

ITEM 4 – FURTHER ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM APPLICANT

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From: Matt Foster
Sent: 07 November 2024 09:36
To: 'Karen Robson'
Cc: Licensing <
Subject: Bar 1, 28-30 Front Street, Consett, DH8 5AQ - Additional Evidence

Good Morning Karen,

Please could you arrange to circulate this further piece of information below. It is an email from the proposed Security Provider for the above venue, Mr S T of Safe Night Security.

Kind regards,

Matt

From: safenight ltd
Sent: 06 November 2024 21:14
To: Matt Foster <
Subject: Security

Dear Mr. Foster,

I am writing to you as I understand that you are representing Lisa Cowey in relation to licensing application on Friday. I understand there is an objection to her application from the Police. I am writing to you to confirm my instruction in regards to Bar 1 in Consett.

I have been in discussions with Lisa Cowey in regards to operating the security element of the business in Consett. This would involve my providing security staff, including a head doorman, to work at her premises on designated days from opening until closing. Before I would be able to provide staff I would need to risk assess the premises to determine the number of staff required. I would initially over provide, so that there were more doorman than required by my assessment. I would do this for the first couple of weeks to bed in the door team and deal with any potential issues within the first few weeks. I would prefer to over provide rather than under provide, and this is how I always operate since the safety of my employees and my venues is key. I would then reassess the premises after a few weeks. I would operate the premises in accordance with our company policies and procedures.

I am aware that the premises has, under previous management, had some issues. We would start with a strict door in order to provide strong and assertive policies and procedures to maintain a safe venue. This would involve a search policy, the use of metal detecting wands and our head door man would wear a bodycam (which we can provide). We can also work with the venue on whatever identification system they want to operate. Would we develop the search policy with the venue and working with the Police.

I will work with Lisa on the Policies and procedures and the risk assessment. I am also happy to involve the Police, with whom I have a good working relationship in Durham. I have never had any issues with the Police, and we regularly work with licensees and Pubwatch. I currently operate the Water House in Durham, so I am familiar with the area. I operate 16 doors in Sunderland, one in Jarrow, two in South Shields, one in North Shields and one in Peterlee. I also operate close protection for the Government. I can't discuss that work, but the Police would be able to check that. I also undertake work for Blyth Town Council and Bedlington Town Council around events

security. Similarly, I work with Nobles funfairs offering a similar service. I have worked in security for 25 years and I have a good reputation. I employ about 85 people in my business.

If you require any further information please don't hesitate to ask.

Kind regards,

S T
Safe Night Security