

## Helen Farman-McKenna

---

**From:** @flintbishop.co.uk>  
**Sent:** 27 October 2020 14:14  
**To:** Helen Farman-McKenna  
**Subject:** Re: Ref License Review of Middle Bell 33 Main St Barton under Needwood DE13 8AA

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of the organisation. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognise the sender and know the content is safe.

Hi Helen,

Heineken purchased approximately 1800 pubs from Punch Taverns PLC a couple of years ago and whilst they sort out the leases, all the licences are currently held in the name of Punch Partnerships Ltd, which is rather confusingly unconnected to Punch Taverns PLC, (annual fee invoices are always going astray! )

I can confirm that I act for Punch Partnership Ltd and so would be grateful if you could email the representations to me?

The address on the licence is their registered office and I expect the post may well be lost somewhere between the London address and their head office in Scotland!

Kind regards,

Solicitor

Licensing

**DD** [01332 226 148 ext: 274](tel:01332226148)

**M** [07771 643 586](tel:07771643586)

**F** [01332 207 601](tel:01332207601)

**DX** 729320 DERBY 24

**Flint Bishop LLP** St. Michael's Court, St. Michael's Lane, Derby, DE1 3HQ

**[Subscribe and keep up-to-date with our licensing updates](#)**

This e-mail is sent for and on behalf of Flint Bishop LLP. This e-mail and its attachments are solely for the use of the intended recipient(s). If they have come to you in error you must take no action based on them, nor must you copy or communicate them to anyone. Please notify us immediately and delete this communication. Please note Flint Bishop LLP does not accept any responsibility for viruses and it is your responsibility to scan or otherwise check this email and any attachments.

Flint Bishop LLP is a Limited Liability Partnership registered in England and Wales, registration number OC317931. Registered office: St Michael's Court, St Michael's Lane, Derby DE1 3HQ.

Authorised and regulated by the Solicitors Regulation Authority, SRA number 509657. A list of members is available at the registered office. Any reference to a Partner of Flint Bishop LLP means a member, employee or consultant of Flint Bishop LLP with equivalent standing and qualifications. Please note that Flint Bishop LLP monitors e-mails sent or received. Further communication will signify your consent to this.

Please consider the environment before printing this e-mail

On 27 Oct 2020, at 14:00, Helen Farman-McKenna <Helen.McKenna@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk> wrote:

Kirsty

The Premises Licence Holder for the Middle Bell is Punch Partnerships (PTL) Ltd therefore all correspondence has to be sent them until such time the Licence is transferred to someone else.

Heineken does not appear on any Applications therefore will be an internal matter for you to deal with.

Regards  
H

Helen Farman-McKenna  
Licensing Officer  
Regulatory Services  
East Staffordshire Borough Council  
Town Hall  
King Edward Place  
Burton Upon Trent DE14 2EB

Tele: 01283 508310  
Email: [Helen.McKenna@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk](mailto:Helen.McKenna@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk)

*"Help save paper - do you really need to print this email?"*

**PLEASE NOTE ALL PRE-ARRANGED APPOINTMENTS WILL BE AT OUR OFFICES AT MILLERS LANE, BURTON, DE14 2NS (rear of Lidl supermarket)**

<image001.jpg>

*Are you registered to vote at the next Election? It only takes 5 minutes to register. Go to [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote) to get started!*

**From:** smb\_legal&estates [mailto:legal&estates@punchpubs.com]  
**Sent:** 27 October 2020 13:56  
**To:** sean.severn@sky.com  
**Cc:** Helen Farman-McKenna <Helen.McKenna@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** FW: Ref License Review of Middle Bell 33 Main St Barton under Needwood DE13 8AA

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of the organisation. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognise the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear Sirs,

This property was sold to Heineken in 2018.

Please forward licence information to them.

