LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

Date and Time:- **Monday 23 November 2026 at 10.00 a.m.**

Venue:- **Rotherham Town Hall, The Crofts, Moorgate Street, Rotherham. S60 2TH**

Membership:- **Councillors Hughes (Chair), Garnett and Stables.**

The items which will be discussed are described on the agenda below and there are reports attached which give more details**.**

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AGENDA

1. **To determine whether the following items should be considered under the categories suggested in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended March 2006) of the Local Government Act 1972**

2. **To determine any item(s) which the Chair is of the opinion should be considered later in the agenda as a matter of urgency**

3. **Licensing Act 2003 - Consideration of an application (made in accordance with s.51 of the Licensing Act 2003) for the review of the Premises Licence issued to Rotherham Sports Bar Ltd in respect of the premises known as Sports Box situated at Unit 1 Imperial Buildings, High Street, Rotherham S60 1PA (Pages 3 - 110)**



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Chief Executive.

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Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

Public Report
Licensing Sub-Committee

Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting

Licensing Sub-Committee – 23rd November 2026 at 10:00 hours (10am)

Report Title

Consideration of an application (made in accordance with s.51 of the Licensing Act 2003) for the review of the Premises Licence issued to Rotherham Sports Bar Ltd in respect of the premises known as Sports Box situated at Unit 1 Imperial Buildings, High Street, Rotherham S60 1PA.

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Report Summary

On 5th October 2026 an application was made on behalf of the Chief Constable of South Yorkshire Police for the review of the Premises Licence issued to Rotherham Sports Bar Ltd in respect of the premises known as Sports Box situated at Unit 1 Imperial Buildings, High Street, Rotherham S60 1PA.

The application seeks the revocation of the Premises Licence.

Further details on the application can be found within the body of this report.

Recommendations

1. That the Licensing Sub-Committee considers the information contained within this report (and associated appendices) along with any additional information presented at the hearing and subsequently determines the application that has been made.

2. The Licensing Sub-Committee should inform the Licensing Manager of the decision in accordance with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003 and Regulations made thereunder.

List of Appendices Included

Appendix 1 Location Plan
Appendix 2 Premises Licence Number P1166
Appendix 3 Approved Layout Plan (Annex 4 of Licence Number P1166)
Appendix 4 Review Application from South Yorkshire Police
Appendix 5 Representations that support South Yorkshire Police
Appendix 6 Representations that support the Licence Holder
Appendix 7 Additional information from South Yorkshire Police
Appendix 8 Information from the Licence Holder

Background Papers

Rotherham MBC Statement of Licensing Policy 2025 -2030
(Available at www.rotherham.gov.uk/licensing)

Revised guidance issued under sec. 182 of the Licensing Act 2003, February 2026
(Available at https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/explanatory-memorandum-revised-guidance-issued-under-s-182-of-licensing-act-2003)

Council Approval Required

No

Exempt from the Press and Public

No

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1. Background

Location of Premises

1.1 A plan showing the location of the Sports Box, Unit 1 Imperial Buildings, High Street, Rotherham S60 1PA is attached at **Appendix 1.**

Licence History

1.2 A Premises Licence was first issued under Licensing Act 2003 in respect of the venue in August 2019. However, this Licence was lapsed in November 2023 as the Company that held the Licence went into liquidation.

1.3 In December 2023 the current Premises Licence, Number P1166, was issued at which time the conditions offered in the application were attached at Annex 2 of the Licence. Following this the Licence has been transferred three times, with the final transfer, to the current holder, Rotheram Sports Bar Ltd, taking place on 1st August 2025.

1.4 Rotheram Sports Bar Ltd also varied the named Designation Premises Supervisor (DPS) when the Licence was transferred to them In August 2025, with a second change of DPS, to the person currently carrying out the role, being made on 19th August 2026.

Current Premises Licence (No.P1166)

1.5 A copy of Premises Licence Number P1166 issued Rotheram Sports Bar Ltd in respect of the Sports Box, Unit 1 Imperial Buildings, High Street, Rotherham S60 1PA premises is attached at **Appendix 2**.

1.6 In summary, this Licence authorises the provision of licensable activities on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday between 10am and 11pm and on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday between 10am and 1.30am on the following day.

1.7 The Licence is subject to the mandatory licensing conditions set out in Annex 1 of the Licence (see Appendix 2) and the twenty seven management controls set out in Annex 2 of the Licence, which are:

> **1.** *A Challenge 25 Policy that requires that any person who appears to be under the age of 25 to provide id prior to being served alcohol shall be in operation. Acceptable forms of ID are:*
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> *a) a passport;*
>
> *b) a UK photo driving license; or*
>
> *c) military ID cards.*

2. *Log all refusals made under the Challenge 25 Policy. The log will show:*

a) date of refusal made;
b) member of staff who made the refusal; and
c) if refused, whether fake ID was seized.

3. *The Challenge 25 log shall be kept on the premises and shall be available for inspection upon request of the Police or an authorised officer of the Licensing Authority.*

4. *Signs shall be displayed inside the premises that advertise that the premises operates "Challenge 25".*

5. *A bound incident book shall be maintained, in which the following shall be recorded:*

a) All incidents of crime and disorder occurring at the premises; and
b) Details of when the Police are called.

6. *The incident book shall be kept on the premises and shall be available for inspection upon request by the Police or an authorised officer of the Licensing Authority.*

7. *DPS to check the Challenge 25 log and the incident book at least once a week, and sign and date each check.*

8. *The CCTV system installed at the premises, shall:*

a) be maintained operational at all times;
b) make and retain clear images; and
c) show an accurate date and time that the images were made.

9. *All CCTV images shall be retained for a period of not less than 31 days.*

10. *CCTV images shall be immediately made available for review upon request of the Police or an authorised officer of the Licensing Authority.*

11. *A copy of a CCTV image shall be provided within 24 hours upon request of the Police or an authorised officer of the Licensing Authority.*

12. *The use of door supervisors shall be risked assessed on an event-by-event basis and a written record of the risk assessment kept at the premises for a period of 6 months and made available to the Police or an authorised officer of the Licensing Authority upon request. Where engaged, door staff shall be licensed by the SIA.*

13. *A record of each member of staff who is authorised to sell alcohol shall be kept on the premises. This record shall include the staff members full name, address, and date of birth.*

14. *The premises shall operate in accordance with the "ask Angela scheme" ; and notices to this effect shall be displayed*

15. *A "Zero tolerance drugs policy" shall be in place. As a minimum, the policy will require:*

a) Regular toilet checks to be carried out and recorded;
b) A secure drop box is available to keep any seized drugs until such time they are collected by the police;
c) Immediate barring of any customer found in possession of drugs;
d) Posters displayed throughout the premises stating that a "Zero tolerance to drugs is in operation".

16. *No adult entertainment or services shall be provided at the premises.*

17. *Children shall not be permitted on the premises after 21:00 hours unless attending a pre-booked private function.*

18. *Children shall not be served at the bar, regardless of whether the service is non-alcoholic.*

19. *When entertainment is being provided regular checks will be made outside of the premises to monitor sound levels.*

20. *The external seating area shall be clearly defined, and no drinking shall take place outside this area. Appropriate signage shall be provided informing patrons that alcohol must not be consumed beyond the defined area.*

21. *No external consumption of alcohol or other beverages shall be permitted after 21:00 hours.*

22. *There shall be no speakers fitted to the exterior of the building and there shall be no amplified music outside of the premises.*

23. *External lighting shall be positioned and screened in such a way so as not to cause a disturbance to nearby residents.*

24. *Prominent, clear and legible notices shall be displayed at the exit requesting the customers to "leave the premises and the area quietly".*

25. *All staff shall receive training on induction and year thereafter, on:*

a) Terms, conditions and restriction of this Licence;
b) operation of 'Challenge 25';
c) types of acceptable ID;
d) method of recording refusals;
e) refusing sales of alcohol to persons who appear to be drunk;
f) The "Ask Angela" scheme
g) preventing proxy sales;
h) the drugs policy;
i) identifying and reporting any concerns over child exploitation;
j) incident recording and when to call the Police; and
k) how to review the CCTV system if requested.

26. *Staff training shall be recorded, records shall be kept of the premises and shall, on request, be made available for inspection by the Police or an authorised officer of the Licensing Authority.*

27. *The DPS, or their nominated deputy, shall routinely attend meetings of the local pub Watch*
Scheme.

1.8 A copy of the approved layout plan of the preemies, which forms Annex 4 of the Premises Licence No. P1166 is attached at **Appendix 3.**

2. Key Issues

The application

2.1 On 5th October 2026 an application was made on behalf of the Chief Constable of South Yorkshire Police to review the Premises Licence issued to Rotherham Sports Bar Ltd in respect of the premises known as Sports Box situated at Unit 1 Imperial Buildings, High Street, Rotherham S60 1PA. A copy of this application is attached at **Appendix 4.**

2.2 The application seeks the revocation of the Premises Licence on the grounds that the Licence holder has failed to promote the licensing objectives of the:

- prevention of crime and disorder;
- public safety;
- prevention of public nuisance; and
- protection of children from harm.

2.3 A copy of the application was served on the Directors of the Company that hold the Premises Licence, to Rotherham Sports Bar Ltd, by email on the same date and hand delivered to the premises.

Consultation

2.4 Consultation on the application has been carried out on the application in accordance with all statutory requirements and the Council's procedure. There is a prescribed period of 28 days following the submission of an application during which time representations in relation to the application may be submitted.

2.5 At the end of the prescribed consultation period representations, both in support of the review application made by the Police and in support of the Licence holder, have been received.

2.6 The detail of all the representations received has been provided to both South Yorkshire Police and the Licence holder, Rotherham Sports Bar Ltd.

Representations supporting South Yorkshire Police

2.7 Representations that support the review application made by South Yorkshire Police have been received from two Responsible Authorities, namely the Council's Environmental Health and Planning Services, together with representations from two Other Persons.

2.8 A copy of the representations that support the Police is attached at **Appendix 5.**

Representations supporting the Licence Holder

2.9 Representations that support the Licence holder, Rotherham Sports Bar Ltd, have been received from twenty nine Other Persons, which include representations from the current DPS and the venue manager.

2.10 A copy of the representations that support the Licence holder is attached at **Appendix 6.**

Additional information

2.11 A copy of all the additional documentation received from South Yorkshire Police in support of their review application is attached as **Appendix 7.**

2.12 South Yorkshire Police have indicated that they also intend to show a video at the hearing in support of their application. This video features CCTV footage captured by a camera located in the town centre.

2.13 Information provided on behalf of the Licence holder, Rotherham Sports Bar Ltd, in response to the review application is attached as **Appendix 8.**

2.14 It is open to both South Yorkshire Police and the Licence holder to provide further information up to the day before the hearing. Any further documentation received will be circulated at the hearing. However, additional documentation presented on the day of the hearing may only be considered with the consent of all parties.

The Hearing

2.15 South Yorkshire Police and the Licence holder, together with all bodies and people who have made representations to the application, have been invited to attend the hearing. All parties attending, will be given the opportunity to address the Sub-Committee in relation to the matters raised in the application and the representations to it.

2.16 Members of the Sub-Committee should give full consideration of the issues raised in the application, the Licence holder's response to the application, the representations made to the application, together any supporting evidence provided by any party prior to the date of the hearing.

3. Options available to the Licensing Sub-Committee

3.1 A Licensing Authority must carry out its functions under the Licensing Act with a view to promoting the licensing objectives:

- the prevention of crime and disorder
- public safety
- the prevention of public nuisance
- the protection of children from harm

3.2 In considering this matter, the Sub Committee should take into account any representations or objections that have been received from responsible authorities or other persons, together with any representations made by the Licence holder. In reaching the decision, regard must also be had to relevant provisions of the national guidance and the Council's licensing policy statement.

3.3 In relation to this application, the options available to the Committee are to:

- modify the conditions of the premises licence (which includes adding new conditions or any alteration or omission of an existing condition);
- exclude a licensable activity from the scope of the licence;
- remove the designated premises supervisor;
- suspend the licence for a period not exceeding three months;
- revoke the licence.

3.4 The Sub Committee may decide that the review does not require it to take any further steps appropriate to promoting the licensing objectives. In addition, there is nothing to prevent the Sub Committee from issuing an informal warning to the Licence holder and/or to recommend improvement within a particular period of time. Such informal warnings are regarded as an important mechanism for ensuring that the licensing objectives are effectively promoted, and any such warnings should be issued in writing to the Licence holder.

3.5 However, where responsible authorities such as the Police or Environmental Health Officers have already issued warnings requiring improvement – either orally or in writing – that have failed as part of their own stepped approach to address concerns, the Sub Committee should not merely repeat that approach and should take this into account when considering what further action is appropriate. Similarly, Sub Committee may take into account any civil immigration penalties which a licence holder has been required to pay for employing an illegal worker.

3.6 In deciding which of these powers to invoke, it is expected that Sub Committee should so far as possible seek to establish the cause or causes of the concerns that the representations identify. The remedial action taken should generally be directed at these causes and should always be no more than an appropriate and proportionate response to address the causes of concern that instigated the review.

3.7 For example, the Sub Committee should be alive to the possibility that the removal and replacement of the designated premises supervisor may be sufficient to remedy a problem where the cause of the identified problem directly relates to poor management decisions made by that individual.

3.8 Equally, it may emerge that poor management is a direct reflection of poor company practice or policy, and the mere removal of the designated premises supervisor may be an inadequate response to the problems presented. Indeed, where subsequent review hearings are generated by representations, it should be rare merely to remove a succession of designated premises supervisors as this would be a clear indication of deeper problems that impact upon the licensing objectives.

3.9 The Sub Committee should also note that modifications of conditions and exclusions of authorised activities may be imposed either permanently or for a temporary period of up to three months. Temporary changes or suspension of the Licence for up to three months could have a financial impact and would only be expected to be pursued as an appropriate means of promoting the licensing objectives or preventing illegal working. So, for instance, a Licence could be suspended for a weekend as a means of deterring the holder from allowing the problems that gave rise to the review to happen again. However, it will always be important that any detrimental financial impact that may result from the Sub Committees decision is appropriate and proportionate to the promotion of the licensing objectives and for the prevention of illegal working. But where premises are found to be trading irresponsibly, the licensing authority should not hesitate, where appropriate to do so, to take tough action to tackle the problems at the premises and, where other measures are deemed insufficient, to revoke the certificate.

3.10 All licensing determinations should be considered on the individual merits of the application. The Sub Committees determination should be evidence-based, justified as being appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives and proportionate to what it is intended to achieve. Findings on any issues of fact should be on the balance of probability.

3.11 It is important that the Sub Committee give comprehensive reasons for its decisions in anticipation of any appeals. Failure to give adequate reasons could itself give rise to grounds for an appeal.

4. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

4.1 Any decision made by the Licensing Sub-Committee does not have effect until:

- the end of the period given for appealing against the decision; or
- if the decision is appealed, until the appeal is disposed of.

4.2 An appeal may be lodged by either the applicant, Licence holder or a party to the hearing that has made a relevant representation.

4.3 Parties to the hearing must be informed of the decision within 5 working days of the hearing (or within 5 working days from the last day of the hearing if it takes place over multiple days).

5. Financial Implications

5.1 There are no specific financial implications arising from this application. However, additional costs may be incurred should the matter go to appeal. In such an eventuality it may not be possible to recover all of the costs incurred. The impact of these additional costs (if any) will therefore need to be met from within existing revenue budgets.

6. Legal Advice and Implications

6.1 A Council Solicitor will be in attendance at the hearing to provide appropriate legal advice to the Licensing Sub-Committee in relation to specific aspects of the application / hearing, however the advice below is generally applicable to all applications.

6.2 Hearings under the Licensing Act 2003 operate under the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005 (as amended).

6.3 In accordance with Regulation 18 of the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005, the authority may take into account documentary or other information produced by a party in support of their application, representations or notice either before the hearing or, with the consent of all parties, at the hearing.

6.4 The Sub Committee may accept hearsay evidence, and it will be a matter for the Licensing Sub-Committee to attach what weight to it that they consider appropriate. Hearsay evidence is evidence of something that a witness neither saw nor heard but has heard or read about.

6.5 The Secretary of State's guidance to the Licensing Act 2003 is provided to licensing authorities in relation to the carrying out of their functions under the 2003 Act. It also provides information to magistrates' courts hearing appeals against licensing decisions and has been made widely available for the benefit of those who run licensed premises, their legal advisers and the general public. It is a key medium for promoting best practice, ensuring consistent application of licensing powers across England and Wales and for promoting fairness, equal treatment, and proportionality.

6.6 Section 4 of the 2003 Act provides that, in carrying out its functions, a licensing authority must 'have regard to' guidance issued by the Secretary of State under section 182. The guidance is therefore binding on all licensing authorities to that extent. However, the guidance cannot anticipate every possible scenario or set of circumstances that may arise and, as long as licensing authorities have properly understood this guidance, they may depart from it if they have good reason to do so and can provide full reasons.

6.7 In addition to the above, members are reminded that all decisions must be taken in accordance with the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy (adopted 3rd June 2020).

6.8 Departure from the guidance and / or Statement of Licensing Policy could give rise to an appeal or judicial review, and the reasons given will then be a key consideration for the courts when considering the lawfulness and merits of any decision taken.

7. Risks and Mitigation

7.1 The statutory requirements in relation to the consideration of this application are detailed in this report. It is essential that the Sub-Committee act in accordance with these statutory provisions and take account of statutory guidance.

7.2 Failure to do this exposes the Council to significant risk of legal challenge, the consequences of which could result in financial and / or reputational damage to the Council.

7.3 Members are therefore urged to fully consider the information in this report when making a decision regarding this application, and to ensure that any decision made is justifiable, proportionate, and based on the promotion of one or more of the Licensing Objectives.

7.4 Council officers are present at the meeting today and can provide additional advice to members of the Sub-Committee should this be required. In addition, a copy of the statutory guidance and Statement of Licensing Policy is available for members to review should they wish to do so.

8. Accountable Officer(s)

Diane Kraus, Principal Licensing Officer, Policy & Administration

This report is published on the Council's website.

Hearing Procedure - Review

1. **The Chairperson of the Licensing Sub Committee will introduce themselves and other members Committee and ask the following parties to introduce themselves**:

   - officers (this is Clerk to the meeting, the Council's Solicitor and licensing officer presenting the report).
   - the applicant (this is the person or body who has brough the review) and any witnesses they wish to call.
   - the licence holder, together with any person representing them and any witnesses they wish to call.
   - any person or body who has made representations to the review application and any witnesses they wish to call.

2. **The Licensing Officer will introduce the report and provide any updates.**

   Questions solely concerning the report can be asked by Members of the Sub Committee, the applicant, the licence holder and person who has made representations.

3. **The Chairperson of the Licensing Sub Committee will then invite:**

   - the applicant to present their review application and call any witnesses.

   Members of the Sub Committee, followed by the licence holder and any person who has made representations may ask questions of any person who has given evidence on behalf of the applicant and of any witnesses they may have called**.**

4. **The Chairperson of the Licensing Sub Committee will then invite:**

   - any person who has made representations that support the review application to present their representations and call any witnesses.

   Members of the Sub Committee, followed by applicant, licence holder and any person who has made representations may ask questions of any person who has given evidence and of any witnesses they may have called**.**

5. **The Chairperson of the Licensing Sub Committee will then invite:**

   - the licence holder to present their response to the review application, and the representations that support it, and call any witnesses.

   Members of the Sub Committee, followed by the applicant and any person who has made representations may ask questions of any person who have given evidence on behalf of the licence holder and of any witnesses they may have called.

6. **The Chairperson of the Licensing Sub Committee will then invite:**

    - any person who has made representations that support the licence holder to present their representations and call any witnesses.

    Members of the Sub Committee, followed by applicant, licence holder and any person who has made representations may ask questions of any person who has given evidence in support of their representations and of any witnesses they may have called

7. **The applicant (this is the person or body who as brough the review) will then be Given the opportunity to sum up their application.**

8. **The licence holder will then be given the opportunity to sum up**

9. **The public hearing will then be concluded, and the Sub Committee will go into closed session, together with the Councils Solicitor and the Clerk to the meeting.**

10. **Prior to retiring the Chairperson of the Licensing Sub Committee will inform all parties that the decision of the Licensing Committee will be given in accordance with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003 and regulations made thereunder.**

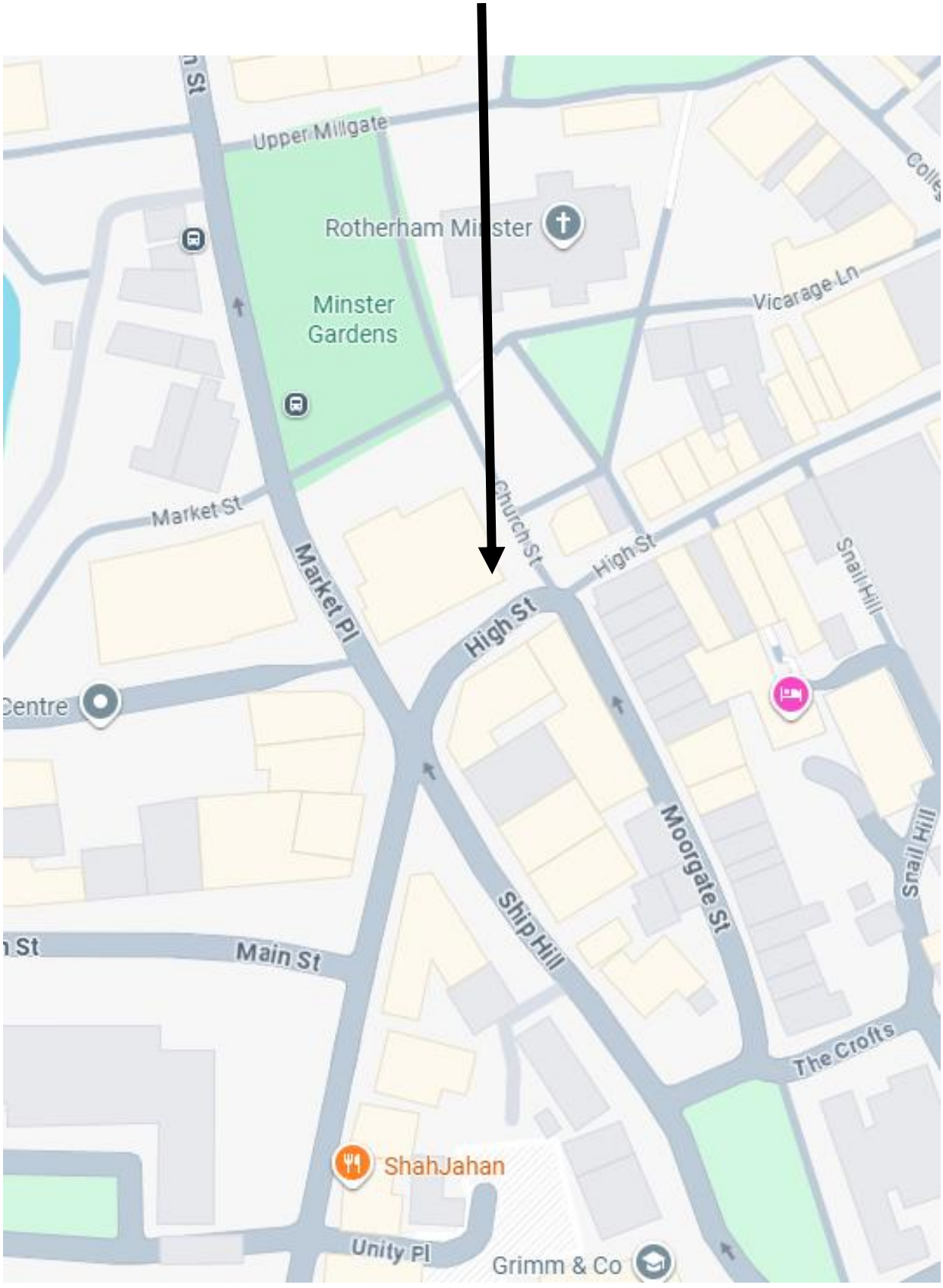
Note:

At any time throughout the hearing Members of the Licensing Sub Committee may request legal advice from the Council's Solicitor. Any advice sought during closed session will be included in the notice setting out the decision.

The Committee Hearing will be held in public unless and in accordance with relevant Regulations the Licensing Sub Committee determine that the public should be excluded.

Appendix 1

Sports Box, Unit 1 Imperial Buildings, High Street, Rotherham S60 1PA



Appendix 1





Appendix 2

Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

Licensing Act 2003
Premises Licence P1166

Part 1 - Premises Details

POSTAL ADDRESS OF PREMISES, OR IF NONE, ORDNANCE SURVEY MAP REFERENCE OR DESCRIPTION

Sports Box

Unit 1 Imperial Buildings, High Street, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S60 1PA.

