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Our Ref: CMU A21045
Via post and email



DATE: 23 May 2024

Dear Sirs, Licensing Act 2003 (The Act)

Re: The Nags Head, 231-235 Rye Lane, London, SE15 4TP

I write to inform you that on 22 May 2024 at 20:15 I visited your premises and noted the following matters of concern:

During my inspection I spoke to the DPS James Dawkins who informed me that the premises is currently allowing up to 20 customers in the smoking area up until 00:45.

1) 345 "No more than 10 customers will be permitted in the designated smoking area after 22:00hrs."

Each of the matters listed potentially constitutes a contravention of either the licences issued under the Licensing Act 2003 by this Council in respect of the premises operation; or of other related legislation.

In particular, I would advise you that Section 136 (1) (a) of the Licensing Act 2003 states that:

A person commits an offence if -

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- (a) He carries on or attempts to carry on a licensable activity on or from any premises otherwise than under and in accordance with an authorisation; or
- (b) Knowingly allows a licensable activity to be so carried on.

In this instance this Service does not intend to take any further formal action. However, we would advise you to take such reasonable steps as may be necessary to prevent any further repetition of the matters raised. We would also warn you that should any further breach be reported to us we will give consideration to the appropriate legal action to be taken. You should understand that this could lead to legal proceedings being taken and / or the suspension or loss of your licences.

I would make clear that it is the practice of the Council's Licensing Unit to send officers to visit premises to check to see if unauthorised activities are being provided. Licensing officers will gain admission to the premises in the same way as ordinary members of the public, and will not necessarily make themselves known to the staff or publican at the time of the visit.

You should also understand that where other Services have interest in the matters noted we will be notifying them of this recent visit. You may receive follow-up visits from them.

Please ensure you act promptly on this letter. If you require advice or assistance on how to comply with the matters raised please contact us on the telephone number given above.

Yours sincerely,

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