Kind regards

Kirsty North  
Legal & Estates Support  
[Kirsty.North@punchpubs.com](mailto:Kirsty.North@punchpubs.com)  
01283 501626

Jubilee House, Second Avenue, Burton upon Trent, DE14 2WF  
[punchpubs.com](http://punchpubs.com)

<image004.jpg>

<image005.png>

<image007.png>

<image008.png>

<image009.png>

**From:** enquiries <[enquiries@punchpubs.com](mailto:enquiries@punchpubs.com)>

**Sent:** 27 October 2020 13:26

**To:** smb\_legal&estates <[legal&estates@punchpubs.com](mailto:legal&estates@punchpubs.com)>; Punch Licensing  
<[punchlicensing@tltsolicitors.com](mailto:punchlicensing@tltsolicitors.com)>

**Subject:** FW: Ref License Review of Middle Bell 33 Main St Barton under Needwood DE13 8AA

Hi guys,

Please see below.

Thanks,

India Dhamnait  
Pub Support Specialist

[india.dhamnait@punchpubs.com](mailto:india.dhamnait@punchpubs.com)

01283 502222

Jubilee House, Second Avenue, Burton upon Trent, DE14 2WF  
[punchpubs.com](http://punchpubs.com)

<image010.jpg>

<image005.png>

<image007.png>

<image008.png>

<image009.png>

**From:** ;

**Sent:** 27 October 2020 13:23

**To:** [Helen.McKenna@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk](mailto:Helen.McKenna@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk); enquiries <[enquiries@punchpubs.com](mailto:enquiries@punchpubs.com)>

**Subject:** RE: Ref License Review of Middle Bell 33 Main St Barton under Needwood DE13 8AA

**This message originated from outside your organisation**

Punch  
PSB ref Middle Bell DE13 8AA and license review  
Please acknowledge this is your property.

Sent from Sky Yahoo Mail on Android

On Tue, 27 Oct 2020 at 13:07, Helen Farman-McKenna  
<[Helen.McKenna@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk](mailto:Helen.McKenna@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk)> wrote:

The Premises Licence Holder as per the Premises Licence that you requested is, Punch Partnerships (PTL) Ltd therefore that is who you send all your correspondence too by either email or postal.

Regards

H

Helen Farman-McKenna

Licensing Officer

Regulatory Services

East Staffordshire Borough Council

Town Hall

King Edward Place

Burton Upon Trent DE14 2EB

Tele: 01283 508310

Email: [Helen.Mckenna@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk](mailto:Helen.Mckenna@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk)

*"Help save paper - do you really need to print this email?"*

PLEASE NOTE ALL PRE-ARRANGED APPOINTMENTS WILL BE AT OUR OFFICES AT MILLERS LANE, BURTON, DE14 2NS (rear of Lidl supermarket)

<image011.jpg>

**Are you registered to vote at the next Election? It only takes 5 minutes to register. Go to [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote) to get started!**

**From:**

**Sent:** 27 October 2020 13:04

**To:** Helen Farman-McKenna <[Helen.McKenna@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk](mailto:Helen.McKenna@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** RE: Ref License Review of Middle Bell 33 Main St Barton under Needwood DE13 8AA

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of the organisation. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognise the sender and know the content is safe.

Well now that is the question as the owners aren't Punch PTL Ltd are they. It is being advertised by Heineken Star Pubs for lease.....

So who do I send it to....

As I have no acknowledgement from either from previous emails I take it neither are bothered.....

[Sent from Sky Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

On Tue, 27 Oct 2020 at 11:36, Helen Farman-McKenna

<[Helen.McKenna@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk](mailto:Helen.McKenna@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk)> wrote:

I acknowledge receipt of the below of which I note you have sent to all Responsible Authorities.

Can you also confirm you have sent to the Premises Licence Holder, Punch Partnerships (PTL) Ltd?

I can confirm that this will be put with your previous email to go with your Review Application.

