



**Appendix 4 to
Report to Licensing Sub-Committee
Re: Ali's Meze Bar & Charcoal Grill
Dated 11th December 2012**

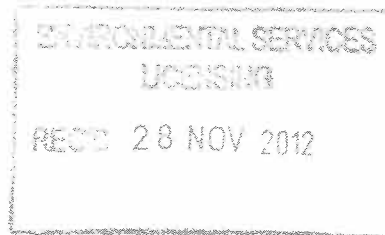
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Date: 28 November 2012

Ref: TG/Lic/ABM/ Review:



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Dear Licensing Team,

Application under the Licensing Act 2003

Premises: Ali's Meze Bar & Charcoal Grill, 120 Norfolk Street, Kings Lynn. PE30 1AP

Name of applicant: Chief Constable, Norfolk Constabulary.

Type of application: Application to Review the Premises Licence

With regard to the application by the Norfolk Constabulary for the Premises Licence at Ali's Meze Bar & Charcoal Grill, 120 Norfolk Street, Kings Lynn. PE30 1AP to be reviewed, please find the attached additional evidence in support of that application.

The Police formally request that the Licensing Committee consider this additional evidence at the hearing on 21st December 2012.

This evidence is pertinent as it adds substance to the opinion of the Police that the premises have been poorly managed and shows evidence of breaches of the Premises Licence without due regard to the Licensing Laws and Licensing Objectives. The documents that form this evidence are all copies from original documents. (*References to personal details of members of the public have been blocked out.*)

All original documents will be brought to the hearing and will be produced to the Licensing Committee if required.

A copy of this additional evidence has been delivered to the address of the Premises Licence Holders at Ali's Meze Bar & Charcoal Grill, 120 Norfolk Street, Kings Lynn. PE30 1AP by the Police Licensing Officer on this date.

Yours faithfully,

Tony Grover.
Licensing Officer.

WITNESS STATEMENT


(CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3) (a) and 5B; MC Rules 1981, r.70)

URN: 36 / /

Statement of: Stuart Malcolm FISHER

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Police Constable

This statement (consisting of 1 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated anything in it, which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature:  Date 22/11/2012

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

I am Police constable 375 Stuart Malcolm FISHER of NORFOLK CONSTABULARY currently stationed at KING'S LYNN POLICE STATION. As a regular part of my duties I form part of the public order patrols on Thursday Friday and Saturday nights.

It has become evident over the time that I have formed part of the public order patrols that the top end of Norfolk Street, King's Lynn, around Ali's Meze bar has become a flash point for disorder and drunkenness. Whilst the established pub and club premises in the town close at 03:00hrs Ali's has become a late night drinking venue. It has become standard for police units to be located outside the premises until 04:30hrs due to the numbers of people inside the premises. On numerous occasions I have had to intervene between groups of Eastern European males who congregate on the street outside, the premises has an alcohol licence and whilst the majority of the evening Ali's has a steady turnover of customers who attend eat and then leave, from Midnight through to the doors closing people arrive and use the venue as a late drinking venue. The premises does not have a smoking area and only has minimal staff to watch the customers. People leaving the premises to smoke have to be constantly reminded that alcohol is not allowed in the street and by approaching these intoxicated people causes tension between them and the police in attendance.

Whilst standing outside it is evident that many of the people arriving are not eating or are buying the minimum of food between a group whilst the whole group purchases alcohol.

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The presence of this venue serving alcohol without proper supervision by door staff has created a situation where officers are required to stand outside to prevent disorder an hour and a half after all the other licensed premises have closed and the street has cleared.

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WITNESS STATEMENT

(CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3) (a) and 5B; MC Rules 1981, r.70)

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Statement of: Nichola Beth LANE

Age if under 18: OVER 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: POLICE CONSTABLE 75

This statement (consisting of 2 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated anything in it, which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature: Nichola Lane

Date 02/04/2012

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I am Police Constable 75 of Norfolk Constabulary currently stationed at KINGS LYNN POLICE STATION, NORFOLK.

On Sunday 18th March 2012 at 0400hrs I was in full uniform on public order foot patrol with PC112 COWEN. We were stood outside ALI'S MEZE BAR, NORFOLK STREET, KINGS LYNN when there were still approximately thirty people inside and in the region of a further fifteen people stood directly outside. The crowd both inside and outside the bar were very high spirited and this required our attention and required us to focus on many individuals in order to keep any potential public order offences under control. Due to a licensing restriction on the premises which state that the provision of hot food is only permitted until 0400hrs, PC112 COWEN and I went inside the premises and I said to the owner, Ali KECELI "IT'S 4 O'CLOCK, STOP SERVING" to which he nodded. As we started to usher customers out of the shop, we were required outside the premises to deal with members of the public on the street. Whilst outside at approximately 0406hrs I saw a further three people arrive and go inside the premises to order food, as they were doing this and whilst I was dealing with people outside I managed to catch the attention of KECELI through the window and pointed to the people who had just entered the shop and mouthed "NO". He acknowledged this by looking at me and nodding.

A male wearing the uniform of ALI's MEZE BAR who I do not know the name of, was stood outside and saw this and said to me that they were staff from HEIGHTS who always

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come to get food after they finish. A few minutes later I noticed that a wrapped parcel was passed over the counter to the same three people, however I do not know what they were served and I can not confirm if payment was taken for it. I can not remember any descriptions of the three people as there were many people still inside and outside the premises and my attention was drawn to other matters, other than to say it was a combination of male and female.

