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AGENDA

Licensing Sub Committee

Thursday, 20th September, 2018 at 11.30 am

Council Chamber - The Guildhall, Marshall's Yard, Gainsborough, DN21 2NA

Members: Councillor Mrs Gillian Bardsley
Councillor David Cotton
Councillor Mrs Jessie Milne

Councillor Mrs Pat Mewis (Reserve)

1. **Licence Hearing** (PAGES 2 - 11)
Licence Number: 32UHB50055
Hearing Type: Review of a Premises Licence
Applicant: Lincolnshire Police
Premises: 49 Lord Street, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire DN21 2DD

2. **Note : - Exclusion of Public and Press** (PAGES 12 - 19)
Appendix C referred to within the report has been deemed – exempt information. Therefore the Hearing will move to closed session when considering some information relating to this case.

To resolve that under Section 14 (2) of the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005 – the public and press be excluded from the meeting as required.

Mark Sturgess
Head of Paid Service
The Guildhall
Gainsborough

Wednesday, 19 September 2018

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LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE	
Identification Ref. No.:	NS / 1
Court Exhibit No.:	
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Description:	Photo of sign on White Hart Hotel door
Time/Date Seized/Produced:	19:26 – 06/09/2018
Where Seized/Produced:	White Hart Hotel, Gainsborough
Seized/Produced By:	PC 37 Senescall
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Major Incident Item No.:	



Gainsborough town councillor and pub owner among group convicted of drug charges

Published: 09:49 Wednesday 12 September 2018



White Hart Hotel, Lord Street, Gainsborough.

A Gainsborough town councillor and pub owner is among eight people convicted of a conspiracy to supply heroin and cocaine in Lincoln.

Councillor Sharon Hopkinson, owner of The White Hart Hotel on Lord Street, was convicted at Nottingham Crown Court.

The court heard the conspiracy centred around a property on Bailgate, Lincoln, city centre, which was being used to prepare significant quantities of Class A drugs for onward sale in the Lincoln area.

During a raid at the address, in addition to large quantities of heroin and cocaine, police discovered cutting agents, a hydraulic press and heat sealing equipment which was used to bulk out the drugs and repress them in order to maximise profit.

The court heard the offences took place between April 30, 2015 and July 1, 2016.

As well as Hopkinson, those convicted included 39-year-old Norman Foreshaw, also of The White Hart Hotel, Roger Bayes, 48, of Keddington Avenue, Lincoln, and 38-year-old James Hewitson, of High Street, Leadenham,

Charlie Murray, 28, and Elon Williams, 24, both of Washington Street, Hull pleaded guilty during the trial and Robert Sharpe, 50, of Greetwell Gate, Lincoln pleaded guilty before trial.

Foreshaw was also found guilty of a second conspiracy to supply heroin and cocaine between July 31, 2016 and September 2, 2016.

Sentencing was adjourned until a later date.

Inspector Jo Fortune, of Lincolnshire Police, said: "This was a sophisticated operation, with all parties entering into an agreement to play their part in the distribution of Class A drugs, which can wreck lives and impacts on both users and their families.

"Police continue to seek out organised crime groups and cut supply networks into our county by targeting the higher market dealers."

The White Hart was previously banned from selling alcohol in 2016 due to concerns about drug use at the venue.

No one from The White Hart Hotel was available for comment, while Gainsborough Town Council declined to comment.

Terrible  12 Friends


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Steve B
Oxford, United Kingdom

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 Reviewed 2 weeks ago

Dirty, noisy, slow but get what you pay for

Very old fashioned, noisy, window jammed open, really old decor. Really slow service as 1 man doing 4 jobs, no room key available had to wait, no shower, tv didn't work, loads of drunks shouting at 2 then 3 then 4 AM. Breakfast fruit and cold meats didn't risk it myself.

Staff tried to be very helpful, can't fault them! Whole place just needs refit and modernisation got great potential.

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Room Tip: If you get one iwth a shower and working window you may be luckier than me

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Stayed: August 2018, travelled as a couple



Location




Rooms



Service

[Ask Steve B about The White Hart Hotel](#)


 Thank Steve B

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Louie-Mae B
London

 194  98

 Reviewed 4 August 2018

Gez whiz, where to start?!?! Bad, very bad.

