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Aylesbury Vale District Council

AYLESBURY VALE DISTRICT COUNCIL

17 DEC 2010

Form LA17 (11/05)

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

RECEIVED ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & LICENSING SERVICES

**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form. 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 written in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary.

You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

COMMENTS TO LICENSING BY

14 JAN 2011

I Supt Richard List

*(Insert name of applicant)*

**apply for the review of a premises licence under section 51 / apply for the review of a club premises certificate under section 87 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below (delete as applicable)**

**Part 1 – Premises or club premises details**

<b>Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description</b> Emperors Lounge, 31 Buckingham Street	
<b>Post town</b> Aylesbury	<b>Post code (if known)</b> HP20 2NQ

<b>Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known)</b> W H Brakspear & Sons PLC, The Bull Courtyard, Bell Street, Henly On Thames, Oxfordshire, RG9 2BA.
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<b>Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known)</b> 10/00296/LAPRE (PR0308)
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**Part 2 - Applicant details**

I am

**Please tick yes**

1) an interested party (please complete (A) or (B) below)

a) a person living in the vicinity of the premises

- b) a body representing persons living in the vicinity of the premises
- c) a person involved in business in the vicinity of the premises
- d) a body representing persons involved in business in the vicinity of the premises
- 2) a responsible authority (please complete (C) below) X
- 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

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)



**Please provide as much information as possible to support the application**  
(please read guidance note 2)

Please see separate report, attached.

**Please tick yes**

Have you made an application for review relating to this 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 this premises please state what they were and when you made them**

Please tick yes

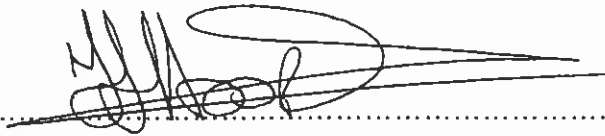
- I have sent copies of this form and enclosures to the responsible authorities and the premises licence holder or club holding the club premises certificate, as appropriate x
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected x

**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 3)

**Signature of applicant or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent** (See guidance note 4). **If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.**

Signature



Date

13-12-10

Capacity

licensing officer

**Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application** (please read guidance note 5)

Trevor Hooper,  
Licensing Officer,  
Aylesbury Police Station,  
Wendover Road,

Aylesbury

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Tel= 01296 396034

**If you would prefer us to correspond with you using an e-mail address your e-mail address (optional)**

**Notes for Guidance**

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

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26 November 2010

Dear

**Application to review premises licence Emperors Lounge, 31 Buckingham Street, Aylesbury.**

These premises are situated in Buckingham Street on the corner with Cambridge Place, it faces out onto Buckingham Street. At the rear of the premises is a covered smoking area. The premises are close by to a number of other licensed premises including late night take aways. There is a taxi rank close by too.

At this time the premises licence enables them to operate Sunday to Thursday 10am to 1.30am the following morning and 10am to 2am Friday and Saturday for the sale of alcohol and other licensable activities with an additional half hour drinking up time.

Levels of anti social behaviour on a Friday and Saturday night have become apparent with either customers outside wishing to smoke or disturbance at closing time when patrons are leaving.

The police at this time would seek to review this licence. This review is based on the crime and disorder, public nuisance and protection of children objectives.

This review is sought as evidence shows that the premises as they exist now are serious cause for concern because of public nuisance and crime and disorder both within and outside. Reliable information has also been given and is supported by incidents that persons under 18 are routinely frequenting and using the premises to obtain alcohol.

Police have attempted to work with the DPS of these premises by way arranged meetings with him, the area manager and AVDC licensing on a number of occasions. A letter was also sent advising of the need to improve the running of the premises. A meeting with the area manager was held on 17<sup>th</sup> November to inform him that we still had concerns with the operation and that the police may review the premises licence if the situation does not improve. Far from improving, further incidents occurred prompting a final meeting on the 2 December 2010 with the DPS, his security advisor, the area manager and the Licensing Manager with AVDC. A draft copy of this document was circulated to those at



the meeting and after a long discussion a number of actions agreed. Attached to this letter is a copy of a letter from Brakespear confirming the actions agreed.