WHERE THE LICENCE IS TIME LIMITED THE DATES

Not applicable

LICENSABLE ACTIVITIES AUTHORISED BY THE LICENCE

- an indoor sporting event
- a performance of live music
- any playing of recorded music
- a performance of dance
- provision of late night refreshment
- the sale by retail of alcohol

THE TIMES THE LICENCE AUTHORISES THE CARRYING OUT OF LICENSABLE ACTIVITIES

Activity (and Area if applicable)	Description	Time From	Time To
Indoor sporting event			
	Monday to Wednesday	10:00am	11:00pm
	Thursday to Sunday	10:00am	1:30am
Performance of live music (Indoors)			
	Monday to Wednesday	10:00am	11:00pm
	Thursday to Sunday	10:00am	1:30am
	Non Standard Timings: Christmas and New Years Eve when it falls on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday 10.00 hours and 01.30 hours on the following day		
Playing of recorded music (Indoors)			
	Monday to Wednesday	10:00am	11:00pm
	Thursday to Sunday	10:00am	1:30am
	Non Standard Timings: Christmas and New Years Eve when it falls on a Monday , Tuesday or Wednesday 10.00 hours and 01.30 hours on the following day.		
Performance of dance (Indoors)			
	Monday to Wednesday	10:00am	11:00pm
	Thursday to Sunday	10:00am	1:30am
	Non Standard Timings: Christmas and New Years Eve when it falls on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday 10.00 hours and 01.30 hours on the following day.		
Late night refreshment (Indoors)			
	Thursday to Sunday	11:00pm	1:30am
	Non Standard Timings: Christmas and New Years Eve when it falls on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday 10.00 hours and 01.30 hours on the following day.		

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THE TIMES THE LICENCE AUTHORISES THE CARRYING OUT OF LICENSABLE ACTIVITIES continued ...

Activity (and Area if applicable)	Description	Time From	Time To
The sale by retail of alcohol for consumption ON and OFF the premises			
	Monday to Wednesday	10:00am	11:00pm
	Thursday to Sunday	10:00am	1:30am

NO SALE OF ALCOHOL NO DPS

Non Standard Timings:

Christmas and New Years Eve when it falls on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday 10.00 hours and 01.30 hours on the following day.

THE OPENING HOURS OF THE PREMISES

Description	Time From	Time To
Monday to Wednesday	10:00am	11:30pm
Thursday to Sunday	10:00am	2:00am

Non Standard Timings:

Christmas and New Years Eve when it falls on a Monday , Tuesday or Wednesday 10.00 hours and 02.00 hours on the following day.

WHERE THE LICENCE AUTHORISES SUPPLIES OF ALCOHOL WHETHER THESE ARE ON AND / OR OFF SUPPLIES

- The sale by retail of alcohol for consumption ON and OFF the premises

Part 2

NAME, (REGISTERED) ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL (WHERE RELEVANT) OF HOLDER OF PREMISES LICENCE

Rotherham Sports Bar LTD
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Telephone 07806965382

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Telephone 07806965382

REGISTERED NUMBER OF HOLDER, FOR EXAMPLE COMPANY NUMBER, CHARITY NUMBER (WHERE APPLICABLE)

Rotherham Sports Bar LTD 16586787

Rotherham Sports Bar LTD 16586787

NAME, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF DESIGNATED PREMISES SUPERVISOR WHERE THE PREMISES LICENCE AUTHORISES THE SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL

Dane FORD-MITCHELL [redacted]

PERSONAL LICENCE NUMBER AND ISSUING AUTHORITY OF PERSONAL LICENCE HELD BY DESIGNATED PREMISES SUPERVISOR WHERE THE PREMISES LICENCE AUTHORISES FOR THE SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL

Licence No. [redacted] Issued by Sheffield

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Licensing Act 2003
Premises Licence P1166

ANNEXES

Mandatory Conditions

All Premises Licence authorising supply of alcohol

The licence is granted subject to the Mandatory conditions for sale of alcohol as set out in the Licensing Act 2003 as amended by the Licensing Act 2003 (Mandatory Licensing Conditions) Order 2010 and Order 2014.

1. No supply of alcohol may be made under the Premises Licence -

(a) At a time when there is no Designated Premises Supervisor in respect of the Premises Licence; or

(b) At a time when the Designated Premises Supervisor does not hold a Personal Licence or his Personal Licence is suspended.

2. Every supply of alcohol under the Premises Licence must be made, or authorised by a person who holds a Personal Licence.

3. (1) The responsible person must ensure that staff on relevant premises do not carry out, arrange or participate in any irresponsible promotions in relation to the premises.

(2) In this paragraph, an irresponsible promotion means any one or more of the following activities, or substantially similar activities, carried on for the purpose of encouraging the sale or supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises.

a) games or other activities which require or encourage, or are designed to require or encourage, individuals to -

(i) drink a quantity of alcohol within a time limit (other than to drink alcohol sold or supplied on the premises before the cessation of the period in which the responsible person is authorised to sell or supply alcohol), or

(ii) drink as much alcohol as possible (whether within a time limit or otherwise);

b) provision of unlimited or unspecified quantities of alcohol free or for a fixed or discounted fee to the public or to a group defined by a particular characteristic in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;

c) provision of free or discounted alcohol or any other thing as a prize to encourage or reward the purchase and consumption of alcohol over a period of 24 hours or less in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;

d) selling or supplying alcohol in association with promotional posters or flyers on, or in the vicinity of, the premises which can reasonably be considered to condone, encourage or

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ANNEXES continued ...

glamorise anti-social behaviour or to refer to the effects of drunkenness in any favourable manner.

e) dispensing alcohol directly by one person into the mouth of another (other than where that other person is unable to drink without assistance by reason of disability).

4. The responsible person must ensure that free potable water is provided on request to customers where it is reasonably available.

5. (1) The premises licence holder or club premises certificate holder must ensure that an age verification policy is adopted in respect of the premises in relation to the sale or supply of alcohol.

(2) The designated premises supervisor in relation to the premises licences must ensure that the supply of alcohol at the premises is carried on in accordance with the age verification policy.

(3) The policy must require individuals who appear to the responsible person to be under 18 years of age (or such older age as may be specified in the policy) to produce on request, before being served alcohol, identification bearing their photograph, date of birth and either:-

(a) a holographic mark or

(b) an ultraviolet feature.

6. The responsible person shall ensure that -

(a) where any of the following alcoholic drinks is sold or supplied for consumption on the premises (other than alcoholic drinks sold or supplied having been made up in advance ready for sale or supply in a securely closed container) it is available to customers in the following measures -

(i) beer or cider: ½ pint;

(ii) gin, rum, vodka or whisky: 25 ml or 35 ml; and

(iii) still wine in a glass: 125 ml; and

(b) these measures are displayed in a menu, price list or other printed material which is available to customers on the premises; and

(c) where a customer does not in relation to a sale of alcohol specify the quantity of alcohol to be sold, the customer is made aware that these measures are available.

Minimum Drinks Pricing

1. A relevant person shall ensure that no alcohol is sold or supplied for consumption on or off the

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premises for a price which is less than the permitted price.

2. For the purposes of the condition set out in paragraph 1 -

(a) "duty" is to be construed in accordance with the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979

(b) "permitted price" is the price found by applying the formula -

P = D + (DxV)

Where -

(i) P is the permitted price

(ii) D is the amount of duty chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the duty were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol, and

(iii) V is the rate of value added tax chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the value added tax were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol;

(c) "relevant person" means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a premises licence -

(i) The holder of the premises licence

(ii) The designated premises supervisor (if any) in respect of such a licence, or

(iii) The personal licence holder who makes or authorises a supply of alcohol under such a licence;

(d) "relevant person" means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a club premises certificate, any member or officer of the club present on the premises in a capacity which enables the member or officer to prevent the supply in question; and

(e) "value added tax" means value added tax charged in accordance with the Value Added Tax Act 1994.

3. Where the permitted price given by Paragraph (b) of paragraph 2 would (apart from the paragraph) not be a whole number of pennies, the price given by that sub-paragraph shall be taken to be the price actually given by that sub-paragraph rounded up to the nearest penny.

4. (1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies where the permitted price given by Paragraph (b) of paragraph 2 on a day ("the first day") would be different from the permitted price on the next day ("the second day") as a result of a change to the rate of duty or value added tax.

(2) The permitted price which would apply on the first day applies to sales or supplies of alcohol

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which take place before the expiry of the period of 14 days beginning on the second day

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1. A Challenge 25 Policy that requires that any person who appears to be under the age of 25 to provide id prior to being served alcohol shall be in operation. Acceptable forms of ID are:
   a) a passport;
   b) a UK photo driving license; or
   c) military ID cards.

2. Log all refusals made under the Challenge 25 Policy. The log will show:
   a) date of refusal made;
   b) member of staff who made the refusal; and
   c) if refused, whether fake ID was seized.

3. The Challenge 25 log shall be kept on the premises and shall be available for inspection upon request of the Police or an authorised officer of the Licensing Authority.

4. Signs shall be displayed inside the premises that advertise that the premises operates “Challenge 25”.

5. A bound incident book shall be maintained, in which the following shall be recorded:
   a) All incidents of crime and disorder occurring at the premises; and
   b) Details of when the Police are called.

6. The incident book shall be kept on the premises and shall be available for inspection upon request by the Police or an authorised officer of the Licensing Authority.

7. DPS to check the Challenge 25 log and the incident book at least once a week, and sign and date each check.

8. The CCTV system installed at the premises, shall:
   a) be maintained operational at all times;
   b) make and retain clear images; and
   c) show an accurate date and time that the images were made.

9. All CCTV images shall be retained for a period of not less than 31 days.

10. CCTV images shall be immediately made available for review upon request of the Police or an authorised officer of the Licensing Authority.

11. A copy of a CCTV image shall be provided within 24 hours upon request of the Police or an authorised officer of the Licensing Authority.

12. The use of door supervisors shall be risked assessed on an event-by-event basis and a written

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record of the risk assessment kept at the premises for a period of 6 months and made available to the Police or an authorised officer of the Licensing Authority upon request. Where engaged, door staff shall be licensed by the SIA.

13. A record of each member of staff who is authorised to sell alcohol shall be kept on the premises. This record shall include the staff members full name, address, and date of birth.

14. The premises shall operate in accordance with the “ask Angela scheme” ; and notices to this effect shall be displayed

15. A “Zero tolerance drugs policy” shall be in place. As a minimum, the policy will require:

a) Regular toilet checks to be carried out and recorded;
b) A secure drop box is available to keep any seized drugs until such time they are collected by the police;
c) Immediate barring of any customer found in possession of drugs; and
d) Posters displayed throughout the premises stating that a “Zero tolerance to drugs is in operation”.

16. No adult entertainment or services shall be provided at the premises.

17. Children shall not be permitted on the premises after 21:00 hours unless attending a pre-booked private function.

18. Children shall not be served at the bar, regardless of whether the service is nonalcoholic.

19. When entertainment is being provided regular checks will be made outside of the premises to monitor sound levels.

20. The external seating area shall be clearly defined, and no drinking shall take place outside this area. Appropriate signage shall be provided informing patrons that alcohol must not be consumed beyond the defined area.

21. No external consumption of alcohol or other beverages shall be permitted after 21:00 hours.

22. There shall be no speakers fitted to the exterior of the building and there shall be no amplified music outside of the premises.

23. External lighting shall be positioned and screened in such a way so as not to cause a disturbance to nearby residents.

24. Prominent, clear and legible notices shall be displayed at the exit requesting the customers to “leave the premises and the area quietly”.

25. All staff shall receive training on induction and year thereafter, on:

a) Terms, conditions and restriction of this Licence;

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b) operation of 'Challenge 25';
c) types of acceptable ID;
d) method of recording refusals;
e) refusing sales of alcohol to persons who appear to be drunk;
f) The “Ask Angela” scheme
g) preventing proxy sales;
h) the drugs policy;
i) identifying and reporting any concerns over child exploitation;
j) incident recording and when to call the Police; and
k) how to review the CCTV system if requested.

26. Staff training shall be recorded, records shall be kept of the premises and shall, on request, be made available for inspection by the Police or an authorised officer of the Licensing Authority.

27. The DPS, or their nominated deputy, shall routinely attend meetings of the local pub Watch Scheme.

Annex 3

None

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Plan attached.

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Premises Details

POSTAL ADDRESS OF PREMISES, OR IF NONE, ORDNANCE SURVEY MAP REFERENCE OR DESCRIPTION

Sports Box

Unit 1 Imperial Buildings, High Street, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S60 1PA.

WHERE THE LICENCE IS TIME LIMITED THE DATES

Not applicable

LICENSABLE ACTIVITIES AUTHORISED BY THE LICENCE

- an indoor sporting event
- a performance of live music
- any playing of recorded music
- a performance of dance
- provision of late night refreshment
- the sale by retail of alcohol

THE TIMES THE LICENCE AUTHORISES THE CARRYING OUT OF LICENSABLE ACTIVITIES

Activity (and Area if applicable)	Description	Time From	Time To
Indoor sporting event			
	Monday to Wednesday	10:00am	11:00pm
	Thursday to Sunday	10:00am	1:30am
Performance of live music (Indoors)			
	Monday to Wednesday	10:00am	11:00pm
	Thursday to Sunday	10:00am	1:30am
	Non Standard Timings: Christmas and New Years Eve when it falls on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday 10.00 hours and 01.30 hours on the following day		
Playing of recorded music (Indoors)			
	Monday to Wednesday	10:00am	11:00pm
	Thursday to Sunday	10:00am	1:30am
	Non Standard Timings: Christmas and New Years Eve when it falls on a Monday , Tuesday or Wednesday 10.00 hours and 01.30 hours on the following day.		
Performance of dance (Indoors)			
	Monday to Wednesday	10:00am	11:00pm
	Thursday to Sunday	10:00am	1:30am
	Non Standard Timings: Christmas and New Years Eve when it falls on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday 10.00 hours and 01.30 hours on the following day.		
Late night refreshment (Indoors)			
	Thursday to Sunday	11:00pm	1:30am
	Non Standard Timings: Christmas and New Years Eve when it falls on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday 10.00 hours and 01.30 hours on the following day.		

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Activity (and Area if applicable)	Description	Time From	Time To
The sale by retail of alcohol for consumption ON and OFF the premises			
	Monday to Wednesday	10:00am	11:00pm
	Thursday to Sunday	10:00am	1:30am

NO SALE OF ALCOHOL NO DPS

Non Standard Timings:

Christmas and New Years Eve when it falls on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday 10.00 hours and 01.30 hours on the following day.

THE OPENING HOURS OF THE PREMISES

Description	Time From	Time To
Monday to Wednesday	10:00am	11:30pm
Thursday to Sunday	10:00am	2:00am

Non Standard Timings:

Christmas and New Years Eve when it falls on a Monday , Tuesday or Wednesday 10.00 hours and 02.00 hours on the following day.

WHERE THE LICENCE AUTHORISES SUPPLIES OF ALCOHOL WHETHER THESE ARE ON AND / OR OFF SUPPLIES

- The sale by retail of alcohol for consumption ON and OFF the premises

NAME, (REGISTERED) ADDRESS OF HOLDER OF PREMISES LICENCE

Rotherham Sports Bar LTD	Unit 1, Imperial Buildings, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S60 1PA.
Rotherham Sports Bar LTD	Unit 1, Imperial Buildings, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S60 1PA.

REGISTERED NUMBER OF HOLDER, FOR EXAMPLE COMPANY NUMBER, CHARITY NUMBER (WHERE APPLICABLE)

Rotherham Sports Bar LTD	16586787
Rotherham Sports Bar LTD	16586787

NAME OF DESIGNATED PREMISES SUPERVISOR WHERE THE PREMISES LICENCE AUTHORISES THE SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL

Dane FORD-MITCHELL

STATE WHETHER ACCESS TO THE PREMISES BY CHILDREN IS RESTRICTED OR PROHIBITED

Not applicable

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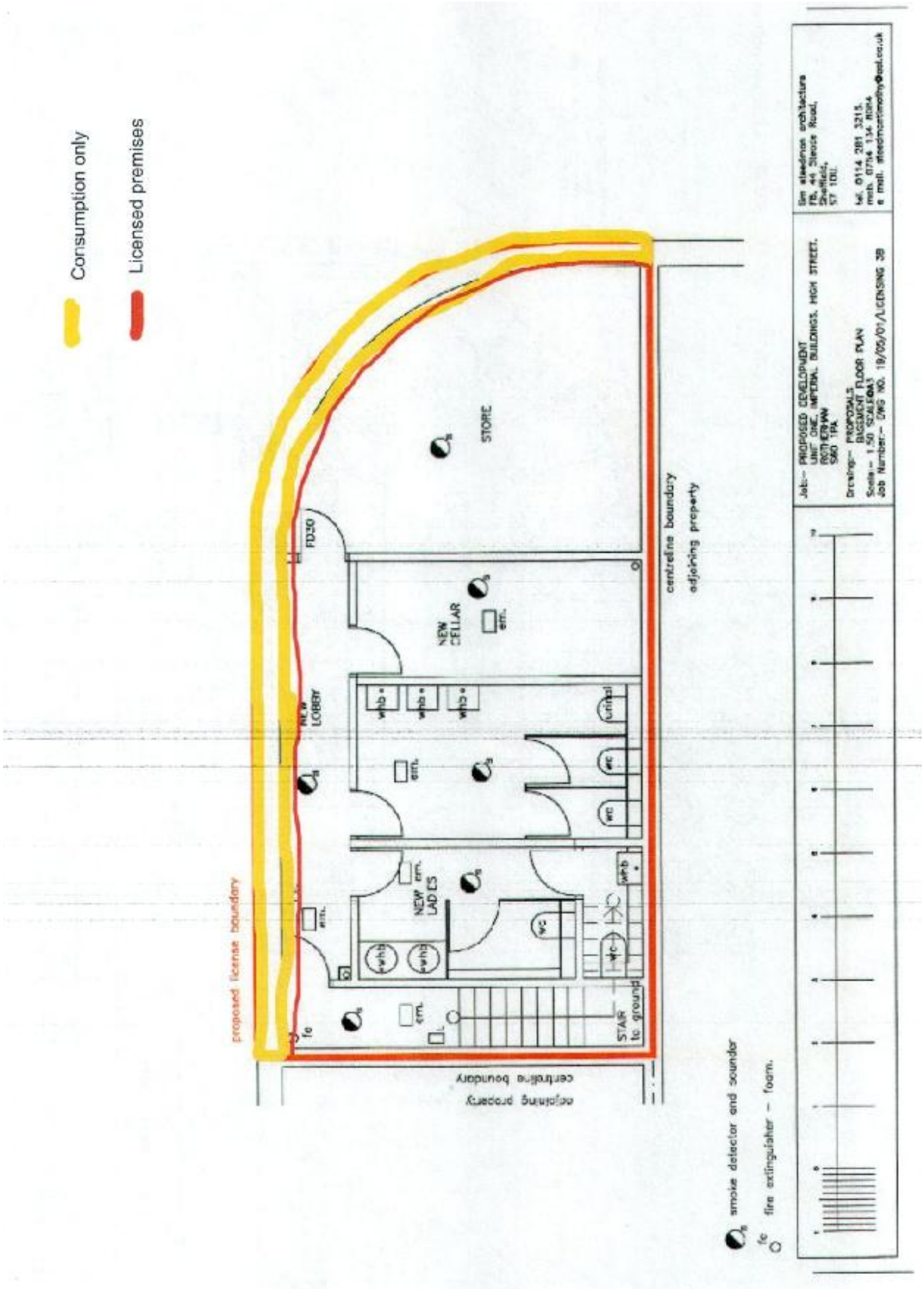

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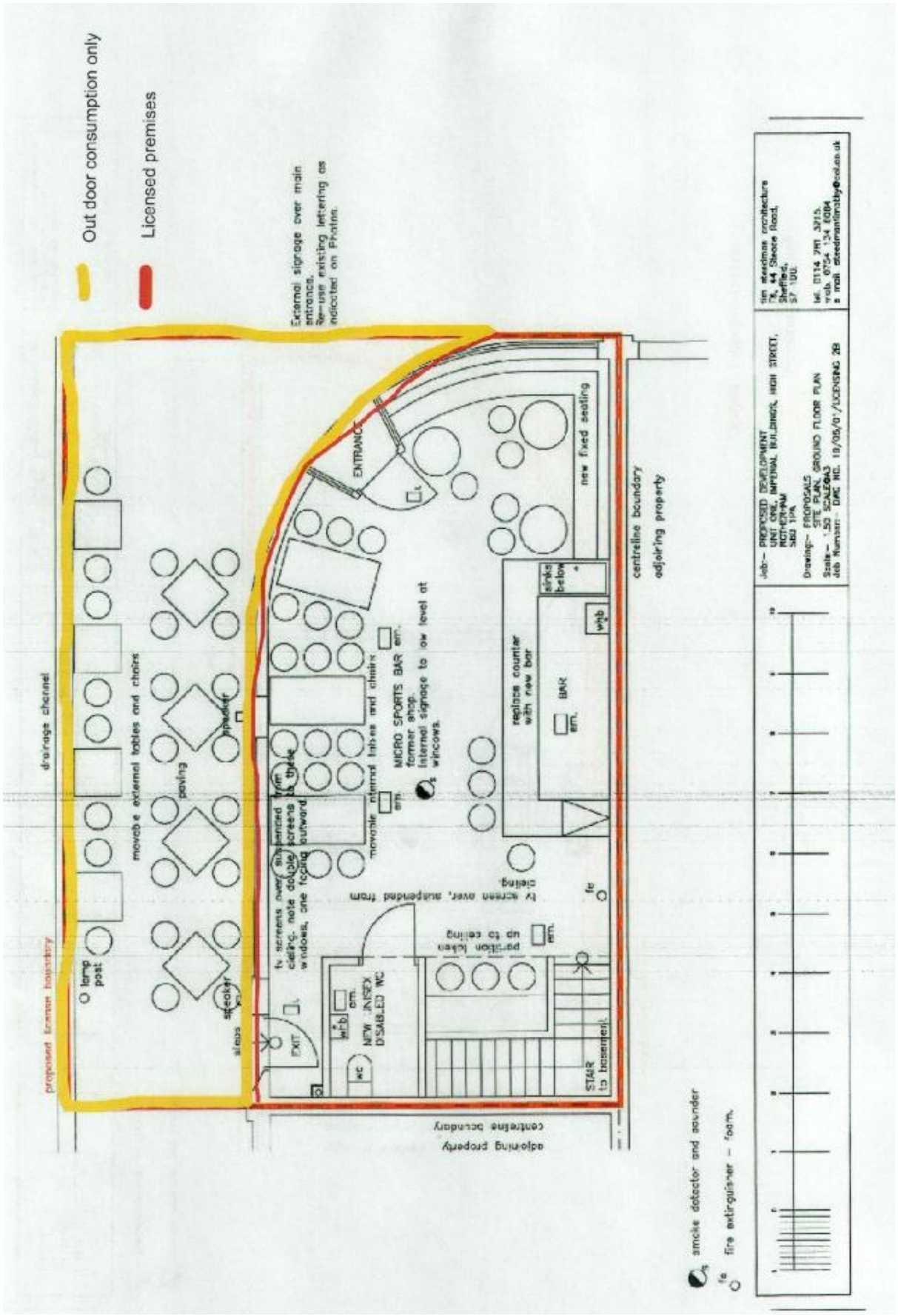
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adjoining property
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smoke detector and sounder
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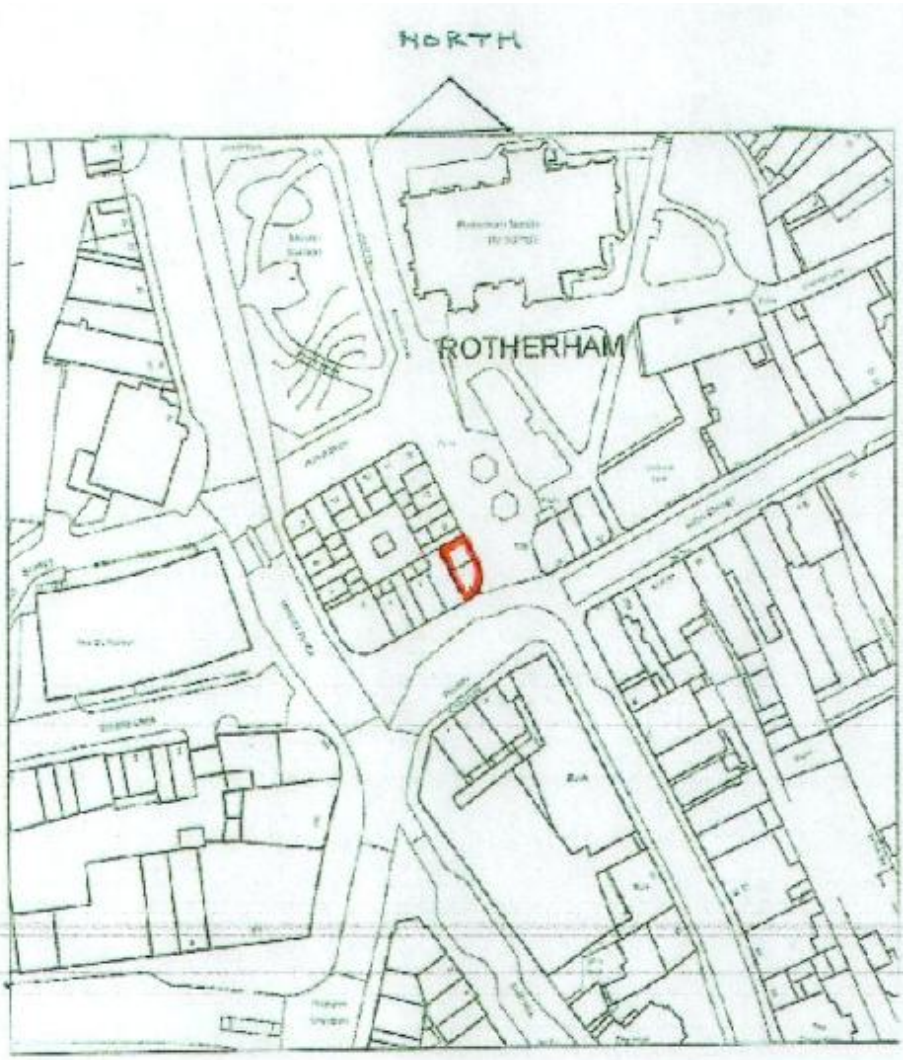

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Appendix 4

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

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.