At approximately 0415hrs a large build IC3 male, aged about 25-30 years, wearing a white top and blue jeans walked into the premises. I was not able to interact with the manager on this occasion due to dealing with the public outside, however I did see a square box which I would describe as a burger box passed over the counter, again I do not know what was inside. I saw the customer hand something over the counter to KECELI. I do not know what this was, I can not confirm if this was a payment.

Due to operational demand and advice from the public order sergeant PS3458 SMITH no action was taken at the time towards the manager as it was felt prudent to record the incident and take retrospective action following advice from the licensing team.

These are my notes made memory of the incident and details I recorded on the InnWeb system on Monday 2 April 2012 at 1000hrs.

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WITNESS STATEMENT

(CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3) (a) and 5B; MC Rules 1981, r.70)

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Statement of: PC478 Andrew WISE

Age if under 18: over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Police Constable

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Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Date 21/11/2012

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

I am Police Constable 478 WISE of Norfolk Constabulary and I am currently stationed at King's Lynn Police Station on attachment to SNT Response Team 3.

This statement describes the general atmosphere and tension when Policing ALI MEZE BAR and GRILL on Public Order nights (Saturday) and is an additional statement which relates to an assault on Police (36KL [Redacted] efers) that occurred as a result.

On Sunday 6th May at 0330hrs I was on duty in uniform on Public Order foot patrol outside ALI MEZE BAR and GRILL in Norfolk Street, King's Lynn, crewed with PC452 Adam THOMPSON. The venue that night was extremely busy. Inside was basically full to bursting and outside there were up to 25 people mainly males aged between 20 and 35yrs. Inside the venue all of the available tables and chairs were in use with people drinking alcohol, eating food and talking. The queue for hot food was long and was obstructing the main entrance door to people wanting to leave and enter. This crowding was causing people to have to squeeze and barge through to leave or to get out. The staff working inside were very much rushed off their feet and appeared totally focused on the hot food preparation side of things, i.e serving as many customers as possible and clearing the back log of customers, prior to their cut off time for serving. The venue did have in its employ that night a SIA registered doorman. His name is not known by me. The atmosphere was bubbling over both inside and outside due to the high numbers of people almost all of which had been or were still drinking alcohol.

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When outside the venue I was becoming increasingly concerned by the large numbers of males congregating and just standing around. I did not observe any males outside the venue in any obvious state of drunkenness however most of them had been drinking alcohol and were shouting to each other rather than talking and on occasion the manner in which they were communicating with each other appeared aggressive and potentially could have escalated to disorder.

As I continued my patrol and presence outside the venue the unknown SIA doorman was seen by me to have approach and have words with two males sitting at a table by the front window who were starting to act in an aggressive and argumentative manner towards each other. Both of these males were asked to leave and were accompanied outside the venue. One of the males ejected whom I now know to be [REDACTED] was the male subject to arrest for assaulting PC452 Adam THOMPSON a shortly after being ejected.

I have conducted numerous weekend Public Order foot patrols outside ALI MEZE BAR and GRILL over the last several years and the atmosphere inside and outside is always tense and fragile and likely to erupt into disorder at the slightest provocation. This I believe is due to the high number of people present and their desire for even more alcohol and food prior to the venues serving cutting off time. Most of these customers have already been drinking all evening and are significantly under the influence of alcohol already hence the constant need for Police presence to prevent disorderly behaviour which continues to happen ^{Amid} despite obvious Hi-Vis Police presence and the location being fully monitored by BCKLWN CCTV Control room staff.

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(CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3) (a) and 5B; MC Rules 1981, r.70)

URN: **36** / /

Statement of: Police Constable 1468 Thomas METCALFE

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Police Officer

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Date *Thursday 22nd November 2012*

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

I am Police Constable METCALFE if the Norfolk Constabulary currently stationed at KING'S LYNN Police Station.

On Saturday 25th August 2012 I was on duty in uniform with Police Constable 1589 EDWARDS. At approximately 0230 hours I attended ALI'S MEZE BAR AND CHARCOL GRILL, NORFOLK STREET, KING'S LYNN. I spoke to a male I know only as ALI. I was aware he was due to have licensed security staff at the premises and asked him where they were. He informed me that he was expecting [REDACTED] from DOVE SECURITY to attend between 0300 and 0400 hours. I remained outside the venue until after the venue closed, no door staff arrived. I spoke to Ali about this and he said he would speak to DOVE SECURITY again and arrange for security to attend for the next night.

Whilst outside the premises I observed that a number of customers were drunk. Whilst I did not see any of the drunk customers served alcohol I observed them consuming it on the premises. I informed Ali of my observations and he told me that they were drunk before they came in and that sometimes his drunk customers girlfriends buy the alcohol for them.

I also observed a customer dancing on one of the tables, I noted that it took approximately 1 minute for a member of staff to approach him and tell him to get down. This male remained on the premises; it did not appear that he was asked to leave.

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On closing, one of the customers that I had observed within the premises was now on NORFOLK STREET and in possession of an open can of alcohol, this was wrapped in a white plastic bag. I believe this was purchased within the premises.

This statement was written using my original notes made on the Innweb database on the night.

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