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Dear J Dowling

Re: Your request for information: 3796

Thank you for your request for information that was received on 13 May 09 and apologise for the delay. You requested:-

names of the premises that Southwark Borough Council (under the advice of the Police) has required to install an ID scanning system as part of their continued holding of an alcohol and entertainments license.

The dates that the owners of those venues were informed that they were required to install such a system to continue operating under license.

The specific date when the owners of Club SeOne were informed that they must install an ID scanning system and the complete text of that information. The advice given to those premises by Southwark Borough Council regarding Data Protection.

The information that you requested is as follows

Full records of all our 2003 Act licensed premises are available in the public domain on our on-line licensing register which can be viewed by visiting <http://licensing.southwarksites.com/> . Copies of the individual licence requirements can be downloaded for printing from the register.

With specific regard to the SEOne Club, the requirement for the club management to install an ID scanning system came from a decision of the council's licensing sub-committee taken at a public hearing of a licence review application, requested by the metropolitan police, on 1 December 2008. The review application was made following the fatal shooting of a member of the public at the premises earlier in the year. The [police review application specifically sought the addition of a number of conditions to the premises existing licence, including the condition in question.

The full wording of the condition is

"That all persons entering the premises must supply verifiable identification details that are passed through a digital scanning / recording system, such as clubscan, idvista or a comparable system;"

the Council does not apply any standard conditions to licences other than those mandatory conditions that are required by law. Aside from the mandatory conditions, all other conditions are premises specific determined on a case by case basis. Their inclusion on the licence may be as a result of either

- the applicant voluntarily proposing the control in question as part of their overall management plan set out within the operating schedule submitted as part of their initial licence application; or
- the condition being accepted by the applicant during the course of the council's conciliation process which brings applicants together with those interested parties who raise representations against an application and aims to achieve a negotiated conclusion to which all parties agree; or
- in a few cases, the condition may be imposed by the council's licensing committee having considered a contested licence application or a licence review at a public hearing. In these cases the committee will have considered the application on its own merits with all relevant matters taken into account, and will have decided that it is appropriate and necessary to impose the specific condition(s) to achieve one or more of the four licensing objectives. The objectives consist of the prevention of crime and disorder; the prevention of nuisance; public safety; and the protection of children from harm. The council's powers to set conditions arise from sections 21 and 52 of the 2003 Act.

In the main, licences that have requirements around the production of photographic ID, do so as a consequence of considerations around under-age sales of alcohol. This applies in the cases of many of our on and off licensed premises.

I can confirm that Southwark Council does not store or use information captured by this in any way. Furthermore, the venues concerned do not automatically share this information with any party, but it is understood that attendance information would be shared in the event of an incident that required police investigation.

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