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Subject: Hearing re The Top Bell, 10 Market Square, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire LU7 1EU

In the last 6 months there have been 15 incidents logged on the Police Operational Information System for this address, of which 13 are directly attributable to it.

URN 362 – 06/12/2012: This incident relates to a report of violence against the person. A male repeatedly entered the premises and attempted to assault people within. He punched two males but left prior to police arrival and no complaints were forthcoming.

URN 340 – 01/12/2012: This incident relates to disorder by a group of 9 travellers who upon being refused service by the manager refused to leave.

URN 23 – 30/11/2012: This incident relates to a report of violence against the person. A male had alleged he'd been assaulted by another male who was still inside the pub. Upon police arrival no complaint was forthcoming.

URN 440 – 30/09/2012: This incident relates to a report of disorder by a group of 10 travellers who refused to leave at closing time and then began threatening a staff member.

URN 296 – 27/10/2012: This incident relates to a report of disorder at the location between two customers. Upon police arrival there were no complaints forthcoming.

URN 291 – 07/10/2012: This incident relates to disorder by a group of 6 – 8 travellers who were making threats to a member of staff who was about to come on duty.

URN 43 – 30/09/2012: This incident relates to the possession of drugs by a number of people at the location. Upon police arrival two persons were located in an alleyway immediately adjacent to the location, found to be in possession of ketamine (a class C drug) and arrested.

URN 501 – 12/08/2012: This incident relates to a report of disorder at the location by a male who began smashing things up with a pool cue. The male was arrested by police, charged with criminal damage / possession of an offensive weapon / threatening behaviour and convicted at court.

URN 3 – 05/08/2012: This incident relates to a report of violence against the person. A male was assaulted by other customers as they were all leaving the premises. (The male sustained a cut lip, swelling to the nose and a lump on his head.) Two men and one woman were arrested in connection with the incident and the woman subsequently bit an officer. (The officer sustained reddening to his wrist.) No further action was taken re the assault on the man but the woman was charged re the assault on the officer.

URN 458 – 20/07/12: This incident relates to a report of disorder. A drunken male, who had been causing a nuisance on the premises and had been removed, was trying to gain re-entry. He was prevented from doing so by another customer, fell to the floor and sustained a cut to his head which required hospital attention.

URN 47 – 07/07/2012: This incident relates to a report of violence against the person. A male was assaulted by another male and sustained a cut lip. The offender was never identified.

URN 364 – 05/06/2012: This relates to a report of violence against the person. A male left the location and began indiscriminately hitting people outside. No injuries were sustained by anyone and no complaints were forthcoming.

URN 29 – 05/06/2012: This relates to a report of violence against the person. A male called police to express his concerns about a female friend in the ladies toilets at the location. Prior to police arrival the male was assaulted by another male as he was leaving the premises. The male sustained loosened front teeth which caused bleeding from his gums. The male was intoxicated, no trace could be found of the female and he refused to co-operate with police regarding the assault.

The supply and possession of drugs is also an issue in Bell Alley, Leighton Buzzard. Bell Alley is a footpath immediately adjacent to the premises which connects Market Square to Duncombe Drive and has historically been used by people taking drugs. In the last 6 months the police have made three drugs related arrests in this area and received one intelligence report to the effect that drugs are being supplied there.