

## **The Chequers PH, 121 North Street, Hornchurch, Essex, RM11 1ST**

I am Graham Hopkins an experienced Licensing Consultant with nearly 21 years experience dealing with applications and hearings under The Licensing Act 2003 including three and a half years working as a Licensing Officer and Licensing Enforcement Officer.

I was the Tenant & DPS of a public house for two years and have held a personal licence for nearly 20 years. Prior to that I served in HM Customs & Excise for 24 years finishing my service as a Senior Executive Officer.

My Partner Mrs Linda Potter and I visited The Chequers PH, 121 North Street, Hornchurch, Essex, RM11 1ST on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026 @ 11.00 and met Mr Pervinderjit Sandhu, the son of Mr Jagtar Sandhu the current premises licence holder of The Chequers. (Mr Jagtar Sandhu, a long standing client of ours is currently unwell.)

Mr Pervinderjit Sandhu has himself worked in various public houses owned by the family for about twenty years. The Chequers PH is currently facing an Expedited Review, applied for by The Metropolitan Police, of its premises licence Number 1613 (issued by the London Borough of Havering the Licensing Authority) following a recent incident that had occurred late at night.

Mr Pervinderjit Sandhu and we discussed the current premises licence conditions. Mr Sandhu is of course aware of the mandatory conditions at Annex 1 which of course can not be varied.

We went through the conditions at Annex 2 of the premises licence which I as an experienced Licensing Consultant considered were no longer robust enough to fully promote the Licensing Objectives, especially following the recent incident. For example they included "grandfathered" conditions from the Old Justices Licence for The Chequers.

It was agreed with Mr Pervinderjit Sandhu that we should seek to remove the existing Annex 2 conditions and replace them with the list of considerably more robust conditions proposed by Mr Craig, the Barrister, who is acting Mr Jagtar Sandhu and Mr Pervinderjit Sandhu. I went through the proposed new conditions with Mr Pervinderjit Sandhu and ensured that he fully understood them.

We discussed the role of the premises licence holder and agreed that given Mr Jagtar Sandhu, the current PLH,) is presently unwell, that Mr Pervinderjit Sandhu with his considerable prior experience of managing public houses would apply to become the premises licence holder and we will be making that application immediately.

We also discussed and agreed that the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) should be varied to be Ms Danielle Cassar who we understand has worked at The Chequers PH for twelve years and who holds a personal licence. Ms Cassar is the Manager and is usually present five days a week including Friday & Saturdays. Both applications have been submitted to the London Borough of Havering`s Licensing Authority.

Mr Pervinderjit Sandhu will also make sure that all staff have refresher training on operating the CCTV system including downloading screenshots and images.

We have also supplied Mr Pervinderjit Sandhu with training records to use in the future and Notices including re CCTV, Challenge 25 and Noise / Respect Residents Notices. We are of course willing to assist Mr Sandhu with training or undertake it for him if required..