### **APPENDIX C**

## JO CON ENDS 09.07.21 VALID PCD & PPN (B)

From: REDACTED TEXT Sent: 01 July 2021 10:04

To: EHL Safety <EHL.Safety@brighton-hove.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: Pascals Bistro Bar 6 Queens Place, Hove, BN3 2LT Licence Review

I have read the advice of **REDACTED TEXT** and, as a resident of **REDACTED TEXT** can say that I agree with his observations.

No proper regard has been paid to the Covid regulations in any of the lockdowns; I have seen people in the premises obviously drinking rather than working on a number of occasions when the premises should have been shut.

The level of drug taking does not surprise me at all. Sometimes people are dealing in the street **REDACTED TEXT** and drunkenness is common and seems not to be controlled by the management.

The noise can be really loud at night and his licence allows his terrace to be open to 1am at weekends, which is far too late for our residential area.

Frankly, Pascal just behaves as if rules and regulations are for other people and, like **REDACTED TEXT** I have no confidence that he will stick to any conditions that might be imposed.

#### Sincerely

# **REDACTED TEXT**

From: REDACTED TEXT Sent: 06 July 2021 10:10

To: EHL Safety < EHL. Safety@brighton-hove.gov.uk >

Subject: Re: Pascals Bistro Bar 6 Queens Place, Hove, BN3 2LT Licence Review

I am a bit puzzled. I would have thought that disregard of Covid regulations and that the premises are the venue for drug taking and may therefore be connected with the drug dealing that I have seen outside **REDACTED TEXT** had a lot to do with crime, public safety and prevention of public nuisance.

Best wishes

REDACTED TEXT

From: REDACTED TEXT Sent: 06 July 2021 22:31

To: EHL Safety < EHL.Safety@brighton-hove.gov.uk > Subject: Licensing Review - Pascals Bistro Bar

### JO CON ENDS 09.07.21 VALID PPN (D)

## Dear REDACTED TEXT,

With regards to the licensing review for Pascals Bistro Bar of 6, Queens Place, Hove BN3 2LT. I would like to put forward following points to be considered at the hearing;

The original business of over 10 year ago, was a well regarded restaurant of the local area.

- 1. The business was strictly a restaurant with no music or casual bar service.
- 2. Over the years, with a change in the trading name, the boundary of the business operation and licensing changed;
  - Operating as a simple bar
  - o Regular events / private parties and loud music
  - Operation and serving tables on the pavement
  - Large screens showing sport programmes
  - A significant turn-over of staff and general managers.
  - Licensing hours extended to after midnight.
- 3. This clear change from the original business has brought about the following continued nuisance to the local community and close neighbours.
  - The casual nature of the venue attracts larger crowds of patrons only consuming alcohol
  - The management have little control over the consumption of excessive alcohol
  - Excessive crowds are permitted to gather on the premises against COVID restrictions.
  - Excessive crowds spill onto the pavement area blocking the thoroughfare
  - o No consideration is given to the noise generated by these large crowds.
  - Patrons were permitted to visit the indoor premises whilst national restriction forbade such activity
  - Patrons are freely encouraged to park illegally either at the front of the premises or blocking the adjacent Mews.
  - The owner has made several unauthorised alterations to a listed building without planning permission
  - These alterations are in breach of building regulations
  - The alternations and additional doorway significantly increase the radiated noise for adjacent neighbours
  - Business rubbish is dumped in the adjacent Mews and Church Road Lane.
  - o Business rubbish has been dumped in communal bins
  - The building fabric and fitting are not maintained including drainage and kitchen extraction equipment.

In general, these points only emphasise the owner has no consideration or respect for the local community and neighbourhood, continuing to operate outside the law clearly demonstrated by his attitude towards repeated grievances.

With regards,

#### **REDACTED TEXT**

## JO CON ENDS 09.07.21 VALID PCD & PS (E)

Dear licensing team,

We are writing in response to the review of license for **Pascals Bistro Bar (pka La Fourchette) 2021/01792/LAREV** 6 Queens Place, Hove as ward councillors for Brunswick and Adelaide which the premises is within. We note the unusual circumstances of this being a review requested by Sussex Police on the grounds of Prevention of Crime and Disorder.

Our concerns with the license are as follows:

## Prevention of crime and disorder

This premises is within the Cumulative impact zone<sub>1</sub>, recognising the impact that the number of licensed premises has on the immediate area.

The immediate area which this premises is within is close to a large residential population. Residents regularly report to us as councillors that they have been kept up at night or woken up at night by drunk and disorderly behaviour taking place in this area.

In the surrounding area, 40% of crimes reported between June 2020 – May 2021 relate to anti-social behaviour<sub>2</sub>. It should also be considered that the impact of anti-social behaviour makes the area unsafe for residents and visitors. As councillors we regularly receive complaints from residents in the surrounding streets regarding noise from the number of licensed premises in the area.

# **Public safety**

The Brunswick and Adelaide ward is densely populated. This density means that the licensing authority must be mindful of the undue impact of licence applications that have the potential to impact so many people at once.

Drinking outside licensed venues in this area in 2016 tragically led to a death of a young man who was killed under a truck outside the Temple Bar public house. A premises serving alcohol on a major road into the city until 1am on some days can

1 https://present.brighton-

 $hove.gov.uk/Published/C00000117/M00005639/Al00050736/\$20160310125641\_008564\_0036763\_SoLP2015\\ Changes Accepted 210116.doc A.ps.pdf$ 

2 https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/sussex-police/adelaide/?tab=Statistics

only add to this danger. This road is busy and has traffic throughout all hours of the day.

The neighbourhood already faces some stark consequences for access to alcohol. According to the Brighton & Hove Public Health Framework for Assessing Alcohol Licensing Police recorded alcohol related incidents are the 8th highest in the city.3

There is a clear and well-evidenced relationship between alcohol consumption and antisocial behaviour and crime.

In addition, discussions we have had previously from nearby residents have raised concerns regarding the opening hours of the terrace and access to the pavement for people with disabilities or buggies due to the pavement licensing.

We also understand that this has been raised by Sussex Police as a result of drug swabbing, assault and non-compliance with covid-19 measures. We have also had communication from residents and seen ourselves evidence which would back up non-compliance; including lack of social distancing and tables close together.

We would be grateful if this could be taken into consideration with the review

Best wishes

#### REDACTED TEXT

3 https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/sites/brighton-hove.gov.uk/files/Public%20Health%20Framework%20for%20assessing%20Alcohol%20Licensing%20Annual%2 OReport%202018.pdf