Just two days after the meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2010 a serious incident occurred at 01.30hrs A male person was in the smoking area of the premises with friends when an argument broke out between his friends and a group of males. Who appeared to be very drunk. One of these males then knocked into a female who was with the aggrieved. She turned to him and "mind were you are going" This person pushed the female sending her flying. The aggrieved and this female then moved away. A second female of the group then started to argue with another male. The aggrieved then went to this female and asked her to move away, the male then punched the aggrieved to his jaw, a second male then punched the aggrieved. As a result of this attack the aggrieved received two fractures to his jaw and the loss of a tooth. This assault was not covered by CCTV. The DPS contacted the aggrieved on either Sunday or Monday and offered to arrange some compensation the figure of £500 was mentioned, he asked the aggrieved if he had gone to the police and told him he was on his last chance.

The conditions on the licence are subject to the premises when it operated as a food lead premises and as such the conditions are not effective in an alcohol lead environment.

In addition to the incident already described below is a list of incidents related to these premises that have given the police cause for concern.

1. On the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2010 officers observed a drunk male being ejected from the premises, the door was closed behind him and he turned and punched it twice. He then stumbled away from the premises to return a short while later and again started to punch the door. Officers approached him and he started to swear at them slurring his words. He was then arrested for Drunk and Disorderly.  
CR/3579347/10 refers.
2. At 00.30 on the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2010 the aggrieved who at the time was working in the premises approached 3 males in the premises who were acting in a disorderly manner, a verbal altercation took place and the aggrieved was punched to the face other customers have then become involved.  
CR/3590687/10 refers..
3. At 00.17 on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2010 door staff approached officers who were standing outside the premises, they asked the officers to assist with a fight that was taking place inside. Officers entered and found two males fighting on the floor both were holding each other by the throat officers ????? hold of one male and removed him other persons then became involved and three persons were arrested. During the arrests two officers were assaulted.  
CR/3617108-3617225-3617113-3617110-3617115/10 refers.
4. At 00.30 on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2010 a male was seen to leave the premises. He was approached by the officer who deemed him to be drunk and was acting in a disorderly manner for which he was arrested.  
CR/3636669/10 refers.

5. During the early hours of Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2010 the aggrieved with friends were in the premises celebrating his birthday. He was in the smoking area at the rear of the premises when he observed the offender slap a third person. The aggrieved turned to the offender and told him don't be such a bully. As a result the offender then punched the aggrieved knocking him to the floor and knocking him out. A short while later in a dazed state the aggrieved got up and the offender launched a further attack at him, they both fell to the floor with the offender on top punching the aggrieved around the head. The offender managed to get up and then started to kick the aggrieved about the head. The offender then stamped on the aggrieved's leg and broke it.  
CR/3675299/10 refers.
6. At 02.18 On 19<sup>th</sup> September 2010 CCTV called officers to the premises as disorder was taking place inside. Officers attended but no complaint was made.
7. At around 2am on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2010 an argument took place between a male and female in the smoking area of the premises both persons were drunk. The manager intervened and asked the male to leave. Both left and continued the argument outside where the male assaulted the female.
8. At 03.07 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2010 an incident took place in Kingsbury Square where two females were assaulted by two 16 year old girls. Both girls were arrested and interviewed at Aylesbury Police Station when they made admissions that they had been drinking earlier in the premises.
9. At 00.55 on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2010 officers were called to the premises after a drunk male threatened the landlord. This male shouted and swore. Officers saw that his eyes were glazed and his speech was slurred he was unsteady on his feet and he was arrested for being drunk and disorderly.  
  
CR/3690722/10 refers.
10. At 19.05 on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2010 officers were called to the premises for a male who was drunk and throwing stools around and wanting to fight with people. Prior to police arrival the male left. A short while later the male was found in the town when he was arrested for being drunk and disorderly.
11. At 01.32 on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2010 officers were in attendance at the premises and were approached by a member of the public who stated that disorder was taking place in the premises, this was then dealt with by door staff from the premises plus door staff from another premises.
12. At 01.25 ON 26<sup>TH</sup> October 2010 a large fight occurred outside of the premises at closing time when patrons were leaving. Several males were arrested including a 16 year old male who had been drinking in the premises.  
CR/3700057/refers.
13. At 01.11 on the 29<sup>th</sup> October 2010 two females were assaulted in Kingsbury Square, Aylesbury the offence was committed by a number of young persons who had been drinking in the Emperors Lounge. 3 young females were arrested and all were under the age of 16.  
CR/3702112/10 and CR/3702113/10 refers.

