

Station : **Newport**

Area : **IOW**

Department : **Police Licensing**

Date : **29 August 2014**

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Subject : **Police Representation to the Review Application of the Crab & Lobster Tap, Ventnor**

## **Licensing Sub Committee**

Sir/Ma'am,

The police are aware of the premises and have had need to attend for varying reasons. The local patrolling police in Ventnor have noticed persons stood outside, and although cannot evidence noise as excessive, they can state it's clearly audible. They state that the DPS is a reasonable person to deal with, but have in the past had cause to approach him concerning the noise. One of the times that they can recall and state was during the recent Football World Cup, the road outside was full of people, many of whom were customers of the Crab & Lobster Pot.

They confirm they have received complaints of noise in the past, and attribute the problem on the location of the premises being close by to neighbouring residential housing.

A police licensing officer had cause to visit the premises in July 2013 at the request of the local police. It was as a result of people being outside the premises consuming alcohol at 1:30am, which was breaching the licence conditions. The DPS was spoken to and confirmed customers were outside and accepted his failings. He was co operative and apologised for the situation. He stated he was inside and didn't notice any of his customers outside. It was decided the best course of action was to issue a verbal warning, and inform him of the consequences if he failed to comply with the licence conditions in the future.

In December 2013 at 01:30 hours there was a report made to the police of people fighting outside the premises. The police attended 30 minutes later to find the area empty

In August 2014, the DPS self reported to the police that a male had been assaulted in the premises. He had dealt with the incident, and it was no longer ongoing. It was reported for information purposes only.

There are 2 other reports of anti social behaviour relating to the premises, but they were in 2011, and cannot be classed as a course of conduct with no further reports being made to the police.

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Details of noise complaints received –

**27th April 2014**

**23.21 hours**

Local resident reporting that the previous weekend, the music had been blaring from the pub and was intolerable. She contacted the proprietor and they had a chat. The proprietor appeared genuinely concerned, however, a live band was playing on the 27th April and the informant believed it was too loud. Another call was received at 23.27 hours. The informant stated he was two floors up and at the back of the house and said he still could not hear the TV. By 23.59 hours, when Police attended, the band was putting their equipment away in their vehicle.

**30th May 2014**

**22.13 hours**

Informant complaining of noise from the pub. Loud music (believed to be live)/front door open. By 23.21 hours, the doors were shut. Appeared to be clearing out. No unacceptable noise at the time.

**15th January 2012**

**01.00 hours**

Local resident reporting that there was a group of louts coming out and rolling around. Shouting abuse and fighting. Kept going in and out of the pub.



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20 August 2014

To whom it may concern

**RE: LA03 Notification - Ref 46775**

With regard to the review of a premises licence at the Crab and Lobster Tap in Ventnor and after reading the log of events listed by Environmental Health, I can confirm that from a Public Health perspective, we fully support the recommendations made by Environmental Health.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bryan Hurley'.

Bryan Hurley  
Acting Health Improvement Manager