



Nightsafe Department  
Blackpool Central Police Office  
Bonny Street  
Blackpool  
Lancashire  
FY1 5RL

15<sup>th</sup> September 2011

Dear Mr Ian Roche,

**Re: Peek-A-Booze, 72-74 Dickson Road, Blackpool, FY1 2AW.**

In relation to the Licensing Act 2003 I would like to bring to your attention the fact that as of the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2005 the new licensing act came into force and will be rigorously enforced by all of the enforcement officers in the town.

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2011, the above premises were visited and found to be operating outside the conditions of the premises licence as outlined below.

**5 All staff to have received suitable training in relation to the proof of age scheme to be applied upon the premises. Records to evidence this will be made available to an authorised officer upon request.**

Although I saw blank copies of knowledge checks in relation to proof of age there was no documentation completed or signed by staff.

**7 An authorisation, signed and dated by the Designated Premises Supervisor, shall be kept at the premises showing all persons authorised by them to make sales of alcohol at the premises. All staff involved in sales will be at least 18 years of age and will receive training to promote the licensing objectives. All training to be documented and records made available on request to a Police Officer or any authorised officer.**

There was no such authorisation in place at the time of my visit. Although I saw a summary of what staff could do to promote the licensing objectives, e.g. ID checks, drug procedure etc none of these sheets were signed by staff.

**10 A drugs prevention strategy for the venue shall be developed, applied and documented.**

At the time of my visit no such documented strategy was available.

**16 CCTV will be installed internally and externally at the premises and will comply with the following:**

**The CCTV system shall be installed, maintained and operated to the reasonable satisfaction of Lancashire Constabulary. All public areas of the premises are to be covered by the system. The system will incorporate a camera covering each of the entrance doors and will be capable of providing an image which is regarded as identification standard.**

Although there was a CCTV system in place at the time of my visit there was no external CCTV coverage. Also the room containing the pool table was not covered and although I could see that there was two cameras inside the premises these were showing as 'video loss' at the time so I could not confirm if the CCTV covered the entrance doors. You have assured me that you have ordered a new CCTV system which can enable you to have 9 cameras as opposed to the 4 that are currently in place.

**19 Appropriate signage alerting customers to CCTV recording shall be displayed in conspicuous positions on the premises.**

There was no such signage in place when I attended the premises.

**25 The Licence holder and the Designated Premises Supervisor shall erect and maintain signage (in a form approved by the licensing authority) on or adjacent to all staffed exits advising patrons of the Street Drinking Order and the intention of staff to enforce a no exit with a bottle policy.**

There was no such signage in place when I attended the premises.

I would also advise that in accordance with section 136 (1) of The Licensing Act 2003 "A person commits an offence if a) he carries on or attempts to carry on a licensable activity on or from any premises otherwise than in accordance with an authorisation, b) he knowingly allows a licensable activity to be so carried on".

The maximum penalty for this offence is six months imprisonment and/or a fine not exceeding £20,000.

Please take this letter as a formal warning that if your premises are found to be operating outside the conditions again then formal proceedings will be taken.

A copy of this letter will be retained on your premises file and maybe used against you in subsequent hearings.

If I have no further contact from you I will visit your premises in three weeks time, when I expect the above issues to be rectified. If you have any queries then please don't hesitate to contact me and I will do my best to help.

Yours sincerely,

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