I, Jo Belton, for and behalf of the Chief Constable of South Yorkshire Police
((Insert name of applicant)

apply for the review of a premises licence under section 51 / [redacted] of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below (delete as applicable)

Part 1 – Premises [redacted] details

Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description	
Sports Box **Unit 1 Imperial Buildings, High Street**	
Post town **ROTHERHAM**	**Post code (if known)** **S60 1PA**

Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known)
Rotherham Sports Bar Ltd

Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known)
P1166

Part 2 - Applicant details

I am

Please tick ✓ yes

1) an individual, body or business which is not responsible Authority
(please read guidance note 1, and complete (A) or (B) below)

2) a responsible authority (please complete (C) below) **✓ Yes**

3) a member of the club to which this application relates
(please complete (A) below)

(A) DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT (fill in as applicable)

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Please tick ✓ yes

Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other title (for example, Rev)

Surname **First names**

Please tick ✓ yes

I am 18 years old or over

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)

(C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY APPLICANT

Name and address **Chief Constable of South Yorkshire Police** **c/o Jo Belton, Rotherham Police Licensing Officer** **Licencing Dept, Main Street, Rotherham S60 1QY**
Telephone number (if any)
E-mail address (optional) **jo.belton@southyorkshire.police.uk**

This application to review relates to the following licensing objective(s)

Please tick one or more boxes ✓

1) the prevention of crime and disorder ✓

2) public safety ✓

3) the prevention of public nuisance ✓

4) the protection of children from harm ✓

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Please state the ground(s) for review (please read guidance note 2)

This review is brought on due to the failure of the licence holder, Rotherham Sports Bar Ltd to promote all four of the licensing objectives, which are:

- **The prevention of crime and disorder; and**
- **Public Safety**
- **The Prevention of Public Nuisance**
- **The Protection of Children from Harm**

For a period of several months South Yorkshire Police have had concerns regarding the operation of the Sports Box, Unit 1 Imperial Buildings, High Street, Rotherham S60 1PA . Assaults had been reported as occurring in the immediate vicinity of the premises, together with allegations of drug use and under age sales occurring at the premises. In addition breaches of the condition that prohibits outdoor drinking after 9pm had been witnessed. Polce and Council Licensing Enforcement Officers were keeping a watching brief on the premises, as was The Local Neighbourhood Policing Team.

These concerns escalated when on 12th July 2026 an allegation was made of a serious assault occurring at the premises. It was reported that a male customer was struck on the back of the head with a bottle as he was exiting the premises.

The Police Officers investigating the allegation made several requests to staff and management for the premises CCTV footage recoded at the time of the assault, with no success. The investigation Police Officers raised this matter with the Police Licensing Officer, together with the fact that staff had failed to fully cooperate with their investigation, as follows:

- **glass from the incident has been cleared by staff before the Police arrived;**
- **the staff on duty could not use the CCTV system which prevented Police from carrying out an immediate review of the incident (it is a condition on the Licence that the CCTV system must be able to facilitate the immediate review);**
- **claimed to have seen nothing; and**
- **initially refused to turn the music down to facilitate proper discussion.**

The Police and Council Licensing Enforcement Officers also made several requests for the CCTV footage directly to the premises management.

On 1st August 2026 Police Officers patrolling the town centre captured on body worn cameras that the premises were operating in breach of the Licence condition that states *" No external consumption of alcohol or other beverages shall be permitted after 21:00 hours".*

On 4th August the Police Licensing Enforcement Officer, Jo Belton, visited the premises and met with Ms Katie DELL, who is one of the two Directors of Rotherham Sports Bar LTD, the Company that holds the Premises Licence. At this meeting Mrs Dell was made aware of the Police concerns, licence breaches and, once again, asked to provide the relevant CCTV footage for 12th July 2026. In addition the Police Licensing Enforcement Officer carried out a drugs wipe of the ground floor disabled toilet , which showed extremely high levels of drug. The meeting concluded with an agreement being reached that s further meeting would take place at the premises on the 12th August 2026.

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A letter setting out the detail of the meeting of the 4th August was sent to the Licence holder on 12th July 2026, a copy of which is attached at Annex 1 to this application.

On 12th August the Police Licensing Enforcement Officer once again met with met with Ms Katie DELL at the premises. The primary purpose of this meeting was to view and collect the CCTV footage from the 12th July 2026. At this meeting CCTV footage from two of the premises CCTV cameras was provided, however, the footage was of such poor quality it was of no practical use.

A further request for the CCTV footage from all cameras to be provided to the Police by 5pm on the 13th August was made. At the time of serving this review application the CCTV footage of the incident on the 13th August 2026 remains outstanding.

The Police Licensing Officer then carried out a full licence compliance inspection at the premises, where several breaches of the Premises Licence conditions were identified. A letter setting out the detail of the inspection was sent to the Licence holder on 13th July 2026, a copy of which is attached at Annex 2 to this application.

As requested by the Police Licensing Enforcement Officer, the Licence holder appointed a new Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS), Mr Dane FORD-MITCHELL with immediate effect from 20th August 2026.

On the early hours of the morning of 13th September 2026 an allegation of a further serious assault associated with the operation of the premises was made. On this occasion the allegation stated that on leaving the victim was followed out of the premises and attacked by multiple males, resulting in a broken jaw in two places, which resulted in surgery.

The Police Officers investigating the assault have again reported that the premises management were non co-operative, to the extent that when Officers visited the premises later the same day to retrieve CCTV footage of the incident Mr David McQUEEN, the second of the two Directors of Rotherham Sports Bar LTD, the Company that holds the Premises Licence asked the Officers to leave as he did not want then in the office unattended.

Officers had been unable to retrieve the CCTV footage and despite being promised, were not telephoned to return to collect it. However, they did make a short video of the footage using their phone.

The failure to secure the CCTV footage was reported to the Police Licensing Enforcement Officer who on 16th September 2026 attended the premises with the local Neighbourhood Police Sergeant. Whilst Officers were able to view the CCTV footage it was not possible to download it.

In summary, this footage shows a male, known to be the victim, existing the premises, followed by several unknown males, possibly the alleged assailants.

Shortly after this several customers and some of the bar staff are seen to exit the premises. Presumably to watch the assault occurring.

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The customers and staff then re-enter the premises and one male is seen to remove a distinctive jumper, which he hands to bar staff who store it behind the bar.

The premises DPS is stood at the door throughout the whole time.

The Police Licensing Officer questioned the DPS, Mr Dane FORD-MITCHELL, at the visit of 16th September 2026, as to why he had not reported the incident to the Police or logged it into the incident book. The response was that he was unaware that an incident had occurred and could not see anything from where he was standing. Members are asked to consider the likeliness of this, given the exodus of customers and staff from the premises.

At the same time Mr Dane FORD-MITCHELL was asked to provide the risk assessment regarding door supervision at the premises for the 12th/13th September 2026. He was unable to do this. It is a condition of the Licence that such a risk assessment is undertaken

The CCTV footage shows a second door supervisor working alongside Mr Dane FORD-MITCHELL , whose details have been provided.

Mr Dane FORD-MITCHEL is a registered SIA door supervisor, and whilst he is legally entitled to work the door, he is also responsible for managing the bar, overall licensing compliance and dealing with incidents that may occur inside of the premises. If working the door this conflict of duties should have been addressed by way of a risk assessment.

On the 18th September 2026, at the request of the Police Licensing Officer, a specialist IT support officer attended the premises to download the CCTV footage. It took several hours but the officer eventually secured a full download of the incident that occurred at the premises in the early hours of 13th September 2026. However, this download was only from two working cameras, with the footage from 2 of the 4 cameras not being relevant and the footage from the other 2 cameras not being available. .

A copy of the relevant parts of the CCTV footage that the Police have download will be shown to Members of the Sub Committee at the hearing.

In addition, whilst the assault is not caught on the premises CCTV it is caught on the town centre CCTV. The Police Licensing Officer has secured a download of this CCTV footage, which once again will be shown at the hearing.

This CCTV footage shows the assault and identifies the assailants exiting and then re-entering the Sport Box. This is confirmed by the internal CCTV footage.

On 19th October 2026 a report was made to the Police of by an individual who had been who had been punched in the head whilst drinking at the premises. A threat to kill the victim was also made.

On 1st October 2026 the Town Centre Manager made the Police Licensing Enforcement Officer aware of a meeting between local business and the free holder of their premises and the Sport Box. Universally they all complained to the freeholder about the manner in which the Sport Box was being operated.

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The Police Licencing Officer contacted the freeholder who confirmed that they are currently considering the issue raised.

On 2nd October 2026 Police receive a report of an affray occurring at the Sport Box. The initial report came from the staff at the Sport Box and related to a

female who was refusing to leave. However, matters escalated and when Police arrived at the premises a fight was occurring outside of the premises between approximately 15 to 20 people were in the street fighting, some of whom had armed themselves with scaffolding poles as weapons.

The Police Licensing Officer plans to visit the premises to retrieve the internal CCTV footage and will also attempt to retrieve footage from the town centre CCTV system. An oral update will be provided at the hearing and any footage secured will be shown.

The Police Licensing Officer is aware that the premises are subject to an investigation of noise nuisance occurring at the premises being carried out by the Council's Noise Team. Other than reference to this by investigation in the supporting evidence it is expected that the Council's Noise Team will provide evidence of the nuisance in the representations they make in support of this review application.

Given the information provided in this review application the Chief Constable of South Yorkshire Police is satisfied that the Company that hold the Premises Licence issued in respect of the Sports Box is:

- **failing in their duty to promote all four of the licensing objectives; and**
- **that attempts by South Yorkshire Police to work with the Company to bring about required improvements have failed.**

It is considered that the failings lie directly with the two Directors of the Company that hold the Premises Licence and that a change of DPS or additional management control conditions would not resolve the matter.

For this reason it is the recommendation of the Chief Constable of South Yorkshire Police that the Premises Licence is revoked .

Please refer to pages 7, 8 and 9 for additional evidence is support of the review application, together with Annes 1 and 2 to this application.

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Please provide as much information as possible to support the application (please read guidance note 3)

Additional Evidence to Support the Review Application

Extract of an email from Police detailing an assault that occurred outside of the premises on 4th July 2026

……Three victims have been drinking in the Sports Box. A group of unknown Romanian males have had an altercation outside. The group then stood outside of the Sports Box, believed to be in the door way. Shortly after, the three victims have left Sports Box and have asked the group to get past them and they have then been 'jumped' by the unknown group……..

Extract from a Police report detailing an assault that occurred outside of the premises on 6th July 2026

……Call from CCTV reporting 5 males fighting outside Sports Box. They view someone being kicked in the head. Suspect who has kicked the victim has got into a silver vehicle, possibly Ford Kuga, partial VRM xxx.

Victim [redacted] located. I have been informed that he is not giving any information at this time. Being transported to hospital. Injury described as swollen black eye, unsure if any fractures further damage …….

Extract of an email from Police Officer Investigating the alleged assault at the premises on 12th July 2026

…..I currently have an ongoing S20 GBH investigation (14/124112/26) in which an individual has been glassed inside the 'Sports Box' on 12/07 causing a cut to his head that has been stapled. DS BROUGHTON has informed me there has been an array of issues here and to inform you of this incident, mainly because they have not been engaging or providing myself with the CCTV footage of the incident after multiple requests have been made.

When officers initially attended they spoke to the manager who reviewed the CCTV remotely and denied seeing any assault. A DAMS link was sent to send over all the footage of the timings required either way however this was not done.

The number provided the DAMS link was sent to was 07926850557. Since then, 2 further DAMS links have been sent to send the CCTV over as requested however these have not been read or replied to……..

Extract of an email from Police detailing an assault that occurred outside of the premises on 31st July 2026

…….. Victim, [redacted], and his friend [redacted], have been drinking in the Sports Box. They have left and very shortly after have been assaulted by a group of 4-5 individuals causing [redacted] to have a dislocated shoulder and a minor graze to his head, knee and elbow. The victim has not identified whether the suspects were in the Sports Box beforehand …

Extract from a Police report detailing noise nuisance and concerns of under drinking at the premises on 28th August 2026.

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……. I worked last night with council on out of hours with RMBC officer we attended a noise complaint at 2 x flats on [redacted], Rotherham

Information received (wish to remain anonymous) that the Sports Box, on corner of High St / Church St are serving alcohol to underage teenagers.

They have also said that underage youths are walking up Moorgate Street intoxicated, and they feel for their safety.

On our approach from the top of Moorgate St to the comps address for the noise (which was bad in the address from the Sports Box), I saw youths hanging around outside and 2 x youths were coming up the road on a sur-ron bike but spun around and fled the area when they spotted me…….

Extract from a Police report detailing the alleged assault on 13th September 2026

…..Caller is reporting that her and her partner were in the sports box, they were told to leave following an incident where a friend of the caller was lead into the male toilets and were told that they were all causing trouble. Caller states that once they were outside a group of 15 unknown males have started attacking him – kicking and punching – caller states that they have ripped his shirt and he has sustained cuts to his body as well as a suspected broken jaw.

Incident Type GBH WITH INTENT ……..

Extract of an email from Police detailing a visit to the premises following the assault that occurred outside of the premises on 13th September 2026

……. Zak and I went to the Sports Box tonight. Dane was not there, but the barmaid was happy for us to look at the footage.

I didn't view it initially, as I was just going to download an hour of footage. However, the hard drive was fixed tightly into the unit and I was unable to pull it out far enough to put my USB stick in it. I didn't want to pull it to the point where wires disconnected and the system turned off.

Whilst we were there, owner Dave McQueen called and Zak spoke with him. Initially he did not appear too happy that we were there but then stated that he would be happy for us to have any footage we needed.

Due to not being able to download the footage, we watched some of it. We saw what we thought was the victim, tall bald headed bloke wearing shorts and Nirvana vest top. He is seen dancing around the bar area around midnight, but leaves the bar just before the assault happens. Male wearing the black jumper with the bold white cross on the back is seen in the bar at the same time but it doesn't look like they engage from the footage we have watched.

After the assault, male in the black jumper with white cross, comes back inside and sits with a female. They appear to be talking about the incident, and he takes his jumper off.

Dave called the bar maid back and asked that we leave, as he did not want us in the office and the bar unattended. Bar maid said that she would call the office this evening when Dane arrives to look at the footage. He probably would have been OK pulling the hard drive out. She never called the office.

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I have uploaded the screen recording that I took, to the investigation on DAMS. It might be that you need AVA to go out and retrieve the footage……..

Extract from a Police report detailing an allegation of a threat to kill and an assault on customer whilst at they were at the premises on 19th September 2026.

…….. The victim was out in the town with his friends, and he was chatting to a woman in the bar when another male came up to victim and said someone wants to talk to you, he answered the phone and the suspect has said, "I'm going to shoot you".

The suspect then came into the bar and punched the victim in the head causing him to go unconscious for a short while. The victim has a bust lip, a big lump on his head and scrape on his shoulder.

The victim believes these threats, and he is very scared of the suspect and believes he cannot stay at home because he knows the suspect has access to firearms and believes he will come to shoot him. The victim is not willing to give statement until the suspect has been locked up out of fear of repercussions……

Extract from a Police report detailing concerns of drug taking at the premises on 20th September 2026.

…… Report of a group of females in the toilets taking cocaine……

Extract from a Police report detailing a fight occurring at the premises on 2nd October 2026.

…….Initial call from staff at The Sports Box PH in Rotherham Town Centre reporting a female being racially abusive, refusing to leave and fighting with staff. Prior to officer arrival, VR CCTV observe a wider fight break out involving approx. 15-20 people. CCTV captures a number of persons then equip themselves with metal poles of scaffolding using these as weapons. Officers attend, 2x detained for Affray……

Extract of an email from the freeholder to Police Licensing Officer sent on 5th October 2026

……. ***I sent the letter outlining the arrears etc and Anti-social issues on Friday I had no response ? I hear they are in Thailand for months ? I was initially told 3 weeks …….***

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Please tick ✓ yes

Have you made an application for review relating to the premises before **No**

If yes please state the date of that application

Day		Month		Year			

If you have made representations before relating to the premises please state what they were and when you made them

N/A

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 ✓
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected ✓

IT IS AN OFFENCE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION. THOSE WHO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT MAY BE LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE OF ANY AMOUNT.

Part 3 – Signatures (please read guidance note 4)

Signature of applicant or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent (please read guidance note 5). **If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.**

Signature

J Belton

On behalf of the Chief Constable of South Yorkshire Police

……

Date

5th October 2026

Capacity **Rotherham Police Licensing Officer**

……

Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 6)

Jo Belton, Rotherham Police Licensing Officer
Licencing Dept, Main Street

Post town	**Post Code**
Rotherham	**S60 1QY**

Telephone number (if any)

If you would prefer us to correspond with you using an e-mail address your e-mail address (optional) jo.belton@southyorkshire.police.uk

Appendix 4

Annex 1 to Review Application

The Sports Box, Unit 1 Imperial Buildings, High St, Rotherham S601PA

South Yorkshire POLICE

Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

My Reference: P1166
Please ask for: Jo Belton

Your Reference:
Date: 12 August 2026

Rotherham Sports Bar LTD
20 Wenlock Road
London
N1 7GU

Emailed to: bookings@benidormevents.com

Dear Sir

RE: LICENSING ACT 2003 – PREMISES LICENCE (No. P1166)
THE SPORTS BOX, UNIT 1 IMPERIAL BUILDINGS, HIGH STREET, ROTHERHAM S601PA

With reference to the Premises Licence held by Rotherham Sports Bar LTD in respect of the above-mentioned premises.

South Yorkshire Police have serious concerns regarding the escalation of intelligence regarding crime and disorder occurring at, or in the vicinity of the Sports Box, together with breaches of the Licence conditions. Some of the Police concerns, but not limited to, are set out below:

1. A serious assault occurred in the door way of the premises on 12th July 2025, Despite numerous requests, the premises internal CCTV footage for this date has still to be provided. This footage has been requested by both the Police and the Council's Licensing Enforcement Officers.

2. On Saturday 1st August 2026 Police officers captured on body worn cameras that the premises were operating in breach of the Licence condition that states " **No external consumption of alcohol or other beverages shall be permitted after 21:00 hours"** . I visited the premises on 4th August 2026 and showed Katie DELL, a director of Rotherham Sports Bar LTD, the Police footage, which showed people standing outside of the premises drinking at 23:00 hours. The footage also showed the door supervisors employed at the premises taking no action.

3. During my visit to the premises on 4th August 2026 I carried out a drug wipe of the ground floor disabled toilet, which showed extremely high levels of drug use. Katie DELL was present when the wipe was taken and it was agreed with her that this toilet would be kept locked and the key kept behind the bar.

4. In general terms, the Police have received lots of intelligence that drugs are being taken and supplied at the premises; plus there are two further allegations of assaults occurring at, or in the vicinity of, the premises currently under Police investigation

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As you are aware, you have a duty to promote the licensing objectives at all times and to fully co with the terms, conditions and restrictions of the Premises Licence. Given this, and the concerns ra in this letter, I would ask that you review the management controls currently in place at the pren and put in place any steps identified in this review to strengthen them.

Finally, please be aware that any further breaches of the terms, conditions and restriction of Premises Licence is likely to result in the Police seeking to review the Premises Licence you hold, a recommendation that it is revoked.

Yours sincerely

Jo Belton

Jo Belton
Licensing Enforcement Officer, South Yorkshire Police
Mobile Tel: [redacted]
Email Jo.Belton@southyorks.pnn.police.uk

Copy Hand delivered to: [redacted], DPS, The Sports Box, Unit 1 Imperial Buildings, High Street, Rotherham S601PA

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Annex 2 to Review Application

The Sports Box, Unit 1 Imperial Buildings, High St, Rotherham S601PA

South Yorkshire POLICE

Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

My Reference: P1166
Please ask for: Jo Belton

Your Reference:
Date: 13 August 2026

Rotherham Sports Bar LTD
20 Wenlock Road
London
N1 7GU

Emailed to: bookings@benidormevents.com

Dear Sir

RE: LICENSING ACT 2003 – PREMISES LICENCE (No. P1166)
THE SPORTS BOX, UNIT 1 IMPERIAL BUILDINGS, HIGH STREET, ROTHERHAM S601PA

Yesterday I visited the above-mentioned premises and met with Ms Katie DELL, a director Rotherham Sports Bar LTD, the Company that holds the Premises Licence.

The purpose of this visit was to:

- hand deliver my letter dated 12th August 2026, a copy further copy of which attached;
- view the promised CCTV footage of from the 12th July 2026; and
- share the concerns of South Yorkshire Police regarding the operation of the premise

At this visit I was show CCTV footage from two of the eight internal cameras located with the premises. This footage was poor quality, to such an extent that it was of no practic value. Ms Dell informed me that she can access two of the eight cameras on her mobile pho and that footage from the remaining six cameras can only be viewed if a request is made the Company that installed/supplied the CCTV system. No explanation was provided as why such a request had not been made, despite both Police and Council Officers having ma numerous requests to view this CCTV footage.

A further request for the CCTV footage for the 12th July 2026, from all cameras and all angles, to provided by 5pm today was made directly to MS Dell.

A check of the ground floor disabled toilet, found it to be open with no means of being locke This is a breach of the agreement made with Ms Dell on 4th August 2026.

A full licensing compliance inspection of the premises was then carried out. I w accompanied by Ms Dell during this inspection.

I am writing to formally notify you that the premises were found to be operating in breach the following conditions of Annex 2 of the Premises Licence:

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1. **Condition 7**, which requires the DPS to check the Challenge 25 log and the incident book at least once a week, and sign and date each check.

2. With regard to the CCTV system installed at the premises **conditions 8b), 8c), 10 and 11.**

3. **Condition 11**, specifically that the use of door supervisor at the premises is risk assessed and that and a written record of this assessment is kept at the premises for a period of 6 months and made available to the Police or an authorised officer of the Licensing Authority upon request.

4. **Condition 13** which requires a record of staff authorised to sell alcohol so kept on the premises.

5. **Condition 15** which requires a Drugs Policy to be in place as specifies as a minimum the checks and requirements that need to be included in the Policy.

6. **Conditions 25 and 26**, regarding staff training. No records available.

Regarding Conditions 2 and 3 of Annex B. A log book was available, in which only 2 refusals had been reordered in the past year. In my experience this is not reflective of the number of refusals other licensed premises routinely make. Moving forward I strongly recommend that you log all challenges, regardless of whether the sale is subsequently allowed.

I also have serious concerns that the DPS named on the Premises Licence is not in day to day management of the premises. Ms Dell informed me that the DPS attended the premises for just a couple of hours each week and never on the busiest trading times of Friday and Saturday nights. Furthermore, the member of staff working behind the bar at the time of my visited stated that she had no idea who the DPS was and had never met her. Given this, I would expect to see an application to vary the DPS made within the next 5 working days.

Please be aware that compliance with the terms, conditions and restrictions of the Premises Licence is non - negotiable; and that the **premises should not provide any licensable activities until such time that they have taken all nieces measures to be operate in full compliance**.

In concluding, if you do open for business this weekend, it is likely that further compliance inspections will be carried out.

Yours sincerely

Jo Belton

Jo Belton
Licensing Enforcement Officer, South Yorkshire Police
Mobile Tel: [redacted]
Email Jo.Belton@southyorks.pnn.police.uk

Copy Hand delivered to: The Sports Box, Unit 1 Imperial Buildings, High Street, Rotherham S601PA

Appendix 5

Representations Supporting the Review Application

1. Responsible Authority - Environmental Health

memorandum

Neighbourhoods

Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
Neighbourhoods

To:
LICENSING SERVICES

Date: 6 October 2026

For the attention of Diane Kraus

Subject: Licensing review

South Yorkshire Police Licensing Review of licence in realtion to The Sports Box, Unit 1 Imperial Buildings, Rotherham,

Contact:	**Ref:**	**Extension:**
Jeremy Squires	012908	01709 255037

I write with reference to the above application by South Yorkshire Police to which I received consultation papers on **5 October 2026** and would report as follows:

Background

Environmental Health has received several complaints regarding Noise emanating from the Sports Box. The first complaint was received on 5th February 2026. As per standard noise complaint process the reporter was sent a letter asking them to monitor the situation and complete monitoring sheets. The premises was wrote explaining that we had received a complaint and that they need to alter their current licensing practices and reduce the noise emanating from the premises.

