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**NAME OF PREMISES: The Bulls Head**

**ADDRESS: Bull Street Brierley Hill**

I refer to the application for the Grant of a premises licence made in respect of the above premises.

I have visited the premises and there are some fire safety issues which may affect the Licensing Objective of Public Safety.

- The fire separation between the basement and staircase is inadequate
- There are no suitable fire doors where required.
- The fire alarm appeared to be faulty.
- There are no suitable arrangements to ensure adequate control of the fire alarm panel.
- The access /locking mechanism is not suitably configured for emergency egress.
- The fire exit doors do not open in the direction of escape..
- There is no suitable emergency egress from the beer garden

**Consequently, The Fire Authority hereby makes representation to the application.**

The Fire Authority will not consider removing its representation until it has been provided with evidence that items 1-6 ( below) have addressed.

Once items 1-6 have been suitably addressed, The Fire Authority may consider dispensing with items 7-10 by way of a voluntary undertaking.

- 1. The fire alarm needs to be checked by a competent engineer and proof is required that it is operating effectively and efficiently in accordance with BS5839-1**
- 2. The cellar requires a fire door at the head of the stairs to FD30s standard, incorporating an intumescent strip and cold smoke seal. The cellar door should be provided with a sign stating Fire door keep locked shut (or a self-closer provided).The inside of the cellar wall (at the head of the stairs) needs to be fire boarded to achieve 30 minutes fire resistance and the adjacent section of the underside of the staircase, repaired to achieve the same.**

3. **The Kitchen requires a fire door to FD30 standard including intumescent strip cold smoke seal and overhead self closing device.**
4. **The door separating the corridor from the rear of the bar needs to be upgraded with an intumescent strip and cold smoke seal. The self closer should be re-instated.**
5. **The magnetic locking device (maglock) should be linked to the fire alarm system in accordance with BS5839-1. The system should also be provided with a fail-safe green box override device.**
6. **The Beer Garden should be provided with suitable gates so that persons can escape to the footpath, without needing to pass back through the building.**
7. The safe capacity needs to be restricted to 60 persons
8. The applicant will need to make arrangement with the landlord for access to the fire alarm panel and co-ordinate measures to ensure that the system is suitably tested and maintained.
9. A fire risk assessment will need to be carried out
10. A certificate is required for the emergency lighting

Should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Regards*

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