Regards

H

Helen Farman-McKenna

Licensing Officer

Regulatory Services

East Staffordshire Borough Council

Town Hall

King Edward Place

Burton Upon Trent DE14 2EB

Tele: 01283 508310

Email: [Helen.Mckenna@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk](mailto:Helen.Mckenna@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk)

*"Help save paper - do you really need to print this email?"*

**PLEASE NOTE ALL PRE-ARRANGED APPOINTMENTS WILL BE AT OUR OFFICES AT MILLERS LANE, BURTON, DE14 2NS (rear of Lidl supermarket)**

<image012.jpg>

**Are you registered to vote at the next Election? It only takes 5 minutes to register. Go to [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote) to get started!**

**From**

**Sent:** 21 October 2020 14:00

**To:** Helen Farman-McKenna <[Helen.McKenna@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk](mailto:Helen.McKenna@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk)>; Southern Licensing <[southern.licensing@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:southern.licensing@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk)>; Licensing <[Licensing@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk)>; Enforcement <[Enforcement@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk](mailto:Enforcement@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk)>; EHSsupport <[EHSsupport@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk](mailto:EHSsupport@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk)>; [publichealth@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:publichealth@staffordshire.gov.uk); [alcohol@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:alcohol@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk); DC Support <[DCsupport@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk](mailto:DCsupport@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk)>; CCE <[community.civil\\_enforcement@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk](mailto:community.civil_enforcement@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk)>; [sscb.admin@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:sscb.admin@staffordshire.gov.uk); [esdg.protect@staffordshirefire.gov.uk](mailto:esdg.protect@staffordshirefire.gov.uk); [licensing@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@staffordshire.gov.uk); [licensinghq@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:licensinghq@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk)

**Subject:** Re: Ref License Review of Middle Bell 33 Main St Barton under Needwood DE13 8AA

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of the organisation. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognise the sender and know the content is safe.

Further considerations for the license review.

## 1. Under the Equality Act 2010

Facilities being offered must **provide** equal access to **toilets** for **disabled** customers / visitors and employees, to the same standard as non-**disabled** people.

As it currently stands there are no facilities offered for disabled employees or patrons.

## 2. Health and Safety

It has also come to light that there is a pump in the cellar that is used to pump water and any other spilt liquids direct onto the roadway of Bell Lane. As pipe cleaning fluids are toxic are they at risk of being discharged through this means? This pipe has been seen to be discharging fluids direct into the road and has been brought to the attention of landlords before.. It still is in use and therefore poses a hazard on the roadway. Can EH and Highways please investigate?

As we are now coming to winter this fluid could freeze over night causing an even greater hazard.

The current tenants have ceased to renew their tenancy however it is still vital that any premises license be reviewed due to the historic issues with tenants and ASB. The license and policing of the venue requires review as Staffs Police have failed to respond to requests for assistance when trouble has broken out in the venue.

Regards

On Wed, 14 Oct 2020 at 22:21,

As Per Licensing Act 2003 Sect 51

Helen et all ,

I am ! I work and commute away a lot. I only tend to be home at weekends after working some extremely long hours during the week. My weekends are my down time away from work and my time to spend with my family to rest and recover for my week ahead. I have been woken and disturbed many times with ASB, noise and criminal activity . It has got that bad that I have on occasions elected not to come home at weekends so I can rest. My quality of life is being adversely affected.

I do not wish to see a business fail or disappear however, I object to have to live with the abuse and noise we get from those who frequent this poorly run establishment. There were many objections to the hrs granted by licensing to the establishment under Punch Taverns and our fears as residents have come to the fore. I have tried to liaise with the management, there's been little change and there has been no liaison or understanding by the licensing enforcement office , the pub chain owners nor the premises license holders. Staffs Police have liaised however, their response times to incidents are too long and they are often too busy on priority tasks to come to reported incidents . They often arrive too late to catch the perpetrators in the act . This is known by some of the organisers of the trouble and hence why the PH is targeted by many from outside the village and local area.

My evidence for requesting a review of their licence and my objectives.