14. At about 02.00 on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2010 officers attended the premises as a fight had broken between 4 females all four were arrested by police and were found to be heavily intoxicated when interviewed they each blamed each other.  
CR/3702869/10 refers.
15. At 23.23 on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2010 CCTV called up to state that a fight was taking place at the front of the premises. Officers attended and arrested one male.
16. At 02.24 on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2010 an assault on a female who had been drinking in the premises took place outside by a male person who had been with her police were called and attended and public order took place outside.
17. At 01.00 on 18<sup>th</sup> November a drunk male was ejected from the premises he was drunk and irate and was causing a breach of the peace. He was arrested by officers. And taken home. At 01.43 the same day a male phoned the police to say he had been assaulted in the premises earlier that night and the offender was the one ejected earlier.  
CR/3716042/10 refers
18. At about 01.00 on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2010 police observed a very intoxicated male being supported by his mates. They made their way to the Emperors where they were allowed to enter. The male tripped on his way in and fell.
19. On the same date intelligence was received to the effect that a large group of 16 year olds were allowed to enter the premises and become intoxicated.
20. At 02.17 on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2010 4 males were seen to leave the premises all were drunk and all started to fight with each other officers were called on police arrival 1 drunk male was being placed in a taxi by his friend, one male kicking door of taxi details obtained and offenders allowed to leave.
21. At 02.20 on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2010 officers called up to ask AH to monitor the premises an argument had taken place inside and had now spilled onto the street, officers attended but had to call for more assistance. Door staff were struggling to contain the disorder. Officers arrested 1 person for public order. It would appear that the DPS was not on duty as a young person spoke to officers stating that they were in charge.

Besides the above incidents a lot of reliable intelligence has been received that a large number of young persons under the age of 18 are using the premises to socialize in.

#### **Review under Crime and Disorder.**

- Reliable evidence exists that anti social behaviour, shouting and fighting is taking place both within and outside the premises

## **Protection of Children from harm.**

Reliable evidence exists to the fact that young persons are regularly using the premises and in some cases becoming violent and drunk.

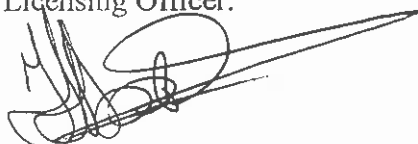
**The frequency and seriousness of these incidents is much higher than any other premises in the town centre. The Emperor's Lounge has become very noticeable as a venue associated with crime and disorder, public nuisance and underage drinking. There are insufficient controls being exercised by the management of the premises in relation to age identification both at the point of entry and at the bar, continuing to serve drunk patrons and handling unruly behaviour. The police have no confidence in the current DPS who after repeated advice not only appears to fail to acknowledge a problem but during the last incident attempted to pervert the course of justice. This application for a review will seek to introduce more stringent conditions to be attached to the licence, reduce the trading hours and remove the current DPS.**

## **Recommendations.**

- No one under the age of 18 years on any part of the premises after 9pm.
- Smokers must be confined to use the designated smoking area and absolutely not at the front of the premises and no drinks to be taken out of the front.
- Fully operating CCTV both internal and external to the satisfaction of TVP.
- 2 door supervisors after 9pm - must be employed exclusively on the door, their duties would be to ensure that the above recommendations are enforced. One door supervisor to be situated in the smoking area.
- No bottles or glasses or drink containers to be removed from the premises into the smoking area at any time.
- It is felt that a reduction in the hours of operating would reduce the amount of alcohol being consumed by the customers of these premises and thus reduce the levels of violence and anti social behaviour.
- The current DPS should be removed from the premises and replaced with an experienced manager used to the management of a town centre venue.

T I Hooper,

Licensing Officer.





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Licensing Officer (Buckinghamshire)  
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4<sup>th</sup> December 2010

**RE: Meeting to Discuss Issues at Emperors Lounge.**

Dear Trevor

Thank you and Peter for your time on Thursday, for the opportunity to discuss your concerns and recommendations to assist.

As stated in the meeting I have no issue on agreeing to the first five recommended "conditions" and if there is a simple cost effective way to include them in the Premises Licence I am happy to agree to this, with addition to point 4 re Door Staff, that it would apply to Friday & Saturday evenings only. Clearly we will resist points 6 and 7, it took a lot of effort to obtain the additional hours, and I feel we can work with Spyros to achieve an agreed operating process; however no pub as you agreed can be guaranteed to be trouble free.

The actions we have agreed with are:

- Door staff to only accept Passport or Driving Licence as proof of age.
- No drinks to be taken outside to the front of the pub.
- Make every effort to stop Smoking in front of the bar.
- Signs to be put up to both effects. (See attached )
- I will make arrangement with Marcus Harbourn for the main bar staff to attend a Responsible Alcohol Retailing course.

