

GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE - REPRESENTATION

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About the Premises

Application Reference No.	LPK 255869
Name of the Premises	Kate & Luc Café/Restaurant
Address of the premises including postcode	213 Burnage Lane, Manchester M19 1FN

Your Representation

Please outline your representation below and continue overleaf.

Please accept this as formal notification of the Greater Manchester Police support of the Review of the Premises Licence of Kate & Luc Café/Restaurant. GMP is firmly of the opinion that these premises are undermining the Licensing Objectives of the Prevention of Crime and Disorder, the Prevention of Public Nuisance and Public Safety.

GMP has been receiving reports from members of the public regarding the premises allowing customers to eat and drink inside the premises since the middle of January this year.

On the afternoon of Sunday 17th January 2021 GMP were contacted by a member of the public who informed us that the premises were open with customers sitting down for food with no social distancing measures and no masks being worn.

Between 1054 hours and 2143 hours on Saturday 6th February 2021 GMP were contacted 7 times by different members of the public who stated various lockdown breaches at the premises. One of the reports stated that on Facebook the Trafford Residents Against Lockdown had put up a post showing people sat at tables inside the premises and asking for other group members to visit the premises and show support.

Another report stated that there were 30+ people in the premises having an anti-lockdown party. A further one said that the premises had about 12 people sat inside eating and that the same thing had happened last week and the informant believed the premises have already been fined for doing this.

One report stated that the premises are continuing to trade, allowing customers to dine in close proximity inside the premises and that this is against current lock down legislation, and is endangering the health of the greater public. It further stated that they are open tomorrow and have stated they will be opening in future regardless of the law.

At 1220 hours on Sunday 7th February 2021 GMP were contacted by a member of the public who stated that people are inside the cafe and are sat down at tables eating. The informant said the cafe is rammed, unknown how many people altogether. The informant said the male is posting on Facebook that he is open and people are travelling from all over to support him.

At approximately 1246 hours the same day GMP officers attended at the premises in response to reports that the premises were operating in breach of the Covid 19 regulations and that customers were eating and drinking inside the premises. The officers activated their body worn video cameras as they approached the premises and as soon as they entered they were met with a chorus of jeers and cheers from the estimated 60-70 people who were inside the premises. Several of these persons began to film the officers on their mobile phones. The officers saw members of staff preparing food and drinks and saw that no social distancing was being followed within the premises.

The officers approached the counter to try and speak to the male who they believed to be the owner who ignored the officers at first and continued to take payments off customers. Eventually the male did respond to the officers but was immediately confrontational and obstructive; he was also abusive to the officers and swore at them.

The male, who has since been identified as the Designated Premises Supervisor and joint Premises Licence Holder Lucjan Domanski, then called one of the officers a Nazi. The officer asked Mr Domanski to go to a less crowded part of the premises so that they could speak more easily and Mr Domanski gestured towards the back of the shop and then picked up some keys from behind the counter. The officers stated that he would not be leaving the premises as he knew that they would be locked out and Mr Domanski has again been abusive and swore at the officers. He has then walked outside of the premises in front of the officers and what happened next is part of an ongoing criminal investigation but it resulted in Mr Domanski being arrested for Assaulting an Emergency Worker. Crimes for Assaulting an Emergency Worker and Assault with Intent to Resist Arrest have been submitted.

At 1525 hours the same day a police log was created which recorded several complaints from people alleging assault by a police officer against the owner of the premises and, worryingly, threats against the officer concerned.

Between 1406 hours and 2200 hours on Monday 8th February 2021 GMP received 4 reports from members of the public. One stated that there was a video online in which Mr Domanski appears and states he will be opening the premises the next day. Another report stated this business are continuing to trade despite lock-down rules and receiving a visit from GMP yesterday when an incident occurred resulting in a Police Officer being assaulted. It went on to state that they were open this morning and are planning to open tomorrow morning from 08:30am. The informant stated that they have information to suggest it will be a mass gathering of over 50 people in attendance, and people are being urged not to wear masks or practice social distancing. For obvious reasons, these people need to be dispersed. The informant also stated that they are making a mockery of the law, and endangering the health of the greater public.

The other 2 reports were allegations of assault against the police officer involved in the incident on 7th February.

There are statements from the officers who attended the incident on 7th February and Body Worn video footage which will be made available as part of the bundle prior to the review hearing date. Copies of incident reports and Crime reports will also be made available as part of the bundle.

It is abundantly clear that the Premises Licence Holder has no regard for upholding the licensing objectives and, despite intervention from both Manchester City council and GMP, continues to operate the premises in a manner which is unlawful and places staff and customers in danger.

We therefore ask that the Premises Licence is revoked forthwith.