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Dear Sir/Madam

**Re:- St Georges Tavern 14 Coleman Road SE57TG. Application for a review of the premises licence 868790**

Police are in possession of an application from Mr Ray Moore on behalf of Southwark Councils Trading Standards team for a review of the premises licence for St Georges Tavern, 14 Coleman Road SE5 7TG. The review of the premises licence was submitted by Mr Moore on the 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

Mr Moore provides evidence that the premises has been found operating on a number of occasions in breach of the premises licence, in contravention of the Health Protection Coronavirus regulations 2020 and the health and safety smoke free regulations.

The application is submitted on the grounds of the prevention of crime and disorder.

Having considered the evidence provided by Mr Moore, Police fully support this application to review the premises licence. The premises has demonstrated a complete disregard to the conditions of the premises licence and more worrying the flagrant breach of the Health protection coronavirus regulations 2020/21.

At a time where the world is in the middle of a pandemic and the health of the general public is under threat, the least we could expect from a responsible premises licence holder would be to do their utmost to protect its staff and customers.

It is clear from the evidence provided by Mr Moore that this operator is willing to break those laws designed to protect the health of the wider community.

Of note is the complete lack of contact from the premises licence holder and or the DPS for the premises during the period as detailed in the application.

Whilst the committee has all options available to them when considering the most appropriate action to take, Police take the view that this premises licence holder is not suitable to operate a licensed premises in Southwark. I recommend that this premises licence is revoked.

Submitted for consideration.

Yours Sincerely

**PC Ian Clements 2362AS**

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## MEMO: Licensing Unit

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To Licensing Unit                      Date      13 May 2021  
From Jayne Tear  
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Subject Re: St George Tavern, 14 Coleman Road, London, SE5 7TG  
- Application to review the premises licence

I write with regards to the above application to review the premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003, submitted by Southwark Trading Standards Unit as a responsible authority.

The application is concerned with the prevention of crime and disorder and the grounds for the review are concerned with breaches of the Coronavirus Regulations; the Health Act (allowing smoking on the premises) and further breaches of the Licensing Act 2003 (breaches of the premises licence conditions).

My representation is submitted with regards to promoting the prevention of crime and disorder, the prevention of public nuisance, public safety and protection of children from harm licensing objectives and also has regard to the Southwark Statement of Licensing Policy 2021 – 2026.

The current licence holder is Patrick Holland and the designated premises supervisor (DPS) is Eilish Kemal.

Trading Standards officers witnessed breaches of the following conditions:

- 789** - An approved CCTV system to be installed both inside and outside of the premises with a 31-day tape library or hard drive storage.
- 836** - A personal licence holder being on the premises at all times that intoxicating liquor is sold or supplied.
- 840** - That all staff concerned with the supply of intoxicating liquor undergo a recognised training scheme for such duties and a record of such training is kept and made available for inspection, on request, to officers of the Police or Council.

Following the breaches witnessed, the Trading Standards officer attempted to contact the licensee and DPS to no avail and the Trading Standards officer states the following within the application:

*'Any attempts to contact them after this were met with silence. There was no response from the e-mails held by the licensing as contact for Patrick Holland. There was also no response from the contact details given for Eilish Kemal.'*

A premises licence holder or DPS commits an offence under section 33 of the Licensing Act 2003 if he/she fails (without reasonable excuse) to notify the issuing authority of any change in name and address of either the premises licence holder or the personal licence holder named as DPS on the premises licence. Under section 127 of the Licensing Act 2003 a

personal licence holder commits an offence if they fail (without reasonable excuse) to notify the issuing authority of any change of name and address.

Furthermore, the conditions breached during the trading standards visit, were added to the premises licence by the licensing sub-committee in 2007, at a previous LSC hearing regarding an application to vary the premises licence. At the time of that application the licensee was a Mr Chris Forde.

It would seem that during the Trading Standards enforcement visit, the premises was being controlled by a Mr Chris Foden.

I have no confidence in the current management, licensee or DPS to adhere to the licensed conditions or any other existing related legislation.

As the licensee and DPS did not respond to the Trading Standard officer who tried to engage with them following the enforcement visits, it causes serious concerns regarding who is actually in charge of the premises and it is clear that whoever that is has no intention of promoting any of the licensing objectives and as a result has put public safety at risk.

I therefore submit this representation and fully support the Trading Standards responsible authority in bringing this review and I recommend to the licensing sub-committee that the premises licence is revoked.

I may submit further supporting information at a later stage.

Southwark's Statement of Licensing Policy 2021 – 2026 can be found on the following link:  
<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/business/licences/business-premises-licensing/licensing-and-gambling-act-policy>

Jayne Tear  
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In the capacity of Licensing Authority as a Responsible Authority