1. Eradicate the noise and therefore prevent the public nuisance toward residential properties surrounding the establishment,
- 2, Prevent crime and disorder
3. Protection of public safety.

All the above come under the licensing Act 2003.

May I remind the licensing department of ESBC that residents have a right to a peaceful and quiet life. Article 8 Human Rights, Noise and Statutory Nuisance Act 1993 , Noise Act 1996 . Environmental Protection Act 1990

Evidence.



Since opening The Middle Bell has had several incidents where they have broken their current licensing condition.

They are promoting a Bottomless Lunch

<image013.png>

This goes against the licensing Act 2003 Mandatory conditions sections;

1a Encouraged to drink as much alcohol as possible in a time limit.

1b Provision of unlimited or unspecified quantities .

#### *Public Safety*

No person is to take opened vessels containing alcohol from the boundaries of the premises.

On several occasion patrons have been seen walking down main street with glasses and bottles of drinks . Since the opening of Vin X several have been seen walking over from The Middle Bell across to Vin X with drinks in open vessels .

All glasses and bottles must be removed from the public areas as soon as reasonably practical.-

Glasses and bottles have been left on tables too long and on one occasion when a fight broke out were thrown around the front of the PH on Main Street . Glasses have been thrown on pavements and roads around the establishment.

#### *Prevention of Public Nuisance.*

Incidents recorded to date since the opening after lockdown. :

Between the 4 Jul and 12 Aug there was a major incident involving several people where a fight broke out on the street . cars and property damaged , Staff's Police in attendance. My wife was alone as I was serving away on Operations and was frightened for the safety of our home and herself.

The PH and management were reported on several occasions for failing to adhere to Govt Covid-19 regulations and law. SD measures were not adhered to and peoples safety was compromised.

16 Aug 0005 . Excessive noise and shouting of Patrons leaving the Establishment drunk. Arguments and taxis parked on zig zags , people leaving with drinks in their hands.

22 Aug 20 ... Party in Skinny Kitten Main St, 3 buildings away . Several people seen very drunk walking down from Middle Bell with drinks and going into Skinny Kitten for a party after drinking excessive alcohol.

23 Aug 20 .. Shouting and balling at 0025 -0055 , Lexus car seen on the Pelican crossing with its brakes applied wheels spinning and burning rubber to a cheering crowd.

30 Aug 20 0115- 0130 . having had several incidents throughout the day of loud drunken women exiting the Middle Bell after daytime drinking sessions I was woken by loud shouting and screaming from several drunk people leaving Middle Bell. Pub . People urinating up the walls of the coop and shouting at taxis and arguing over prices. Video evidence can be supplied . Police contacted incident no . 63 30 08 20

5 Sep 20 0000 Noise and shouting outside and towards the Community centre . I went to check and discovered several teens massing in the car park extremely drunk. A traffic cone was being thrown about near the Community centre windows . I shouted them to stop and 3 x males walked towards me , i filmed them and they accused me of being a pedophile as they claimed to be under 16. they were extremely abusive and drunk . 999 called , Police control room listened and recorded the whole conversations and abuse and threats to life. Vin X still had customers in drinking with the owner .

between 6 Sep and 20 Sep we had had enough and went away from home and stayed in our motorhome to get some peace away from the public nuisance .

26/27 Sep I worked away

3 Oct 20 - Teens push another teen into my door and I gave chase as they run off. I also discover No 34 had the same happen and his door lock is damaged . Police called , They . didn't attend immediately and didn't apprehend the individuals incident 764 3 10 20

On the above occasions Staffs Police have not always attended due to manning and other incidents.

I am aware that several other residents have complained reference noise and public nuisance to Staffs Police , Licensing and EH .

The licences stipulates that doors and windows are to be shut after 2300 and no vessels or drinks to be taken outside after 2300 . This has been ignored since they opened. A local resident has video evidence.