On 9th April 2026 we received a further three complaints regarding the same premises, again the same process was followed. We then received a further three complaints on 9th July 17th July 20th July again complaining about loud music emanating from the premises. This makes a total of 7 complainants engaging with the department.

On 5th August 2026 officers were called to one of the reporters' properties to witness the noise level emanating from the premises. They arrived at 22.45 and witnessed loud music emanating from the Sports box which was in their professional opinion a statutory nuisance.

On 6th August 2026, the case officer issued the designated premises supervisor (DPS) and premises licence holder (PLH) with an abatement notice, as result of

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the visit the day before. These notices were hand delivered to the premises and the address for the DPS.

Later that same day, officers were again called to the reporter's address and witnessed loud music emanating from the above premises. On 12th August again officers were called and attended the reporters address for a third time and witnessed loud music and fighting at the premises. South Yorkshire Police were called to attend.

On 13th August a further copy of the abatement notice was served on the premises following the identification of a defect within the original. While serving the notice, officers were told to "f**k off".

Notice Breach

There has been no appeal against the Abatement Notice issued. The period for appeal expired on 3rd September 2026.

On 10th September 2026, officers again attended the reporter's address twice once at 18:30 and again at 23.10 and witnessed loud intrusive music emanating from the above premises. Officers considered this to be a breach of the Notice served.

On 11th September 2026 officers again attended the reporter's address @ 21.12 and @ 22.47 and again at 22.58 again loud intrusive music was witnessed emanating from the above premises. This was again considered a breach.

On 20th September 2026 recording equipment was installed at the reporter's address and several recordings of the noise from the above premises were recorded. These have been assessed, and it is considered that further breaches.

To date, we have not received any communication from the management of the premises despite a significant volume of correspondence, and two separate in-person visits to the premises. This, combined with the continued loud noise, shows a disregard for the impact the venue is having on neighbouring residential properties. It is not how we would expect a responsible licence holder to behave.

Conclusion

It is noted that South Yorkshire Police are requesting full revocation of the licence.

Having read the application and considered this alongside our own evidence, it is the view of this department that the venue has failed to uphold the licensing objectives and has also failed to engage effectively with responsible authorities. As such, there would seem to be no realistic alternative to resolve the issues identified other than that proposed by the Police, and Environmental Health therefore supports this application for revocation.

However, should the committee be minded not to revoke the licence, we would suggest a significant number of additional controls are required by way of amendment to hours for licensable activity or conditions attached to it, as follows:

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1. Hours

a) An amendment to licensable activity such that no music (either live or recorded) shall be played after 11:00 p.m.

2. Conditions

a) Prominent, clear notices shall be displayed at all exits requesting customers and staff to respect the needs of local residents and leave the premises and the area quietly.

b) If the situation should ever arise where patrons are requested to queue outside the premises this will be in an orderly queue on the right side of the premises.

c) The consumption of alcohol or other beverages is not to be permitted in outside areas after 9.00 p.m.

d) The holder of the premises licence shall ensure that no music or amplified speech originating from the premises shall be audible inside any residential property (or hotel bedroom/other relevant receptor) at any time.

Note: For the purposes of this condition noise may be considered inaudible when it is at a low enough level that it is not recognisable as emanating from the source in question and/or it does not alter the perception of the ambient noise environment that would prevail in the absence of the source in question.

e) A noise limiting device shall be installed, fitted and maintained in such a manner as to control all sources of amplified music at the premises. The device shall be hardwired into the premises electrical system to prevent it from being bypassed by the operator.

Note: The noise limiter shall be set in accordance with the requirements of the local authority. After the installation of the noise limiter, the local authority may review and adjust the settings at any time.

The device shall be connected to all permanent music equipment and all available AC mains power sockets, within the area around a stage, within a performance area or near to a control desk.

The device shall be hardwired into the premises electrical system to prevent it from being bypassed by the operator.

Should you require any further information regarding this application, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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2. Responsible Authority - Planning

From: Chris Wilkins <Chris.Wilkins@rotherham.gov.uk>
Sent: 27 October 2026 15:07
To: Diane Kraus <Diane.Kraus@rotherham.gov.uk>

Application for the of Review of a Premises Licence – THE SPORTS BOX, UNIT 1 IMPERIAL BUILDINGS, HIGH STREET, ROTHERHAM S60 1PA

Planning Service would like to make a formal representation regarding this application to review the licence.

Planning Service notes that planning permission for the premises was granted in 2018 under RB2019/0807, which included the following conditions:

> **03** There shall be no speakers fitted to the exterior of the building and there shall be no amplified music outside of the premises.
>
> **Reason:** In the interests of the amenity of the locality.
>
> **04** The use hereby permitted shall only be open to customers or for deliveries between the hours of 10:00 and 02:00 and the outside seating area shall not be used after 21:00 hours.
>
> **Reason:** In the interests of the amenities of the occupiers of nearby dwellings.

It is understood that the outside seating area is being used after 21:00 hours, in breach of condition 4 of the planning permission. It is also understood that a Noise Abatement Notice has been served in respect of noise generated from the site.

The breach of the condition is being investigated by Planning Enforcement (reference number EN2026/0338) and whilst we have asked the operator to either apply to vary the condition or to comply with it, in view of the Abatement Notice served, should an application be submitted to vary the condition to allow customers to remain outside beyond 21:00 hours, it may not be considered favourably.

I trust these comments will be taken into consideration.

Chris Wilkins

Development Manager
South Team & Enforcement

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Other Peron A

Sent: 02 November 2026 21:06
To: Diane Kraus <Diane.Kraus@rotherham.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: : OBJECTION FW: Re Sports Bar Rotherham Ltd/Sports Box

I am writing in support of the application to review the licence issued to Rotherham Sports Bar Ltd/Sports Box. These reasons for this are listed below:

Incidents we have witnessed:

- Excessively loud music - from mid afternoon to 2am - even on weekdays - It's near impossible to sleep when this is on.
- Drugs
    - I have witnessed drugs being sold by the venue owner from a van outside the venue
    - I have witnessed customers from Sports Box taking drugs outside the venue and on the street in broad daylight and then going back into the venue.
- It does not feel safe to walk past the venue in the evenings or at night because of antisocial behaviour outside the bar.
- I have witnessed multiple fights outside the venue

I **have also been told to following but I haven't witnessed them personally:**

- Sports Box staff dealing drugs over the bar
- Acts of violence inside Sports Box by the venue's owner and staff

Other Peron B

Sent: 02 November 2026 17:05
To: Licensing <Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk>

I have plenty of evidence that they being not nice with their attitude and their music is very loud too . They also acting like they own that area (blocking pedestrians , entrance etc). Every single time my customers are complaining about the music . I can't say something about the owners but unfortunately reality it is what it is . I do like them and i wouldn't say to close them down . I would only suggest to stop playing that loud music if that possible. I don't really see anything positive for us at all . I would only say that they are annoying with the loud music . Apart from that loud music everything else is ok .

Please do something if you can !

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Representations Supporting the Licence Holder

Other Person 1

Sent: **10 October 2026 16:04**
To: **Licensing <Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk>**
Subject: **Representation in Support of Sports Box**

I'm a delivery driver at Abby's over the road from the Sports box. They always let us all use their toilet facilities during the weekends in the evening. Not seen any fights and the staff seem really nice. Shame this notice is on the door as the community spirit is far better and safer than other near by bars.

Other Person 2

Sent: **26 October 2026 13:20**
To**: Licensing <Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk>**
Subject**: Representation in Support of Sports Box**

I'm writing in support of Sports Box as a regular customer. Every time I've visited, I've found it to be a safe, clean and welcoming venue, and I've never once felt unsafe.

The atmosphere is amazing, especially on Rotherham home game days, and I genuinely believe this micro bar has given Rotherham nightlife something worth going out for again. It's brought people together and created a great place for locals to enjoy.

I hope my positive experience is taken into account as part of the review.

Other Person 3

Sent: **29 October 2026 19:16**
To: **Licensing <Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk>**
Subject: **Representation of License Review - Sports Box, Unit 1 Imperial Buildings S60 1PA**

I am writing in support of the continued license of the above premises. I do this as the holder of a personal license, a veteran of 23 years in the Royal Army Medical Corps, a local resident and regular customer.

While I have witnessed incidents in the past, they have been effectively dealt with,staff have effectively intervened both inside the bar and it's immediate vicinity to prevent incidents from escalating. This has included provision of first aid and assistance to emergency services.

Given the financial pressures on all businesses, but especially those in hospitality, it's imperative in my view that this business continues to provide employment and fill its particular night economy niche. Given the number of empty premises and the reduction in opening hours that pubs and bars in the town centre offer, competition is really important part of ensuring that the town centre recovers.

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As an ex environmental health professional I've noticed various changes over time, such as closing the doors at 9pm, no glasses outside etc, all of which I've seen effectively enforced once implemented. The staff have always been professional and where lapses have occurred the owner has not hesitated to let people go.

I really do implore you to ensure that this business continues and, if there are specific issues, work with them to resolve them.

Other Person 4

Sent: **01 November 2026 16:25**
To: **Licensing <Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk>**
Subject: **SUPPORT FOR THE SPORTS BOX - P1166 - S60 1PA**

I am writing in strong support of The Sports Box, Unit 1 Imperial Buildings, High Street, Rotherham S60 1PA (Licence No. P1166).

I know this venue as more than a pub. It has brought life back to High Street with a direct positive impact on other local businesses. The residents who live directly above the bar bought their property AFTER the bar opened and have NO complaints. The restaurant next door has NO complaints.

The staff have officially saved 2 peoples lives in Rotherham town centre and saved a customer from the restaurant next door. They fully sponsor Rotherham Home Town football team and are official supporters of Rotherham United.

The family are invested in Rotherham's future - their 18 year old son owns The Ministry in the town centre and has done inspirational talks at Rotherham United ground to 8 different Year 6 classes to inspire children. They are here to help bring back Rotherham day and night.

I understand concerns were raised in July/August. I have seen they have fixed everything:

- New 60-day CCTV + new outdoor public-protection camera with instant review, all staff trained
- Music limiter fitted, doors closed after 9pm
- No external drinking after 21:00 enforced by door supervisors AT ALL TIMES (was Fri/Sat + football)
- Disabled toilet now locked, key behind bar, checks every 15-20 mins signed
- All policies, posters and paperwork fully updated
- They passed their annual inspection with Lisa Parkain

Please do not just focus on negative points - please consider the many positive points and positive impacts they have on the town centre every day and night. Revocation would be disproportionate when they have complied and are a community asset.

Please retain their premises licence.

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Personal note from me:
Me and my young son come into this bar every weekend to watch sports together not once have I ever felt intimated or threatened my young son enjoys watching football matches with other family's and fans on the weekends in there the atmosphere is brilliant if this is taken away where else is there to go?

Rotherham town centre is already a dying town day and night there's nothing there anymore this little bar brings a little life back to the centre I've been on a night out here without my son a few times the staff is always very polite and helpful I've never once felt unsafe I that place

Other Person 5 (First part of representations mirrors OP4)

Date: **1 November 2026 at 15:30:15 GMT+0**
To: **Licencing@rotherham.gov.uk**
Subject: **SUPPORT FOR THE SPORTS BOX - P1166 - S60 1PA**

First part of this representation mirrors paragraph 1 to 8 of the representation made by OP4

Personal note from me:
I can only speak from my own personal experience, but the owner, staff and security have always made me feel welcome, comfortable and, most importantly, safe. I've never had a bad experience while visiting this bar. In fact, the staff here have actually helped save the lives of two people. I think that speaks volumes about the people behind this venue and the care they show towards others.

The atmosphere is vibrant, unique, welcoming and full of life. The artists they bring in are fantastic, and I genuinely believe Rotherham would be a much poorer place without this venue. It offers something different to the town and brings people together. It's also clearly appreciated by many, including social media influencers who visit regularly, return time and time again and share their positive experiences with others.

Personally, I feel happier and safer in this bar than I do in many other establishments across Rotherham.

Of course, no venue is ever going to be completely immune to the occasional troublemaker. Unfortunately, there will always be individuals who spoil things for everyone else, but that isn't unique to this bar. I've personally witnessed fights and incidents in numerous other pubs and bars throughout Rotherham town centre, and I don't believe it's fair to single out one particular venue and allow it to be portrayed in such a negative light.

From what I've personally witnessed, the staff and security here do an excellent job. They handle difficult situations professionally, take their responsibilities seriously and work hard to keep people safe. They deserve recognition for that, not to have their hard work and reputation overshadowed by the actions of a minority.

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Rotherham is already struggling, and we should be encouraging the businesses and independent venues that bring life, entertainment and people into our town, rather than losing yet another place that gives people a reason to visit.

This bar is clearly valued by the people who visit it, and I am one of them. I genuinely believe closing it would be a huge loss to Rotherham, its nightlife and the people who enjoy having somewhere like this to go.

We shouldn't judge an entire venue, its owner and its hardworking staff solely on the behaviour of a few individuals. My experience has been overwhelmingly positive, and I think that deserves to be heard too.

Other Person 6 (First part of representations mirrors OP's 4)

Sent: **01 November 2026 19:26**
To: **Licensing <Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk>**
Subject: **SUPPORT FOR THE SPORTS BOX - P1166 - S60 1PA**

First part of this representation mirrors paragraph 1 to 8 of the representation made by OP4

Personal note from me:
Has a personal licence holder myself and from many years of working in the Sia industry this venue is a safe and friendly environment that follows all licensing objectives from challenge 25 down to regular toilet checks and meeting health and safety regulation I have been coming to this venue since it first opened and have never seen no issues staff always there to help if any concerns about anything or need any help door staff are fast to react and deescalate situation for occurring and very observant and keep a a welcoming and safe environment for the staff and customers

Other Person 7

Sent: **27 October 2026 00:40**
To: Licensing **<Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk>**
Subject: **Fwd: Rotherham Sports Box**

I just wanted to put forward my support for Sports Box, as I genuinely believe it has brought something good back into Rotherham town centre.

I hadn't been into Rotherham town centre for a long time until Sports Box opened. It's given me a reason to start coming back into town again, and I think that says a lot about the place.

The staff are amazing, always happy to help, and make everyone feel welcome. It doesn't matter who you are or where you're from; nobody is made to feel out of place. The atmosphere is brilliant, and it's somewhere you can go, enjoy yourself and feel comfortable.

I honestly think Rotherham needs more places like this. It's easy to complain that there's nothing bringing people into the town centre, but when somewhere opens that actually gives people a reason to come back, I think that should count for

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something. Sports Box brings people into town who might not otherwise bother going, and that can only be a good thing for Rotherham.

I understand that safety is important and that all licensed premises need to meet the required standards. I'm not saying that any concerns should be ignored, but I do hope everything is looked at fairly and that any issues that need addressing can be dealt with in a way that allows the venue continue operating safely as it has been.

It would be a real shame to lose Sports Box. Speaking from my own experience, it's one of the places that has made me want to come back into Rotherham town centre after being away from it for so long. The welcoming staff and atmosphere make a difference, and I think places like this are important if we want to see our town centre doing well again.

I hope the council will take into account the positive side of what Sports Box brings to Rotherham and the people who genuinely enjoy going there before making any decisions about its future.

Other Person 8

Sent: **02 November 2026 13:46**
To: **Licensing <Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk>**
Subject:

Hiya am a resident of [redacted] I would like two inform you that the sports box in Rotherham is a brilliant place I use the the pub regularly it's professional secure everyone that works Thier as absolutely fantastic welcoming warming I would be absolutely gutted if they place got shut I've witnessed incidents that most of the time they have come from the other bar platinum there's never no trouble in their if there is it gets dealt professionally and safely also the noise it kept at a level when the doors are shut I can't hear it from my flat over the road I can see it from my flat never no problems what so ever please consider this place is like a home for some people and is generally a safe place to have fun

Other Person 9 (First part of representations mirrors OP's 4)

Sent: **02 November 2026 13:55**
To: **Licensing <Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk>**
Subject: **SUPPORT FOR THE SPORTS BOX - P1166 - S60 1PA**

First part of this representation mirrors paragraph 1 to 8 of the representation made by OP4

Personal note from me:
I work alongside the team at sportsbox. The owner gave me a chance and managed to get me other work elsewhere. The team at sportsbox is like a family. Really nice people, nice music and great vibes. In my opinion if you shut down Sportsbox, you will be damaging what is left of the nightlife in Rotherham. The team at sportsbox always gives 110% efforts into providing the best experience for a night out and entertainment. Please at least give it at chance as it's definitely worth it.

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Other Person 10 **(First part of representations mirrors OP's 4)**

Sent: **02 November 2026 13:54**
To: **Licensing <Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk>**

First part of this representation mirrors paragraph 1 to 8 of the representation made by OP4

Personal note from me:
As a woman I feel safe going in this place, the staff and management ensure everyone is safe at all times.

Other Person 11 **(First part of representations mirrors OP's 4)**

Sent: **02 November 2026 14:31**
To: **Licensing <Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk>**
Subject: **SUPPORT FOR THE SPORTS BOX - P1166 - S60 1PA**

First part of this representation mirrors paragraph 1 to 8 of the representation made by OP4

Personal note from me:
i visit the sports box on a weekly basis, usually to socialise with my friends but i usually have to travel alone to meet them and as soon as i get to the sports box i instantly feel safe. The staff are always making sure everyone is safe and having a good time, the security is amazing at the job they do as they always make sure the is as little trouble as can be.

Other Person 12 **(First part of representations mirrors OP's 4)**

Sent: **02 November 2026 14:51**
To**: Licensing <**Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk>
Subject: **Sports box support**

First part of this representation mirrors paragraph 1 to 8 of the representation made by OP4

Personal note from me:
Me and my friends go here every week for football when rotherham united play at home aswell as most weekends for a drink and good vibes after a week at work to cool off, we always feel comfortable here(sports box) and all of the staff go above and beyond every time u step foot inside, i have never seen any trouble inside the sports box and every single person who goes in the sports box are genuinely there for a good time. finally i'd like to say how welcomed and loved it is by a lot of people within rotherham and surrounding areas and the respect they gain by saving multiple people's lives and keeping everyone of all ethnicities and sexuality's welcome not matter what.

Other Person 13

Sent: **02 November 2026 13:57**
To: **Licensing <Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk>**
Subject: sports box rotherham

i am writing to ask for you to please not shut down the sports box rotherham. that place is the only clun i feel fully safe to enjoy myself with no worries. the owner is amazing. allways kind and happy all staff are amazing. great atmosphere and would be a massive loss to us all to lose this club.

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Other Person 14

Sent: 02 November 2026 13:51
To: Licensing <Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk>
Subject: Sports box

Good pub in town always feel welcome
Good for the football matches and main supporters for football
Always polite staff and security
Good for. Other business round that area of town

Other Person 15

Sent: 02 November 2026 14:58
To: Licensing <Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk>
Subject: Sports box

The pub needs to stay open as there's good music all the time & the staff make you feel so welcome & safe if you need their help. It's one pub I trust my 19 year old daughter to be safe in if I'm not there with her. Their all friendly & love to have a laugh with you. Please keep the pub going cos they deserve it all the way.

Thank you.

Other Person 16

Sent: 02 November 2026 16:01
To: Licensing <Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk>
Subject: Sports box

Sports box is one of the best clubs in Rotherham please let it stay open

Other Person 17

Sent: 02 November 2026 16:08
To: Licensing <Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk>
Subject: Sports box

We saved 2 lives in town centre. We sponsor Home Town FC. We support Rotherham United. We brought life back to High Street. My 18-year-old son owns The Ministry and inspires Year 6 kids at the New York Stadium.

Residents above us - bought AFTER we opened - have NO complaints.

Restaurant next door - NO complaints.

Other Person 18 (First part of representations mirrors OP's 4)

Sent: 02 November 2026 18:10
To: Licensing <Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk>
Subject: SUPPORT FOR THE SPORTS BOX - P1166 - S60 1PA

First part of this representation mirrors paragraph 1 to 8 of the representation made by OP4

Personal note from me:
My friends and I go most Saturdays

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Other Person 19

Sent: 02 November 2026 14:23
To: Licensing <Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk>
Subject: Sports box bar Rotheram

Re: Strong Support for Keeping Sports Box Bar, Rotherham, Open

I am writing to express my strong support for Sports Box Bar in Rotherham and to respectfully request that serious consideration is given to allowing this establishment to remain open.

As a regular customer who frequently visits to watch live sporting events, I can genuinely say that Sports Box Bar is one of the very few venues where I feel completely comfortable, welcome and, most importantly, safe.

One of the main reasons I choose to attend this venue is the excellent security arrangements that are consistently in place. The security staff are professional, approachable, vigilant and always present to ensure the safety and wellbeing of customers. Their commitment goes far beyond simply managing the premises.

The security team look out not only for customers but also for members of the public passing by who may find themselves vulnerable, distressed or in need of assistance. This demonstrates a genuine commitment to public safety and the wider Rotherham community.

I also understand that staff helped save a person's life in the restaurant next door. This is an extraordinary example of the care, responsibility and willingness to act in an emergency that those associated with the venue demonstrate. Such actions deserve recognition and appreciation.

As a woman who values feeling safe when going out, I cannot emphasise enough how important it is to have a venue where I can relax, enjoy watching sports and feel confident that my wellbeing is being taken seriously. I regularly choose Sports Box Bar over other establishments because I simply do not experience the same level of comfort, reassurance or sense of security elsewhere.

In my opinion, closing this venue would mean losing far more than just a sports bar. It would mean losing a welcoming environment, a place where customers feel protected and a business whose staff have demonstrated genuine care for people both inside and outside its doors.

I sincerely believe that establishments which actively promote safety, provide responsible security and contribute positively to their local community should be supported and encouraged to continue operating.

I respectfully urge those responsible for making any decisions regarding the future of Sports Box Bar to take into account the experiences of loyal customers like myself and the positive difference this venue makes.

Please do not underestimate the importance of having somewhere that people genuinely feel safe. Sports Box Bar provides exactly that, and it would be a tremendous loss to see it close.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my views. I sincerely hope that Sports Box Bar will be given the opportunity to remain open and continue serving and supporting the Rotherham community.

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Other Person 20 (First part of representations mirrors OP's 4)

Sent: 02 November 2026 20:46
To: Licensing <Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk>
Subject: Save the sports box !!

First part of this representation mirrors paragraph 1 to 8 of the representation made by OP4

Personal note from me:
brilliant place very safe and trustworthy family buisness ran. Bringing Rotherham back alive. Very enjoyable night out with brilliant staff and the best door men in town.

Other Person 21 (First part of representations mirrors OP's 4)

Sent: 02 November 2026 18:18
To: Licensing <Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk>
Subject: Support for the sports box Rotherham p1166-s60 1PA

First part of this representation mirrors paragraph 1 to 8 of the representation made by OP4

Personal note from me:
it's somewhere me and all my friends go on a weekend always feel safe the bouncers tolerate a zero violence or misbehaviour policy please keep them open it has brought life back to Rotherham town night scene.

Other Person 22 (First part of representations mirrors OP's 4)

Sent: 02 November 2026 17:19
To: Licensing <Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk>
Subject: Sports bar - p1166-s60 1PA

First part of this representation mirrors paragraph 1 to 8 of the representation made by OP4

Personal note from me:
This sports box has a great friendly atmosphere I nip in when I am in town as feel at ease in this place. It would be a big loss to me if I couldn't do so as don't go anywhere else.

Other Person 23 (First part of representations mirrors OP's 4)

Sent: 02 November 2026 17:16
To: Licensing <Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk>
Subject: SUPPORT FOR THE SPORTS BOX - P1166 - S60 1PA

First part of this representation mirrors paragraph 1 to 8 of the representation made by OP4

Personal note from me:
I attend this pub at least once a weekend me and a few friends and never had a bad experience, it is a very well run place in which all staff are very good people and are polite, patient and professional. Including a very good atmosphere and one of the best places I attend to.

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Other Person 24 (First part of representations mirrors OP's 4)

Sent: 02 November 2026 17:10
To: Licensing <Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk>
Subject: Sports Box Bar

First part of this representation mirrors paragraph 1 to 8 of the representation made by OP4

Personal note from me:
This bar has made Rotherham town lively again, Its always a friendly atmosphere and it would be such a shame to lose it when the manager and staff work so hard to keep it a good place.

Other Person 25

Sent: 02 November 2026 17:14
To: Licensing <Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk>

I am writing as a customer and supporter of The Sports Box to express my deep concern about the possibility of this valuable local facility being forced to close. I feel strongly that this would be a great loss to the local community and to everyone who uses and enjoys the facilities provided by The Sports Box.

My understanding is that the owners have done everything that has been asked of them and have worked hard to meet the requirements placed upon them. It is therefore extremely disappointing that, despite their efforts and willingness to cooperate, the business is still facing the possibility of closure.

