

# THAMES VALLEY POLICE

**Division/Station: Licensing Department, Police HQ South Kidlington.**

**From: Ian Wares – Thames Valley Police, To: Licensing Officer.  
West Oxfordshire District Council.**

**Date: 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021.**

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## **Objection Notice to TEN Application by the Siege of Orleans, 5 Giles Centre, Carterton – Mr Chris Jones on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021.**

As Licensing Officer for Thames Valley Police, I am authorised to make representation in relation to applications and notification submitted under the Licensing Act 2003 on behalf of the Chief Constable as a responsible authority.

In respect of the temporary event notice submitted for the Siege of Orleans on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021, applied for by Chris Jones of Siege of Orleans, Carterton, I have received the application and am submitting an objection notice under section 104 of the Licensing Act 2003, under the grounds of Prevention of Crime and Disorder.

The event is due to take place on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021 16.00hrs to 01.00hrs on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2021 and from 12.00hrs Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2021 until 01.00hrs on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021, the event will be held both within the premises and outside in the alleyway. The reason for the event is to – Celebrate the easing of Covid 19 restrictions.

The event will consist of both live music on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> and a DJ on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2021 and will be restricted to 100 people.

This premise is a small bar, which is located in a small row of commercial businesses in the Giles Centre. There is a small alleyway, which runs along the front of the businesses; this alleyway became the concern to Thames Valley Police during the Covid 19 Pandemic, when multiple complaints were received about the alleyway being overcrowded when social distancing was meant to be taking place. Several meetings were, with held between the Licensee, TVP and WODC, and Thames Valley Police made several visits during NTE patrols.

The Police Inspector – Steve Hookham who is in charge of the Neighbourhood Policing Team and his local Police Sergeant have raised concerns about the increase of crime and disorder incidents being reported in and around the premises.

There has been several reports from Service personnel to the Royal Air Force Police about drugs misuse in the premises by service personnel.

The following incidents were located on the TVP Computerised Management Platform (CMP) and reports from the RAF Police:

### **Drugs Misuse**

- INC – 2021/06/20 – 2301 - Two males using cocaine in the toilets.
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2021 – Call to the RAF Police, that a known serviceman was seen to snort a line of cocaine of a table top, this was witnessed by the manager, who ejected the male from the premises for 10 minutes before letting him back in.
- INC – 2102/05/15 – 2294 @ 22.09hrs – Call stating that there was two females in the ladies cubical taking cocaine and heard one complaining that she had a nose bleed.
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – The RAF Police received a call, reporting that there was a lock in at the premises and service Personnel were, believed to be consuming controlled drugs.

### **Police Drug Swabs**

On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021. TVP with the consent of the premises management carried out a drug swab samples both the Ladies and the Gents toilets, both locations, resulted in HIGH readings of cocaine use.

TVP sent the premises a Drugs letter with the result of the readings.

### **Incident of Disorder**

- Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Less Serious Assault – Report from the RAF Police that there had been an altercation in premises between two service

people. Where one of them threw a glass at the other hitting him on the nose and causing injury. Incident dealt with by RAF Police and the suspect was, arrested at the base.

- RAF Incident No; 141076 of 13<sup>th</sup> May 21 – Staff called the RAF Police due to a serviceman being intoxicated and jumping on a table, causing damage. Suspect traced and agreed to pay for the damage.
- INC – 2021/04/29 – 2149@ 20.22hrs – Incident occurred on the 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021, report of an altercation between group of travellers and RAF personnel. Dealt with by the RAF Police.
- INC – 2021/04/23 – 0226 – Report of a fight in progress at the premises and criminal damage to surrounding property, RAF Police called instead of TVP, RAF Police dealt with the incident and reported it to TVP the next day.
- Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021 – Complaints made to the local NHPT Sgt that a group of intoxicated males had caused damage to flower planters at another premises and then caused a disturbance at the gates to the RAF Base, who were, dealt with by the RAF Police.
- Police Patrol – 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021 – 23.08hrs – Officers walked down the alleyway, which was extremely busy. People were standing drinking when they should have been seated, several people walked away along the street with their drinks and the glasses belonging to the premises.

14<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Phone call to the licensee who had submitted an application for a TEN for the May Bank Holiday weekend, informing him that TVP were unhappy about the amount of incidents that the premises was generating. TVP informed the applicant that they would be objecting to the application for these reasons. The licensee withdrew the application.

Both TVP and the Royal Air Force have concerns about the amount of incidents that are occurring in and around this premises and the level of intoxication. He

has asked a Tier 2 licensing meeting to be, arranged to invite the licensee into the Police Station to try to resolve the matter.

Thames Valley Police believe that if this event is, granted then there will be a high risk that further incidents of Intoxication, disorder and complaints from local residents. Which would undermine the licensing objectives.

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