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WOLVERHAMPTON
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Licensing Sub-Committee

Wednesday, 17 October 2018

Dear Councillor

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE - WEDNESDAY, 17TH OCTOBER, 2018

I am now able to enclose, for consideration at next Wednesday, 17th October, 2018 meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee, the following police documents that were unavailable when the agenda was printed.

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| 3 | <u>Licensing Act 2003 – Application for a Premises Licence in respect of The Harp Inn, Walsall Street, Eastfield, Wolverhampton, West Midlands, WV1 3LP (Pages 3 - 6)</u> |
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Disclosure Bundle for Old Harp Inn, Lower Walsall Street, Wolverhampton

The following information forms West Midlands Police representations regarding a new application for the above premises. Agenda Item No: 3

Details surrounding the owner Orville HINES

The Old Harp Inn is owned by Orville HINES and has been since at least 2004. During this time there have been a number of DPS's/PLH's that have been appointed by HINES to run the business. The latest ones were Anne Tansey and Theresa Ansell who then rescinded the premises licence and left the premises. The reason for this was due to the constant conflict with Mr Hines about the lawful running of the business.

Hines has been involved in other licensed premises, some have which have had their licence revoked due to serious crime and breaches of the licensing objectives. Hines as recent as 2016 had a licence revoked following a number of issues at his premises in Dudley.

It is apparent, from recent intelligence that Orville HINES appoints female DPS's that he can manipulate. The recent ones are females that he has had personal relationships with and sometimes children with. It appears that this is to ensure that he remains in control of the premises, not just as the owner/premise licence holder but very much involved in day to day running of the premises.

Anne Tansey was a previous partner of Mr Hines and has been involved with the premises, according to our records since 2005. On 16/1/14 the DPS was changed to Afiya Dalila from Miss TANSEY. Miss Dalila was DPS to Isaac Green who was the Premise Licence Holder. This shows that all the persons named as DPS/PLH are associated with Mr Hines in some manner, so he retains control.

This current application remains with Hines still owning and controlling the premises, appointing another female DPS.

The premise licence holder for the new application is an ex-partner of HINES. Our intelligence suggests that they have children together and again it is presumed that the female fronting the premises is easy to manipulate, as is the pattern of how the premises has been run historically.



Details surrounding the Old Harp Inn.

The Old Harp Inn is situated on Lower Walsall Street within a residential/industrial area of Wolverhampton. Historically the pub has attracted nefarious criminal activity, gang nominals have frequented the pub over a number of years and on 19/7/18 the licence was rescinded by the previous licence holder Theresa Ansell.

There have been a number of issues at the Old Harp Inn/Mississauga recently, in the months prior to the licence being rescinded. These include anti-social behaviour reported on numerous occasions by nearby residents, class A drugs being used at the premises (traces of which were found on numerous surfaces within the premises using specialist wipes by officers), the premises being over capacity, Isaac Green (prohibited from being on the premises) being on premises on numerous occasions and informing officers that he helped the ladies out doing heavier jobs and seen by officers to be left in

charge of the premises stating the DPS was out, cannabis being smoked at the premises on numerous occasions, last entry times being disregarded, the Manager Theresa Ansell being drunk and hostile to officers during a licensing check and no female door staff appointed as per variation implemented on 6/6/14.

In 2014 there was an attempt murder of a doorman

In 2015 Isaac Green who was a member of door staff was assaulted whilst working at the premises.

Another incident occurred in 2015 whereby Isaac Green was assaulted with a machete, after he had assaulted other persons with a baseball bat in a large violent disorder. Green was charged with these offences and served a prison sentence.

As a result of this incident, in 2016 the Police took the pub to review and the Licensing Authority ordered that they were no longer to be involved in the premises. This was placed as conditions on the licence. In July 2016 the licence and premises was then transferred to Anne Tansey. Throughout all this period Mr HINES has remained the owner of the pub and land the pub is on. Hines and Green are both members of the same gang.

Isaac Green is a known associate of Mr Hines, he has been linked to the premises for some time, reporting incidents to Police that have occurred at the premises, even though it is very clear that he is PROHIBITED from being on the premises since 2016. It appears that Mr Hines is obtaining information and retaining control potentially through Mr Green.

Anti-Social Behaviour is detailed in the form of a statement. Please see document obtained by Debra Craner, Environmental Health, which is attached to the representations email. This statement has been redacted to ensure that the person complaining to Environmental Health remains anonymous.

West Midlands Police also have complaints from another agency to say that illegal activity is currently taking place at the location.

If this application was granted by the Committee, West Midlands Police would envisage that further issues of drugs being dealt and used at the location would continue, the location would continue to attract gang nominals and criminal activity. That further breaches of the licence would be committed and violence and noise would continue. This would seriously undermine all 4 of the licensing objectives. Mr HINES is not responsible enough to ensure that the licensing objectives are upheld, his appointing of an ex-partner Angela Bent, to run the premises and remaining in control of the premises.

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2;
Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9, Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B)

Statement of
(Full Name)

[REDACTED]

Age of witness
(If over 18 enter over 18)

Over 18

Occupation of witness

[REDACTED]

This statement, (consisting of 2 page(s) 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.

Dated the day of

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Signed

I have lived with my [REDACTED] near the Mississauga (formerly the Harp Inn) public house, Walsall Street, Wolverhampton for about twenty years. For about four years I have seen a rise in trouble and noise disturbance coming from there. Since the name changed to Missaussuga about two years ago the problems have got considerably worse. Every weekend (Friday and Saturday) I am having to put up with loud music coming from the pub. I can easily make out the words being sung. And when the DJ is speaking I can also hear him loud and clear. The pub doesn't start to get busy until 01:00 hours and continues to stay open until about 05:00 hours when customers start to leave. We then have to put up with cars being started and loud music being played from those vehicles. There are regular fights outside which end up with bottles being broken and scattered around the street. The windows have all been open during

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Signed

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the last two months and so the music has become louder. The parking is a real issue as cars are dumped anywhere and everywhere and on one occasion at 04:30 hours, my [REDACTED] was returning from [REDACTED] shift and couldn't get [REDACTED] car through to our street as it was blocked with patrons vehicles. I have never seen any security staff working on the door. A lot of the residents that live around here are elderly and are afraid to make a complaint. They have asked me to make a complaint on their behalf which is why I recently raised it at my local PACT meeting. I would welcome something being done about this as we are not sleeping at the weekend and I have concerns with the type of people that the pub is attracting. I don't understand why this pub is allowed to stay open until 05:00 hours in the middle of a residential area.

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Signed

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