

Community Safety & Enforcement

Daliah Barrett- Licensing Team Leader



Mr Toprak
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Date: 14th June 2020
Your ref: CLOSURE PHILIP LANE SOCIAL CLUB

Dear Mr Toprak,

PHILIP LANE SOCIAL CLUB – 209-211 PHILIP LANE N15 - UNAUTHORISED USE OF PREMISES DURING COVID 19 RESTRICTION PERIOD.

Factual context

A pandemic virus - Covid 19 - has spread across much of the world. As of the 14th June, across the world over 7,690,708 people had contracted the virus and over 427,630 has died.

In the UK, over 41,662 have died.

There is no known cure for the virus, nor a vaccine, and the population not having been exposed before to the virus, no-one has natural immunity. The virus is also highly infectious.

National policy and legal context

Against that background, government policy expressed among other places in its [guidance](#) to businesses is to reduce social interaction as much as possible. This is a necessary measure to slow the progress of the pandemic in the UK.

In furtherance of that policy the government has laid, and Parliament has passed, [regulations](#) under the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984 which require all shops, pubs and restaurants to close unless they are of a description in Part 3 of Schedule 2 to the regulations – consumption of food and drink on the premises is high risk in terms of social interaction, both to the customer and to staff.

As it stands it is inexcusable that you were therefore found to be operating the Philip Lane Social Club on Thursday 11th June at 10pm by the Enforcement Officers. The Council will be issuing you with a Prohibition Notice for the breach under The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) Regulations 2020

Requirement to close premises and businesses during the emergency

4.—(1) A person responsible for carrying on a business which is listed in Part 1 of Schedule 2 must—

(a)during the emergency period—

(i)close any premises, or part of the premises, in which food or drink are sold for consumption on those premises, and

(ii)cease selling food or drink for consumption on its premises;

The Enforcement Officers advised that the layout of the premises has also be altered and that you had sublet a back room to another person who was also operating a social club providing On sales of alcohol to customers onsite. You have failed to inform the Licensing Authority of any changes to the layout of the premises that affects the licence, this is a contravention under the Licensing Act 2003.

It was also noted by the officers that you were allowing customers to smoke with the premises in breach of The Health Act 2006.

Although you have already been warned against the use of illegal gaming machines onsite it was noted that you had further gaming machines available for use onsite that were not Category C or D and have no permission under the Gambling Act 2005 to be in situ.

For the many contraventions stated above the Council will be seeking a prosecution against you on all the various matters under the relevant legislations.

You are required by law to ensure that the premises **is not** operating in any capacity at this time. Your non-compliance as a licence holder is a serious matter that will be enforced against by this Authority.

Regards

Daliah Barrett
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