



4. The premises licence is to be transferred to me and I will be the DPS in the interim until I find someone up to my standard who I have 100% confidence in. Until that time I have the time and resources to commit to these roles and safely uphold the licencing directives.
5. The current owner has had the premises 40 years and I have been visiting this public house all my life as such with my family. My intention is to ensure the safe running of the premises for the many local customers, some of which I have known all my life and rely upon the premises as a social meeting point.
6. There have been some issues with some local undesirables having previously caused issues at the premises and The Vine Public House but the individuals we understand have been put in prison.
7. I have successfully run security teams for pubs and night clubs for 25 years without so much as a blemish to my record and a proven history of making sure venues with issues are brought back on track. I am a licenced door supervisor as well as close protection operative. The security company I previously owned was an SIA approved contractor for 10 years plus.
8. When the premises re opens the venue would have door supervisors at weekends in the interim. The venue would be also over 21s only as I feel that this would change the dynamic of the customers and the venue a little more and make sense in this instance.
9. The question has been raised about my time and resources to be able to manage this premises safely due to my other commitments. The suggestion has been made I am running Rollins Capital Ventures Ltd / MSS Security. I sold this business at the start of 2023 to my former co-director and the Mowers Arms is closing as it is no longer financially viable – I have more than enough time to devote to this premises. Louie Leisure Ltd has been created with a view in the future to amalgamating my earnings and turnover to make tax and accounting more streamlined, but this company does not actually trade at the moment and would be a holding company of my existing venues etc rather than an additional commitment.
10. The other venues I control run very well with the current structures and staff who take care of the day-to-day laborious work. There have been 0 call outs from GMP to the Charlestown in 3 months of having that venue and only 2 call outs to the Mowers Arms in 5 years plus. I run my premises well and safely and have a strong track record of doing so over 15 years. As GMP point out, the 2 other venues I run are also in challenging areas which shows as testament to my ability to run venues in challenging areas and circumstances.
11. There is no serious crime or gang issues at the premises and if there was surely that would affect The Clarendon which is 400 yards up the road which has recently reopened.

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12. The question was raised by GMP in their objection about my address. There is clearly some confusion here as I still currently live at [REDACTED], however my proposal is that upon taking over the Queens Hotel I will move [REDACTED] as this is [REDACTED] from The Queens Hotel, this shows my serious commitment to The Queens Hotel and ensuring the safe and efficient running of the venue as I will be on the doorstep as such of the premises to keep constant close eye on the operations daily.
13. I believe the objection by GMP is incorrect and based on the misunderstanding of my resources and time in this matter. I do fully understand that it is right for GMP to ensure that any licenced premises is being run correctly and safe and I respect this and fully support them, particularly with a venue which has had any issues in the past, however I have spent 25 years working with venues with problems and putting plans in place to safely correct these issues. My intention in this statement is to set clear the facts so I can work together with GMP and Manchester council licensing to ensure the safe future running of the Queens Hotel.

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