I believe it is important that the Council recognises the efforts the owners have made and gives proper consideration to the impact that closure would have on customers and the wider community. The Sports Box is more than just a business. It provides a place for people to take part in sport, keep active, meet others and enjoy a shared community space.

Facilities like this are important for people's physical health, mental wellbeing and social connections. As a customer, I would be extremely disappointed to lose somewhere that provides such a valuable service. I am sure many other customers feel exactly the same way.

I respectfully ask Rotherham Council to reconsider the situation, listen to the concerns of customers and work positively with the owners to find a way forward that allows The Sports Box to remain open.

If the owners have fulfilled everything that has been requested of them, I sincerely hope their efforts will be recognised and that a reasonable solution can be reached rather than allowing this facility to close.

Please remember that behind this business are real people, loyal customers and a community that does not want to lose it. I urge you to do everything possible to help save The Sports Box.

hank you for taking the time to read my letter. I hope my concerns, along with those of other customers, will be taken seriously.

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Other Person 26

Sent: 02 November 2026 17:14
To: Licensing <Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk>
Subject: Re sports box Rotherham

This email is regarding the potential closure of the sports box. I would hope this isn't the case. The sports box is more than just a bar it home. The owners are friends and make me feel welcome. Have conversation with me. I like the music there. It's bc lean inside: it's a place I can go to have a couple of drinks with friends, there really isn't another place like it.

Plus my birthday is coming soon and I want to celebrate it there so what better reason to keep it open. Fingers crossed

Other Person 27

Sent: 02 November 2026 19:52
To: Licensing <Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk>
Subject: Save sport box

Just like to put my view across for the public house sport bar
I not been in town for years but seen sport box has opened it worth coming down as it gives Rotherham night life a kick again , fab crowd of great people getting together to enjoy great music and amazing DJs with a fab Choice of cheap drinks and ran by well professional owner/ manager and his team. Only downfall is not open as late as the other public houses and could be bigger as I got stopped last night as it was full so a bigger place could be better and that just says it all,people are liking this place and want it to stay open and as I've ran public houses/restaurants we need to keep this open for Rotherham nightlife and people to bring the community back together as Rotherham is lacking rhis and want our town back

Other Person 28 - DPS of the Sports Box

Sent: 30 October 2026 13:09
To: Licensing <Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk>
Subject: Website enquiry - Sport Box Review Application

I am writing to Object against the Review of the Premises Licence for the The Sport Box, based on the 4 licencing directives.

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The reasons for this objection is as follows:

Since I was brought in shortly after the 12th July incident, extraordinary but not disruptive measures have been brought in.

The quote each directive:

The Prevention of Crime and Disorder - No major incident has happened inside the Sportsbox Building while I have been the DPS. On 12th September, We ejected a couple after they were caught engaging in sex acts within the gents toilet. They were asked to leave, with the door supervisor ushering the female towards the door, her partner then became aggressive. The altercation was taken outside with many people following. Me, The DPS, stood inside the doorway to monitor the Outside seating area and noted 1 person drinking from a bottle of water within the area, I dismissed this as we are supposed to supply water to anyone on request. Although there was a lot of running around outside the seating perimeter around the parked cars and vans, I didn't see anything untowards and focused on the seating area.

Other CCTV has shown a serious incident happened outside our seating area and that the assailants were then welcomed into the Sportsbox. Had we seen them do the assault, they would not have come back in... as that was enacted in a further minor incident.

To Prevent Crime and Disorder, we have several Human Monitors in each area of the customer area, including myself. 1 in the VIP section. 1 outside the Disabled toilets on the perimeter of the dance floor. Myself at hhe end of the bar - to monitor the Bar area, The people(and numbers of them) going to the toilets and also able to see all area's.

Toilet checks, usually with a chaparone, happens regularly every 20-30 minutes by all staff, including bar staff for Toilet cleaning.

The CCTV has been upgraded also to record anything that happens in the building, from outside the toilets and office, to all bar area's and perimeter seating area.

We can't do anymore than proactively remove any who promotes anti-Social behavior.

Public Safety - We have on many occasions, both i side and outside the Sportsbox, help people in distress, both self inflicted and random acts of kindness on the streets.

From ensuring young women get in taxi's home once intoxicated, sick or frightened, to people in the street, collapsed, performing first aid and calling an ambulance, like the one in our incident book from October.

There has been a noise complaint, that has been addressed, but we dodn't breach the initial readings.

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With our human monitors, CCTV and Door Supervisors, as well as a new more alert Bar Manager. We can no more than we are doing to carry out exemplary Public Safety.

The Prevention of Public Nuisance - We can't prevent what people do outside our perimeters, but are and have been preventing any potential public nuisance from leaving our premises, or removing/not permitting anyone that poses a threat to cause a public nuisance. Such as an incident described in a police report to have come from the Sportsbox. This is not true.

A lone traveller woman was seeking to be admitted into the Sportsbox on the advice of the staff from the nearby Platinum Bar. She wasn't permitted and remained outside our seating area throughout. When she became violent with 1 of our staff members, an altercation escalated when several people engaged in trying to stop her. No one was hurt, but we still stopped anyone who engaged on the altercation from re-entering the Sportsbox. All left peacefully and mist went to the nearby Platinum Bar. Around 20 minutes later, a huge fight started outside the Platinum Bar that involved 3 police cars and a Policevan that parked outside the Sportsbox. The nearby roadworks were stripped of poles and used as weapons.... But it wasn't anything to do with the Sportsbox.

Again, in the 3 months I have been the Sportsbox DPS, Public Nuisance has been prevented to the number of cases being substantially reduced to rare occurances.

We can't control people beyond our premises and ensure water is available, free of charge, to anyone feeling intoxicated.

We can't do anymore than stop people entering our premises with the intention of causing problems, or ensuring anyone who could cause a nuisance are treated before they leave our premises.

The Protection of Children from harm - Children aren't allowed in the Sportsbox at any time without a responsible adult, not even to use the boxing machine. All responsible Parents with their children are prevented/prohibited from buying or partaking in the consumption if "Shots" in the Sportsbox.

All signage is prominent preventing children from purchasing alcohol and a strict challenge 25 campaign is in operation, championed by the new Bar Manager, [redacted] who is also a Personal Licence holder.

A new scanning machine as in operation to scan all ID's on checking, as well as written into the Challenge 25 book.

I believe we are carrying out all Licencing Directives to the letter while under my DPS licence. We can't control people being people but we have put in place many directions of our own to carry out the safe service and consumption of alcohol within our premises.

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On the Advice/Complaint of the Police Sergaent, we have also indirectly imposed a dress code. We haven't stated that people must wear certain attire, but we have changed the dress code of all staff, including management. This has indirectly changed the dress of our patrons from Tracksuits and Trainers (90% of the dress wear when I first started at the Sportbox) to Denims, Clean Tops and Clean Trainer/Shoes. We only get the odd 1or 2 in Tracksuits now. They do stand out as under dressed and don't stay long.

It was brought to our attention that the Licencing Officer, Jo Belton, also has a problem with the type of music we play. We have mixed this up by playing more traditional music in the afternoons, attracting an older crowd and changing to our signature baseline after 9pm when the older clientelle move on... another idea and initiative brought to the bar by the new Bar Manager, [redacted]

It is of my opinion after imposing new rules within the bar, that we are satisfying all the Licencing Directives and have even imposed our standards higher than they were previously. It is not a finished model by any stretch of the imagination and we continue to learn and change things for the better as we arrive at potential issues.

I hope this is to the Satisfaction of the Licencing Board to consider not revoking the licence of the Sportsbox.

DPS, The Sportsbox

Other Person 29 – Venue Manager of the Sports Box

Sent: 02 November 2026 22:37
To: Licensing <Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk>; Dave@Benidorm.ltd
Subject: Personal Representation in Support of The Sports Box – Premises Licence P1166

Re: The Sports Box, Rotherham – Premises Licence P1166
Personal Representation from [redacted], Newly Appointed Venue Manager

I am writing in my capacity as the newly appointed Venue Manager of The Sports Box, Rotherham, to express my personal and professional support for the continuation of the premises licence and to respectfully request that the Licensing Sub-Committee considers allowing the venue to remain open.

I fully appreciate the seriousness of the concerns raised by South Yorkshire Police and recognise the importance of maintaining the four licensing objectives under the Licensing Act 2003. I am not writing to dismiss those concerns, but rather to demonstrate the commitment, accountability and positive changes that are now being introduced and maintained within the business.

My Professional Background and Experience

Alongside my responsibilities as Venue Manager, I work in a senior professional role within children's residential care. This is a position that requires a high level of safeguarding awareness, risk assessment, professional accountability, effective communication and collaborative working with local authorities and other agencies.

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My professional experience has taught me the importance of identifying potential risks before they escalate, responding appropriately to challenging situations, maintaining accurate records and ensuring the safety and wellbeing of everyone in my care.

I hold the Level 2 Award for Personal Licence Holders and have undertaken additional training in safeguarding vulnerable adults and children, alcohol and drug awareness, and emergency first aid.

I am committed to applying these skills and professional standards to the management of The Sports Box.

Why I Personally Chose to Become Venue Manager

Before taking on my position as Venue Manager, I was a regular customer of The Sports Box. My decision to become involved in the management of the venue was influenced by my own positive experiences there.

As a customer, I can genuinely say that I have never felt safer or more welcomed in a licensed establishment.

The atmosphere, the music, the regular customers and the friendliness of the staff created an environment where people from different backgrounds could come together, socialise and enjoy themselves.

It was this sense of community that made The Sports Box stand out to me.

I witnessed first-hand the positive relationships between staff and customers and the welcoming environment that the venue provides. These experiences gave me confidence in the business and motivated me to take on a management role.

It is disappointing that the positive reputation and atmosphere of the venue have been affected by the actions of a small number of individuals and the incidents that have subsequently been brought to the attention of the Licensing Authority.

I fully recognise that incidents involving disorder, violence or antisocial behaviour must be treated seriously. However, I also believe it is important to acknowledge that licensed premises operate in environments where the behaviour of every individual cannot always be predicted or controlled.

The responsibility of management is to identify foreseeable risks, implement effective preventative measures, respond appropriately when incidents arise and continually review procedures to minimise the likelihood of further occurrences. This is precisely what I am committed to achieving.

Management Improvements and Accountability

Since taking on the role of Venue Manager, I have worked to strengthen the operational procedures, safety measures and overall management of the premises.

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I have personally undertaken and reviewed risk assessments covering the venue, including separate assessments for bar staff and door supervisors.

Particular attention has been given to customer safety, safeguarding, the prevention of drug-related activity, conflict management and the identification of potential weapons.

Our door supervision procedures include customer bag searches and the use of handheld metal detectors, with appropriate consent and safety procedures.

All staff are equipped with radios to enable immediate communication between the bar team, door supervisors and management. This allows concerns to be reported promptly, assistance to be requested and potential incidents to be addressed before they escalate.

I have also strengthened our Drug Prevention, Management and Safeguarding Policy, including procedures for monitoring toilet facilities, identifying suspicious behaviour, reporting concerns and supporting vulnerable customers.
Staff are expected to understand their responsibilities, follow the relevant procedures and maintain professional standards at all times.

My Presence and Responsibilities at the Venue

The Sports Box operates from Thursday through to Sunday, and I am present before the venue opens and remain until the premises has closed.

I take an active role in supervising staff, overseeing customer safety, monitoring compliance and ensuring that the venue is secured and alarmed at the end of trading.

I work closely with our Designated Premises Supervisor, [redacted], to ensure that our responsibilities are understood and that improvements are maintained.

I believe that visible, consistent and accountable management is essential to the safe operation of any licensed premises.

The Positive Contribution of Our Staff to Public Safety and the Wider Community

I respectfully ask the Licensing Sub-Committee to consider not only the incidents that have been reported in relation to The Sports Box, but also the positive and sometimes unseen contributions our staff and door supervisors make to the safety and wellbeing of individuals within Rotherham town centre.

There have been occasions when vulnerable young women have become separated from their friends during an evening out, leaving them potentially exposed to risk. Rather than simply allowing these individuals to leave without appropriate support, our team has taken responsibility for ensuring their safety,

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including arranging and personally paying for taxis to help them reach a place of safety.

These actions were not undertaken because of any financial benefit or obligation to the business, but because our staff recognised that vulnerable individuals needed assistance and acted accordingly.

Our commitment to public safety also extends beyond the customers of The Sports Box.

On occasions, members of our team have responded to medical emergencies involving members of the public who had not even entered or visited our premises. Staff have provided emergency first aid, contacted the emergency services and remained involved to help ensure that those individuals received the appropriate medical attention and care.

I believe these examples demonstrate the values and professionalism of the people working within our establishment.

Our staff do not simply view their responsibilities as ending at the doors of the premises. They recognise that they are part of a wider community and that safeguarding and public safety are responsibilities we all share.

It is important to recognise that these positive interventions do not always generate police reports, formal recognition or public attention. Nevertheless, they can make a significant difference to the safety and wellbeing of individuals within our town centre.

I fully acknowledge that the Licensing Sub-Committee must carefully consider the concerns raised by South Yorkshire Police. However, I respectfully submit that the reported incidents should be considered alongside the positive actions, preventative measures and genuine commitment to public safety demonstrated by our team.

As someone who was previously a customer before accepting the role of Venue Manager, I witnessed the welcoming atmosphere and sense of community that makes The Sports Box special.

Having now taken on responsibility for managing the venue, I am even more determined to preserve those positive qualities while strengthening the procedures necessary to protect our customers, staff and members of the public.

I do not suggest that the positive actions of our staff excuse any shortcomings or remove the need for accountability. Rather, I believe they provide important evidence of the values, attitudes and safeguarding culture within the business.

The Sports Box is not simply a venue where people come to drink, listen to music or watch sporting events. It is a place where people look out for one another, where vulnerable individuals can seek help and where our staff are willing to go beyond their immediate duties to protect others.

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I respectfully ask the Committee to recognise these contributions when considering whether revocation of the premises licence is necessary and proportionate, particularly in light of the strengthened management arrangements and additional preventative measures now in place.

My commitment as the new Venue Manager is to build upon this existing culture of care, ensure that it is supported by robust policies and procedures, and demonstrate that The Sports Box can continue to make a positive contribution to Rotherham's night-time economy and wider community.

Working with the Police and Local Community

I recognise that licensed premises have a responsibility not only to their customers and employees but also to neighbouring businesses and the wider community.

I am committed to building constructive relationships with South Yorkshire Police, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council and other licensed premises within the town centre.

I am also working towards stronger communication with neighbouring businesses through local Pub watch arrangements, allowing relevant information about antisocial behaviour, disturbances and individuals presenting potential risks to be shared appropriately.

My aim is to ensure that The Sports Box contributes positively to the local community and provides an environment where people can socialise and enjoy themselves safely.

Why I Believe The Sports Box Should Remain Open

I understand that the Licensing Sub-Committee must consider the concerns raised and determine whether the premises can operate responsibly in the future. However, I respectfully ask that the Committee also considers the changes in management, the preventative measures introduced and the genuine commitment being demonstrated to improving standards.

I have taken on this position with the intention of making a positive difference. I am prepared to be accountable for the standards maintained within the venue and to work collaboratively with the relevant authorities to address concerns.
The Sports Box is more than simply a business. It is a place where members of the local community can come together, enjoy sporting events, socialise and spend time with friends in a welcoming environment.

I firmly believe that, with appropriate management, continued staff development and effective safety procedures, the venue can operate successfully while promoting all four licensing objectives.

Revocation of the premises licence would remove the opportunity for the business to demonstrate the effectiveness of the improvements now in place.

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I therefore respectfully ask the Committee to consider whether continued operation, supported by appropriate licence conditions, monitoring and ongoing cooperation with the relevant authorities, would be a proportionate alternative to revocation.

My Personal Commitment

I am willing to work openly and constructively with the Licensing Authority and South Yorkshire Police, welcome reasonable compliance inspections and take appropriate action whenever concerns are identified.

I am also willing to provide evidence of the policies, risk assessments, training arrangements and management procedures that have been introduced or reviewed under my management.

I do not underestimate the responsibility associated with managing licensed premises, particularly one that is subject to a licence review. I take that responsibility seriously.

I respectfully ask the Licensing Sub-Committee to give consideration to my appointment, my professional background, the improvements being made and my personal commitment to ensuring that The Sports Box is a safe, responsible and well-managed establishment.

I am not asking the Committee to overlook previous concerns. I am asking for the opportunity to demonstrate that meaningful changes have been made and that the venue can have a positive and responsible future under strengthened management.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my personal representation.

Venue Manager – The Sports Box
Level 2 Award for Personal Licence Holders

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WITNESS STATEMENT

(Criminal Procedure Rules 16.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9)

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Statement of Steve Robson .....

Age if under 18 Over 18 .... (If over 18 insert "over 18") Occupation: Police Sergeant 2567 .....

This statement (consisting of 3 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 in it, anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature [redacted] (witness) Date: 12.10.2026 ..

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

I am Police Sergeant 2567 stationed at Riverside House, on the Rotherham Central Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT).

I joined the team in October 2025, and on joining the team, I immediately became aware of a public house that was frequently being highlighted as a pub where there were problems occurring. That property was Sports Box, Imperial Buildings, Rotherham.

I had been contacted by other DPS' in the town centre and colleagues from within South Yorkshire Police reporting that the Sports Box is the pub where most of the issues in the town is occurring.

Initially, I had passed my concerns on to the South Yorkshire Police (SYP) Licensing officer Jo Belton, who began engaging with the licensees at the pub.

I became aware and began to monitor what was happening at the location.

In early November 2025, I attended a pubwatch meeting and all the pubs in town decided to enforce a dress code, with a view of attracting "a better type of clientele". I am aware that this matter is totally civil, but I fully agreed with, and supported this decision by the DPS'. Sports Box was the only pub to refuse to enforce a dress code and said they would continue to allow anyone in. I raised my concerns, but again, the decision remained.

On 20th February 2026, a call was made into SYP to state that there was a large-scale fight at the pub between 7 / 8 people. This occurred at approximately 22.30hrs, and on officer attendance, the bouncers stated that they did not see anything and no staff were able to support any investigation into any crime or disorder that occurred.

On 22nd March 2026, a further call to the police was called in stating that 3 people had been assaulted, and it was suspected that the bouncer had been one of those involved.
On 27th March 2026, there had been a further assault inside the pub which then spilled out on to the street, where the fight then continued up the road.

On 17th April 2026, an assault had occurred between x2 males within the pub, which then continued later on in the evening, in a separate part of Rotherham. It is believed that the injuries sustained were a broken nose.

Signature: Sgt 2567 Robson ..... Signature Witnessed by: .....

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On 29th May 2026, a call received that at 01.45hrs reports of 30+ people had been fighting. The bar should have closed at 0200hrs, and when officers arrive, there was several people inside still drinking. There was no door staff present at the time of officer's attendance.

On 24th June 2026, a call was received by a female who stated that she had been spiked by an unknown person within Sports Box, resulting in her feeling unwell, dizzy and confused.
On 4th July 2026, there had been a group of males inside the Sports Box, when they came out, a group of males that were stood in the doorway attacked them and received injuries. This was investigated by CID given the level of injuries. I contacted Jo BELTON, who advised that she was having real difficulty in obtaining the CCTV and good quality CCTV from the pub.

On 12th July 2026, a crime was recorded where there had been a glassing whilst inside the pub. The victim, had named the suspect, as being that of one of the doormen who occasionally works at the Sports Box. This was not substantiated with any PACE compliant ID so that could not be progressed, and the investigation had been filed. The officers that were investigating this stated that staff were not very helpful in supporting the police investigation, given the level of injuries, CID investigated this offence.

I became aware that in late August 2026, the environmental health team at Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council (RMBC) had began gathering evidence for breaches in noise regulations. The complaints had been made by local residents and businesses reporting excessively loud music coming from the pub. In August, I was made aware that the pub is frequently remaining open past its opening hours and this is leading to disorder that occurs associated to the Sports Box and its clients.

On 13th September 2026, a call was received to state that there had been an assault whereby approximately 15 people had attacked a lone male. The disturbance initially began inside and then continued outside. Again, given the level of injuries being a broken jaw, CID investigated this offence also. I observed the CCTV and again, the pub had only 1 member of door staff on, who appeared to do absolutely nothing to stop this offence. After the assault, all of the offenders were then allowed entry back into the Sports Box. The DPS, Dane, was stood at the door. Given the volume in reports that SYP were receiving, and the information that was being given to me, I'd arranged with Jo BELTON, to go down to obtain the CCTV for the assault that occurred on the 13.09.2026. Upon attendance, I had a discussion with Dane (the DPS) and 2 members of staff and discussed that the pub is frequently coming up with reports of disorder, and it is not good enough. I advised them that the clientele that is being allowed in the pub which was resulting in disorder. All the staff denied seeing anything, even though they were in full view of the fight, which I found hard to comprehend that they did not see anything. In the end, we had to call our CCTV technical team to attend and secure the CCTV as it was not possible to successfully recover it or be provided it there and then.

On 19th September 2026, a crime of a threat to kill had been reported, whereby the victim was inside the Sports Box, and the offender entered the pub, and punched him resulting in the victim going unconscious.
On 02.10.2026, a large-scale fight broke out in the pub, involving 15-20 people. Several of the males involved picked up a metal scaffolding poles and were using them as weapons. On officers' arrival, x2 of those involved were arrested for affray, and at the time of writing this statement, there is still an active police investigation.

On 10th October 2026, a female had been removed from the Sports Box, due to her intoxication and she was later arrested for being drunk and disorderly.

Throughout my time being back on Central NPT, I have been aware of some untested intelligence reports that had been logged reporting that there frequently was drug dealing openly occurring from within the pub.

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As part of my responsibility, The Sports Box is one of a number of pubs that I engage with in the town centre, and this is the only pub that results in repeated calls to SYP and Ambulance service. The primary issue, appears to be fighting and disorder that occurs within a pub. I am not aware of any escalating issues or fighting that occur within any other pubs in the town centre. Rotherham town centre, has an historical legacy of being a town that is plagued by deprivation and all of the other DPS's at the other pubs, all work closely together to ensure that the clientele that the town centre needs and wants are allowed in their premises. By the other DPS' working together to make sure that there is no trouble in their premises is very positive for the town centre. I feel that the Sports Box owners, have had ample opportunities to turn things around and to work with key stakeholders, such as RMBC, SYP and other DPS' in the town centre.
There are some really exciting business opportunities that are occurring and I feel that unfortunately, given the fact that the operation at the Sports Box and the crime and disorder associated to it, this will hinder the regeneration of the night life at Rotherham town centre.

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FORMAL REPRESENTATION TO THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
Licensing Sub-Committee
Riverside House
Main Street
Rotherham
S60 1AE

Date: [02.11.2026]

RE: REVIEW OF PREMISES LICENCE P1166

Premises: The Sports Box, Unit 1 Imperial Buildings, High Street, Rotherham, S60 1PA

Premises Licence Holder: Rotherham Sports Bar Ltd
Company Directors: Katie Dell and David McQueen
Designated Premises Supervisor: Dane Ford-Mitchell

Subject: Formal Representation in Response to the Application by South Yorkshire Police for Revocation of Premises Licence P1166

Dear Chair and Members of the Licensing Sub-Committee,

We write on behalf of Rotherham Sports Bar Ltd in response to the application by South Yorkshire Police for the review and proposed revocation of the premises licence held by The Sports Box.

We recognise the seriousness of the matters raised within the review application and fully acknowledge our responsibilities under the Licensing Act 2003 to promote the four licensing objectives:

1. The prevention of crime and disorder.
2. Public safety.
3. The prevention of public nuisance.
4. The protection of children from harm.

We wish to make clear from the outset that we do not seek to dismiss the concerns raised by South Yorkshire Police or Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council.

We accept that aspects of our previous operating procedures and documentation fell below the standards expected of a responsible premises licence holder.

However, we respectfully submit that significant corrective measures have been implemented, management arrangements have been strengthened, and the business has demonstrated a genuine commitment to improving its standards.

We also believe that certain incidents referred to in the review application require further clarification to ensure that the Committee has a complete and balanced understanding of the circumstances.

Our primary request is that the Committee considers the substantial improvements made and the evidence provided before determining whether revocation is necessary and proportionate.

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1. Management Changes and Strengthened Accountability

One of the most significant improvements has been the appointment of **Melody Dillon as Venue Manager**.

The Sports Box operates Thursday through Sunday and remains closed Monday to Wednesday.

Melody is present before the premises opens and remains until after closing, overseeing the operation of the venue throughout its trading hours.

Her responsibilities include staff supervision, operational compliance, risk assessment, safeguarding, customer welfare and ensuring that the premises is safely secured and alarmed at the end of trading.

Melody holds the **Level 2 Award for Personal Licence Holders (APLH)** and has undertaken additional training in:

- Safeguarding vulnerable adults and children.
- Alcohol and drug awareness.
- Emergency first aid.

In addition to her responsibilities at The Sports Box, Melody works in a senior professional role within children's residential care.

Her experience in this regulated sector includes safeguarding, risk management, professional accountability, record-keeping and collaborative working with local authorities and other agencies.

These transferable skills have been applied to strengthening the management and operational procedures at The Sports Box.

