to like about Rochester High Street and it,s immediate environs . However , daytime and evening it can be two very different places .Daytime generally is a pleasant experience . At night , particularly at weekends , there are groups of increasingly intoxicated people prowling the streets , some of whom have been ejected from various licensed premises and are looking for somewhere else to serve them and continue drinking . Brawls until 3/4 am are not unusual . The following morning you see the litter , vomit and blood from the night before . However , not all licensed premises in this area are at fault - many are well run , but some are not .

Without knowing the case and evidence that Kent Police are going to submit to the Review , it is difficult to comment specifically on the Casino Rooms , .I will therefore make some observations from personal experience relating to the licensing objectives . The site clearly has a substantial impact on Rochester's nighttime economy . I have seen some instances of crime and disorder directly associated with the Casino . The resulting public nuisance can be anti social and intimidating . Public safety is another key issue , both inside and outside the premises . To what degree does the management ensure this is taken into account at all times ?

Other licensed premises in Rochester act as ' feeders ' for customers heading for the Casino Rooms . These feeder premises frequently serve customers who are already drunk (an offence) , so by the time they reach the Casino , they are already fuelled with alcohol . In these instances does the Casino refuse admission ? Yes , the Casino Rooms clearly has licensing issues that need addressing , but to what degree some of these are directly attributable to them is not so clear . A balance has to be struck between businesses operating in the area and the expectations of residents that law and order is maintained .

Christopher

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Sent: 30 March 2022 12:43

To: Licensing <licensing@gravesham.gov.uk>

Subject: The casino room Rochester

Think it is the right decision to provoke the license. the area as a hole is scruffy never feel safe at night in Rochester. There have been so many underage persons entering the casino

rooms club drugs are available in there no search of bags or persons or ever done . Take in to consideration how many time police are called to the venue due to fighting or ambulance service as girls have been drugged , closing the venue would make Rochester a nicer place to visit can never understand how the owner has kept a license unless a back handed is being passed to keep them open, well thank you for reading and do hope all peoples points are read and taken in to consideration

Sent from my iPhone

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Sent: 30 March 2022 15:30

To: Licensing <licensing@gravesham.gov.uk>

Subject: CLOSE CASINO ROOMS

In my opinion I think casino rooms should be shut down or the license taken of Arron stone due to the amounts of crime that is happening in this nightclub.

I know some people will be saddened by the decision if it goes ahead however too many people are getting spiked in this club aswell as beaten up young lives that are getting destroyed who are going out to have fun and enjoy a bit of night life instead ending up in hospital.

I got spiked at this night club myself on the 5th February 2022 when reported to Kent police they investigated and nothing was done due to not having enough cctv evidence. Clearly this shows there isn't enough cctv within casino rooms to help prevent the crimes from happening. I then didn't go for a month hoping the nightclub would get a little bit better and improve however when I visited again on 12th March 2022 a month later I was dancing enjoying my night when a fight broke out between 2 boys it then got pushed into me and a bunch of mates where I sustained multiple punches to my head from one of the boys where I then fell to the ground, don't remember anything until I was sitting on the floor behind the start of the bar. The security guards see it happening and didn't intervene to try and stop it members off public had to stop it and break the fight up. The main security guard who was dressed smartly in a suit pulled me up of the floor and kicked me out due to being to drunk. I was crying where my heads was very very sore with a big lumps on my head. I was angry and so annoyed with the security guards decision due to not being drunk and actually being involved in the crime. I had to attend hospital where my mother took me due to being very dizzy and with swollen head where I had bad concussion, I wasn't well for 2 weeks after it happened and still to this day I have a bruise on my leg which I sustained that night. I reported this incident to Kent police and since the 12th March to today I've not received anything for a follow up or anything. So Kent police were also useless with both crimes that was reported to them aswell. I feel very failed in a person due to nothing happening both times.

Also the security guards don't get me started, people get let in underage using fake id, they don't check the id properly just look at it and turn over and give it back to you, also they pay boys/men down and just browse through girls bags when inside they stand there and don't even help anyone that needs help or in distress.

Subsequently In my opinion I feel as if this nightclub should be shut down and no license should be given to this club or owner again.

Kind regards

Saffron

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Sent: 01 April 2022 07:22

To: Licensing <licensing@gravesham.gov.uk>

Subject: Casino rooms rochester.

Hello, i understand that kent police have put the casino rooms under licensing investigation. I personally know a lot about what goes on in this venu. My friend was spiked a few weeks ago and it left her fearful to go out again. This is easy to happen as they do not check people going in! A handful of girls i know have been unfortunately spiked there and have been thrown out after seeking help! That's leaving vulnerable young girls passed out, outside a night club where anything could happen.

