

Appendix E

Officer Statements

	Name/Contact	Statement	Date
1	Michelle Bishop Interim Licensing Manager Huntingdonshire District Council	<p>I, Michelle Bishop interim Licensing Manager for Huntingdonshire District Council state that the facts in this statement come from my personal knowledge and records held at Huntingdonshire District Council Licensing Department.</p> <p>On Friday 2 June 2023 at approx. 6pm I attended the location with my colleague Kate Penn – Environmental Health Service Manager. My role during this visit was to display a copy of the review notice in the window/door of the premises.</p> <p>On entering the premises, I was greeted by an unknown male wearing white shirt and black trousers and appeared to be working as a waiter/front of house for the business. I introduced myself and my colleague and explained why we was in attendance.</p> <p>I asked the gentleman to confirm his name of which he confirmed Mr [REDACTED], after a period of time he showed us his food hygiene certificate that was displayed on the premises and confirmed that he lived above the premises known as 61A High Street, Ramsey.</p> <p>At this point he brought over his colleague Mr [REDACTED], who confirmed he was the manager and working on a voluntary basis.</p> <p>I explained why we was there and Mr [REDACTED] then under the direction of Mr [REDACTED] called the owner who advised was Mr Salah CHOUDARY.</p> <p>I spoke to Mr CHOUDARY on the telephone and ask if he had a contact number for the premises licence holder Mr RASHID, he then advised that he would ask Mr RASHID to call me back on the shop number.</p> <p>Within a few minutes a call was received from Mr RASHID, again at this point I confirmed who I was and the reason for the visit. He claimed he was fully aware as he had received the review paperwork from HMRC. I advised Mr RASHID that the office would be in touch regarding the review hearing.</p> <p>I then proceeded to put up the Licence Review notice in both the window and door and clearly visible from the outside.</p> <p>During the visit I accompanied my colleague to the kitchen, present at this time was a female who was watching the two kitchen staff prepare meals. The kitchen staff both dressed in chef white aprons were [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].</p> <p>We then concluded our visit and left the premises.</p>	28/06/2023

		I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true	
2	Kate Penn Environmental Health Services Manager Huntingdonshire District Council	<p>Thank your for consulting me on the application to Review a Premises licence at Indiaana, 61 High Street, Ramsey, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, PE26 1AB</p> <p>I have been employed by Huntingdonshire District Council since December 2022 as Environmental Health Service Manager having worked in Environmental Health since April 2009. I am a Registered Chartered Environmental Health Practitioner with the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health. In my role at Huntingdonshire District Council I manage the team responsible for food safety and hygiene.</p> <p>Indiaana, 61 High Street, Ramsey, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, PE26 1AB is a food business registered in the Huntingdonshire District Council area and on 2 June 2023 I attended the premises to place the blue licence review notices in the premises window. I was accompanied by my colleague Michelle Bishop, the Licensing Manager for Huntingdonshire District Council. Before visiting the premises I checked the food business registration record and confirmed that the food business operator is Harun Rashid. I also noted that at the last food hygiene inspection on 19 October 2022 he was not at the premises and the food handler spoken to was [REDACTED] and the inspection form was signed by [REDACTED]</p> <p>I arrived at the restaurant at 17:34hrs and upon entering the restaurant was greeted by a male who appeared to be a waiter and was dressed in a typical waiter outfit of black trousers and a white shirt. He told me his name was [REDACTED] and his date of birth is [REDACTED]. Michelle Bishop explained why we were at the premises and a male identifying himself as [REDACTED] told me he was in charge tonight and voluntarily working. [REDACTED] then told me that Salid Chowdhury is his boss.</p>	28/06/2023

I then asked [REDACTED] where he lived and he said that he lived upstairs along with [REDACTED] and a female member of staff who I had observed waiting tables.

I then went to the kitchen to see if the food business operator was present. There were two males present as I entered the kitchen, both were preparing food and dressed in Chef's clothing. One male then promptly left the kitchen through the back door. The male wearing an apron and tending to the Tandoori oven indicated that he did not speak English, I asked to see his ID. The male showed me his 'Application Registration Card', it was his photograph on the card and the name given was [REDACTED]. I took photographs of the card which are attached to this email. Although [REDACTED] initially indicated that he did not speak English he was able to tell me that he lived upstairs.

Whilst [REDACTED] was showing me his identification card the other male returned to the kitchen having taken off his chef's hat and apron. I asked who he was, and he confirmed his name was [REDACTED] date of birth was [REDACTED]. I spoke to the female member of staff who had followed us into the kitchen and asked why she was there and she said she was learning to cook biryani.

I then went back to the restaurant area of the premises and sellotaped two blue notices to the front window, one was placed near the bar and the other near the door.

On 20 June 2023 and 22 June 2023 I drove past Indiaana and saw that the blue notices were still in the window.

If you require any further information please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards