

## Police Appendix A – Rum & Spice Timeline & Events

### 29/08/2023

Rum & Spice Ltd (Companies House number 15101631) registered at 2 King Street, Leicester. LE1 6RH. The company was incorporated on the 29/08/2023 with Mr Merenre Millett born September 1984 listed as the sole company director.

### 03/11/2023

Leicester City Council Premise licence transfer received for Rum & Spice Ltd, with the venue previously known as That's Amore.

### 23/01/2024

PC Pritchard observed tradesperson working within the ground floor area of the venue. A new sign was erected in early February.

### 20/02/2024

Ms Hasnae Malki removed herself as designated premises supervisor (DPS) after stating she had left the previous business That's Amore in 2022.

### 05/03/2024

A designated premise supervisor (DPS) transfer application was rejected, as the applicant did not hold a personal licence.

### 13/03/2024

Anthony Thomas (also known as Anton) was appointed as the new designated premises supervisor (DPS) of the venue.

### 27/03/2024

Mr Merenre Millett applied for a temporary Leicester City Council pavement licence, which was later granted with conditions on the **7<sup>th</sup> May 2024** and valid until the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

See Leicester City Council Pavement Licence number – LEISC5746

(See Police Appendix B)

### **13/04/2024**

Whilst reviewing Leicester City Council CCTV footage in relation to another incident not connected to the premises, PC Pritchard observed the venues pavement licence furniture on the public highway (King Street) at 4:30am on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

This is the first time the premises is known to have opened to the public as far as the police know.

Despite having applied for a pavement licence, the licence had not yet been granted and was not so until the 7<sup>th</sup> May. Therefore, the premises were illegally using the public highway for their own benefit. Once the licence was issued, three weeks later the pavement licence operating hours were daily from 11am until 11pm. Therefore, the premises was illegally using the highway on the 13/04/2024.

PC Pritchard attempted to contact Anthony Thomas (DPS) by mobile phone and email to discuss the above without success.

### **02/05/2024**

PC Pritchard eventually managed to contact Anthony Thomas who stated he was going to be leaving the business shortly and that Tanya Paul would be replacing him as the venues DPS.

PC Pritchard reminded Mr Thomas of a specific premises licence condition, relating to last entry no later than 4am.

### **12/05/2024**

Inspector 2104 Allingham had reason to speak to staff due loud music coming from the venue. A person who identified himself as the manager stated they were permitted to open until 6am and last entry was at 5am. When challenged about the last entry time, the manager stated they had a new licence, so Inspector Allingham did not pursue this as he assumed the person was correct/telling the truth.

### **26/05/2024 @ 4:18am. Crime Reference 24000308212. Assault/Public Order.**

Members of the public alerted police officers in the area to an unconscious male outside the venue. On arrival, officers located an injured male. It later transpired that the male had been causing a nuisance outside the front of the venue, when one of the venues door supervisors decided to take the law into his own hands and assault the male.

The door supervisor was later arrested, charged with a public order offence and suspended by Security Industry Authority (SIA).

This matter is scheduled to be heard at court on the 09/01/2025.

### **03/06/2024**

Leicestershire Police received information that a civil enforcement officer had been instructed by the landlord to enter the premises and change the locks. The venue remained closed the following weekend but re-opened later that month.

### **26/06/2024 – 23/07/2024**

The local authority rejected two designated premises supervisor (DPS) transfers for the same person as result of incomplete/inaccurate forms.

### **03/08/2024 @ 5:45am. Crime Reference 24000460387. Assault Allegation.**

Police officers on patrol came across an aggressive male in the street who was being restrained by his friends. The male alleged he had been ejected by door staff and assaulted in the process, resulting in injury. On speaking to staff, it was alleged the male had been found in the ladies toilets resulting in him being ejected from the venue.

The male later declined to make a formal complaint and no further action was taken.

### **15/09/2024 @ 7:15am. Suspected unauthorised licensable activity & Pavement Licence Breach**

PC Pritchard was reviewing Leicester City Council CCTV footage in relation to an incident on King Street when he noticed the premises tables, chairs and planters stacked up against the building line on King Street. Several members of the public were witnessed to unstack chairs and sit down in the area covered by the pavement licence. A number of other members of the public were seen in and around the entrance to the venue, despite the venue closing to the public 75 minutes earlier at 6am.

A fight later broke out in close proximity to the premises and spilled into the area covered by the pavement licence, where the group were sat down on the venue's outdoor pavement furniture.

Leicester City Council CCTV was checked for the previous day and again the pavement licence furniture was still out on the public highway in the early hours of Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Again, a number of members of the public were seen at the entrance of the venue significantly after 6am.

### **20/09/2024**

A designated premises supervisor (DPS) transfer was submitted for a Mr Craig Niblett. However, the form was only partially completed, resulting in a 14-day grace period being given by the local authority.

**20/09/2024 @ 10:52pm.**

A Leicestershire Police Warning Letter dated 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024 was handed delivered to the venue.

The letter was left at the venue for Mr Millets attention after speaking to him on the telephone as well as leaving a voicemail message.

The letter details the police concerns the premises was operating after hours on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September and that pavement licence furniture had been left out the public highway on 14<sup>th</sup> and members of the public were using the pavement licence furniture on the 15<sup>th</sup>, thus a breach of its pavement licence conditions.

Whilst at the premises, PC Pritchard spoke with four members of staff, one of whom was the DJ,

The DJ was in the process of setting up the DJ decks in the basement, whilst another staff member was working behind the basement bar.

None of the staff knew who Anthony Thomas or Craig Niblett was. On asking them who the designated premises supervisor was, all of them replied Mr Millett aka Mez. One members of staff said he had worked at the venue for over four months but didn't know who Anthony Thomas aka Anton or Craig Niblett was.

Mr Millett was invited to attend the police station to discuss these matters.

(See Police Appendix C – PC Pritchard Letter to Mr Millet dated 20<sup>th</sup> September)

**22/09/2024**

PC Pritchard attempted to call Mr Millett and left a voicemail message.

**28/09/2024 @ 4:10am. Premises Licence Breach.**

PS 1939 Dunigan observed customers entering the premises after 4am. On challenging door staff, they stated they were unaware and would get a member of management. PS Dunigan would state he was greeted by a confrontational manager. On pointing out that new customers were not permitted entry after 4am, the manager replied ***“it wasn't a problem last week or the week before”***.

(See Police Appendix D – PS 1939 Dunigan evidential statement)

**29/09/2024 between 2:50am-3am. Crime Reference 24000581430. Spiking Allegation.**

A customer states she was within the basement area listening to the DJ when she walked past a male and suddenly felt a pin prick to her shoulder, which later developed into a bruise. The victim states she reported her concern to a female bar tender who became aggressive towards her for reporting it, whilst the suspect started shouting and denying the allegation. The victim stated she left the venue and attended the hospital.



On the 20/11/2024, DC 1547 Linnell contacted PC Pritchard and expressed her concerns in writing. DC 1547 Linnell believes Mr Millett deliberately hindered a criminal investigation, as he only provided CCTV footage from one CCTV camera, despite stating he was aware of the incident as it allegedly involved a plastic syringe full of alcohol. This is supported by comments made by Mr Millett to both PC Pritchard during a meeting on 10/10/2024 and to ISA8543 Langton and ISA 7278 Fraser-Smith on 11/10/2024.

**29/09/2024 @ 5:30am. Crime Number 24000580810. Assault Allegation.**

Female caller contacts police and states she was earlier assaulted inside the ladies toilets by two males who she suspects to be door supervisors or staff. The caller stopped engaging and no further investigation was completed.

**30/09/2024 – Pavement Licence Breach**

PC Pritchard observed the planters used by the venue stacked up against the building line on King Street in the early hours of the morning. This was despite the previous warning letter dated 20<sup>th</sup> September.

**01/10/2024 – Pavement Licence Breach**

PC Pritchard observed the planters used by the venue stacked up against the building line in the early hours of the morning.

**02/10/2024**

Investigations Support Assistant 7278 Fraser-Smith from Leicestershire Police contacted Anthony Thomas, as she believed he was the venues designated premises supervisor. The telephone call was in relation to a crime enquiry connected to the venue. It was during this conversation that Mr Thomas stated he was no longer the DPS and **had not been since July/August**. Mr Thomas was unable to give the name of the new DPS and advised the officer to contact Mr Millett.

(See Police Appendix E – ISA 7278 Fraser Smith evidential statement)

**04/10/2024 – Meeting Attempt**

PC Pritchard and Mr Millett were scheduled to hold a meeting at Mansfield House, however Mr Millett failed to acknowledge the appointment. Mr Millett responded later that day and the meeting was rescheduled for 10/10/2024.

**09/10/2024**

PC Pritchard spoke with Mr Anthony Thomas given ISA Fraser-Smith's conversation within him on the 02/10/2024. Mr Thomas again stated he left the business in July 2024 and stated he had

requested he be removed as DPS in writing in late June/early July. Mr Thomas stated he had notified the council of this in writing (by email) and was also asked to complete an official council form, which he said he did and returned to the council. Mr Thomas stated he was surprised the police were still contacting him as he had left Rum & Spice in July.

\*\*\*Therefore, the premises were operating without an active DPS between the start of July 2024 and 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024, when Mr Craig Niblett was appointed. \*\*\*

#### **10/10/2024 – Police, Leicester City Council Licensing, PLH & DPS Meeting**

At the request of the police, a meeting was held at Mansfield House police station with Mr Millett and Mr Niblett. Also present was Miss Minaxi a Leicester City Council Licensing Enforcement Officer. Prior to the start of the meeting, a manager who also wanted to attend the meeting attempted to re-schedule the meeting to another today.

#### **11/10/2024 @ 7:20am. Pavement Licence Breach**

Despite the meeting with the PLH & DPS the previous day, PC Pritchard observed pavement licence furniture planters, parasol bases and various other debris left outside the premises on the public highway/King Street.

(See PC Pritchard exhibit JJP01A & JJP01B)

#### **11/10/2024**

As result of meeting yesterday, PC Pritchard sent a letter via post and email to the PLH & DPS, to re-iterate in writing what was discussed.

(See Police Appendix F – PC Pritchard's letter dated 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024).

#### **12/10/2024 @ 9am. Pavement Licence Breach.**

PC Pritchard observed several planters which form part of the pavement licence furniture left out on the public highway.

(See PC Pritchard exhibit JJP02A & JJP02B)

#### **17/10/2024 @ 7:15am. Pavement Licence Breach**

PC Pritchard observed one planter and five parasol bases outside the front of the premises.

(See PC Pritchard exhibit JJP03A)

**18/10/2024 @ 7:20am. Pavement Licence Breach.**

PC Pritchard observed a broken planter, five parasol bases and a broken wooden table with a leg/piece of wood stacked up against the building line on King Street.

(See PC Pritchard exhibit JJP04A & JJP04B)

**19/10/2024 @ 9:20am. Pavement Licence Breach**

Same as the previous day.

(See PC Pritchard exhibit JJP05A to JJP05D)

**20/10/2024 – Premises Licence Breach, Pavement Licence Breaches, Noise & Safety Concerns.**

At 4:25am hours, officers were outside the venue and loud music could be heard coming the venue. The venues pavement licence furniture was still out on the public highway.

At 4:27am, a member of the venues security approached PC 1434 Berry and stated they were withdrawing their services as customers had been allowed entry without being searched, they were unsure how many people were inside the management/promotor had knowingly been allowing customers in after 4am, despite being aware that it was a licence condition. The security provider stated they could no longer guarantee the venues safety and due to behaviour of the management were leaving.

As result of the above, PS 1462 King also attended and along with other others elected to close the venue.

Mr Millett was present during the incident.

Please see PS 1462 King & PC 1434 Berry body worn camera footage.

**21/10/2024 @ 8:15am – Pavement Licence Breach.**

PC Pritchard observed four planters which form part of the venue's pavement licence furniture area on the public highway. This being the tenth/eleventh occasion, despite all the previous warnings.

(See PC Pritchard exhibit JJP06A)

**22/10/2024 – Review Applications X2**

Leicestershire Police submitted the premises licence and pavement licence review application.

**29/10/2024 – Premises Licence Breach & Unauthorized Licensable Activity**

Leicester City Council confirmed the premises plans held by Leicestershire Police were correct and that the basement area was not licensed.

### **05/11/2024 – Letter to Mr Millett**

A letter was sent to Mr Millett via post and email informing him the basement was not licensed and that all licensable activities must stop with the basement immediately. Mr Millett contacted PC Pritchard later that day to discuss his options. PC Pritchard offered advice but again suggested Mr Millett should seek independent legal advice.

(See Police Appendix G – PC Pritchard Letter dated 05/11/24)

### **07/11/2024**

Mr Millett submitted a late temporary event notice to the council to use the basement area. However, as no date was specified the application was rejected.

### **10/11/2024 @ 4:32am – Police Compliance Visit**

PC 1099 Brown and colleagues conducted a compliance visit at the venue.

A speaker had been placed on the ground floor, facing in the direction of the basement, so technically no recorded music was being played in the basement.

However, the basement bar tills were switched on and there was alcohol on display behind the bar, contrary to Section 137 of the Licensing Act 2003 – Exposing alcohol for unauthorised sale.

### **12/11/2024 – Temporary Event Notice for Friday 15<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

Mr Millett submitted a late temporary event for Friday 15<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November, in order to licence both the ground floor and the basement area which is not licensed.

Despite the pending review hearing, Mr Millett applied to open an extra hour until 7am, whilst also increasing the last entry time by an hour to 5am.

Leicestershire Police submitted a representation and a counter notice was issued.

(See Police Appendix H – Temporary Event Notice Application/Police Representation & Local Authority Counter Notice)

### **14/11/2024**

PC Pritchard and Mr Millett email exchange given events of 10/11/2024.

(See Police Appendix I)

### **19/11/2024**

Companies House issued a First Gazette Notice for Rum & Spice Ltd (15101631) and has served notice that they intend to strike off/dissolve the company within two months of 19/11/2024, unless matters are resolved.

**23/11/2024 – Police Licensing Compliance Visit @ 12:30am. Multiple Premises Licence Condition Breaches Discovered.**

PS 4081 Tompkins, PC 4416 Spencer and PC 4323 Godden completed a compliance visit at the venue.

The basement's sole fire exit was obstructed by DJ equipment and other items and on opening the door, the fire exit corridor was also partially blocked as it was being used for storage.

Staff were unable to produce any training records and there was no substantial food being offered as per a condition of licence. Staff stated the kitchen closes at 10pm.

PS Tompkins later spoke with Mr Millett over the telephone who was blaise in his responses and stated they provided substantial meals in the forms of crisps and nuts.

The officer's also stated staff were initially unaware of who the designated premises supervisor was and it was only when his name was mentioned, did they state they knew.

(See Appendix J - PS 4081 Tompkins evidential statement)

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Our reference: LEISC5746  
Date: 7 May, 2024



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Dear Merenre Aniba Heru

## **Pavement Licence**

**LEISC5746**

**Rum and Spice**

**2 King Street**

Commences: **7 May, 2024**

Expires: **6 May, 2026**

Please find enclosed your pavement licence the above mentioned premises. The licence must be displayed clearly on the premises.

I would draw your attention to the **licence conditions** attached, which must be adhered to at all times. **There is now a condition that the licence holder and appropriate members of staff shall complete ACT (Action Counters Terrorism) training.** Details of how to register for this free training are on the council's website, together with a guidance document in relation to street cafes. Please visit [www.leicester.gov.uk](http://www.leicester.gov.uk) and search for 'pavement licence'.

Also attached is your licensed area plan.

Please ensure this is adhered to, including keeping any A-Boards within the licensed area..

Should you require any further information, or advice regarding your licence, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours sincerely,

**Deborah Bragg**

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# PAVEMENT LICENCE

LEVELLING UP AND REGENERATION ACT 2023

# LEISC5746

## LOCAL AUTHORITY



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## NAME OF HOLDER OF STREET CAFE LICENCE

**Merenre Aniba Heru MILLETT**

## PREMISE DETAILS

### **Rum and Spice**

2 King Street, Leicester, LE1 6RH

## PERMITTED TABLES AND CHAIRS

**TABLES**  
18

**CHAIRS**  
36

## PERMITTED HOURS

Mon-Sun

**Open from**  
11:00

**Open to**  
23:00

## SPECIAL CONDITIONS

All customers using the area covered by the pavement licence will be required to be seated, with the exception of entry and egress.

The licence holder shall ensure that the pavement licence area is supervised by a member of staff at all times when open to the public.

The licence holder will ensure that pavement licence area is covered by the premises CCTV and that any umbrella or parasols are removed if it obscures CCTV coverage and interferes with the detection of crime and disorder.

The licence holder shall ensure the CCTV is retained for a minimum of 31 days and permit the identification of individuals.

The licence holder shall ensure CCTV is provided to an officer from a responsible authority within 7 days of a formal request.

The licence holder shall ensure only drinks supplied by the premises are consumed with the pavement licence area.

## LICENCE DETAILS

**COMMENCES:** 07 May 2024

**EXPIRES :** 06 May 2026

## NOTES

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- (1) IF ANY PERSON NAMED IN THIS LICENCE CHANGES HIS ADDRESS, HE MUST, WITHIN SEVEN DAYS, GIVE WRITTEN NOTICE THEREOF TO THE COUNCIL.
- (2) ANY VARIATIONS TO THIS LICENCE MUST BE APPLIED FOR TO THE COUNCIL.

Authorised by: *Deborah Bragg*  
**Licensing Team Manager**



## PAVEMENT LICENCE

LICENCE No: LEISC5746

Licence commences: 7 May, 2024

Licence expires: 6 May, 2026

### STANDARD CONDITIONS

These Conditions apply, save in so far as they are amended by or are inconsistent with any Special Condition and in addition to the National Conditions.

### DEFINITIONS

“Licensed Area”: the area licensed by the Council for the pavement licence.

“Licensed Plan”: the plan approved by the Council detailing the Licensed Area and layout of the pavement licence.

