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Dear Ciaran,

Thank you for meeting me yesterday I feel as though the discussion was productive and useful to have.

During the meeting, we discussed the incidents that had taken place at your premises prior to our last meeting in a little bit more detail. Although we didn't go through every incident, I did explain that each one was directly linked to your premises. I also explained the form 60a process and the circumstances around when these forms are completed. There was also a discussion around the timings of the incidents and the increase in the number of 60a's being completed this year compared to previous years. The discussion then moved to the incidents that had taken place following our meeting and that the incident levels are currently similar to the pattern of previous months. You have also requested that I provide you with an ongoing update of incidents as they come in and I have agreed that we will

meet on a regular basis but also we will have unplanned conversations if and when incidents of a significant nature arise.

Since our previous meeting in September, I am aware that you have joined Northampton Pubwatch and you have come to the two meetings that have been held during the interim period. As such you have now had the benefit of the list of the people on Pubwatch bans as well as having had access to some free training on responsible alcohol retailing. You have also stated that you have installed additional cameras within the premises as well as having a fourth supervisor employed on a Friday and Saturday night on a temporary basis. I have been shown a copy of both the dispersal policy and the risk assessment that you have documented. You have also outlined that you have begun banning people that have caused problems in your premises and while I have not seen the documentation to support this we will sit down and review this when we next meet.

Moving forward, we had a discussion around several areas where I felt that improvements could be made. Firstly the use of signage to advertise the fact that there is no entry to the premises after 3am as per your licence condition. I feel as though the signage may well assist your door staff when it comes to turning people away and reassures me that you are not allowing entry after this time. Secondly having reviewed your dispersal policy, I have requested that you develop it further to include the immediate area of the outside of the building as well. It was agreed for clarity that this will include the front of the premise and half of the road on Abington Square. On either side of the building, this area will extend to 10 metres either side of the edge of the building.

The final thing that I have suggested is that Northamptonshire Police are willing to provide you with an alcohol breath screening device that your door staff can use as a means to assess drunkenness when people are attempting to gain entry to the premises. This is an offer that I can now formally make to you and am hopeful that you will consider this.

You also need to make a business decision around the renting or purchasing of a digital radio to enable better communication with the other premises in the town as well as the CCTV control room. I have left this to you and while I have outlined the benefits, it is ultimately a decision for you to make based on cost vs benefit.

In conclusion I am happy with the steps you are putting into place at this time and will continue to work with you to try and help you address the issues that your premises is currently experiencing.

I hope you feel as though this is an accurate reflection of our meeting however please feel free to bring any omissions or errors to my attention.

Regards

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