

Stankerr Pubs Limited
Burgundy House,
21 The Foresters,
Harpenden,
Hertfordshire.
AL5 2FP.

Thursday 14th December

Dear Sirs

Statement by Gavin Martin, tenant of the Crown and Sceptre public house Ross on Wye.

It is noted by me Gavin Martin, the tenant of the Crown and Sceptre pub that the Alcohol License at the Crown and Sceptre Public House has been suspended as a result of allegations by the West Mercia police relating to the supply of Class A and Class B drugs.

It is further noted that in the Lease dated 12/11/2021 Clause 6.1 (KKK) that the Lease can be forfeited in the event where any license holder is convicted of any offence that may cause the tenant or License holder to lose any of the Necessary Licenses.

Under Schedule 3, Clause 2.5 I note the tenant is required "to do everything necessary so there are no problems with the Necessary Licenses or the business".

I therefore confirm that on the basis that the current License suspension is lifted then:

- 1) Michael Hudson will be barred from the pub and the flat above the pub from the date the alcohol suspension is lifted up to the date of the conclusion of the legal case brought against him. Likewise Michael Aston who was a member of staff.
- 2) If Michael Hudson is convicted of the supply of Class A drugs then I accept that this is in contravention to Clause 6.1 (kkk) which can result in forfeiture of my Lease.

In preference to this action from the Freeholder I agree that Michael Hudson will be barred permanently from the pub and I will agree to sell my Leasehold interest in the pub as quickly as possible and at least within 3 months of the date of the conviction. I note that this must be to a party acceptable to Stankerr Pubs Ltd.

- 3) I agree to work with and provide all due cooperation to a replacement DPS (replacing Michael Hudson) selected by Stankerr Pubs Ltd (and approved by the police) in order to uphold the licensing objectives.

I will agree to the DPS entering into a Contract directly by Stankerr Pubs Ltd and the costs of which will be recovered from me.

- 4) All staff working permanently behind the bar will vetted by the DPS and will be trained as license holders. I agree this will happen within the first two weeks. This costs will be paid for by the Premises License holder Stankerr Pubs Ltd and recovered from me.
- 5) I will provide all co-operation to the police in relation to access 24/7 to conduct checks at both the pub and the flat until the case against Michael Hudson is concluded. To be clear if the police want access to the flat or pub then I will give them access to them both immediately.

- 6) I note that failure to abide by the above will result in immediate legal action from the Landlord in respect of their contention that I have breached the covenants in my Lease.

Yours truly,

Gavin Martin