“main premises”: the premises connected to the pavement licence.

“pavement licence”: the Licensed Area containing the furniture relating to the pavement licence.

“pavement licence furniture”: includes but is not limited to:

(1) tables, chairs or other forms of seating; and

(2) barriers (or similar structures), planters, parasols, umbrellas, heaters and other articles used in connection with the outdoor consumption of food or drink.

“street furniture”: objects and structures installed on streets and roads for various purposes including, but not limited to, street light columns, sign posts, waste bins, railings, trees, bus shelters, bollards, seats, benches, post boxes and similar items.

### RESPONSIBILITY OF LICENCE HOLDER

- 1 The Licence holder shall be responsible for compliance with the conditions of the Licence at all times.

### DISPLAY OF LICENCE

- 2 The Licence holder shall ensure that a copy of the Licence is displayed in a prominent public position in the premises.

### PUBLIC LIABILITY

- 3 The Licence holder shall ensure that £5 million public liability insurance cover is in effect to cover the pavement licence for the duration of the Licence.

### GENERAL

- 4 The layout of the pavement licence furniture shall at all times conform with the Licensed Plan.
- 5 The Licence holder shall at all times ensure that the pavement licence furniture is not placed outside of the Licensed Area”.
- 6 Pavement licence furniture must be sited where it does not impede rights of access, block vehicular sight lines, obstruct fire paths, obstruct emergency access routes or obstruct emergency exits.
- 7 Pavement licence furniture must not be permanently fixed.
- 8 A minimum of 2 metres must remain free between the outer edge of the licensed area and the edge of any street furniture or defined carriageway such as cycle lanes.
- 9 The licensed area must not obstruct the visibility of or for a wheelchair user at any crossing point, including a vehicular access.
- 10 The licensed area must not obstruct tactile paving.
- 11 An accessible route must be available into the licensed area, and through the licensed area

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into the main premises.

- 12 Pavement licence furniture must be of good quality and design and must positively enhance the street scene and public space.
- 13 The maximum number of specified items of pavement licence furniture authorised by the Licence must not be exceeded.
- 14 Pavement licence furniture consisting of tables and chairs must be separate and be of a design that allows use by customers who are disabled and/or wheelchair users.
- 15 Pavement licence furniture consisting of parasols must:
  - (1) be at least 2 metres from the ground at their lowest point.
  - (2) be suitably secure at the base, robust and of high quality.
- 16 Pavement licence furniture consisting of umbrellas must be non-reflective.
- 17 Where pavement licence furniture consists of patio heaters, the Licence holder shall notify their insurers of the use of such equipment and ensure that the use is included in the terms of their public liability insurance cover.
- 18 The licensed area shall be contained by means of a barrier or similar structure which itself must remain within the Licensed Area.
- 19 Pavement licence furniture consisting of barriers (or similar structures) and planters must:
  - (1) have a solid horizontal bar / element at an appropriate height above ground level so as to be detectable by a stick ("tapping rail").
  - (2) not be plastic in material unless authorised by the Council
  - (3) have a minimum of two distinct contrasting colours, authorised by the Council, in order to meet the needs of partially sighted people.
  - (4) be a minimum of 1.0 metres and a maximum of 1.5 metres in height unless otherwise authorised by the Council.
  - (5) be removed entirely from the highway outside the hours authorised by the Street Café Licence.
  - (6) be lightweight in construction and portable but robust enough to withstand winds or being pushed over
  - (7) be of a design, authorised by the Council, to compliment the surrounding area.
  - (8) be supported by suitable 'feet' that do not cause a trip hazard to pedestrians and do not protrude outside of the Licensed Area.
- 20 The Licence holder shall remove the furniture from the Licensed Area outside the permitted hours of the Pavement Licence, and: -
  - (1) immediately if required to do so on reasonable request at any time by a Police Officer, Police Community Support Officer or Leicester City Council Licensing Enforcement Officer.
  - (2) as necessary to permit works in, on or over the highway or the use of the highway by
    - (a) the Council, Police, Fire and Rescue service, Ambulance service or any statutory undertakers
    - (b) the following where specifically permitted by the Council as Highway Authority



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(c) vehicles accessing premises for the purpose of loading/unloading of goods

(d) builders' vehicles, hearses and furniture removal vans

- 21 The Licensed Area must be used solely for the purpose of consuming refreshments such as food and/or drink.
- 22 The Licence holder shall provide a waiter / waitress service, where hot drinks are served in open containers.
- 23 The Licence holder shall ensure that the licensed area is kept clean and is kept free from litter at all times.
- 24 The Licence holder shall maintain a twice daily scheduled cleaning record of the licensed area and provide it to Council Licensing Officers on reasonable request.
- 25 Waste from the licensed area must not be disposed of in any permanent litter bins provided by the Council.
- 26 The licence holder shall ensure that that there are clear 'smoking and 'non-smoking' areas with no smoking signage displayed in designated 'smoke free' zones in accordance with the Smoke Free (Signs) Regulations 2012.
- 27 Ashtrays or similar receptacles must be provided in areas where smoking take place.
- 28 No ashtrays or similar receptacles to be provided or permitted to be left on furniture where smoke-free seating is identified.
- 29 Licence holders should provide a minimum 2m distance between non-smoking and smoking areas, wherever possible.
- 30 The layout of the licensed area must ensure that smoke does not enter the main premises.
- 31 There shall be no external public address system within the Licensed Area.
- 32 The Licence holder shall maintain good order and decent behaviour in and around the licensed area at all times it is open.
- 33 The Licence holder shall ensure compliance with all statutory requirements.
- 34 The Licence holder shall ensure that they and appropriate members of staff complete ACT (Action Counters Terrorism) training. This is available online and more details can be found on the Council's website [www.leicester.gov.uk](http://www.leicester.gov.uk) (search for "pavement licensing").
- 35 The Licence holder shall ensure that users of the licensed area comply with all current and future Public Health legislation, including Coronavirus legislation and Government guidance and advice issued and given in that respect (particularly, but not limited to, social distancing measures).
- 36 No alcohol shall be sold or consumed within the Licensed Area except in compliance with the Licensing Act 2003 or the 'off sales' element of the Business and Planning Act 2020.
- 37 The existence of the Licence does not authorise the playing of live or recorded music within the Licensed Area. The provision of any such entertainment must be in accordance with the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003.
- 38 The Licence holder shall indemnify the Council against public liability claims arising from use of the pavement licence.
- 39 Any damage to the highway and/or Council property arising from use of the pavement licence shall be repaired by the Council with all costs recharged to the Licence holder. Save where the same is attributable to negligence on the part of the Council or any of its officers, the Licence holder shall make no claim or charge against the Council in the event payment

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licence furniture is lost, stolen or damaged.

### SUSPENSION / REVOCATION OF THE LICENCE

- 40 At any time when £5 million public liability insurance cover is not in force in respect of the pavement licence as required under standard condition 3, the Licence shall be deemed to have been withdrawn by the Council for the period during which such a policy is not in force, and the Licence holder may be liable for obstruction of the highway and prosecution under section 137 of the Highways Act 1980.
- 41 This condition does not in any way prevent the Council from acting in these circumstances to revoke the Licence under standard condition 40.
- 42 The Licence may be suspended or revoked by the Council at any time for breach of the conditions of the Licence, or any other reasonable cause, on giving written notice to that effect to the Licence holder.

By way of example, not limitation, such reasonable cause might exist where:

- (1) some or all of the highway to which the Licence relates has become unsuitable for any purpose in relation to which the Licence was granted.
- (2) as a result of the Licence:
  - (a) there is a risk to public health or safety, or
  - (b) anti-social behaviour or public nuisance is being caused or risks being caused, or
  - (c) the highway is being obstructed (other than by anything done by the Licence holder pursuant to the Licence).
- (3) anything material stated by the Licence holder in their application for the Licence was false or misleading.

This condition does not limit the Council's discretion to deal with any breach of the conditions of the Licence otherwise than by way of suspension or revocation. The full enforcement powers are detailed within the Business and Planning Act 2020.

### NATIONAL CONDITIONS

National conditions relating to 'No-Obstruction' and 'Smoke-free seating' will be effective on all licences. Specific Conditions relating to smoke free are:

- (a) Clear 'smoking' and 'non-smoking' areas, with 'no smoking' signage displayed in designated 'smoke-free' zones in accordance with Smoke-free (signs) regulations 2012
- (b) No ash trays or similar receptacles to be provided or permitted to be left on furniture where smoke-free seating is identified.
- (c) Licence holders should provide a minimum 2m distance between non smoking and smoking areas.







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Mr Merenre Millett

C/O – Rum & Spice, 2 King Street, Leicester. LE1 6RH

Letter dated – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

Reference: Leicester City Council Premises Licence Number LEIPRM0791 & Leicester City Council Pavement Licence Number – LEISC5746 = Unauthorised Licensable Activity, breach of premises licence condition(s) and breach of pavement licence condition(s) on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

Dear Mr Millett,

Leicestershire Police has evidence that Rum & Spice, 2 King Street, Leicester. LE1 6RH was operating after hours on the morning of Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September and Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

Therefore, this is a significant breach of your Leicester City Council Premises Licence (LEIPRM0791).

It was also noted the venues street café furniture was not removed from the public highway between 11pm and 11am, which is also a breach of your Leicester City Council Pavement Licence number – LEISC5746.

Customers were seen entering and leaving the premises several hours after 6am and unstacking chairs outside the venue and sitting down in the early hours of the morning.

Therefore, the above is not supportive of the licensing objectives, is a breach of your Leicester City Council Premises Licence/Pavement Licence and is ultimately a criminal offence. Contrary to Section 136 of the Licensing Act 2003 – Carry on unauthorised licensable activity.

The maximum penalty for this offence is up to six months imprisonment and/or a fine up to £20,000.

Please accept this letter as a written warning and that a repeat may render you liable to prosecution and/or a review of the premises licence and pavement licence.

I would like to invite you to Mansfield House police station to discuss these matters further, in person.

If you any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

A copy of this letter will be sent to Leicester City Council as the local licensing authority for the area.

Yours Faithfully,



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PC2093 Jeff Pritchard - Leicester City Centre Alcohol Licensing Officer

Leicestershire Police, Mansfield House Police Station, 74 Belgrave Gate, Leicester. LE1 3GG

Tel 101 Email – [Jefferson.pritchard@leics.police.uk](mailto:Jefferson.pritchard@leics.police.uk)

Crime Ref:

Custody Ref

**Not Disclosable**

## WITNESS STATEMENT

***Criminal Procedure Rules, r.16.2; criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9***

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Statement of: Gary DUNIGAN

Age if under 18:

*(if over 18 insert 'over 18')*

Occupation: Police Officer

This statement (consisting of    page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature:



Date: 03/10/2024

I am Police Sergeant 1939 Gary Dunigan and I am currently based at Mansfield House police station in Leicester.

At approximately 04:10 hours on Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> of September I attended Rum and Spice, 2 King Street, Leicester.

I am aware that Rum and Spice have licence condition which allow them to serve alcohol until 06:00 hrs but are not permitted to allow new patrons to enter after 04:00 hrs.

I saw that people were being allowed entry and there was a fairly large queue awaiting entry. On seeing this I approached the door and spoke to one of the door staff and reminded them of their conditions. He said he wasn't aware, and he would get a member of management to come out to me.

A few minutes later a blonde lady came out to speak to me, she was holding her mobile phone and believe she may have had someone on a call. Initially the lady was quite confrontational claiming that their licence allowed them to serve till 6 am and that it had been sorted out so they could let people in. She stated that it wasn't a problem last week or the week before!

I challenged this and again reminded her that the licence said they could serve patrons within the premises until 06:00 hrs but no one was allowed entry after 04:00 hrs. This went back and forth for a couple of minutes, and I advised her to check her licence again. She then spoke to someone on the phone.

The lady re-approached me asking what it is I needed them to do, she stated all they wanted was to work with the police. Again, explained what they needed to do.

As far as I am aware they then stopped any further persons entering.

Signature:



Signature witnessed by: .....



<b>Complete</b> <b>If Req'd</b>	GSC Class:	Reason:
	Handling Conditions:	

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Occurrence Ref:

**WITNESS STATEMENT**

Criminal Procedure Rules, r. 16.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9

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Statement of: Georgia FRASER-SMITH

Age if under 18: over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18')

Occupation: Investigative Support Assistant

This statement (consisting of 1 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature:..



Date: 03/10/.2024

I am ISA 7278 of Leicestershire Police, currently based at Mansfield House Police Station.

At 15:30hrs on 02/10/2024 I have called Mr Anthony THOMAS on a mobile number ending "434" this is the same mobile number recorded on Leicestershire Police's licensing system known as Inn Keeper.

THOMAS is listed as the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) for RUM AND SPICE on KING STREET in LEICESTER and we are trying to obtain CCTV for an investigation. Mr Thomas has told me that he is not the DPS for Rum and Spice anymore and has not been since July or August of this year. Mr Thomas could not provide any details for who the new DPS is.

On the above-mentioned date and time, I have also attempted to contact Mr Merenre MILLETT on a mobile number ending "366" this is the same mobile number recorded on Leicestershire Police's licensing system known as Inn Keeper. MILLETT is the premises licence holder for RUM and SPICE. MILLETT did not answer my call, I have left a voicemail detailing that we need CCTV for an incident that has taken place at his Venue.

Signature: .....



Signature witnessed by: .....



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Mr Merenre Millett

C/O – Rum & Spice, 2 King Street, Leicester. LE1 6RH

Letter dated – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Reference: Leicester City Council Premises Licence Number LEIPRM0791 & Leicester City Council Pavement Licence Number LEICS5746.

Dear Mr Millett,

Thank you for attending yesterday's meeting at Mansfield House Police Station.

The purpose of the meeting was to meet you face-to-face, as we have only previously spoken over the telephone. Also, so that Leicestershire Police and Leicester City Council Licensing Enforcement could highlight some serious concerns associated to the venue. (Further to Police's Letter dated Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024).

Likewise, to also meet the newly proposed designated premises supervisor - Mr Niblett.

A summary of the meeting from a police perspective is detailed below:

Meeting Details:

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at Mansfield House Police Station.

The meeting was scheduled for 12 noon but due to late arrival commenced at 12:23 hours.

Persons Present:

Mr Merenre Millett (Premises Licence Holder/PLH) = MM

Mr Craig Niblett (Proposed new Designated Premises Supervisor/DPS) = CN

PC 2093 Jeff Pritchard (Leicestershire Police Alcohol Licensing Officer for Leicester City Centre) = JP

PS 2851 Waheed Nagdi (Leicestershire Police – Leicester City Centre sergeant) = WN



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Minaxi Patel (Leicester City Council Licensing Enforcement Officer) = MP

NB - Sian Thompson (Rum & Spice Manager) was scheduled to attend but arrived approximately 45-55 minutes late and as the meeting was in full flow and had started late, it was decided to proceed without her. MM to provide Sian Thompson with an update.

- Introductions completed and JP thanked MM and CN for attending.
- JP expressed his concern given the time delay in holding today's meeting, given the original request was made on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024.
- JP stated that the police had already considered reviewing the venues premises licence and have not still ruled this out unless significant improvements are made.
- MM provided some background information about himself, including details about his other business interests. MM stated he routinely attends the venue. MM stated he does not hold a personal licence himself and that his management team are responsible for the day-to-day operation of the venue. MM stated he is aware of the venue's Leicester City Council Premises Licence and Leicester City Council Pavement Licence conditions.
- Likewise, CN provided some background information about himself, details about his personal licence and a short career history. CN stated his employment at the venue will start shortly, with his first duty on the 26<sup>th</sup> October 2024. This is due to existing working commitments and a pre-existing holiday.
- MM stated he is aware of the venues Leicester City Council Pavement Licence conditions.
- MM stated he is aware of previous communications with Leicester City Council Licensing Enforcement about the venue's street furniture being left out on the public highway during the restricted hours of 11pm to 11am.
- MM stated the street furniture is kept under the stairs, inside the premises when not in use. JP suggested an alternative storage area should be found and MM stated this was already being explored.





- MM was reminded that all the furniture had to be removed from the public highway (with no exception) between 11pm and 11am. JP expressed concerns about furniture being left at during these times and being used as weapons in the night-time economy.
- MM stated Certified Security Ltd (aka Reg) previously provided Security Industry Authority (SIA) door supervisors to the venue and this was approximately between May to July 2024. Since then, several other security providers were used, however MM did not have their details to hand at the time of the meeting. Moving forward, MM stated that Certified Security would be re-employed at the premises and would start next week.
- MM stated he was present at the premises on the weekend of the 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> September 2024 as his birthday was earlier in the week = 9<sup>th</sup> September. MM stated he was aware of incident outside the venue but that the persons involved were not associated to the venue.
- MM stated he is aware of the specific premises licence condition, limiting last entry to new customers at 4am at the weekend. MM made no admissions but stated he would speak with his management team. MM suggested a later entry time should be permitted.
- MM stated he is only aware of one criminal investigation connected to the premises, in which officers requested CCTV and that related to a theft of bank card. MM did not acknowledge or state if he is aware that two officers have recently attempted to contact him by email and voicemail in the last week, in relation to criminal allegations/investigations connected to the premises on the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024.
- MM stated his receptionist had completed the previous DPS transfers applications and apologised for the repeated mistakes which resulted in multiple DPS transfer applications being rejected by the local authority.
- MM stated the licence was going to be transferred to Ezworth Millett. MM spoke about various other "interested parties" in the business and was advised of the process for which they should notify the local authority and register their interest.
- MM was asked why the venue had operated without a "active" DPS between late July/early August and 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> September 2024 for which no explanation was offered.



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The Police's Primary Concerns are as follows:

- (1) Leicestershire Police has intelligence and evidence that the premises has remained open to the public after 6am at the weekend which is both a criminal offence (Contrary to Section 136 of the Licensing Act 2003 and a breach of its Leicester City Council Premises Licence. Namely, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024.
- (2) The premises has repeatedly breached the conditions of its Leicester City Council Pavement Licence, by leaving its street furniture outside the venue, on public highway, between the restricted hours of 11pm to 11am.
- (3) Leicestershire Police has evidence that the premises has routinely been allowing entry to new customers after 4am at the weekend, which is again a breach of a specific licence condition. Therefore, contrary to Section 136 of the Licensing Act 2003.
- (4) The premises was operating without a "active" DPS between late July/early August 2024 until CN DPS application was submitted on the 17<sup>th</sup> September and later received by local authority on the 20<sup>th</sup> September.
- (5) Two separate officers from Leicestershire Police have recently contacted the PLH via email and voicemail message, in relation to assessing the premises CCTV into criminal allegations connected to the venue on the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024, without success. Therefore, two criminal investigations have been hindered.

**Moving Forward:**

- All parties have agreed that partnership working is important for moving forward. However, it is not the responsibility of the responsible authorities, namely the police or council to manage the business.
- After an extended grace period permitted by the local authority, MM & CN have now signed the relevant DPS transfer paperwork in order for the application to be processed.
- Leicester City Council will consider MM's request to use alternative barriers at the front of the premises in the night-time economy, when the street furniture planters have to be removed.



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If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Faithfully,



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Mr Merenre Millett

C/O – Rum & Spice, 2 King Street, Leicester. LE1 6RH

Letter dated – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

**\*\*\*Urgent\*\*\*** Reference: Leicester City Council Premises Licence Number LEIPRM0791

Dear Mr Millett,

As part of the premises licence review application brought by Leicestershire Police, I have revisited your Leicester City Council Premises Licence number LEIPRM0791.

In short, the building has undergone a major refurbishment and is not consistent with the current premises plan. Therefore, licensable activities are not permitted within the basement area.

**Therefore, all licensable activities within the basement area MUST STOP IMMEDIATELY.**

If licensable activities were to continue within the basement area this would be a criminal offence which is contrary to Section 136 of the Licensing Act 2003 - Unauthorised Licensable Activity – carry on a licensable activity from any premises otherwise than as authorised. The offence is punishable by a maximum of six months imprisonment and/or a fine not exceeding £20,000.

The above would also not be supportive of the licensing objectives.

Licensable activities may continue on the ground floor area, in line with your premises licence.

Please consider submitting temporary event notices to licence the basement area.

For clarification, please contact Leicester City Council on either:

[licensing@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@leicester.gov.uk) and/or [licensingenforcement@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:licensingenforcement@leicester.gov.uk)

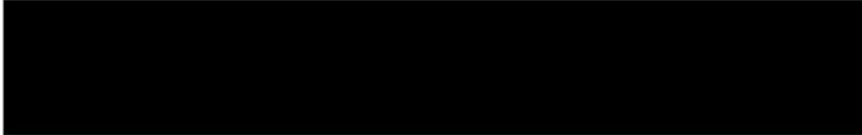
A copy of this letter will be sent to Leicester City Council, the premises, your home/email address and to the designated premises supervisor.



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If you any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Faithfully,



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**Temporary Event Notice**

Before completing this notice, please read the guidance notes at the end of the notice. If you are completing this notice by hand, please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases, ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink or typed. Use additional sheets if necessary. You should keep a copy of the completed notice for your records. You must send at least one copy of this notice to the licensing authority and additional copies must be sent to the chief officer of police and the local authority exercising environmental health functions for the area in which the premises are situated. The licensing authority will give to you written acknowledgement of the receipt of the notice.

I, the proposed premises user, hereby give notice under section 100 of the Licensing Act 2003 of my proposal to carry on a temporary activity at the premises described below.

<b>1. The personal details of premises user (Please read note 1)</b>	
<b>1. Your name</b>	
Title	Mr <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Miss <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please state)
Surname	Millett
Forenames	Merenre
<b>2. Previous names (Please enter details of any previous names or maiden names, if applicable. Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)</b>	
Title	Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Miss <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please state)
Surname	
Forenames	
<b>3. Your date of birth</b>	
<b>4. Your place of birth</b>	
<b>5. National Insurance Number</b>	
<b>6. Your current address (We will use this address to correspond with you unless you complete the separate correspondence box below)</b>	
2 King St Leicester LE1 6RH	
Post town	Leicester
Postcode	LE1 6RH
<b>7. Other contact details</b>	
Telephone numbers	
Daytime	
Evening (optional)	
Mobile (optional)	
Fax number (optional)	
E-Mail address (if available)	
<b>8. Alternative address for correspondence (If you complete the details below, we will use this address to correspond with you)</b>	

Post town <b>Leicester</b>	Postcode <b>LE1 6RH</b>
9. Alternative contact details (if applicable)	
Telephone numbers: Daytime	
Evening (optional)	
Mobile (optional)	
Fax number (optional)	
E-Mail address (if available)	

<b>2. The premises</b>	
Please give the address of the premises where you intend to carry on the licensable activities or, if it has no address, give a detailed description (including the Ordnance Survey references) (Please read note 2)	
<b>2 King street, ground Flr &amp; Basement leicester city centre leicestershire LE1 6RH</b>	
Does a premises licence or club premises certificate have effect in relation to the premises (or any part of the premises)? If so, please enter the licence or certificate number below.	
Premises licence number	<b>LEIPR0791</b>
Club premises certificate number	
If you intend to use only part of the premises at this address or intend to restrict the area to which this notice applies, please give a description and details below. (Please read note 3)	
Please describe the nature of the premises below. (Please read note 4)	
<b>Add basement to licensable activity area</b>	
Please describe the nature of the event below. (Please read note 5)	
<b>Performance of live arts with DJ</b>	

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3. The licensable activities		
Please state the licensable activities that you intend to carry on at the premises (please tick all licensable activities you intend to carry on). (Please read note 6)		
The sale by retail of alcohol	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
The supply of alcohol by or on behalf of a club to, or to the order of, a member of the club	<input type="checkbox"/>	
The provision of regulated entertainment (Please read note 7)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
The provision of late night refreshment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Are you giving a late temporary event notice? (Please read note 8)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Please state the dates on which you intend to use these premises for licensable activities. (Please read note 9)		
<div> <div>16th November 2024</div> <div>Friday 15th &amp; Saturday 16th Nov (ends Sunday 17th November 2024)</div> </div>		
Please state the times during the event period that you propose to carry on licensable activities (please give times in 24-hour clock). (Please read note 10)		
<div>23.00 - 7.00</div> <div>(Last entry 5am)</div>		
Please state the maximum number of people at any one time that you intend to allow to be present at the premises during the times when you intend to carry on licensable activities, including any staff, organisers or performers. (Please read note 11)		
120 max		
If the licensable activities will include the sale or supply of alcohol, please state whether these will be for consumption on or off the premises, or both (please tick as appropriate). (Please read note 12)	On the premises only	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Off the premises only	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

<p>Please state if the licensable activities will include the provision of relevant entertainment. If so, please state the times during the event period that you propose to provide relevant entertainment (including, but not limited to lap dancing and pole dancing). (Please see note 13)</p> <p>No Dancing poles or such like, only for poets, jazz performance and live entertain of DJ</p>
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4. Personal licence holders (Please read note 14)		
Do you currently hold a valid personal licence? (Please tick) <b>Current DPS Mr C. Nibbett</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If "Yes" please provide the details of your personal licence below.		
Issuing licensing authority		
Licence number		
Date of issue		
Any further relevant details		

5. Previous temporary event notices you have given (Please read note 15 and tick the boxes that apply to you)		
Have you previously given a temporary event notice in respect of any premises for events falling in the same calendar year as the event for which you are now giving this temporary event notice?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If answering yes, please state the number of temporary event notices (including the number of late temporary event notices, if any) you have given for events in that same calendar year		
Have you already given a temporary event notice for the same premises in which the event period: a) ends 24 hours or less before; or b) begins 24 hours or less after the event period proposed in this notice?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>


6. Associates and business colleagues (Please read note 16 and tick the boxes that apply to you)		
Has any associate of yours given a temporary event notice for an event in the same calendar year as the event for which you are now giving a temporary event notice?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If answering yes, please state the total number of temporary event notices (including the number of late temporary event notices, if any) your associate(s) have given for events in the same calendar year.		
Has any associate of yours already given a temporary event notice for the same premises in which the event period: a) ends 24 hours or less before; or b) begins 24 hours or less after the event period proposed in this notice?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Has any person with whom you are in business carrying on licensable activities given a temporary event notice for an event in the same calendar year as the event for which you are now giving a temporary event notice?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If answering yes, please state the total number of temporary event notices (including the number of late temporary event notices, if any) your business colleague(s) have given for events in the same calendar year.		



Has any person with whom you are in business carrying on licensable activities already given a temporary event notice for the same premises in which the event period: a) ends 24 hours or less before; or b) begins 24 hours or less after the event period proposed in this notice?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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7. Checklist (Please read note 17)	
I have: (Please tick the appropriate boxes, where applicable)	
Sent at least one copy of this notice to the licensing authority for the area in which the premises are situated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sent a copy of this notice to the chief officer of police for the area in which the premises are situated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sent a copy of this notice to the local authority exercising environmental health functions for the area in which the premises are situated	<input type="checkbox"/>
If the premises are situated in one or more licensing authority areas, sent at least one copy of this notice to each additional licensing authority	<input type="checkbox"/>
If the premises are situated in one or more police areas, sent a copy of this notice to each additional chief officer of police	<input type="checkbox"/>
If the premises are situated in one or more local authority areas, sent a copy of this notice to each additional local authority exercising environmental health functions	<input type="checkbox"/>
Made or enclosed payment of the fee for the application	<input type="checkbox"/>
Signed the declaration in Section 9 below	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

8. Condition (Please read note 18)
It is a condition of this temporary event notice that where the relevant licensable activities described in Section 3 above include the sale or supply of alcohol that all such supplies are made by or under the authority of the premises user.

9. Declarations (Please read note 19)	
The information contained in this form is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.	
I understand that it is an offence: (i) to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in or in connection with this temporary event notice and that a person is liable on summary conviction for such an offence to a fine of any amount; and (ii) to permit an unauthorised licensable activity to be carried on at any place and that a person is liable on summary conviction for any such offence to a fine of any amount, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, or to both.	
Signature	
Date	06/11/2024
Name of Person signing	Mr M Millett

For completion by the licensing authority

10. Acknowledgement (Please read note 20)	
I acknowledge receipt of this temporary event notice.	
Signature	<i>Amy Day</i> On behalf of the licensing authority
Date	12/11/2024
Name of Officer signing	Amy Day



## **Leicestershire Police**

### **Licensing Act 2003 – Representation in respect of a “Late” Temporary Event Notice.**

#### **Details of person or body making representation**

Your Name:	PC Jefferson Pritchard
Your Address:	Licensing Department Mansfield House 74 Belgrave Gate Leicester LE1 3GG

#### **Details of premises representation is about**

Premises	Rum & Spice
Address of premises:	2 King Street Leicester LE1 6RH
Application No. (if known)	
Applicant	Mr Merenre Millett
Date Of Event	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> to Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2024
Date Application Received By Police	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2024

#### **Please tick one or more of the licensing objectives that your representation relates to:**

Prevention of crime and disorder	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Public Safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Prevention of public nuisance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Protection of children from harm	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### **Please summarise your concerns about this application:**

I write in my capacity as licensing officer for Leicestershire Police, on the authority delegated to me by the Chief Constable.

My representation to this “late” temporary event notice is based upon three of the four of the licensing objectives as per the Licensing Act 2003. Those being:

- (1) The prevention of crime disorder.
- (2) Public Safety.
- (3) The prevention of public nuisance.

The applicant is Mr Millett, who is also the premises licence holder.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2024, Leicestershire Police requested a review of the premises licence (Leicester City Council Premises Licence number LEIPRM0791 and Leicester City Council Pavement Licence number LEISC5746) due to concerns about the premises operating without an active designated premises supervisor and breaches of both its premises licence and pavement licence conditions. Including allowing customers into the venue after 4am, which is contrary to a specific licence condition.

After submitting the review application, it transpired the basement area is not licensed for licensable activities.

Mr Millett has submitted a temporary event notice to licence both the ground floor and basement on Friday and Saturday from 11pm until 7am, with last entry being at 5am.

A licensing hearing is set for Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

Despite the police previous concerns, Mr Millett wishes to increase the venues operating hours by an additional one hour and also extended the last entry time by an additional one hour.

On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024, officers from Leicestershire Police attended the premises and discovered alcohol being exposed for sale in the basement, which is contrary to Section 137 of the Licensing Act 2003.

Given that alcohol related violent crime increase in the early hours of the morning and the pending licensing review hearing, Leicestershire Police respectfully requests this **"late temporary event notice" is refused** as it fails to promote and uphold three of the four licensing objectives.

PC2093 Jefferson Pritchard  
Leicester City Licensing Officer - Leicestershire Police  
Date – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024





**PRESCRIBED FORM OF COUNTER NOTICE (LATE TEMPORARY EVENT NOTICE)**

On 9<sup>th</sup> November 2024 the licensing authority received from you, Mr Merenre Millett a late temporary event notice ("the notice") in respect of proposed temporary licensable activities due to take place on 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at Rum and Spce, 2 King Street, Leicester, LE1 6RH. The licensing authority has received an objection under section 104(2) of the Licensing Act 2003 ("the Act").

The objection which applies is indicated by an "X" in the following table.

Objection	Insert "X" as applicable
A chief officer of police for any police area in which the premises are situated is satisfied that allowing the premises to be used in accordance with the notice would undermine a licensing objective.	X
A local authority exercising environmental health functions for the area in which the premises are situated is satisfied that allowing the premises to be used in accordance with the notice would undermine a licensing objective.	

A copy of this notice will be sent to the chief of police and the local authority exercising environmental health functions for the area in which the premises specified in the late temporary event notice you gave is situated.

The Licensing Act 2003 does not make provision for you to appeal against this counter notice.

Under section 136 of the Licensing Act 2003, a person commits an offence if he carries on a licensable activity on or from any premises otherwise than under and in accordance with an authorisation; or if he knowingly allows a licensable activity to be so carried on. A person convicted of such an offence is liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to a fine of any amount, or to both.

<b>SIGNATURE</b>	<i>Amy Day</i> On behalf of the licensing authority	<b>DATE</b>	13/11/2024
<b>Name of Officer signing</b>	A Day		

**Amy Day**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 14 November 2024 10:01  
**To:** Jefferson Pritchard (2093)  
**Cc:** Licensing; Amy Day; legal@ifltd.co.uk  
**Subject:** Re: LATE TEMPORARY EVENT NOTICE 15th - 17th NOVEMBER 2024 - RUM & SPICE, 2 KING STREET, LEICESTER.

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Dear Sirs/Madam

All alcohol was removed from the basement and the till systems and placed on the ground floor to ensure full compliance. I believe after an impromptu license check that once again caused a disturbance to our operations, uncovered no live performance or Dj with in the basement. No active means of sale and 1 unopened sealed bottle that was stored under the bar and not exposed for sale. An email link confirming the following will be issued in due course.

All new management and systems have been brought in to place and the business currently has 3 individuals with personal licenses as well as myself being part way through the course. We take our responsibilities with in the night time economy very seriously and have made sure the business operations are fully compliant and promote all four key licensing objectives, such as crowd control, increased cctv, Certified Security solutions, Body cams, weekly briefings. Risk assesments, FRAs amongst others.

I once again trust this is acceptable and look forwards to working with licensing and Leicestershire Police in the near future.

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**From:** Jefferson Pritchard (2093) <Jefferson.Pritchard@leics.police.uk>

**Sent:** Thursday, November 14, 2024 8:32:31 am

**Cc:** Leicester City Licensing <licensing@leicester.gov.uk>; Amy Day <Amy.Day@leicester.gov.uk>; legal@ifltd.co.uk <legal@ifltd.co.uk>

**Subject:** RE: LATE TEMPORARY EVENT NOTICE 15th - 17th NOVEMBER 2024 - RUM & SPICE, 2 KING STREET, LEICESTER.

Good morning Mr Millett.

Thank you for your two emails sent yesterday at 21:19 and 22:42 hours.

In response to your email below, it is a criminal offence **to expose alcohol for sale** and the alcohol within the basement should have been removed.

In relation to the sale of alcohol from the basement area which you dispute, I am more than willing to come down to the venue and view CCTV in order to verify this. Please let me know what date/time is convenient?

In relation to the late temporary event notice for this weekend, the police are deeply concerned about how the venue is being managed both before and after the review application.

In response to your later email at 22:42 hours, the police are considering all options, including revocation of premises licence.

The police welcome any improvements being made by the venue to promote the licensing objectives and adhere to premises existing licence.

The original review application was sent to yourself as the premises licence holder, so please feel free to forward it to your legal representative, now one has been appointed.

If you require a copy, please specify who you would like a copy sending to.

Leicester City Council licensing have been CC into this email, so confirm the date of the hearing, if you have not already been informed.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

Jeff

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 13 November 2024 21:19

**To:** Tracey Skidmore (7733) <Tracey.Skidmore@leics.police.uk>

**Cc:** Jefferson Pritchard (2093) <Jefferson.Pritchard@leics.police.uk>; Leicester City Licensing <licensing@leicester.gov.uk>; Amy Day <Amy.Day@leicester.gov.uk>; legal@ifltd.co.uk

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Dear Sirs/Madam

Exclusive but not limited to the claims made that alcohol sales have been made from the basement the weekend of 8th and 9th are completely incorrect and a email link will be provided no later than the close of business tomorrow for the entire nights operations to directly refute these claims that have been made.

As a business we are working tirelessly to ensure full compliance implementing a number of key factors such as Certified Security Solution with 18years experience with Leicester, Body cams, tanga Victor, changes from planter to posts and banners to ensure we are adhering to our street cafe license. Variation documentation and paperwork to include the basement within the licensable activities.

Given the following and the outright fact we have never had one fight in the venue ever or altercation or even outside. I believe the only altercation even near the venue that has been made mention of was an incident I personally witnessed whilst waiting for the cleaners which took place around 2hrs after closing and the individual was arrested outside of Sophys Bar having not entered the premises. I find the claims of concerns against public safety or such like woefully incorrect.

Also there is mention of a hearing date that has not been mentioned to myself or my legal representative Mr Alex Harvey at Popplestone Solicitors and find it rather out of the ordinary that we would have a date made before he has even had a chance to submit the documentation for the review. Please advise ?

Please note a copy of this email will be forwarded across to Alex Harvey

I Trust the following helps to clarify and I look forwards to working with the council and licensing in the near future

Many thanks

Warm Regards



Mr M Millett  
General Manager



2 KING STREET, LEICESTER, LE1 6RH

On 13 November 2024 at 14:38 Greenwich Mean Time, Tracey Skidmore (7733) <[Tracey.Skidmore@leics.police.uk](mailto:Tracey.Skidmore@leics.police.uk)> wrote:

Hi Amy

Please find attached a representation notice in respect of the above application.

I have copied the applicant, Merenre Millett, into this email so that he is aware.

Can you please confirm acceptance of the representation notice.

Many thanks

Tracey Skidmore

Licensing Section

Leicestershire Police

SDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY.

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**WITNESS STATEMENT****( Criminal Procedure Rules, r. 16.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9 )**

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Statement of: **ZANE TOMPKINS**

Age if under 18

(if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Police Sergeant

This statement (consisting of                      page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it, anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature



Date 23/11/2024 20:52

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded ☐ (supply witness details on MG11b)

I am Sergeant Zane Tompkins of Leicestershire police currently based at Mansfield House Police Station on the Dedicated Neighbourhood Team.

On Friday 22nd of November 2024 I was conducting Operation Oversee, which is a policing operation focusing on licensing checks at licensed premises.

Just past midnight (now Saturday 23rd November) I attended Rum and Spice, 2 King Street in the Leicester City Centre. I was in company with PC 4416 Spencer and PC 4323 Godden.

Upon entrance my colleagues announced that we were conducting a licensing check at the premise. There were no patrons on site at the time and all 4 members of staff present were stood behind the bar.

My colleague PC 4416 Spencer spoke with staff and myself and PC 4323 Godden went into the basement section of the premise. During the checks I noticed that the kitchen area was in darkness with no staff present. I was aware that one of the license conditions was to offer substantial food whilst the premise is open to the public.

Also in the basement area opposite the bar was a fire exit door. It had the green 'fire exit' signage above the frame. This area was completely blocked by equipment, wires, barrier poles and other items. I opened the fire exit door and this section was also completely blocked by more equipment making the stairs completely inaccessible. There were no other fire exits on this floor.

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Signature witnessed by:

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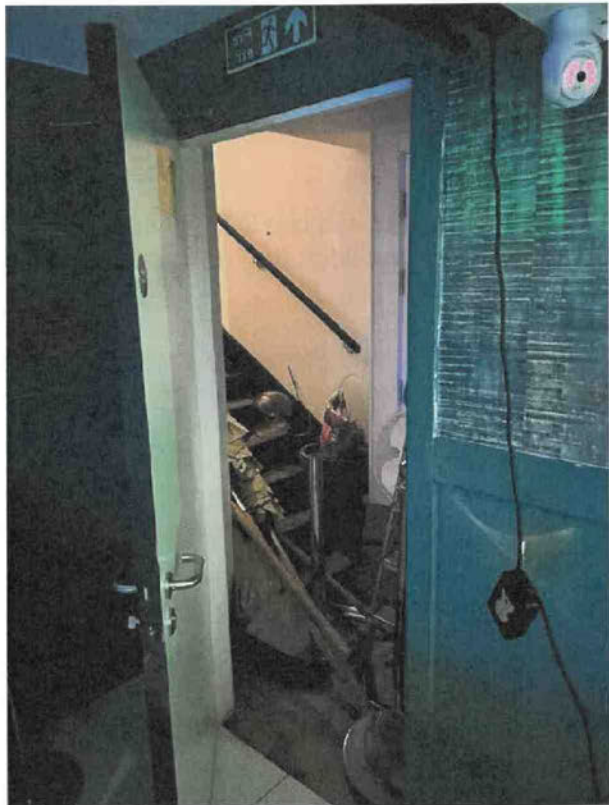
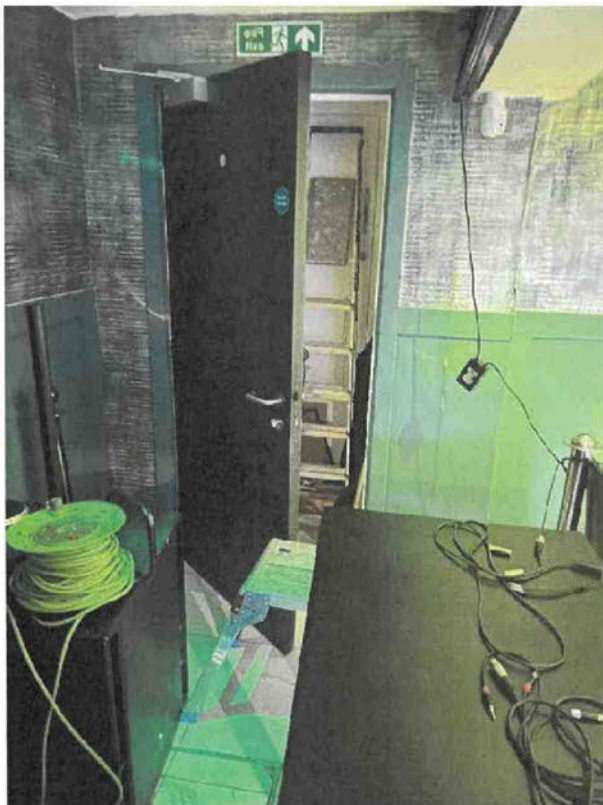


When I returned upstairs to discuss with the staff a female who presented as the manager was also on the phone (in loudspeaker mode) to Mez, the premise license holder who I know to be Mr Merenre Millett.

When I spoke with the female she stated that she would clear the fire exit and attempted to downplay how blocked the exit was. When I discussed the fact that kitchen is closed she stated that the kitchen closes at 10 and no food is served after. I reminded them of there license conditions to which Mez, over the phone stated there are 'crisps and nuts behind the bar'. I also discussed if they had any staff training records on site as this was another requirement of their licence. I was told they do not but they can get them to the site and sent to me electronically if required.

I captured my entire licensing check and conversation on body worn video which I exhibit as ZT01.

I have taken images of the blocked fire exit which I exhibit as ZT02.



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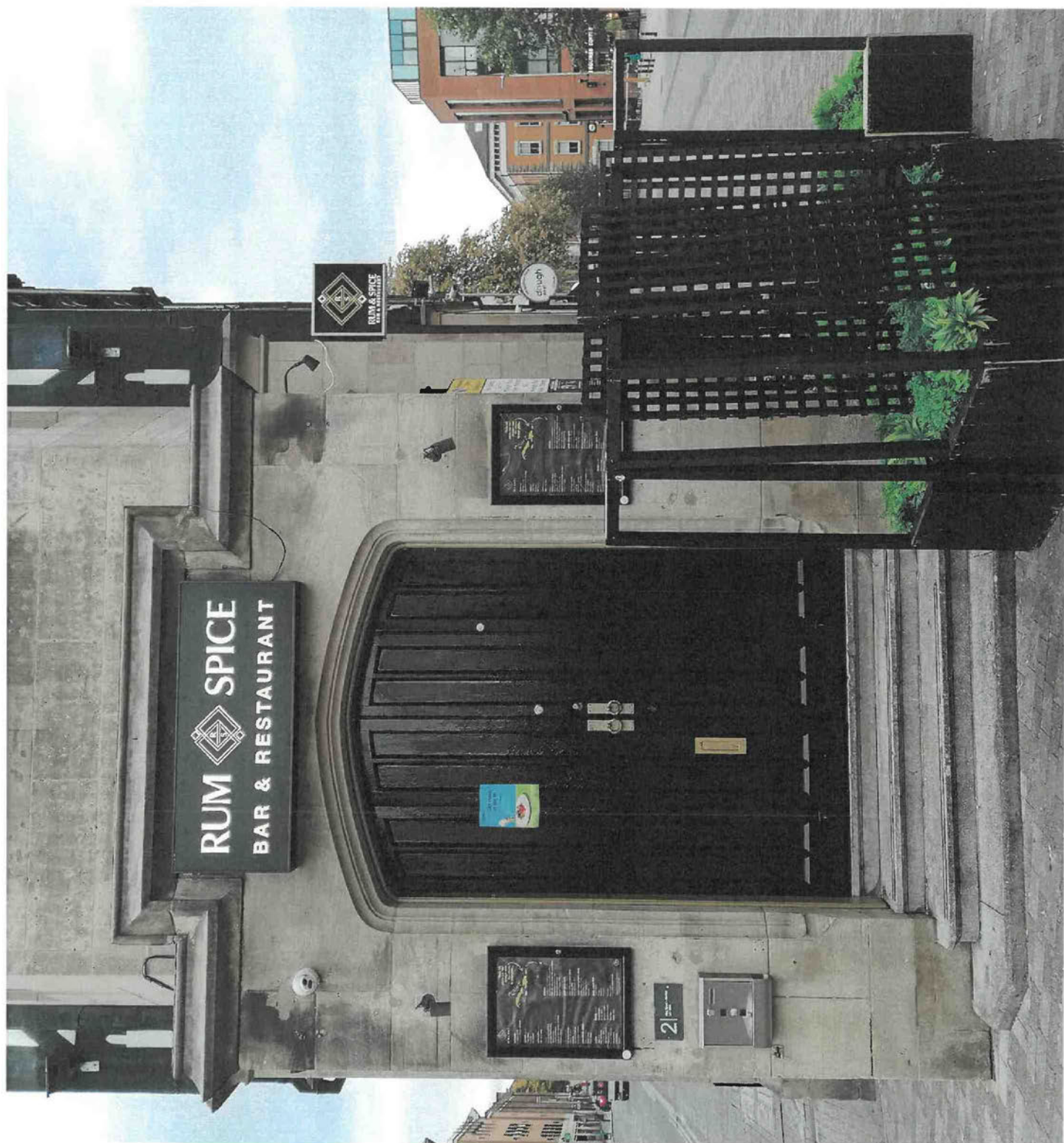


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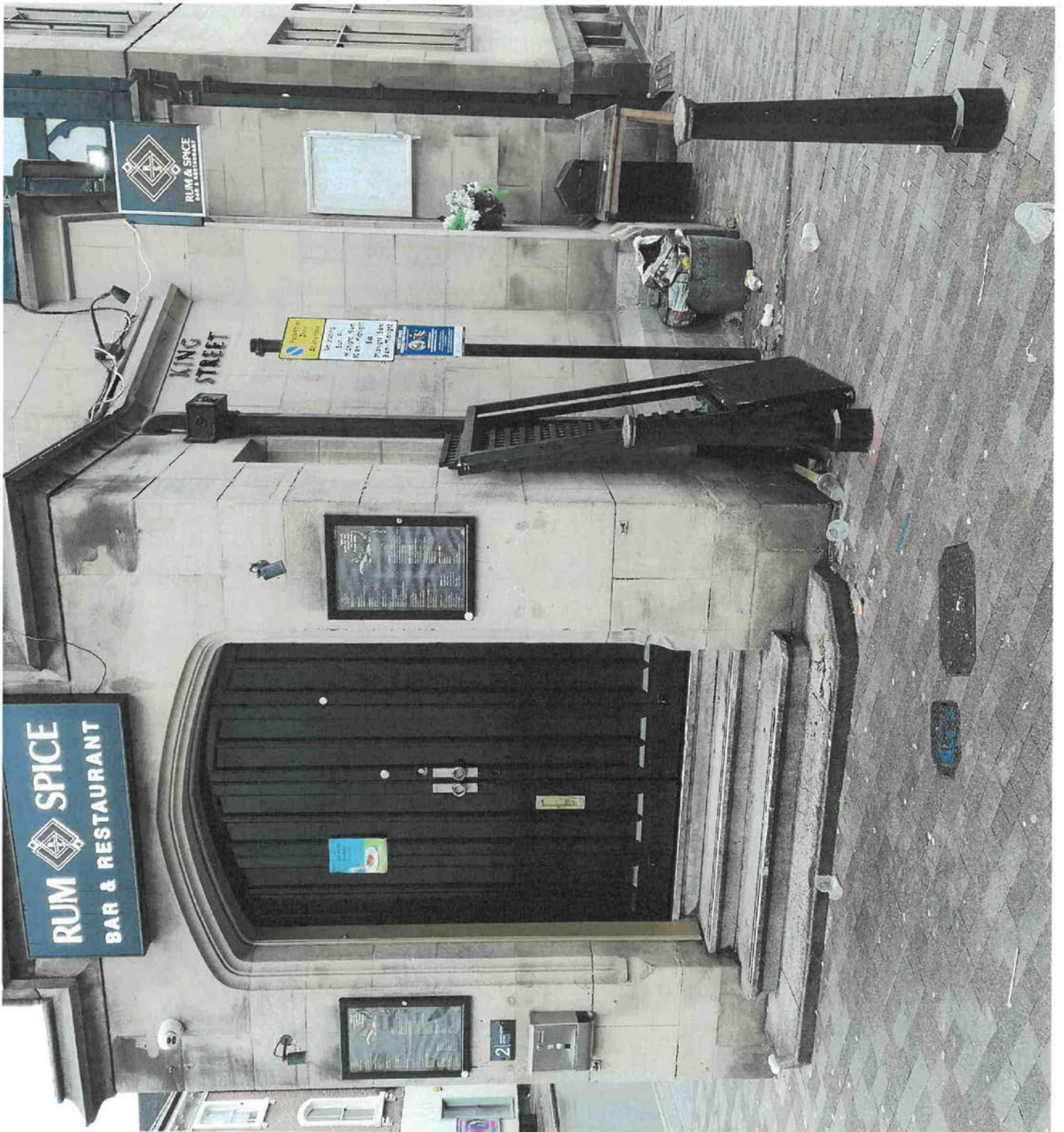


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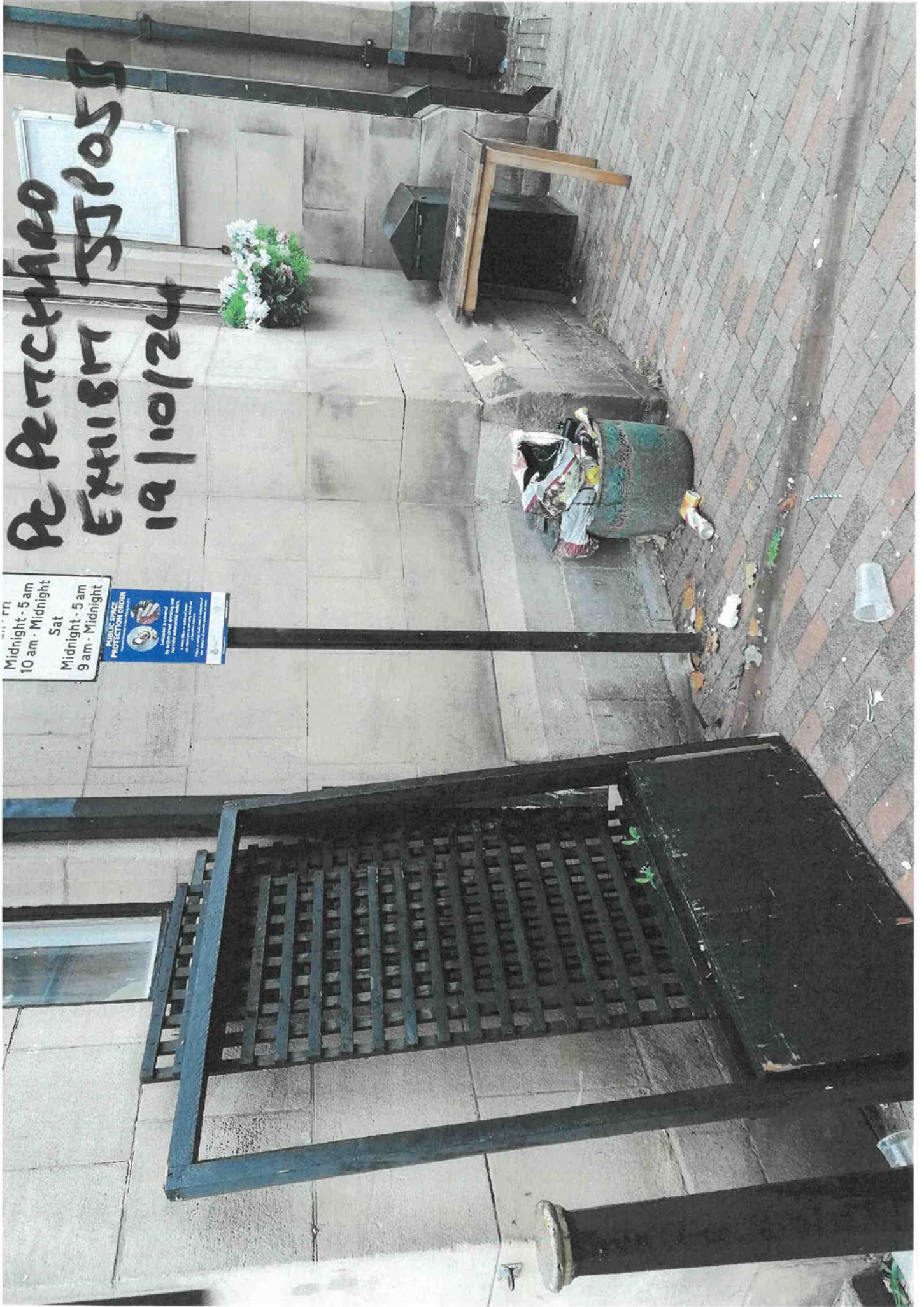




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