Actions that you agreed:

- Re Issue the latest copy of Pub Watch photos.
- Check that our radio is of the correct make to be linked to the other pubs and CCTV direct.

On a general note we discussed that you said that there were concerns on drugs and underage drinking, we can understand any concerns you may have on these subject and invite you or any of your officers to enter the building and conduct a sweep for drugs or challenge any person they may feel to be under age.

I believe the security company we use is well known to you and a reputable operator, and you may remember his astonishment when confronted with the list of incidents and general allegations. I understand he will personally spend more time at the Emperors and discuss your concerns with his staff.

Finally we have agreed to meet in the New Year date to be agreed, to discuss the progress made.

Can I once again thank you for your time and assure you of our continued co-operation in the future.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John Beazley', written over a circular stamp or seal.

John Beazley  
Business Development Manager

CC  
Spyros Koumantarakis  
Peter Seal

## Appendix 3

### Current permissions for the premises

Sale by Retail of Alcohol	Sunday to Thursday	10:00 - 01:30
Late Night Refreshment	Sunday to Thursday	23:00 - 01:30
Performance of Live Music	Sunday to Thursday	10:00 - 01:00
Playing of Recorded Music	Sunday to Thursday	10:00 - 01:30
Provision of Facilities for Making Music	Sunday to Thursday	10:00 - 01:30
Provision of Facilities for Dancing	Sunday to Thursday	10:00 - 01:30
Provision of Facilities for Entertainment of a Similar Description to Music / Dancing	Sunday to Thursday	10:00 - 01:00
Sale by Retail of Alcohol	Friday to Saturday	10:00 - 02:00
Late Night Refreshment	Friday to Saturday	23:00 - 02:00
Performance of Live Music	Friday to Saturday	10:00 - 01:30
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Provision of Facilities for Making Music	Friday to Saturday	10:00 - 01:30
Provision of Facilities for Dancing	Friday to Saturday	10:00 - 02:00
Provision of Facilities for Entertainment of a Similar Description to Music / Dancing	Friday to Saturday	10:00 - 01:30
<i>Regulated entertainment and late night refreshment - indoors only</i>		
<i>Supply of alcohol is both on and off the premises</i>		

### The opening hours of the premises

Opening Hours	Sunday to Thursday	10:00 - 02:00
Opening Hours	Friday to Saturday	10:00 - 02:30

## Appendix 4

### Conditions attached to the current Premises

- 5 Alcohol shall not be sold or supplied except during permitted hours.

In this condition, permitted hours mean the hours set out above, with the following exceptions:

All licensable activities:

1. On Christmas Day, 12.00noon to 3.30pm and 7.00pm to 10.30pm, with exception of alcohol which is 12.00 noon to 3.00 pm and 7.00pm to 10.30 pm
2. On New Years Eve from the end of permitted hours on New Years Eve to the start of permitted hours on the following day

The above restrictions do not prohibit:

- (a) during the first thirty minutes after the above house, the consumption of the alcohol on the premises;
  - (b) during the first thirty minutes after the above hours, the taking of the alcohol from the premises unless the alcohol is supplied or taken in an open vessel;
  - (c) consumption of the alcohol on the premises or the taking of sale or supply of alcohol to any person residing in the licensed premises;
  - (d) the ordering of alcohol to be consumed off the premises, or the despatch by the vendor of the alcohol so ordered;
  - (e) the sale of alcohol to a trader or club for the purposes of the trade or club;
  - (f) the sale or supply of alcohol to any canteen or mess, being a canteen in which the sale or supply of alcohol is carried out under the authority of the Secretary of State or an authorised mess of members of Her Majesty's naval, military or air forces;
  - (g) the taking of alcohol from the premises by a person residing there; or
  - (h) the supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises to any private friends of a person residing there who are bona fide entertained by him at his own expense, or the consumption of alcohol by persons so supplied; or
  - (i) the supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises to persons employed there for the purposes of the business carried on by the holder of the licence, or the consumption of liquor so supplied, if the liquor is supplied at the expense of their employer or of the person carrying on or in charge of the business on the premises.
- 6 No person under fourteen shall be in the bar of the licensed premises during the permitted hours unless one of the following applies:
- (1) He is the child of the holder of the premises licence.
  - (2) He resides in the premises, but is not employed there.



