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To whom it may concern

Durham Constabulary wish to provide further information to support the representation already made around the variation of the Premises Licence for Derwent side pizza, 29 Front Street, Consett

On 18th January 2019 Durham Constabulary's licencing officer for Consett PCSO 6832 Michelle Williamson visited the premises with Rebecca Young who is a licencing officer employed by Durham County Council as information had been received that all the takeaways in Consett were selling hot food over the Christmas holidays outside of their licencing hours.

A C S who was a member of staff at Derwentside Pizza at the time when the officers visited the premises was given a warning advice letter and also a copy of their current licence.

D. O who was the owner at the time of this visit was spoken too over the phone whilst the officers were at the premises.

Durham Constabulary were still receiving reports that takeaways in Consett weren't adhering to their licenced hours so on 30th August 2019 Durham Constabulary carried out the first test purchase at Derwentside Pizza under operation Goldfish 2019 .

We attended the premises at 03:28hrs and ordered a 12" ham and pineapple pizza, whilst we were waiting for the order other customers were present in the shop ordering food. The pizza was ready at 03:37hrs. Whilst in the premises the blue notice was observed by officers, it was displayed in the window and related to the application to extend their hours. Derwentside Pizza Current licence at the time of the test purchase was 3am.

On 5th September 2019 Durham County Council sent a letter to Mr RAHIMPOUR-ODJANI (the applicant) advising the variation hadn't been granted as objections had been received and that they should operate in their current licensable hours until the matter had been dealt with by licencing committee on 8th October 2019. The letter was sent to the premises address, the premises licence holders address and followed up by an email to the PLH.

On 15th September 2019, a second test purchase was a carried by Durham Constabulary again under operation Goldfish 2019. Derwentside Pizza was visited at 03:30hrs and a 12" ham and pineapple pizza was ordered. The pizza was ready at 03:42hrs. Whilst in the premises the blue notice was observed by officers, it was displayed in the window and related to the application to extend their hours.

Derwentside Pizza have in their actions shown a complete disregard for the Licencing Act 2003. They applied to vary their premises licence to include additional hours so will have been fully aware of their licenced hours when they made this application, however have chosen to serve hot food beyond their licenced hours prior to the variation being granted.

Thankyou

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