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Our Ref: Coronavirus
If calling, please ask for: Environmental Health

Date: 3rd November 2020

Woodman Inn
6 Hartley Street
Dewsbury
WF13 2BJ

Dear [REDACTED],

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) (No.3) Regulations 2020 (As Amended)
WOODMAN INN, 6 HARTLEY STREET, DEWSBURY, WF13 2BJ

I write further to my visit to the above-mentioned premises on Friday the 30th October 2020 at approximately 21.00. The purpose of the visit was to assess compliance with legislation and government guidance regarding preventing the spread of coronavirus. I believe you have failed to implement suitable and sufficient controls in line with the latest government public safety guidance for operating your business safely during the Coronavirus pandemic. The relevant guidance for your business is "Keeping workers and customers safe during COVID-19 in restaurants, pubs, bars and takeaway services". This can be found at www.gov.uk. You should also be familiar with additional guidance that relates to additional restrictions in the north of England, which affects the whole of Kirklees. In particular, the following caused me concern:

- The system for recording customer details was not being implemented successfully.
- Customers were free to enter the premises and approached the bar without wearing a face covering.
- Customers were moving around the premises without a face covering
- Groups of customers from different households were socially sat together.
- Customers were stood at the bar with drinks
- Customers were socially interacting with other tables and this was not being challenged by your staff.
- Music was playing at a volume that necessitated the raising of voices

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Having sought guidance from the Director of Public Health in Kirklees, I am now of the opinion that the lack of controls demonstrated constitutes a serious and imminent threat to public health. As such a Direction by this authority, imposing requirements, restrictions or possibly prohibition on your business activities may be imposed.

The guidance referenced below should be followed, to ensure the safe operation of your business and, the following controls should be implemented immediately:

- One member of every party must be asked to provide their name and contact details to the business for test and trace purposes. These details must also include the time of entry and be kept secure for 21 days.
- Customers must be asked to wear a face covering when not seated.
- Customers from different households must not be seated together or be socially interacting with each other
- Table service only must be implemented immediately. Customers must not be served at or stood at the bar drinking
- Music must only be played at an ambient background level and not be over 85db at source

Following the Government announcement of a National lockdown, your hospitality business will be required to close on 5 November 2020. Following the successful completion of this planned National lockdown and after confirmation that your hospitality business can reopen, if you are found to be operating unsafely and against all Covid secure guidance this Authority will serve a Direction to close your business.

The Direction that would be imposed would be necessary to prevent, protect against, control or provide a public health response to the incidence or spread of coronavirus in the Kirklees area.

Should you require any further support or guidance, or wish to make any representation as to the imposition of a Direction by this authority, or to detail any action you are taking to mitigate the serious and imminent threat to public health, you should do so without any delay by contacting the Environmental Health Team using the contact details above.

If you need any further advice over this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Leon Oates
Technical Officer