Finally the license supplied was issued to Punch Partnerships(PTL) Ltd and a designated Premises Supervisor of Donna Caroline Chance. ( I believe she doesn't work there now )

A check on companies house has the Co listed as a PLC and has no connection with Star Pubs or Heineken who now own and advertise the pub as one of their pub lets. .

However they do have a connection with Punch Taverns Holdco (A) Ltd . which is listed as a non trading company and only manages assets .

I believe that the License issued and being used should have been changed into the correct company responsible for this PH . That being Star Pubs or the tenant company Comfy Pub Co which is trading as a licensed restaurants company and advertises as running the licensed premises.

### Middle Bell Barton Under Nee



#### **Middle Bell Barton Under Nee**

This pub is subject to a proposed refurbishment, the details of which are being worked up. While we don't have a...

<image014.png>

<image015.png>

#### **Middle Bell Barton Under Nee**

This pub is subject to a proposed refurbishment, the details of which are being worked up. While we don't have a...

I am therefore calling for a review of the license and respectfully request that the License is brought up to date and in line with more socially acceptable closing times of Midnight at weekends and that any drink promotions that promote unlimited alcohol are ceased immediately. I do not wish to see this business close however I feel the Comfy Pub Co are not running The Middle Bell in a socially responsible way under the licensing act 2003 guidelines and are not adhering to a license as they have none to loose or legally bind them to the act.

Kind Regards

---

This e-mail and files or other data transmitted with it are confidential and intended solely for the use of the individual to whom it is addressed. If you are not the intended recipient, disclosure, dissemination, forwarding, printing or copying is strictly prohibited and you must not take any action in reliance upon it. Please notify the sender immediately and delete the message. Any views or opinions presented are solely those of the author and do not necessarily represent those of East Staffordshire Borough Council unless explicitly stated otherwise. East Staffordshire Borough Council may monitor the contents of e-mail sent and received via its network for the purposes of ensuring compliance with its policies and procedures. East Staffordshire Borough Council does not enter into contracts or contractual obligations via electronic mail, unless otherwise explicitly agreed in advance in writing between parties concerned. The Council believes in being open with its information and the contents of this e-mail and any replies may be released to a third party requesting such information at a future date.

---

This e-mail and files or other data transmitted with it are confidential and intended solely for the use of the individual to whom it is addressed. If you are not the intended recipient, disclosure, dissemination, forwarding, printing or copying is strictly prohibited and you must not take any action in reliance upon it. Please notify the sender immediately and delete the message. Any views or opinions presented are solely those of the author and do not necessarily represent those of East Staffordshire Borough Council unless explicitly stated otherwise. East Staffordshire Borough Council may monitor the contents of e-mail sent and received via its network for the purposes of ensuring compliance with its policies and procedures. East Staffordshire Borough Council does not enter into contracts or contractual obligations via electronic mail, unless otherwise explicitly agreed in advance in writing between parties concerned. The Council believes in being open with its information and the contents of this e-mail and any replies may be released to a third party requesting such information at a future date.

The company sending this e-mail is a member of the Punch group of companies. The group's principal subsidiaries are listed below, are registered in England and Wales and have their registered office at Jubilee House, Second Avenue, Burton-upon-Trent, Staffordshire DE14 2WF.

Punch Pubs & Co Limited Reg No. 3982441, Punch Taverns Limited Reg No. 3752645, Punch Partnerships (PML) Limited Reg No. 3321199, Punch Partnerships (PGRP) Limited Reg No. 3988664, Punch Partnerships (Seagull) Limited Reg No. 11301804, Punch Taverns (Branston) Limited Reg No 5596581 and Punch Taverns (Services) Limited Reg No. 4221944.

The statements and opinions expressed in this message are those of the author and therefore do not necessarily reflect those of Punch. Punch does not take any responsibility or liability whatsoever for the views of the author.

This email message is confidential and may be legally privileged. If you are not the intended recipient you should not read, copy, distribute, disclose or otherwise use the information in