Additionally, too many under aged girls are let in! And yes i know 4 girls personally who have been let in without proof of id, starting from age 15!

This really should not be happening and i hope that this will be taken into consideration

Many thanks.

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Sent: 30 March 2022 20:00

To: Licensing <licensing@gravesham.gov.uk>

Subject: Casinos

This place needs to invest in some serious fake ID checkers.

The attached photos show girls that are still 16 / 17 at casinos and I understand have being visiting this club for over a year! Imagine a 15/16 year old being spiked! I am at a loss why parents allow them to go, that's even if they know!

Clubs in Maidstone are so good with fake IDs so I fail to see why casinos is so behind.



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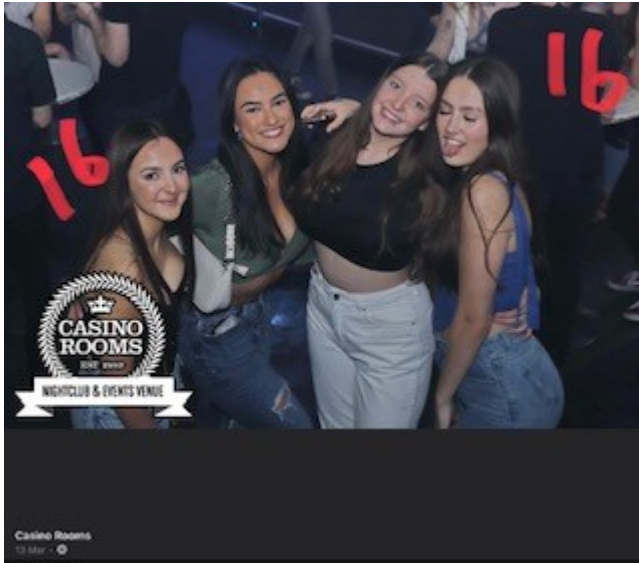
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Sent: 31 March 2022 14:15
To: Licensing <licensing@gravesham.gov.uk>
Subject: Casino Rooms Nightclub

To whom it may concern,

I understand that the Casino Rooms Nightclub in Rochester is currently having its licence reviewed. I'm writing as a local resident who has concerns about the effect of the nightclubs licence on the surrounding areas.

My family and I live on XXXXXX, a short distance from Casinos. We experience disturbances frequently, including fighting and disagreements directly outside our house which often results in physical violence, and always verbal assault. We often witness drug taking on our wall, drug selling, and people urinating through our gate. This normally happens between the hours of 1-4am and is not limited to the weekend. Given the opening hours and capacity of the nightclub, it is reasonable to deduce that the majority of these people are customers of Casino Rooms.

Rochester is a charming and historic town with a small high-street but the daytime and nighttime economy feel completely at odds with one another. At nighttime Rochester becomes a different place entirely and the high-street does not feel safe. We are aware of neighbours having had their front door kicked-in recently by nighttime revellers and are concerned for the safety of our listed home as well as ourselves. When people congregate outside our house being loud and antisocial we do not feel in a position to ask them to move on for fear of making our house and ourselves a target for violence. We have overheard some particularly violent encounters both physical and verbal, which have given us concern for the people involved. If a licence cannot be changed then police would need to be aware that there are many lanes and small roads off the high-street that revellers pass through on their way home from this establishment or use as a place to act on disagreements or take drugs where they think they are unobserved. We are not the only residents of Crow Lane or the high-street that experience this, it is a cause of great concern in the community.

I hope that this statement will be considered when reviewing the public safety implications of allowing such a business to continue to operate as it currently does.

Yours sincerely,

Tom

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Sent: 30 March 2022 18:12

To: Licensing <licensing@gravesham.gov.uk>

Subject: The Casino Romms

I have seen a article about the casino rooms being reviewed and i would like to speak up on this.

I believe truly that this place should be closed down, the use of drugs is rife in there and the bouncers don't do anything, there are several violent fights all of the time and they do NOT care about safety. Me and my friends have been sexually assaulted in there several times and the bouncers do nothing. Personally i have been spiked there and so have my friends. I believe that this place needs to be closed and the owners are corrupt, sniffing drugs in VIP and Taking advantage of young girls by offering them drugs and alcohol and then taking them back to sleep with them. Half of the drug use isn't monitored because it is happening by the owners friends and family in the VIP area. This place needs to be closed

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