Since her appointment, Melody has completed risk assessments throughout the premises, including assessments relating to staffing arrangements, and introduced regular checks to ensure employees understand their responsibilities and remain informed of changes to policies and procedures.

She works closely with the Designated Premises Supervisor, Dane Ford-Mitchell, to maintain appropriate standards.

Melody is also developing collaborative relationships with neighbouring licensed premises to support the sharing of relevant information concerning antisocial behaviour, disturbances and potential risks through local Pub watch arrangements.

A separate signed statement from Melody Dillon will be provided within the evidence bundle, detailing her professional experience, responsibilities and the improvements she has personally implemented.

We respectfully submit that these management arrangements represent a material improvement in the oversight and accountability of the premises.

2. Alleged Serious Assault – 12 July 2026

We wish to formally clarify and challenge aspects of the account relating to the alleged incident of 12 July 2026.

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At the outset, we acknowledge the seriousness of any allegation involving violence and fully recognise our responsibilities under the Licensing Act 2003. However, it is essential that the Licensing Sub-Committee distinguishes between allegations made and events that have been independently established.

The alleged incident did not occur inside The Sports Box. Furthermore, no incident of this nature was witnessed by any member of staff or door supervision personnel, nor was the alleged incident captured on the CCTV footage available to the premises.

The first occasion on which staff became aware of the alleged incident was when South Yorkshire Police officers attended the venue and subsequently closed off the VIP area as part of their enquiries.

Upon police attendance, staff cooperated with officers and provided the information requested, including available CCTV footage and an image of a male wearing an orange top who had been identified as the alleged offender.

We categorically dispute any suggestion that staff or door supervisors cleared away broken glass or interfered with potential evidence before police attendance.

No member of staff or door supervision personnel cleared away broken glass in connection with this alleged incident. Indeed, staff had no prior knowledge of the alleged incident before the arrival of police officers.

It would therefore be inaccurate to suggest that staff knowingly removed or interfered with evidence relating to an incident of which they were unaware.

We respectfully request that South Yorkshire Police provide the evidential basis for any allegation that staff removed broken glass, including relevant officer statements, contemporaneous notes, photographs, body-worn video footage or other material relied upon.

We also request clarification of the precise location of the alleged incident and the evidence establishing any connection between the alleged offence and the operation or management of The Sports Box.

We fully recognise the importance of cooperating with police investigations and maintaining public safety. However, we respectfully submit that the premises should be assessed on the basis of verified evidence and the actual conduct of its staff, rather than assumptions concerning an alleged incident that was neither witnessed by employees nor recorded on the venue's available CCTV.

We therefore ask the Licensing Sub-Committee to give appropriate consideration to these factual distinctions when determining what weight should be attached to this allegation in the review of Premises Licence P1166.

CCTV Concerns

We acknowledge that the previous CCTV system did not provide the accessibility and functionality required when footage was requested.

The premises previously operated eight internal cameras. Two were accessible through a mobile viewing system, while access to the remaining cameras required assistance from the installation company.

The limitations of this arrangement became apparent during the police investigation.

We acknowledge that CCTV accessibility and the timely provision of footage were inadequate and that these shortcomings required immediate attention.

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The previous system has now been replaced.

The new CCTV arrangements provide:

- A recording retention period of 60 days.
- Improved accessibility for reviewing and downloading footage.
- Internal CCTV coverage.
- Additional external CCTV covering the premises exit and adjoining access area.
- Staff training in operating the system.
- Regular system checks.

These measures are intended to ensure that future requests for footage can be dealt with promptly and that relevant evidence can be preserved and supplied in accordance with lawful requests.

Supporting documentation, including installation evidence and photographs, will be provided.

We recognise that the original CCTV shortcomings were serious. However, we respectfully ask the Committee to consider that the system has now been replaced and that practical steps have been taken to prevent a recurrence.

3. Incident of 1 August 2026 – External Drinking After 21:00

We acknowledge the incident on 1 August 2026 involving a female customer leaving the premises carrying a drink after 21:00.

At the time, our door supervisor was outside the premises speaking with police officers who were in attendance.

During this interaction, a female customer exited the premises carrying a drink and approached the officers.

The customer was informed that drinks were not permitted outside after 21:00.

Our door supervisor was engaged with attending police officers and considered that interaction to require his immediate attention.

We nevertheless accept that the premises remained responsible for ensuring that the external drinking restriction was enforced.

The restriction had recently been introduced, and customers were still becoming familiar with the new arrangements. We recognise that this does not excuse non-compliance.

Following this incident, management reinforced the restriction and introduced additional customer awareness measures.

Clear signage is displayed on walls, windows and doors informing customers that:

- No drinks are permitted outside after 21:00.
- External doors must remain closed after 21:00, except for entry and exit.

Staff have received relevant training, and training records are maintained.

No further incidents involving customers drinking outside after 21:00 have been reported to management since 1 August 2026.

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We respectfully submit that the circumstances of this incident and the subsequent absence of reported repeat incidents should be considered when assessing the effectiveness of the measures introduced.

4. Drug-Related Concerns and Toilet Management

We acknowledge the concerns raised by South Yorkshire Police regarding suspected drug-related activity and the drug wipe result obtained from the accessible toilet.

We recognise that drug use and supply present serious risks and that licensed premises must take appropriate preventative action.

However, we wish to provide important context.

Prior to the failed drug wipe, the premises had passed two previous drug swab tests.

The subsequent failed test related specifically to the accessible toilet.

We accept that this result required immediate attention and a review of our procedures.

Following the inspection, management implemented enhanced controls, including:

- Keeping the accessible toilet locked when not in use, with access provided to customers who require the facility.
- Carrying out checks following each use.
- Maintaining written records of those checks.
- Introducing enhanced cleaning arrangements.
- Displaying drug awareness and prevention posters.
- Reinforcing staff awareness of suspicious behaviour and appropriate reporting procedures.

Relevant inspection records and supporting documentation are maintained.

We recognise that a positive drug wipe is a serious concern. However, we respectfully ask the Committee to distinguish between evidence of drug residue and evidence establishing that drugs were being supplied at the premises.

We do not suggest that the result should be disregarded.

Our position is that management has acknowledged the concern, introduced additional controls and established documented procedures intended to reduce the risk of future misuse.

We remain willing to cooperate with further inspections and reasonable monitoring arrangements.

5. Incident of 2 October 2026 – Disorder Outside the Premises

We wish to clarify the circumstances surrounding the disorder reported on 2 October 2026.

On the evening in question, a male and female approached The Sports Box from the direction of Platinum Lounge.

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Both individuals displayed aggressive and racially abusive behaviour and were refused entry by our security personnel.

The decision to refuse admission was taken to protect staff, customers and other members of the public.

Due to their behaviour, our security team contacted South Yorkshire Police.

Officers attended, and our staff provided the information requested, including descriptions and a photograph of the individuals concerned.

Later that evening, the same female returned and again attempted to gain entry.

Her behaviour continued to cause a disturbance, and police assistance was requested for a second time.

During the subsequent events, the female struck one of our customers outside in the designated smoking area.

A number of individuals then emerged from the direction of Platinum Lounge and entered the surrounding area.

At the time, ongoing roadworks had significantly restricted the available pedestrian access along High Street, creating a narrow pathway used by people moving between nearby premises.

The increased number of individuals gathering in this confined area contributed to an escalation of the situation, and a wider disturbance subsequently occurred outside.

Our understanding is that a number of those involved had not been customers inside The Sports Box.

We respectfully ask the Committee to distinguish between disorder originating within our premises and disorder involving members of the public in the wider town-centre environment.

We recognise that our responsibilities extend to taking reasonable steps to manage risks associated with our immediate surroundings.

However, we believe the actions of our security personnel on this occasion are relevant.

They refused admission to individuals displaying unacceptable behaviour, contacted police, cooperated with attending officers and requested further police assistance when the situation continued.

We respectfully submit that these actions demonstrate attempts to prevent disorder rather than disregard for public safety.

We acknowledge the seriousness of the subsequent violence and remain committed to working with South Yorkshire Police and neighbouring premises to reduce the risk of similar incidents.

6. Prevention of Public Nuisance and Noise Management

We acknowledge the concerns raised regarding noise disturbance.

Since 12 July 2026, the premises has operated a procedure requiring external doors to remain closed, except where necessary for entry and exit.

This measure was introduced to reduce the escape of music and general noise into the surrounding area.

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A wall-mounted noise limiter is also installed at the premises to assist in controlling amplified sound levels.

The Sports Box remains predominantly a sports venue, with music played following sporting events.

We recognise our responsibility to ensure that entertainment and customer activity do not cause unreasonable disturbance to neighbouring residents or businesses.

Management remains committed to maintaining effective noise controls and cooperating with the Council's Noise Team regarding any concerns.

We respectfully ask the Committee to consider the preventative measures implemented when assessing the public nuisance licensing objective.

7. Staff Training, Safeguarding and Responsible Alcohol Sales

The Sports Box operates the Challenge 25 policy and participates in the Ask for Angela safeguarding initiative.

All staff have received relevant training, and training records are maintained and available for inspection.

Management has reinforced the importance of:

- Responsible alcohol sales and age verification.
- Safeguarding vulnerable customers.
- Recognising and responding to potential drug-related activity.
- Incident reporting and escalation.
- Compliance with external drinking restrictions.
- Noise management.
- Customer welfare and public safety.

The new manager carries out regular checks to ensure staff remain familiar with their responsibilities and understand changes to policies and procedures.

We recognise that displaying policies and providing training must be accompanied by consistent implementation.

Our management arrangements are intended to provide ongoing oversight and accountability.

8. Previous Licensing Inspections and Corrective Action

We acknowledge that the inspection on 4 August 2026 identified shortcomings in certain operating procedures and records.

We do not seek to minimise those findings.

However, we wish to draw the Committee's attention to the corrective measures subsequently introduced.

These include:

CCTV: Replacement of the previous system, improved accessibility, additional external coverage and regular checks.

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Incident reporting: Reinforcement of recording and reporting responsibilities.

Challenge 25 and refusals: Updated records and management oversight.

Toilet management: Restricted access to the accessible toilet, documented checks, enhanced cleaning and drug awareness measures.

Staff training: Relevant training completed and records maintained.

Door supervision: Review of staffing arrangements, risk assessments and monitoring procedures.

Management oversight: Appointment of a qualified manager providing supervision throughout the venue's normal trading hours.

Noise management: External door controls and a wall-mounted noise limiter.

Community safety: Improved communication with neighbouring businesses and support for local Pubwatch arrangements.

We respectfully submit that these changes should be assessed collectively when considering the current management and operation of the premises.

9. Wider Community Responsibility and Future Direction

The Sports Box is a small, predominantly sports-focused venue situated within Rotherham town centre.

Our intention is to provide a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment where members of the local community can come together to enjoy sporting events, music and social activities.

Under the new management arrangements, the premises has attracted new clientele and introduced a broader variety of music to accommodate different adult age groups and preferences.

This has been positively received by customers.

We recognise that improvements to the atmosphere and customer experience do not, in themselves, demonstrate compliance with licensing legislation.

However, we believe these changes, together with strengthened management procedures, reflect a positive direction for the business.

We are committed to developing constructive relationships with neighbouring businesses, South Yorkshire Police, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council and the wider community.

Our objective is to operate a venue that contributes positively to the town centre while maintaining appropriate standards of safety, safeguarding and responsible management.

10. Management Accountability and Ongoing Monitoring

We recognise that the concerns raised by South Yorkshire Police relate not only to individual incidents but also to the effectiveness of the premises' management arrangements.

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We accept that management must demonstrate sustained compliance rather than rely solely on assurances that improvements have been made.

For this reason, we have strengthened day-to-day supervision, staff training, risk assessment, incident recording and operating procedures.

We are willing to cooperate with appropriate ongoing monitoring, including unannounced compliance inspections by South Yorkshire Police and Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council.

We would also be willing to discuss reasonable, clearly defined licence conditions where the Committee considers these necessary to promote the licensing objectives.

We respectfully submit that these measures provide a basis for considering whether the premises can continue to operate responsibly under strengthened management and appropriate regulatory oversight.

11. Request to the Licensing Sub-Committee

We fully appreciate that the Licensing Sub-Committee must give careful consideration to the evidence presented by South Yorkshire Police and the seriousness of the incidents described.

We acknowledge that previous shortcomings in our procedures and management arrangements have caused legitimate concerns.

However, we respectfully ask the Committee to consider:

1. The corrective measures implemented following the licensing inspections.
2. The replacement and improvement of the CCTV system.
3. The strengthened management structure and appointment of a suitably trained Venue Manager.
4. The documented improvements to staff training, safeguarding, incident reporting and risk assessments.
5. The preventative action taken by security personnel during the incidents described.
6. The improvements to toilet monitoring and drug prevention procedures.
7. The measures introduced to control noise and external drinking.
8. The absence of further reported external drinking breaches after 1 August 2026.
9. The commitment to partnership working with the police, Licensing Authority and neighbouring businesses.
10. The willingness of the premises licence holder to accept appropriate monitoring and proportionate additional controls.

We respectfully submit that the improvements implemented should be given meaningful consideration when assessing the future operation of the premises.

We do not seek to avoid responsibility for previous failings.

Rather, we ask the Committee to recognise the steps taken to address those failings and the changes introduced to reduce the likelihood of recurrence.

We respectfully request that the Licensing Sub-Committee considers allowing the premises licence to remain in force, whether without further action or subject to such proportionate modifications and monitoring arrangements as the Committee considers appropriate, rather than revoking the licence.

We believe the current management arrangements and corrective measures provide an opportunity to demonstrate sustained compliance with the four licensing objectives.

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12. Conclusion

The directors, management and staff of The Sports Box recognise the responsibilities that accompany holding a premises licence.

We understand that the safety of our customers, employees and the wider community must remain our priority.

We acknowledge that improvements were necessary and that previous shortcomings must not be repeated.

We respectfully submit that significant steps have now been taken to strengthen the operation of the premises, improve accountability and establish more effective procedures.

We ask the Committee to consider the full circumstances of the incidents, the actions taken by staff, the improvements implemented and the supporting evidence before reaching its decision.

Our intention is to continue operating The Sports Box as a safe, responsible and welcoming venue that contributes positively to the Rotherham community.

We remain committed to cooperating with South Yorkshire Police, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council and all relevant agencies.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our representation and supporting evidence.

Yours faithfully,

Katie Dell
Director
Rotherham Sports Bar Ltd

David McQueen
Director
Rotherham Sports Bar Ltd

On behalf of The Sports Box
Premises Licence P1166

Supporting Evidence Bundle

The following supporting documents will be provided where available and verified:

1. CCTV replacement invoices, system specifications and photographic evidence.
2. CCTV retention and system check records.
3. Security incident records and relevant evidence relating to 12 July 2026.
4. Police incident references and supporting records relating to 2 October 2026.
5. Door supervision records, rotas and risk assessments.
6. Accessible toilet inspection records, cleaning schedules and drug prevention procedures.
7. Previous drug swab results.
8. Staff training records and safeguarding documentation.
9. Challenge 25 and refusals records.

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10. Photographs of external drinking and noise management signage.
11. Noise limiter installation or technical documentation.
12. Venue risk assessments and management procedures.
13. Evidence of communication with neighbouring businesses and Pubwatch arrangements.
14. Photographs showing the High Street roadworks and restricted pedestrian access.
15. **Separate signed witness statement of Melody Dillon, Venue Manager**, together with relevant qualifications and supporting management records.

Formal Request for Disclosure of Evidence and Procedural Fairness

We respectfully request that Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council Licensing Authority and South Yorkshire Police provide copies of all relevant reports, records, correspondence and supporting evidence relied upon in connection with the application to review Premises Licence P1166.

Given the seriousness of the application and the recommendation for revocation, we consider it essential that the premises licence holder is afforded a fair and reasonable opportunity to examine the evidence presented, respond to the allegations and prepare a comprehensive representation.

In particular, we request disclosure of the following, insofar as the material is held, relevant and lawfully disclosable:

1. **Police attendance and incident reports:** All relevant incident logs, attendance records, officer statements and reports concerning incidents referred to in the review application, including those dated 12 July, 1 August, 4 August, 13 September and 2 October 2026.
2. **Police body-worn video and CCTV:** Relevant body-worn video footage, police-held CCTV, town-centre CCTV and records of footage examined or requested, including any material relied upon in support of the allegations.
3. **Drug wipe testing evidence:** Copies of the drug wipe or swab test results, including the date and location of testing, substances detected, testing methodology, relevant photographs and any associated inspection or laboratory reports.
4. **Previous inspection records:** Relevant reports from previous licensing inspections, including satisfactory inspections and earlier drug wipe results where held by the relevant authorities.
5. **Police correspondence:** Relevant correspondence, requests for information, CCTV requests, communications with the premises and records of previous police attendance relied upon in the review.
6. **Noise complaints and investigations:** Relevant Environmental Health reports, noise monitoring records, complaints and supporting evidence relied upon concerning alleged public nuisance.
7. **Licensing compliance documentation:** Copies of relevant inspection findings, notices, warnings and correspondence concerning alleged breaches of premises licence conditions.
8. **Evidence concerning alleged drug supply:** The evidential material relied upon in support of allegations that controlled substances were being supplied at the premises, subject to any lawful restrictions necessary to protect confidential information or ongoing investigations.

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We acknowledge that certain information may require redaction or may be subject to lawful restrictions on disclosure.

Where information cannot be provided, we respectfully request that the reason for withholding it be explained and that an appropriate redacted version, summary or other fair means of addressing the material be considered.

Request for Sufficient Time to Respond

We respectfully request that the above information be provided **sufficiently in advance of the Licensing Sub-Committee hearing** to allow the premises licence holder and its representatives a reasonable opportunity to:

- Examine and assess the evidence.
- Obtain relevant witness statements and supporting documentation.
- Identify and address factual discrepancies.
- Prepare a complete and accurate response.
- Submit any additional evidence within the applicable procedural requirements.
- Obtain appropriate legal advice where necessary.

We believe this request is reasonable and proportionate given the potential consequences of revocation for the business and those employed at the premises.

Should material evidence be provided shortly before the hearing, we respectfully request that the Licensing Authority considers whether an appropriate extension of the evidence submission deadline or an adjournment is necessary to ensure procedural fairness.

We further request confirmation of the hearing date, the applicable deadlines for submitting representations and supporting documents, and the procedure for making any application for an adjournment.

Commitment to Cooperation

We wish to emphasise that this request is not intended to delay proceedings unnecessarily.

Our intention is to ensure that the Licensing Sub-Committee has access to a complete, accurate and balanced account of the matters under consideration.

We remain committed to cooperating with South Yorkshire Police and Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council throughout the review process.

We respectfully ask that our request for disclosure and sufficient preparation time is formally recorded and considered as part of these proceedings.

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SPORTS BOX RISK ASSESSMENT

Location: Sports Box - Rotherham

Area Assessed: Single Bar Room

Assessment Date: ___August 2026_____

Review Date: ___October 2026_____

RISK ASSESSMENT

Hazard	Persons at Risk	Existing Control Measures	Further Action Required
Slips, trips and falls	Staff and customers	Spillages cleaned immediately, wet floor signs used, walkways kept clear	Monitor throughout opening hours
Intoxicated customers	Staff and customers	Staff trained in responsible alcohol sales, Challenge 25 policy in place, refusals recorded	Continue staff training
Underage alcohol sales	Children, licence holder, staff	Challenge 25 implemented, acceptable ID only, refusals log maintained	Regular staff reminders
Aggressive behaviour or violence	Staff and customers	CCTV where available, incident log maintained, management support available, police contacted when required	Review incidents monthly
Fire	Staff and customers	Fire exits clearly marked, exits kept clear, emergency lighting maintained, extinguishers serviced	Weekly fire exit checks
Overcrowding	Staff and customers	Maximum occupancy monitored, furniture arranged to maintain clear exits	Review during busy events
Glass breakages	Staff and customers	Broken glass cleared immediately, staff trained in safe disposal	Regular floor inspections
Cash handling and theft	Staff	Till reconciliation procedures, limited cash kept on premises, management oversight	Continue cash audits
Electrical equipment	Staff and customers	PAT-tested equipment, visual checks completed daily	Report faults immediately
Gambling machines	Staff and customers	Machines checked daily, age restrictions enforced, faults reported	Record daily checks
Toilet hygiene	Staff and customers	Hourly toilet checks completed and recorded	Monitor compliance
Manual handling	Staff	Staff trained in lifting techniques, use team lifting where required	Refresher training as required
Customer welfare concerns	Customers	Ask Angela scheme displayed, staff aware of safeguarding procedures	Continue welfare awareness
Emergency evacuation	Staff and customers	Staff aware of fire procedures and assembly point	Conduct periodic drills

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Noise Management & Prevention of Public Nuisance

Hazard	Persons at Risk	Existing Control Measures	Further Action Required
Excessive noise causing disturbance to neighbouring properties	Neighbours, local residents, licence holder	All external doors remain closed after 9:00pm except for access and egress. Customers are regularly reminded to respect neighbours when leaving the premises. Staff monitor noise levels throughout trading hours.	Continue monitoring and record any complaints received.
Customers taking drinks outside after 9:00pm	Neighbours, licence holder	No drinks permitted outside the premises after 9:00pm. Staff monitor entrances and ensure customers comply. Signage displayed where appropriate.	Staff to challenge non-compliance immediately.
Customers congregating outside causing noise nuisance	Neighbours and local residents	Staff regularly monitor external areas. Customers encouraged to leave quietly. Any anti-social behaviour addressed immediately.	Increased monitoring during busy periods and events.

LICENSING CONTROLS

Challenge 25

- Challenge 25 policy displayed prominently.
- Acceptable ID:
    - Passport
    - UK Driving Licence
    - PASS Approved Identification Card
- Refusals recorded in refusals log.
- Staff trained and monitored.

Ask Angela Scheme

- Posters displayed.
- Staff aware of procedures.
- Any welfare concerns escalated to management.

Incident Reporting

All incidents involving:

- Refusals
- Violence
- Disorder
- Accidents
- Safeguarding concerns

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must be recorded in the Incident Log.

Licensing Conditions & House Rules

Public Safety

- Fire exits checked daily before opening.
- Fire exit unlocked and external padlocks removed prior to trading.
- Escape routes kept clear at all times.
- Daily opening and closing checks completed and signed.

Prevention of Crime and Disorder

- Challenge 25 policy in operation.
- Refusals recorded and retained.
- Incident log maintained.
- Staff trained in conflict management and responsible alcohol retailing.

Protection of Children from Harm

- Challenge 25 enforced at all times.
- Only accepted forms of photographic ID accepted.
- Gambling machine age restrictions enforced.

Prevention of Public Nuisance

- **No drinks permitted outside the premises after 9:00pm.**
- **All external doors to remain closed after 9:00pm except for customer entry and exit.**
- Music volume monitored and kept at a reasonable level.
- Customers requested to leave the premises quietly.
- Staff to investigate and record any noise complaints.

Staff Confirmation of Reading

I confirm that I have read and understood the risk assessment, Challenge 25, Ask Angela, refusals procedures, fire safety procedures, opening and closing procedures, gambling machine procedures, toilet monitoring requirements, noise management policy, no drinks outside after 9pm policy, and doors closed after 9pm policy.

Name	Role	Signature	Date
Melody Dillon	Manager	M.Dillon	15.10.26
Kate Dell	Owner	K.Dell	15.10.26
[redacted]	Bar Staff	[redacted]	15.10.26
[redacted]	Bar Staff	[redacted]	15.10.26

MANAGEMENT DECLARATION

I confirm that the above employees have been provided with a copy of the Sports Box Risk Assessment and Licensing Procedures and have been given the opportunity to ask questions regarding their responsibilities.

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Manager Name: __Melody Dillon
Manager Signature: _M.Dillon
Date: _15.10.26

Review Date: ____15.11.26

BAR STAFF RISK ASSESSMENT

The Sports Box | Unit 1 Imperial Buildings, High Street, Rotherham S60 1PA

Document owner	Venue Manager / DPS
Original assessment date	August 2026
Revised by	Melody Dillon, Venue Manager — October 2026
Status	For management approval and on-site validation
Applies to	Bar Staff
Review	At least every 6 months and after an incident, material change or new license condition

1. Purpose and assessment method

This assessment identifies foreseeable hazards and proportionate controls for the stated roles. Scores are indicative pending site inspection and staff consultation. Risk = likelihood (1–5) × severity (1–5); 1–4 low, 5–9 moderate, 10–15 high, 16–25 critical. Controls must be implemented and checked in practice; no task should proceed where risks remain uncontrolled.