## Appendix 4

- (3) He is in the bar solely for the purpose of passing to or from some part of the premises which is not a bar and to or from which there is no other convenient means of access or egress.
- (4) The bar is in railway refreshment rooms or other premises constructed, fitted and intended to be used bona fide for any purpose to which the holding of the licence is ancillary

In this condition 'bar' includes any place exclusively or mainly used for the consumption of intoxicating liquor. But an area is not a bar when it is usual for it to be, and it is, set apart for the service of table meals and alcohol is only sold or supplied to persons as an ancillary to their table meals.

### 7. General Licensing Objectives

- a) The sale of alcohol will cease 30 minutes before closing to enable a reasonable drinking up time and a period to clear the establishment
- b) The Pub will display and operate the Challenge 21 scheme

### 8. The prevention of crime and disorder

- a) The sales of alcohol will cease 30 minutes before closing to enable a reasonable drinking up time and a period to clear the establishment.
- b) The Designated Premises Supervisor is to be involved with local Pubwatch
- c) Registered door staff to be used on Friday and Saturday evenings and when any regulated entertainment is in operation

### 9. Public Safety

- a) Capacity of the premises is 175 persons
- b) The sales of alcohol will cease 30 minutes before closing to enable a reasonable drinking up time and a period to clear the establishment
- c) Registered door staff to be used on Friday and Saturday evenings and when any regulated entertainment is in operation
- d) Designated Premises Supervisor to be involved with Local Pubwatch

### 10. The prevention of public nuisance

- a) A maximum of eight live music events per calendar month.
- b) The performance of live music shall only take place in an area in the centre of the premises as agreed with Environmental Health and as shown on the plan submitted to Licensing Services.
- c) Notices shall be displayed in the area used by customers for smoking reminding customers to respect the needs of local residents and to be quiet.

## **Appendix 4**

- d) The sale of alcohol will cease 30 minutes before closing time to enable a reasonable drinking up time and a period to clear the establishment
- e) Notices to be placed at all exits requesting customers to leave quietly
- f) On periods where entertainment is in operation, the Designated Premises Supervisor to walk the outside area to check noise levels
- g) On periods where entertainment is in operation all windows and doors to be closed except for access and egress.
- h) Designated Premises Supervisor to be involved with Local PubWatch

### **11 The protection of children from harm**

- a) No entertainment of an adult nature will be undertaken
- b) No unaccompanied children under the age of 14 will be allowed except when dining and/or accompanied by an adult
- c) The Pub will display and operate the Challenge 21 scheme

### **Conditions attached after a hearing by the licensing authority**

- 1) A noise limiter shall be fitted to the musical amplification system in agreement with and to the satisfaction of an authorised Officer of the responsible Environmental Health authority. The noise limiter shall be set and maintained at a level to be decided upon by the said officer.



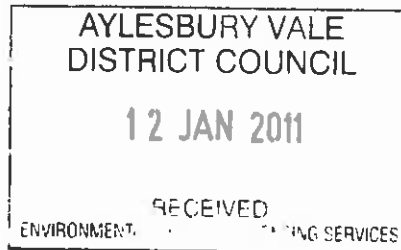
11<sup>th</sup> January 2011

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Dear Mr. Seal

**EMPERORS LOUNGE  
31 BUCKINGHAM STREET, AYLESBURY, BUCKS HP20 2NQ**

I note that Thames Valley Police have made an application to the Licensing Committee for a review of the above named's Premises Licence. I am pleased that the police have finally taken positive action to an end of resolving the problems associated with these premises and having regard to the matters to which I hereunder refer, feel obliged to make representations in support of Thames Valley Police's application.

As you are aware our premises, Mirage Nightclub, is in very close proximity to these premises, just a few doors away and from the front entrance to our premises we can, at first hand, clearly see the various activities outside the entrance to Emperor's Lounge. The matters to which I refer, unless otherwise stated, are therefore matters of fact which is further supported by reliable intelligence which I have gained from my own door supervisors who, from time to time, found it necessary to gain access into Emperor's Lounge Premises to assist in resolving incidents.

The grounds upon which I base my support to Thames Valley Police's application is two-fold although I do appreciate that it may not altogether be relevant, in respect of the latter, to Licensing issues.

1. Emperor's Lounge is very badly managed and it is clear to me that the designated premises supervisor has no regard whatsoever to any of the licensing objectives who has, despite repeated warnings, consistently allowed Emperor's Lounge to operate in a manner which has promoted:
  - a) Anti Social behaviour
  - b) Noise and disturbance within Emperor's Lounge premises and immediately outside the front entrance, rear and side.
  - c) Violence within Emperor's Lounge premises and directly outside – alcohol and non-alcohol related.
  - d) Placing children in harm's way which is perhaps most concerning.

Cont ...2

I believe that the police have gathered enough evidence and intelligence to support the statement I make above and in my opinion the main contributing factor to most of the problems associated with Emperor's Lounge is the lack of and/or non existence of a door/admission policy. Although, from time to time, Licensed door supervisors have been engaged, in the majority of cases Emperor's Lounge does not have door supervisors, in particular at the point of entry. There is therefore no control viz-a vis the people who enter Emperor's Lounge, this has become general knowledge, as a result anyone can, with ease, gain admission into the premises, to include under 18's, people who are on Pub Watch, and all other people who would not ordinarily be allowed admission into any other licensed premises in Aylesbury. The admission of persons in the class described above is a regular occurrence at Emperor's Lounge.

The other contributing factor although this is a reasonable assumption on my part, is having gained entrance into Emperor's Lounge, bar staff do not carry out the usual ID checks before serving alcohol and therefore people under the age of 18 who have gained entry into the premises are inevitably served with alcohol. It is further reasonable to assume that the designated Premises Supervisor and his bar staff are aware that under 18's have gained admission into the premises and despite this knowledge these persons are served with alcohol.

Finally, the lack or non existence of Licensed Door Supervisors at the entrance and within the premises to monitor and control customers' activities within and outside the premises ultimately leads to the severe problems associated with Emperor's Lounge referred to above.

2. Given the close proximity of Emperor's Lounge to Mirage Nightclub there have been instances where customers of Emperor's Lounge have interfered and attempted to interfere with Mirage customers, not to mention the noise and disturbance in Buckingham Street, caused by Emperor's Lounge customers who, in the majority of cases are youngsters. This tends to have an adverse impact to the immediate area resulting as a deterrent for the more mature and discerning citizens of Aylesbury venturing to this part of the town. As previously noted I appreciate that this concern is not necessarily a Licensing issue.

Unfortunately I cannot assist you with specific information in that whilst I have been monitoring Emperor's Lounge activities during the time I am present at Mirage Nightclub and my door staff report to me on any adverse activity associated with these premises, I have not kept any specific records.

The number of incidents within the premises of Emperor's Lounge and outside the premises which are directly associated with these premises is abnormally high and no doubt the Police will have detailed records of the incidents to which they have attended which, I would suggest, only represents a small proportion of the incidents which take place. I am, as a matter of fact, able to advise you of the following:

11<sup>th</sup> January 2011

- i) The Mirage Nightclub holds under 18 parties, in particular during school holidays. I always attend such events and do spend a significant amount of my time at the front door. I have personally witnessed on numerous occasions when such parties have been held, under 18's leaving our premises and walking straight into the Emperor's Lounge. I have further witnessed individuals having left Emperor's Lounge intoxicated, attempting to gain entry into Mirage Nightclub.
- ii) Whilst leaning on my car outside my venue, a young boy leaving the Emperor's Lounge, approached me and offered to sell me drugs.
- iii) Generally I witness under 18's gaining entrance into Emperor's Lounge. In particular during the week days when there is no control at the premises entrance whatsoever.
- iv) My door staff have confirmed to me on numerous occasions the violence and incidents within Emperor's Lounge's premises and the fact that under 18's are allowed into the premises and are served with alcohol.

I will conclude by saying that if the Emperor's Lounge is allowed to continue to operate in the manner in which it has, it is my view that eventually, and it is only a question of time before, a serious incident will occur, possibly involving an under 18. If the Licensing Committee feel unable to revoke Emperor's Lounge's Licence then strict conditions should be imposed on the premises licence, however, without a change of management which it would appear can only be influenced by the Landlord of the premises, I fear that we will see very little change given that the Designated Premises Supervisor has clearly demonstrated his complete disregard for the licensing objectives.

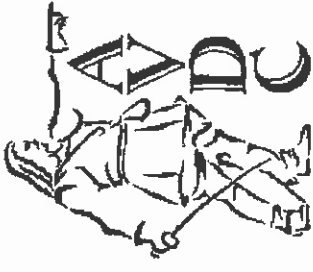
I trust that the above information will be of some assistance to you in presenting your report to the licensing committee. If I can be of any further assistance then please feel free to give me a call.

Yours sincerely,  
For **BUCKINGHAM DEVELOPMENTS (AYLESBURY) LIMITED**



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