

COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL

Licensing Sub-Committee

Notice of Determination

Date of Hearing: 14 December 2021

Premises: The Royal Mortar

Application: Summary Review of premises licence

Committee Members: Councillors Buston, Hagon and Harris

Present: Mr Clifford, Democratic Services Officer
Mr Ruder, Licensing, Food & Safety Manager
Mrs Rundle, Community Group Manager
Mr Weavers, Legal Advisor to the Committee

Application

A Summary Review of the premises licence of The Royal Mortar, 120 Military Road, Colchester CO1 2AS on the grounds that the licensing objective of the prevention of crime and disorder was being undermined by serious crime taking place at the premises.

Decision

To impose the interim step of suspending the premises licence held by Paul Kevin Bugg and Tanya Bug in relation to the Royal Mortar public house, 120 Military Road, Colchester CO1 2AS.

Reasons for the Determination

In reaching its decision, the Sub-Committee carefully considered the evidence which had been placed before it as part of the summary review application made by Essex Police, and noted the seriousness of the alleged offences which had been committed in the premises.

Consideration was given to the weight of evidence which had been presented by Essex Police, together with the request that had been made for the suspension of the licence.

The Sub-Committee considered the other options which were available to it, including modification of the conditions of the premises licence, the exclusion of the sale of alcohol by retail from the scope of the licence, and the removal of the designated premises supervisor from the licence, but it considered that none of these steps would have been sufficient to address the serious issues that had been associated with the premises and prevent the continued undermining of the prevention of crime and disorder licensing objective, as set out in the Licensing Act 2003.

Appeal by way of representations

The premises licence holder may make representations to the licensing authority against the interim steps imposed. Any representations should be made in writing to the Licensing Manager at licensing.team@colchester.gov.uk or sent to Colchester Borough Council, Rowan House, 33 Sheepen Road, Colchester CO3 3WG