A hovel. The hubster had this booked for him by his work, and although cheap it was minging!!

The staff were lovely, but there was no heating - In January - but a little electric fan. The decor - well, there wasn't any, the place was just an absolute dump. It was an actual joke how bad this place was.

It was that bad, the next night that had been bought and paid for, but he didn't care, he went and booked another night and checked out.

I wouldn't advise anyone on staying here.

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Stayed: January 2018, travelled on business



Value



Cleanliness

[Ask Louie-Mae B about The White Hart Hotel](#)

1 Thank Louie-Mae B

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CrocketUk
Chesterfield, United Kingdom

38 26

Reviewed 1 August 2018 via mobile

Made very welcome

The staff at the White Hart made us very welcome, as a group of cyclists nothing was too much trouble. Great undercover secure parking, cycles made secure over night. Nice breakfast time arranged to suit. Very homely thank you all for making us feel like family members.

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Stayed: August 2018, travelled with friends

[Ask CrocketUk about The White Hart Hotel](#)

Thank CrocketUk

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Ruth B
Eastbourne, United Kingdom

23 8

Reviewed 29 June 2018

Dirty,dirty and dirty

Had one night in this place if I could of left early I would of. It's a shame because the place has so much potential. Putting a few coats of paint over mouldy wallpaper and a few canvas prints on the wall is not good enough. I would never normally leave such a terrible review. But have to warn others do not bother. The door to the room would not lock so they moved us to the family room which as in a worse state. It reminded me of a bed sit I lived in way back in the eighties. I found this hotel on booking.com as well. And also no breakfast was found. Not that we wanted it.

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Stayed: June 2018, travelled as a couple



[Ask Ruth B about The White Hart Hotel](#)

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Reviewed 7 June 2018

Oh Dear!

Ask Ruth B about The White Hart Hotel

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juliej00lz
Kingston-upon-Hull,
United Kingdom
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Reviewed 7 June 2018

Oh Dear!

We stayed for one night which was enough.
Our room was on the top floor, the bed was comfortable enough, but the whole room seemed dirty.
The TV kept flickering on and off and the bathroom was a disgrace, no shower, even though there were pipes for it.
The bath suite was dirty and very dated and was in need of repair.
The wifi didnt work and when we asked a member of staff they gave us two passwords to use both of which didnt work!
Our nights sleep was interrupted by noisy people in the street below, the shouting and fighting went on for a good while!
Our 'continental' breakfast wasn't the best either. We had it in the bar area which was dirty, dangerous (live wires hanging down from everywhere) and it smelt fusty and unclean!
The lady behind the bar was pleasant enough.
We wont be staying again, the building would be better if it was demolished.

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Room Tip: Go somewhere else

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Stayed: June 2018, travelled as a couple

Ask juliej00lz about The White Hart Hotel

2 Thank juliej00lz

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mrsjamac
Bridlington
23 7

Reviewed 29 May 2018

Enjoyable stay

Booked at the last minute, as let down by a caravan park. We had a very enjoyable stay - were booked for 3 nights and chose to stay an extra night, as we liked it there so much. Now admittedly , the decor in parts is a bit dated, and could do with some TLC, but it is very much a work in progress. The staff were very friendly, and our room (room 15) was in no way dirty or disgusting . There was plenty of tea, coffee, milk, biscuits available , and there was shampoo, conditioner and other bathroom toiletries available. There was also a hairdryer available.

The bed was actually very comfortable, and We slept very well.
We did not avail ourselves of the continental breakfast available - we chose to walk around to Wetherspoons which was a 2-3 minute walk away .

There is parking, under cover, in a large garage that is off street at the rear of the building. The current owner has been there less than a year, and is trying hard to modernise.
If you cannot see past cosmetic appearances, then I suggest you do not come here, as you will never be happy. If you want a comfortable stay, at a reasonable price with nice staff, then give it a go.

We would return.

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Room Tip: Stairs only, so rooms not wheelchair accessible

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Stayed: May 2018, travelled as a couple

Ask mrsjamac about The White Hart Hotel

Thank mrsjamac

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blue401



Reviewed 29 May 2018 via mobile

Dirty

The place wants shutting down is so dirty landlady gets drunk all the time to the point she falls asleep in the bar lets her 2 year old run about while she ks going to oyher pubs getting drunk i wouks not let a tramp live there

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Stayed: May 2018, travelled with family

[Ask blue401 about The White Hart Hotel](#)

3 Thank blue401

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dawnbrown68
Aldershot, United Kingdom



Reviewed 16 May 2018 via mobile

Wedding reception

Absolutely disgusted, smelt worse than an oap's nursing home, staff drunk or on something , landlady absent her 2 yr old running around on his own & BIT my daughter!! Fire alarm going iff for 1/2 hr .the list goes on. Health & safety, environmental health should be involved .. The place needs shutting down

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Stayed: May 2018, travelled with family

[Ask dawnbrown68 about The White Hart Hotel](#)

3 Thank dawnbrown68

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Bosun59
Aldershot, United Kingdom
22 16

Reviewed 13 May 2018 via mobile

Wedding at the venue

We had been invited to a family wedding so thought the best option was to stay at the same Hotel as the wedding.....

We have stayed at many hotels in the past for weekend breaks and this hotel, by a country mile is by far the worst we have ever stayed at.

First impressions should always warn you of the delights or otherwise to come.... and in this instance it was otherwise, without trying it takes shabby chic to another level, it's 99% and 1%.... no sorry it's 100% shabby. There was a musty almost crypt like smell in the bar area, which staff tried to mask with air freshener, the hotel room was full of flies and when staff where asked for some fly spray it was there in the bar, I'm guessing they bulk buy the stuff!. Ordered a round of drinks, the bottle of beer was produced, with a couple of G&T's, I had to ask to have the lid removed, ask for a glass and ask for ice.. (one cube was added to the glass). The highlight of the evening was the fire detector in the main wedding reception area (that is doing it far more justice than it deserves) setting off the alarm. Panic ensued and at no time did staff ask us to leave the premises, the 'Manager' could not be found, turns out she was up the road drinking at another bar, (she has better taste than us).

The reset key could not be found and at one time she even considered cutting the wires with a knife....

Finally to bed, but certainly not to sleep... the venue becomes a sort of primitive night club lasting till 2.00am, and when the punters leave they chat in the streets till 4.00am, 2 hours of peace and quiet lasted till 6.00am when the council arrived with a noisy street cleaning machine.

It's certainly a weekend we will never forget, and I'm sure after a few days sleep we will laugh at with the relief of surviving it.

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Stayed: May 2018, travelled with family



[Ask Bosun59 about The White Hart Hotel](#)

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Harley S
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Reviewed 2 April 2018 via mobile

Great hospitality

We loved staying here as a couple will come back as great hospitality and great atmosphere the bar has great price for worth and lived the discos with great music clubland, Nightcore, 80's/90's and much more... Would so recommend people to stay here

1 Thank Harley S

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arizona78
London, United Kingdom
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Reviewed 29 March 2018 via mobile

W.Scott

With out a doubt THE MOST DISGUSTING HOTEL I have ever stayed in in my life . Filthy room . Filthy coffee cups . Filthy bedsheets. Crumbs on bedside table even though they swore to me the room had been cleaned. No heating except one small electric heater in bedroom and nothing in bathroom as radiators had been stripped off walls and pipes left protruding. Mouldy ceilings. I asked for a different room but told none were available and could not get a refund as no one there to authorise it. No lighting on the landing (extremely dangerous). Several times I asked to speak to the owner but was told she was unavailable (surprise surprise) even though she lives in . This morning I made a complaint to Bookings.Com and also to the Trading Standards Authority . I do hope they will do something . But most of all I hopes anyone that reads this will avoid THE WHITE HART in Gainsborough like the plague . It really was disgusting

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Stayed: March 2018, travelled solo



[Ask arizona78 about The White Hart Hotel](#)

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