2. Risk register

1. Aggressive or intoxicated customers

Who may be harmed	Bar staff, customers
Initial risk	4 × 4 = 16 (critical)
Required controls	Follow responsible service and refusal procedures; keep distance, avoid arguments, use radio for door team support; never intervene alone; document refusal and incidents.
Residual risk (target)	2 × 4 = 8 (moderate)
Responsible person	Duty manager / shift lead

2. Suspected spiking, drug use or vulnerable customer

Who may be harmed	Customers and staff
Initial risk	4 × 5 = 20 (critical)
Required controls	Recognize welfare indicators without assumptions; discreet radio escalation; remain with vulnerable person in safe supervised area; call 999 for serious symptoms; protect possible drink/CCTV evidence without delaying care; follow safeguarding policy.
Residual risk (target)	2 × 5 = 10 (high)
Responsible person	Duty manager / shift lead

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3. Glass breakage, sharp objects and spills

Who may be harmed	Bar staff, customers
Initial risk	4 × 3 = 12 (high)
Required controls	Wear appropriate footwear; use safe broken-glass kit and designated disposal; cordon and communicate spills; if an area may be a crime scene, do not disturb evidence and seek police/manager instruction.
Residual risk (target)	2 × 3 = 6 (moderate)
Responsible person	Bar shift lead

4. Underage sales and irresponsible alcohol service

Who may be harmed	Customers, public, premises
Initial risk	3 × 4 = 12 (high)
Required controls	Apply Challenge 25 and acceptable ID checks; refuse service when required; maintain refusals log; radio security if a refusal escalates.
Residual risk (target)	1 × 4 = 4 (low)
Responsible person	Bar shift lead / DPS

5. Fire, electrical equipment and evacuation

Who may be harmed	All persons
Initial risk	3 × 5 = 15 (high)
Required controls	Keep exits and extinguishers accessible; check equipment for visible damage; follow emergency plan; radio alert and call 999; only trained staff use firefighting equipment where safe.
Residual risk (target)	1 × 5 = 5 (moderate)
Responsible person	Duty manager / shift lead

6. Manual handling, hot water and cleaning chemicals

Who may be harmed	Bar staff and cleaners
Initial risk	3 × 3 = 9 (moderate)
Required controls	Use safe lifting techniques and trolleys; store chemicals labelled and follow COSHH assessments; wear suitable PPE; avoid mixing products; report defects and injuries.
Residual risk (target)	1 × 3 = 3 (low)
Responsible person	Bar shift lead

7. Poor radio communication or lone working

Who may be harmed	Bar staff
Initial risk	3 × 4 = 12 (high)
Required controls	Issue radios to all staff; pre-shift radio checks; use discreet messages; check staffing and buddy support; use fallback contact; ensure safe close-down with door team/manager.
Residual risk (target)	1 × 4 = 4 (low)
Responsible person	Duty manager / shift lead

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8. Customer disputes in VIP and adjoining areas

Who may be harmed	Staff, customers
Initial risk	4 × 4 = 16 (critical)
Required controls	Maintain clear supervision and radio coordination with door team; avoid moving into violent incidents; preserve relevant CCTV and record facts; allow police to manage cordoned areas.
Residual risk (target)	2 × 4 = 8 (moderate)
Responsible person	Duty manager / shift lead

3. Radio communications and escalation

All on-duty staff are issued radios, subject to operational checks at the start of shift. Carry out a radio check, agree a clear channel and discreet emergency phrase, keep messages brief and factual, and acknowledge requests for assistance. Do not transmit unnecessary personal or sensitive details. Report faulty radios immediately and use an agreed fallback (telephone or direct contact). Radio use does not replace calling 999 for immediate danger or medical emergencies.

4. Safe incident response and recording

Prioritise personal safety and customer welfare; do not pursue, physically search without consent, seize weapons through confrontation, or exceed lawful powers and training. Summon the duty manager and police where appropriate. Preserve CCTV and evidence safely, log the factual sequence, distinguish allegations from observations, and record the incident reference, actions and follow-up. Management must debrief significant events and review controls.

5. Additional operational checks

- Check radio coverage across bar, VIP and toilet access points.
- Confirm Challenge 25, safeguarding, spiking and first-aid briefing records.
- Verify safe glass disposal, COSHH information and cleaning arrangements.
- Rehearse escalation to door supervisors and management, including emergency calls.

6. Approval and review

Assessor / manager: _____Melody Dillon

Date of site verification: ___15.10.26

DPS review / signature: _____

Staff briefing date and attendance record: ___22.10.26

Actions outstanding, owner and deadline: _____

Next review due: ___22.04.27

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DOOR SUPERVISORS AND DOOR TEAM RISK ASSESSMENT

The Sports Box | Unit 1 Imperial Buildings, High Street, Rotherham S60 1PA

Document owner	Venue Manager / DPS
Original assessment date	August 2026
Revised by	Melody Dillon, Venue Manager — October 2026
Status	For management approval and on-site validation
Applies to	Door Supervisors and Door Team
Review	At least every 6 months and after an incident, material change or new licence condition

1. Purpose and assessment method

This assessment identifies foreseeable hazards and proportionate controls for the stated roles. Scores are indicative pending site inspection and staff consultation. Risk = likelihood (1–5) × severity (1–5); 1–4 low, 5–9 moderate, 10–15 high, 16–25 critical. Controls must be implemented and checked in practice; no task should proceed where risks remain uncontrolled.

2. Risk register

1. Concealed weapons and unsafe entry

Who may be harmed	Door team, customers, public
Initial risk	4 × 5 = 20 (critical)
Required controls	Visible search notices; proportionate, consistent consent-based bag checks and handheld metal-detector screening by trained staff; explain purpose and obtain consent; respect privacy and accessibility; do not touch intimate areas; do not use a wand on a person who raises a medical-device concern without a safe alternative; no consent means entry may be refused under venue policy. If weapon suspected, do not confront or handle; keep distance, use radio, isolate risk where safe and contact police.
Residual risk (target)	2 × 5 = 10 (high)
Responsible person	Senior door supervisor / DPS

2. Search-related confrontation or discrimination

Who may be harmed	Customers and door team
Initial risk	4 × 4 = 16 (critical)
Required controls	Apply consistent non-discriminatory criteria; explain search procedure calmly; provide private or alternative arrangements where appropriate; never force a search; use de-escalation and withdrawal; record refusals and complaints.

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Residual risk (target)	2 × 4 = 8 (moderate)
Responsible person	Senior door supervisor

3. Aggression, assault and crowd surges

Who may be harmed	**Door team, customers, public**
Initial risk	4 × 5 = 20 (critical)
Required controls	Maintain safe staffing and sight lines; monitor capacity and queues; radio early warning to colleagues; avoid lone intervention; keep exits clear; call police for weapons, serious threats or violence; provide safe dispersal at closing.
Residual risk (target)	2 × 5 = 10 (high)
Responsible person	Duty manager / senior door supervisor

4. Drug activity and suspected spiking

Who may be harmed	**Customers and staff**
Initial risk	4 × 4 = 16 (critical)
Required controls	Observe and report specific behaviour; preserve CCTV; prioritise welfare, discreetly alert bar team and manager; never taste or test substances; follow drug policy and police advice.
Residual risk (target)	2 × 4 = 8 (moderate)
Responsible person	Duty manager / shift lead

5. Emergency evacuation and medical incidents

Who may be harmed	**All persons**
Initial risk	3 × 5 = 15 (high)
Required controls	Know fire routes, assembly arrangements and emergency call procedures; radio location and nature of incident; assign someone to meet responders; provide first aid only within competence; never obstruct exits.
Residual risk (target)	1 × 5 = 5 (moderate)
Responsible person	Duty manager / shift lead

6. Slips, trips, poor lighting and external hazards

Who may be harmed	**Staff, customers, passers-by**
Initial risk	3 × 3 = 9 (moderate)
Required controls	Inspect entrance, steps and queue area; monitor broken glass, spillages, weather and roadworks; report hazards; arrange safe cordons and cleaning by authorised staff without disturbing possible evidence.
Residual risk (target)	1 × 3 = 3 (low)
Responsible person	Senior door supervisor

7. Radio failure and delayed support

Who may be harmed	**All persons**
Initial risk	3 × 4 = 12 (high)

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Required controls	Pre-shift battery/channel checks; spare charged radios; agreed emergency phrase; fallback contact and immediate reporting of faults.
Residual risk (target)	1 × 4 = 4 (low)
Responsible person	Duty manager / shift lead

3. Radio communications and escalation

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5. Additional operational checks

- Confirm all door supervisors hold appropriate SIA licenses and understand lawful, consent-based search limits.
- Confirm wand equipment is maintained, checked before use and staff are trained in its safe operation.
- Agree procedures for medical devices, disability, privacy, gender-related requests and customers declining screening.
- Document entry-search policy, refusals, incidents and CCTV retention arrangements.

6. Approval and review

Assessor / manager: ___Melody Dillon

Date of site verification: ___15.10.26

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DRUG PREVENTION, MANAGEMENT AND SAFEGUARDING POLICY

THE SPORTS BOX | ROTHERHAM

Premises	**The Sports Box, Unit 1 Imperial Buildings, High Street, Rotherham, S60 1PA**
Premises licence	P1166
Policy version	Revised draft – October 2026 (supersedes August 2026 version upon approval)
Policy owner	Venue Manager / Designated Premises Supervisor
Applies to	Management, employees, door supervisors and contractors
Review	Every six months; sooner following a significant incident, legislative change or licence condition change
Approval status	Draft for management approval; implementation dates must be evidenced

Policy commitment

The Sports Box is committed to preventing illegal drug activity, protecting customers and staff, safeguarding vulnerable people and cooperating with South Yorkshire Police and Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council. Suspected incidents will be managed lawfully, proportionately and without discrimination. Customer welfare and preservation of evidence take priority over confrontation.

1. Purpose and objectives

This policy sets out preventative measures, staff responsibilities and response arrangements for suspected possession, consumption, supply, spiking and drug-related medical emergencies. It supports the licensing objectives of preventing crime and disorder, protecting public safety, preventing public nuisance and protecting children from harm.

2. Scope and application

The policy applies during opening, set-up and closing periods to all staff, door supervisors, managers and contractors, and covers customer areas, toilets, VIP areas, entrances, smoking areas, queues, storage areas and relevant areas immediately outside the premises. Staff should take reasonable steps within their role and must not put themselves or others at risk.

3. Legal and regulatory framework

Relevant requirements include the Licensing Act 2003, Misuse of Drugs Act 1971, Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974, applicable data protection legislation and the specific conditions attached to premises licence P1166. This policy does not confer police powers or authorise unlawful searches,

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detention or disposal of substances. The DPS and management will review the policy against current licence conditions and local guidance.

4. Prevention and zero-tolerance approach

The venue does not permit unlawful possession, use, supply or attempted supply of controlled drugs. Suspected behaviour will be assessed on available facts; no person will be treated as having committed an offence solely because of appearance, disability or a medical condition. Appropriate responses may include refusal of admission, welfare assistance, removal where lawful and safe, preservation of evidence and police contact.

- Display clear drug prevention and safeguarding information in suitable locations.
- Maintain effective supervision and appropriate staffing informed by venue risk assessments.
- Keep relevant incident, refusal, inspection and training records; identify patterns and review controls.
- Share relevant safety information with police and neighbouring venues through lawful, proportionate channels.

5. Roles and accountability

- Premises licence holder and DPS: maintain oversight of licensing compliance, review incidents, arrange training and liaise with police and the licensing authority.
- Venue Manager: ensure procedures are implemented, inspect logs, address deficiencies, arrange welfare support and escalate serious incidents.
- Door supervisors: observe entrances and queues, carry out consent-based entry searches in accordance with venue procedures, manage refusals and protect welfare.
- Bar staff and contractors: remain alert to concerns, report promptly, preserve relevant information and follow management instructions.
- All personnel: record facts accurately, maintain confidentiality and avoid unsafe confrontation.

6. Recognising and reporting concerns

Indicators may include suspicious exchanges, discarded wraps or paraphernalia, unexplained residue, sudden changes in behaviour or signs of spiking. These are indicators only, not proof of drug use or dealing. Staff should report specific observations, times and locations to the duty manager promptly.

7. Response to suspected drug activity

- Suspected use or possession: alert the duty manager; assess welfare and safety; request assistance from door supervisors; refuse service or admission or arrange a safe departure where appropriate.
- Suspected supply: avoid direct confrontation or personal investigation; notify the duty manager and police where the circumstances justify it; preserve CCTV and accurate witness accounts.
- Where a substance is found: restrict access where safe, avoid unnecessary handling, and contact police for advice. Only authorised trained staff should handle an item when necessary for immediate safety, using appropriate precautions and a documented chain of custody.
- Do not taste, smell closely, test or destroy suspected substances. Do not leave them unattended or store them with food or personal belongings.
- Record the time, exact location, persons involved, description of item, actions, witnesses, police reference and evidence transfer. Never assume a substance is an illegal drug without confirmation.

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8. Medical emergencies and suspected spiking

- Call 999 immediately for collapse, seizures, breathing difficulty, loss of consciousness or other serious symptoms; follow emergency operator instructions.
- Keep the person under observation, provide first aid within training and competence, and place an unconscious breathing person in the recovery position when appropriate. Do not move a person unnecessarily if injury is suspected.
- Do not leave a vulnerable customer alone, allow them to leave with an unknown person, or assume intoxication is voluntary.
    - Seek consent and preserve dignity.
    - Report suspected spiking to police promptly where appropriate, preserve relevant CCTV and potential evidence without delaying medical care, and document the response.
    - Record objective observations and who was notified; restrict access to sensitive records.

9. Searches, refusal and removal

Entry searches must be voluntary, conducted only by authorised personnel within the law and venue procedures, with due regard to dignity, privacy, safeguarding and equality. Staff must not carry out non-consensual searches or intimate searches. A person who declines a lawful condition-of-entry search may be refused admission. Any removal must be proportionate, safe and consistent with staff training and the law.

10. Toilets and higher-risk areas

Management will adopt a documented risk-based inspection regime for toilets, VIP areas and other higher-risk locations. The accessible toilet must remain available to people who need it; any controlled-access arrangements must not create unreasonable barriers or delay access. Checks should respect privacy and avoid discriminatory assumptions.

- Record the time, area inspected, staff member, findings, cleaning action and any escalation.
- Carry out additional checks following a reported concern or suspected misuse, when safe and appropriate.
- Maintain suitable cleaning, safe-sharps and contamination arrangements; do not require untrained staff to handle hazardous materials.
- Review findings and patterns at management meetings and update the risk assessment.

11. CCTV and evidence preservation

Relevant footage should be identified and preserved promptly when an incident is reported, in line with the venue's CCTV policy, retention arrangements and applicable data protection requirements. Staff must record what footage was checked, by whom, when and what was or was not visible. Footage must be supplied only through authorised channels and lawful requests. An absence of visible activity on CCTV should not be presented as conclusive proof that no incident occurred.

12. Staff conduct and fitness for duty

Staff must not use or supply illegal drugs at work, report for duty impaired, or misuse medication in a manner that compromises safety. Employees taking prescribed medication that may affect safe working should seek confidential management or occupational advice as appropriate. Any concerns will be managed fairly under relevant employment and disciplinary procedures.

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13. Incident reporting and information sharing

All significant suspected drug incidents, positive test findings, spiking concerns, welfare interventions and police attendances must be recorded promptly and factually. Records should distinguish observed facts, third-party allegations and unverified suspicions. Include dates, times, location, staff, actions, CCTV references, welfare steps and police incident numbers where available. Records must be securely held with access limited to authorised persons and retained according to a documented retention schedule and legal requirements; the previous 12-month period should be reviewed for adequacy.

14. Training, assurance and review

Staff induction and periodic refresher training should cover recognising concerns, escalation, conflict management, safeguarding, suspected spiking, emergency response, evidence handling, reporting and relevant licensing conditions. The venue will maintain dated attendance records and assess understanding. Management will review inspection logs, incidents and any drug-wipe results, record corrective actions and monitor completion. The policy will be reviewed at least every six months and after a serious event or material change.

15. Management approval and implementation

This document becomes operational only when approved and communicated to staff. Any historical or current compliance claims made to a licensing committee must be supported by dated records rather than the existence of this policy alone.

Approved by (name / role): ___Melody Dillon - Manager
Signature: __M.Dillon Approval date: ___15.10.26
Effective date: __22.10.26 Next review due: __22.04.27
Staff briefing completed on: _22.10.26 Training record location: _Office

Appendix A – Minimum incident log fields

Incident number; date/time; precise location; reporting person; factual observations; welfare assessment; substance/item description (if any); staff and witnesses; action taken; police/ambulance reference; CCTV reference and preservation; evidence handover; manager review; follow-up and closure date.

Appendix B – Management implementation checklist

☐ Confirm policy approval and effective date.
☐ Check alignment with licence P1166 and current police/local authority guidance.
☐ Brief and train all staff and door supervisors; obtain signatures.
☐ Implement inspection and incident log templates.
☐ Confirm accessible toilet arrangements are safe and inclusive.
☐ Verify emergency, CCTV preservation and police contact procedures.
☐ Review records monthly and document corrective action.

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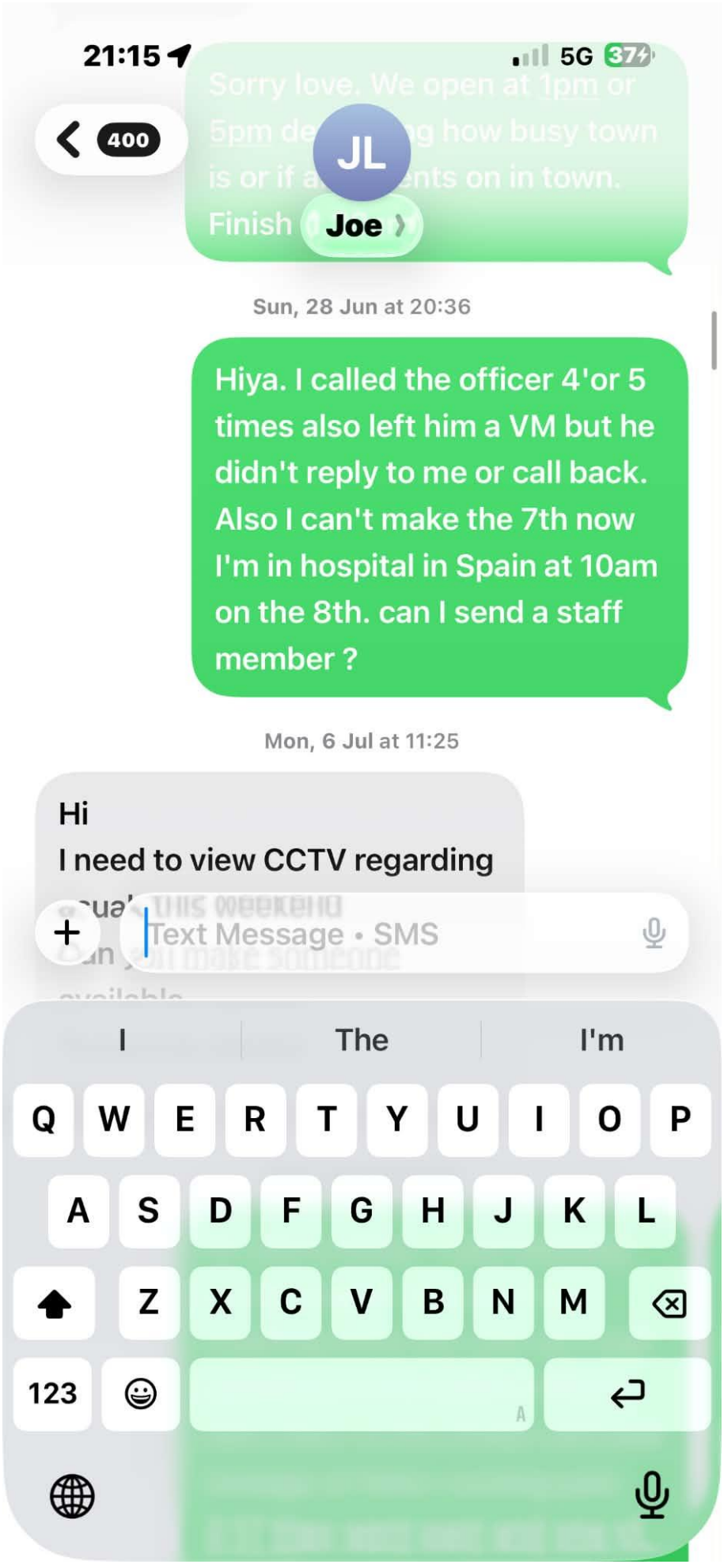
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Mon, 6 Jul at 11:25
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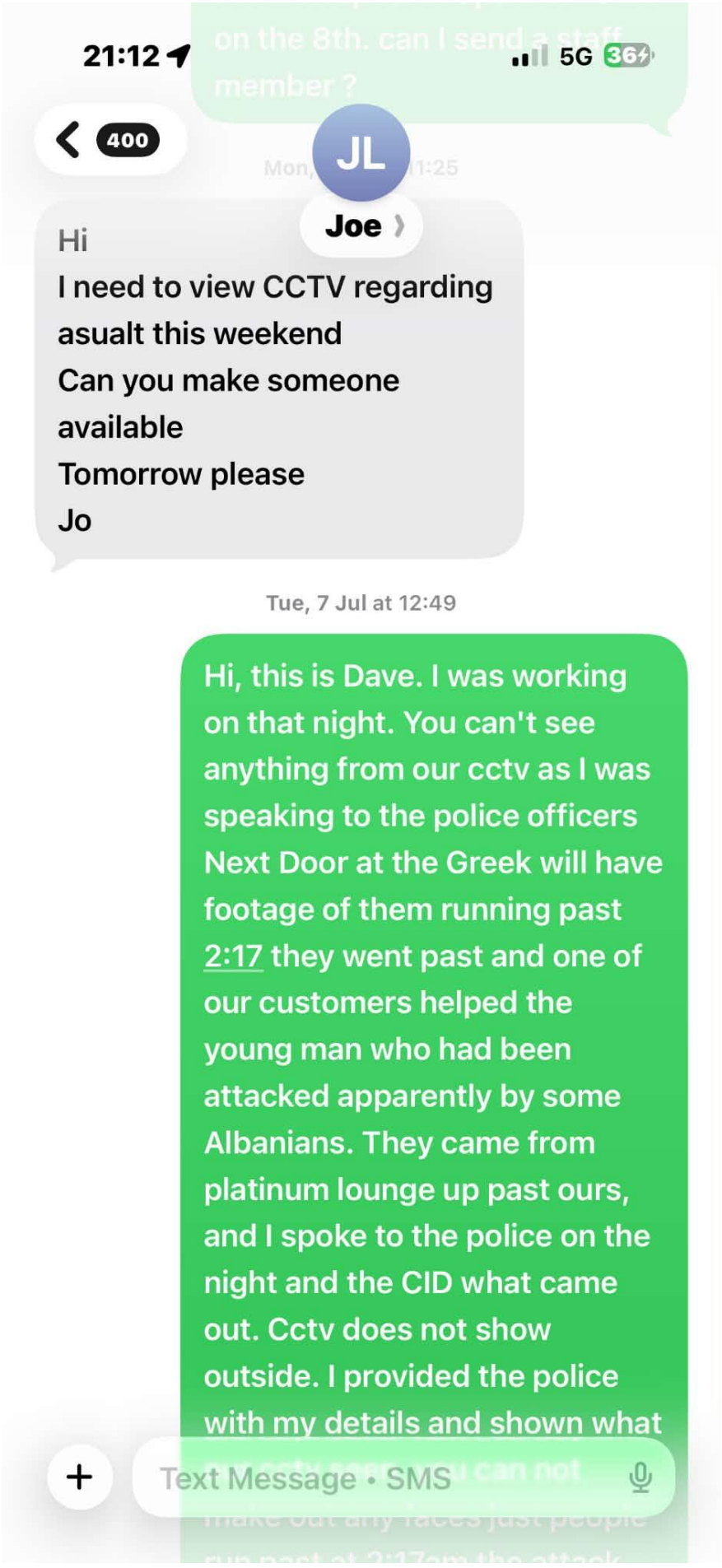
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Can you make someone available
Tomorrow please
Jo
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Hi, this is Dave. I was working on that night. You can't see anything from our cctv as I was speaking to the police officers Next Door at the Greek will have footage of them running past 2:17 they went past and one of our customers helped the young man who had been attacked apparently by some Albanians. They came from platinum lounge up past ours, and I spoke to the police on the night and the CID what came out. Cctv does not show outside. I provided the police with my details and shown what
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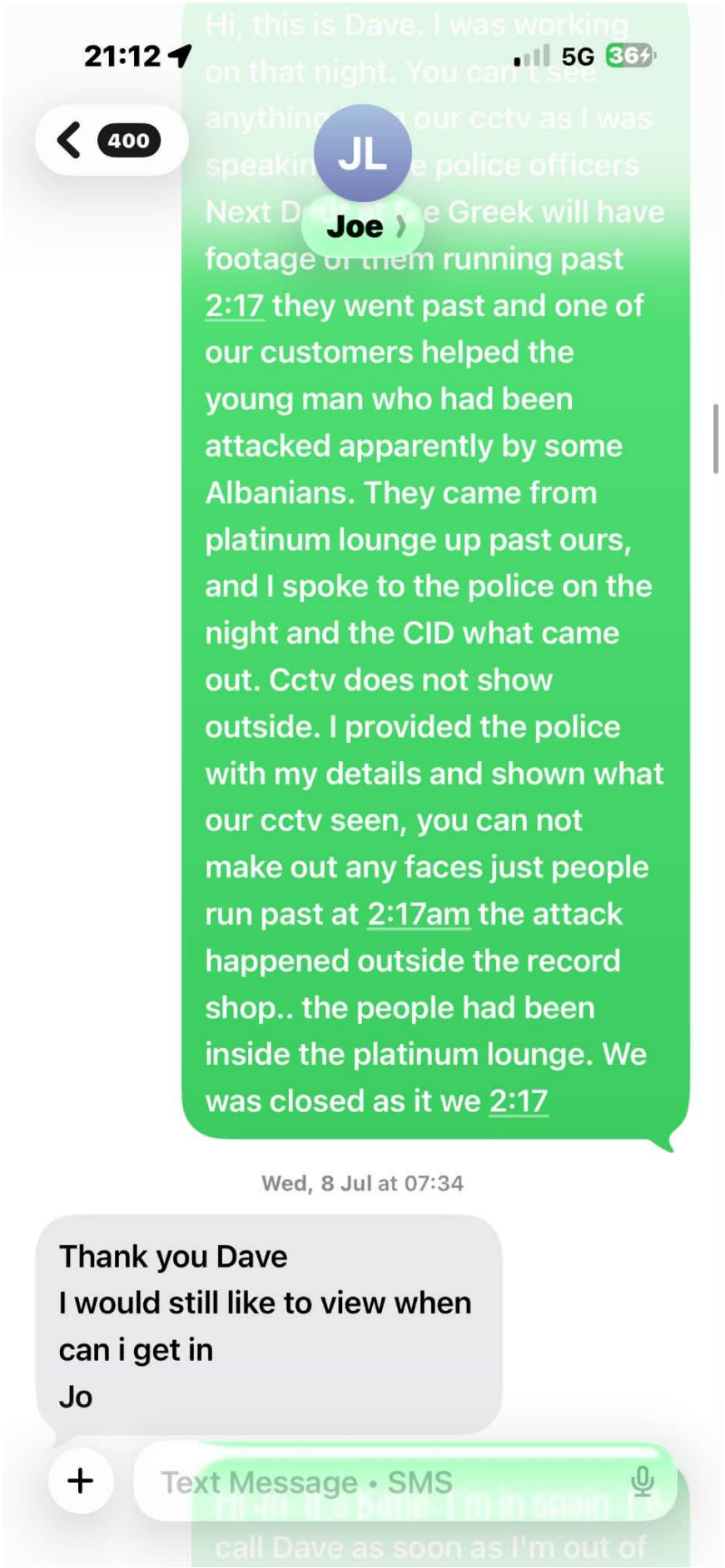
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I would still like to view when can i get in
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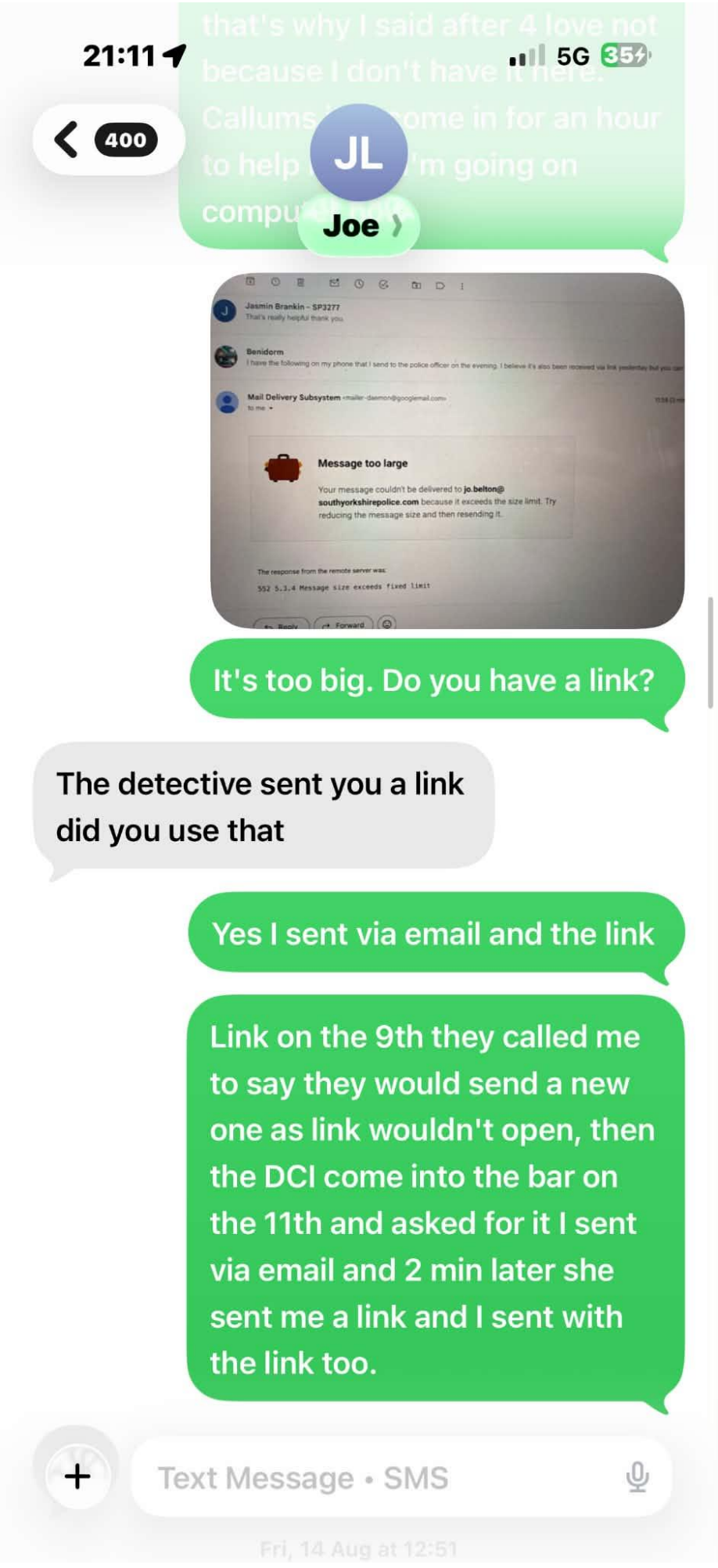
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The response from the remote server was:
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It's too big. Do you have a link?
The detective sent you a link did you use that
Yes I sent via email and the link
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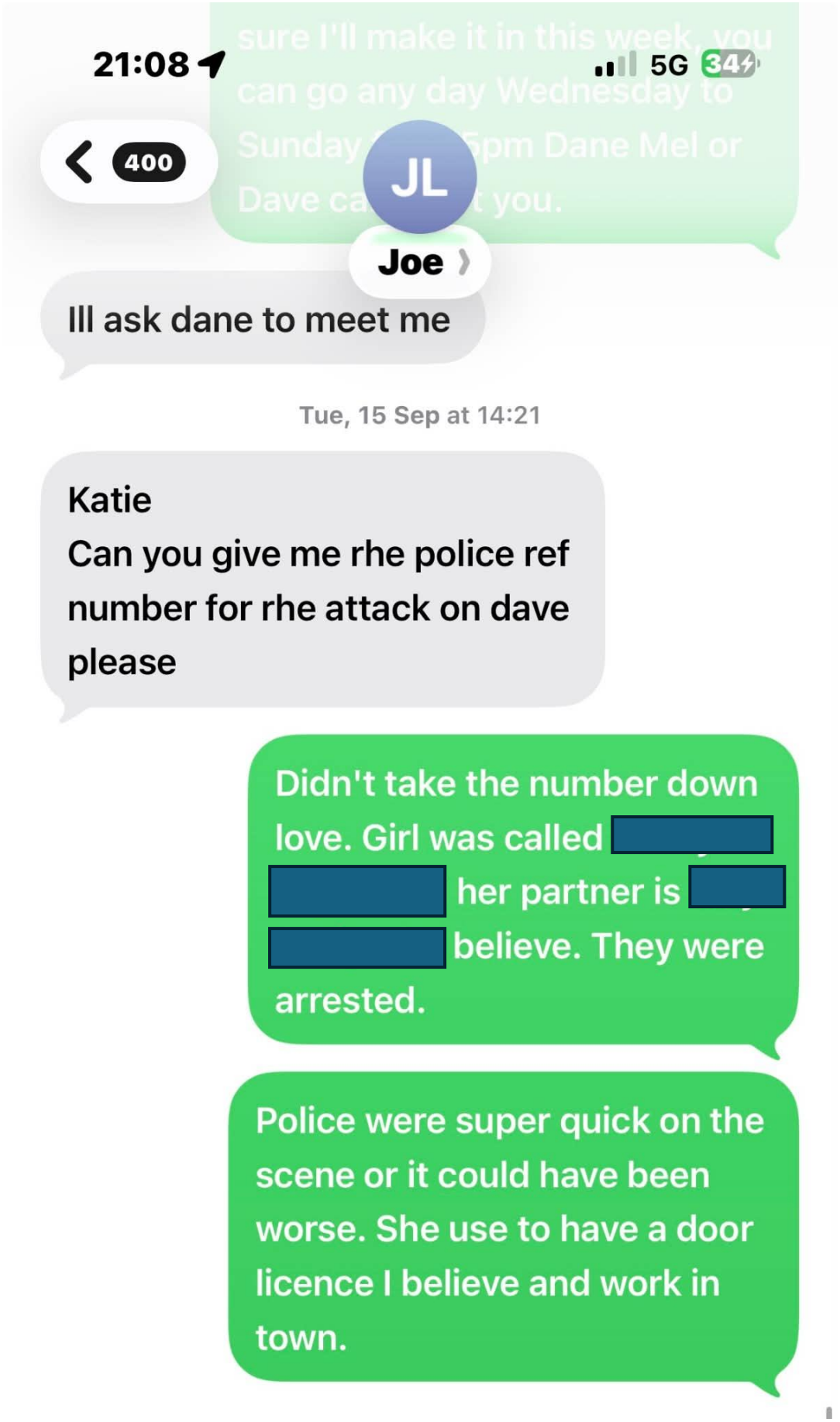
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Katie
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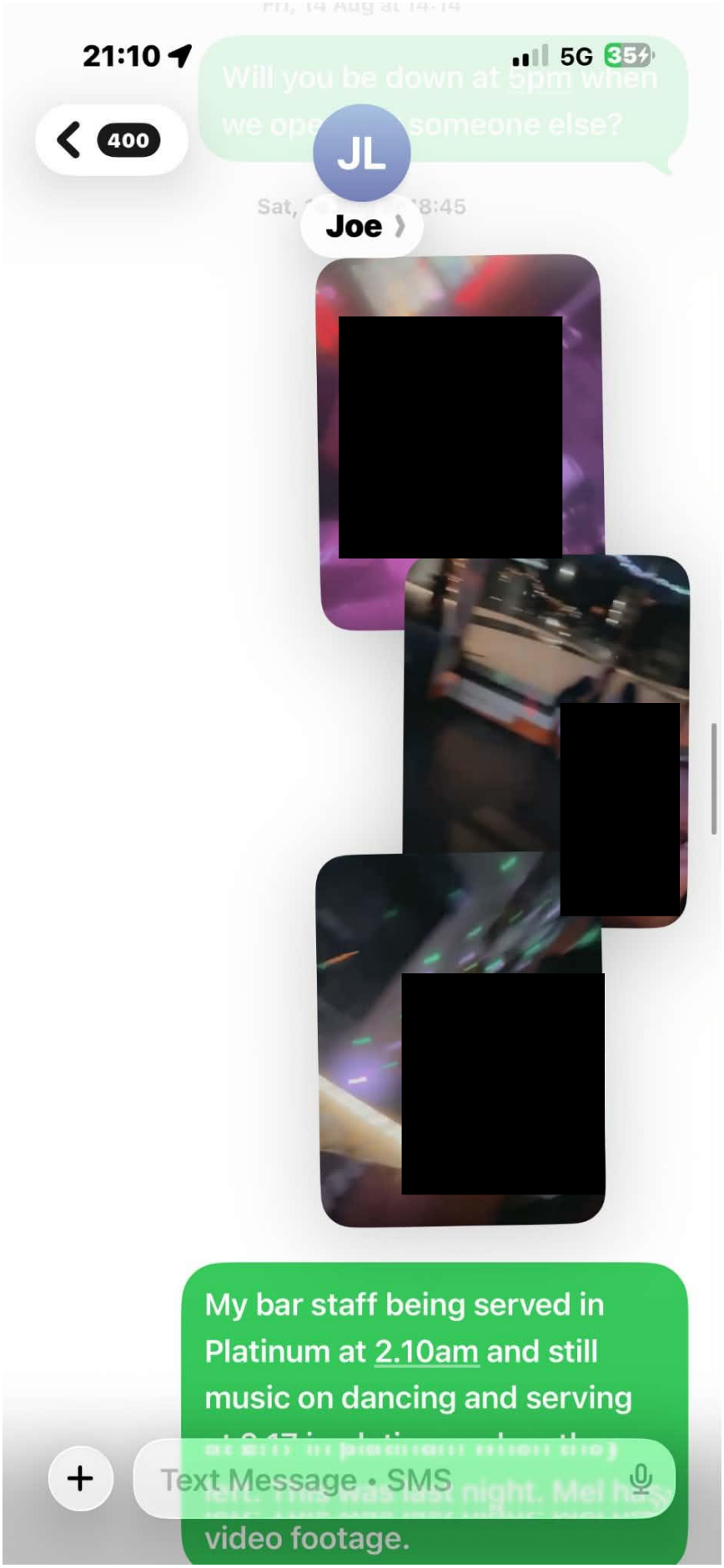
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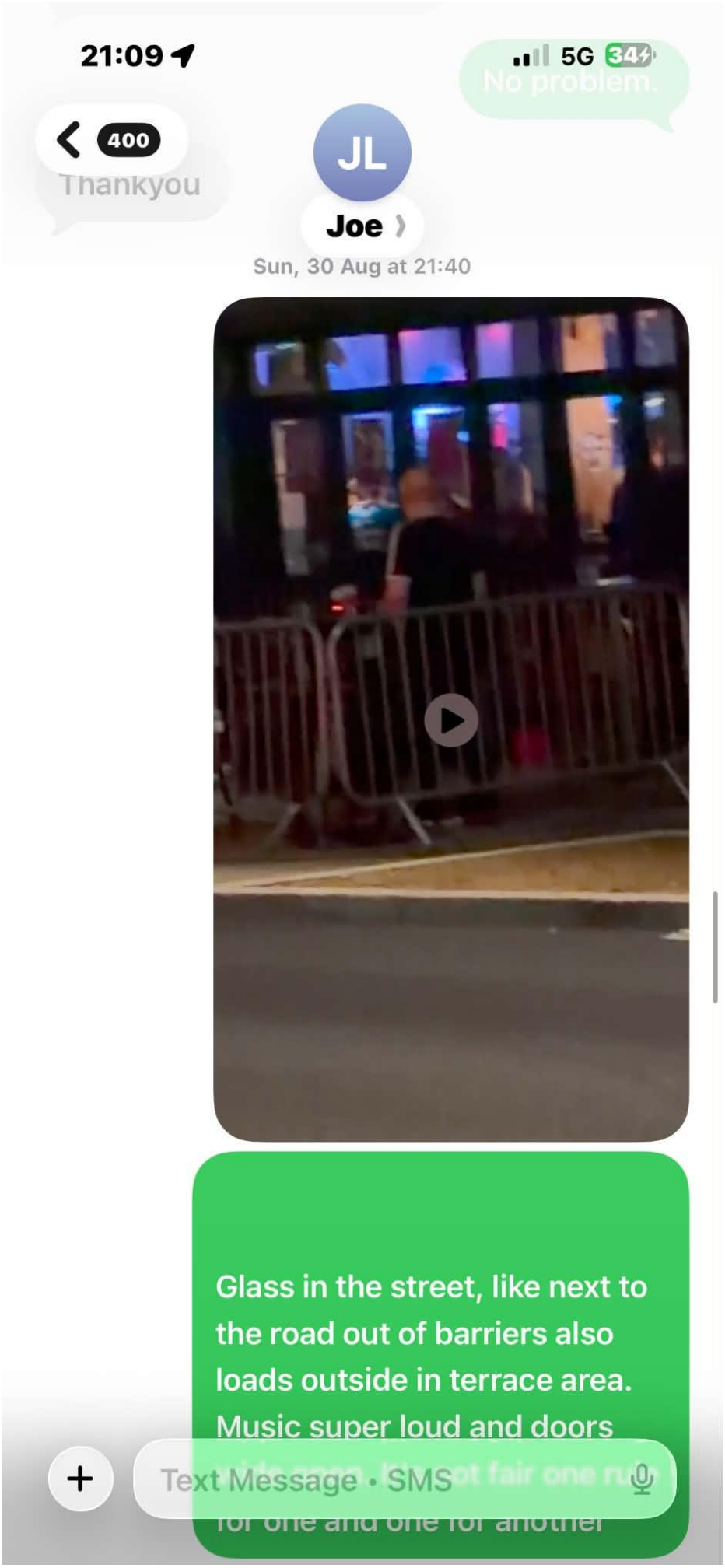
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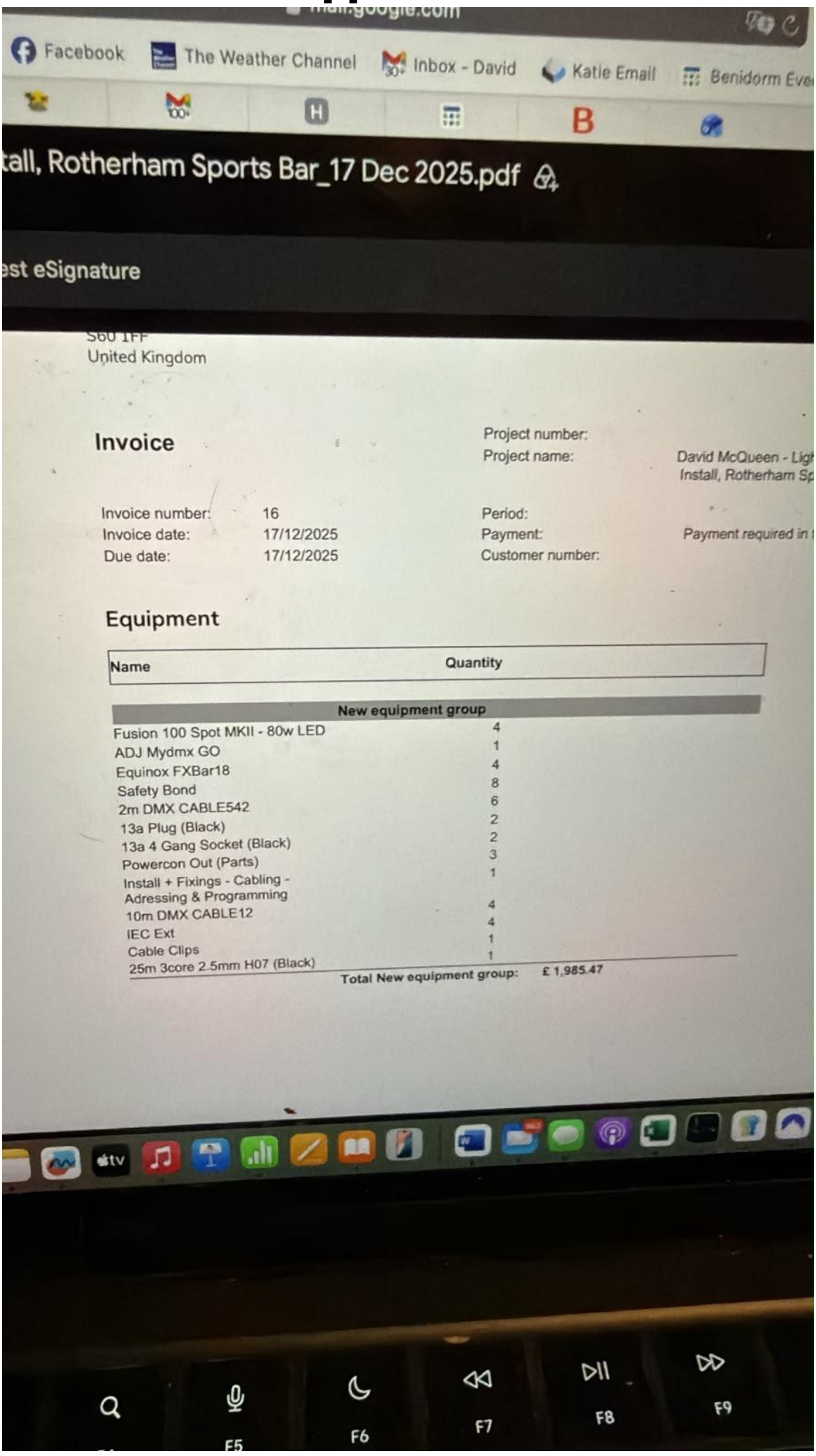

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Equipment

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Equinox FXBar18	4
Safety Bond	8
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13a Plug (Black)	2
13a 4 Gang Socket (Black)	2
Powercon Out (Parts)	3
Install + Fixings - Cabling - Adressing & Programming	1
10m DMX CABLE12	4
IEC Ext	4
Cable Clips	1
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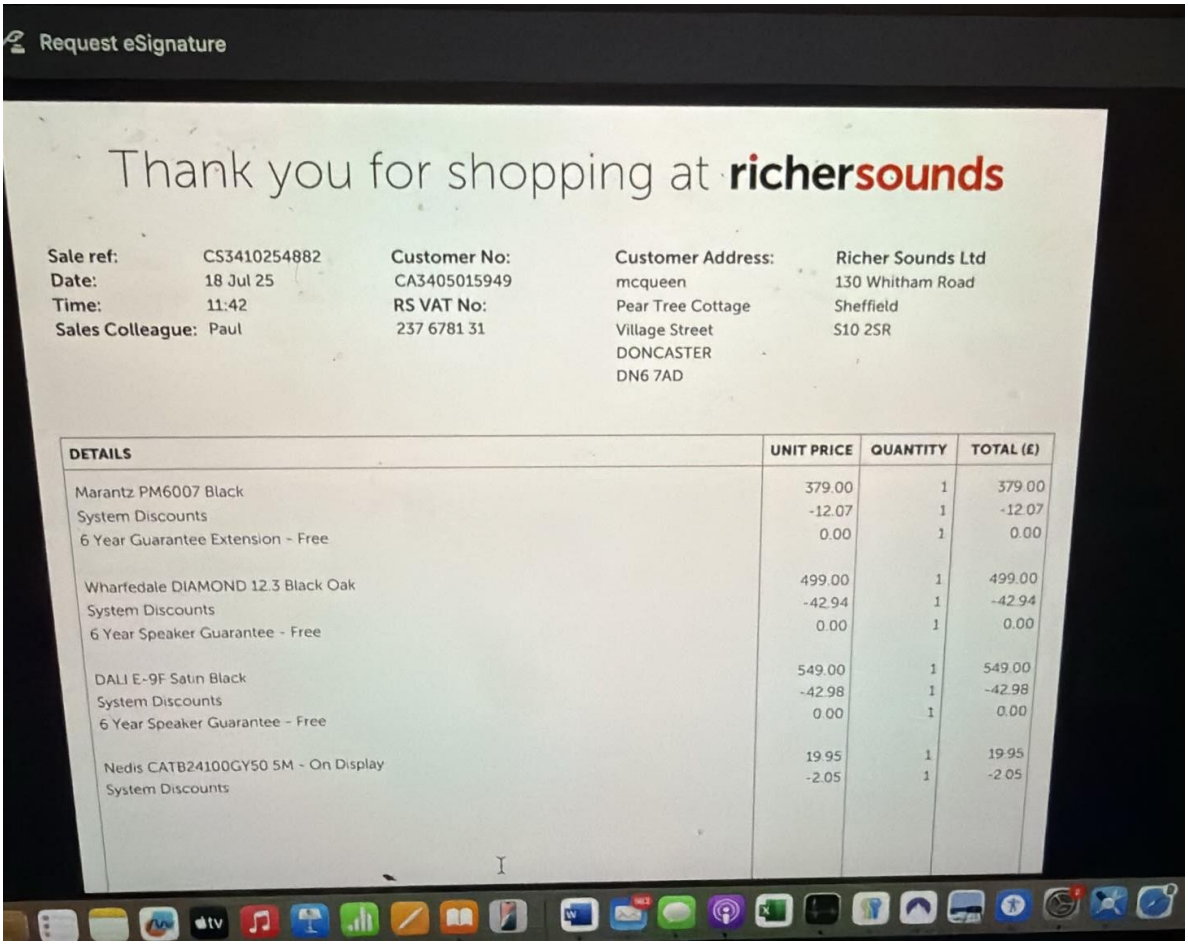

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Time:	11:42				
Sales Colleague:	Paul				

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6 Year Guarantee Extension - Free	0.00	1	0.00
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System Discounts	-42.98	1	-42.98
6 Year Speaker Guarantee - Free	0.00	1	0.00
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System Discounts	-2.05	1	-2.05