# Consultants Report



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### **FORWARD**

This application for a review of the premises licence at Langs Bar is submitted on behalf of the landlord, Dacorum Capital Limited. The decision to seek a review has not been taken lightly. The landlord has significant concerns about the way the premises are being operated, and in particular about the impact on public safety and compliance with existing licensing obligations. Given these concerns, the landlord believes it is right that the Licensing Sub-Committee has the opportunity to consider the evidence and determine the most appropriate course of action.

The most recent Fire Risk Assessment (FRA), provided by the tenant's solicitor on 3 September 2025, highlights a series of safety matters requiring urgent attention. Fire safety is a cornerstone of the public safety licensing objective, and the existence of outstanding issues is troubling. The landlord's view is that no licensed premises should continue trading until such matters have been rectified in full. Suspension of the licence, to allow remedial works to be completed, would provide the necessary safeguard.

Beyond fire safety, the way alcohol is promoted and supplied at Langs Bar raises further concerns. The venue advertises events on its website & social media, with nearly all of these events are for "90 minutes of bottomless Prosecco" for a fixed price and similar promotions. These are inconsistent with the mandatory conditions in the Licensing Act 2003 which expressly prohibit irresponsible promotions designed to encourage excessive drinking. Allowing such promotions to continue risks undermining both public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder.

Linked to this, reports suggest that customers are regularly admitted after 1 a.m., of which the majority seem to be entering the venue in an intoxicated state, and without any entry fee being charged. This practice runs contrary to good management standards and has obvious implications for safety and disorder. It sits alongside a history of compliance problems, including a £1,000 fixed penalty for breaching Covid regulations in 2021.

Concerns have been raised on observations at the premises concerning the prevention of crime and disorder. You will note references to the use of illegal drugs and security staff either not being SIA licensed or failing to comply with their requirements

More serious still, the premises has already been the site of violence. On 24 June 2023 a man sustained deep cuts to his face following an assault at the bar. That single incident is troubling enough, but in combination with the issues noted above it indicates a wider pattern of risk. The landlord cannot ignore these matters, particularly when set against the fact that Sittingbourne town centre is already subject to a Public Spaces Protection Order targeting alcohol-related antisocial behaviour.

In addition, noise from the premises has had a very real impact on the wider community, including overnight guests at the Travelodge Sittingbourne. Online reviews complain of "very noisy, nightclub just next door with



music until 2 a.m.", "crazy amount of people outside ... could hear music and screaming", and music so loud "it was impossible to sleep until 1 a.m.". Other reviews confirm that the noise is a recurring problem, with one guest warning that "this pub plays extremely loud music until 2 a.m. every Friday and Saturday night". These are not isolated accounts, but repeated experiences that show a consistent problem with noise escaping into the public domain.

We also understand that allegations of underage drinking at the premises have been brought to the attention of the licensing department. While we cannot speak to the full details of those reports, our own consultants have observed individuals who appeared to be very young and could potentially have been under 18. This reinforces the importance of robust age verification measures. In our view, an ID scanning condition for all patrons on entry would be a proportionate and effective safeguard to ensure that underage individuals are not admitted to the premises and that the licensing objective of protecting children from harm is properly promoted.

The wider environment must also be considered. Sittingbourne continues to record above-average crime levels, and residents have expressed concern about anti-social behaviour in the town centre. With new residential flats at St Michael's House being built immediately adjacent to Langs Bar, the potential for conflict between the operation of the bar and the amenity of future residents is high. Preventing nuisance in outdoor areas – particularly music played in smoking and rear garden spaces – will be critical.

Taken together, these examples show that Langs Bar is not meeting the standards expected of a responsible licensed premises. The issues raised are serious and persistent. They include matters of public safety, disorder, nuisance, underage access, and irresponsible alcohol promotions, each of which is central to the licensing objectives set out in the Licensing Act 2003.

The landlord does not seek to press the Sub-Committee towards a single outcome. Whilst revocation of the licence remains an option open to the authority, what is asked here is more measured: that the Committee examines the breaches and considers suspension until all the outstanding fire safety works are completed; removal of the current Designated Premises Supervisor; stricter conditions on admission and ID checks, including the use of an ID scanner; and a reduction of hours in line with other venues. Such steps would give the operator the opportunity to bring the premises into line with safe and lawful standards, while ensuring the licensing objectives are promoted.

This forward is presented so that the Sub-Committee may reflect on the factual record, the safety implications, and the broader context in Sittingbourne. The landlord believes that careful consideration now will prevent further incidents and help restore confidence that licensed premises in the town centre are operating responsibly.



Biographies



# RAY BAILEY

#### Director of Training and Educational Lead

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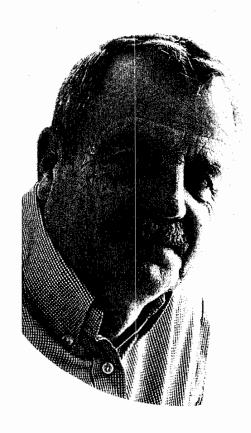
I retired from the Metropolitan Police in 2017 after more than 30 years of exemplary operational service, concentrating on licensing for my final eight. I honed my skills in the West End of London, supervising a team that handled all licensing matters in the City of Westminster. I was heavily involved in the planning and build up to the 2012 Olympic Games, dealing personally with the larger events, while overseeing a team who managed the numerous smaller ones.

I built strong relationships with venue management, security staff, Westminster City Council, and other stakeholders to resolve issues and progress applications. I also designed and delivered training packages for venue managers, staff, and security personnel, to improve awareness and reduce opportunities for crime and disorder. Additionally, I trained police colleagues on licensing matters and served as a nominated trainer for the BIIAB course in Crime Scene Preservation.

I was later seconded to the Home Office's Drugs and Alcohol Unit, where I helped develop and implement the Government's Alcohol Strategy, providing a frontline policing/practitioners' perspective to the licensing regime. I also engaged nationally with trade bodies, police forces, local authorities, and industry leaders on key aspects of alcohol licensing.

After this secondment I became the licensing lead for the London Borough of Bexley. In addition to this role, I was instrumental in devising the revised Borough Licensing and Gambling Policies, as well as bringing training to the menu of any post-incident police response.

Since leaving the Met, I have delivered regulatory training and bespoke courses to diverse audiences. This included teaching new recruit officers a course leading to the Certificate in Knowledge of Policing, enabled them to progress to Police Training School. I am passionate about helping industry professionals to better understand their regulatory responsibilities. This fosters greater awareness, minimises incidents, and ensures practitioners are equipped with the necessary tools to manage issues more effectively when they do occur.





#### DAVID NEVITT

# Chief Environmental Health and Safety Consultant

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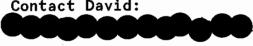
I retired as an Environmental Health Officer at Westminster City Council in April 2023 after 41 years post qualification service. I qualified in 1982 with a Diploma in Environmental Health (EHORB). I also hold the Diploma in Acoustics & Noise Control (1984) and the BTEC Level 7 Advanced Professional Certificate in Investigative Practice (2021).

I trained and qualified at the LB Enfield (1978-1985) but have spent most of my career at Westminster City Council. I have also worked on a number of short-term contracts at: LB Southwark (24-hr Noise Team), LB Croydon (Food Team), LB Brent (Food Team), LB Camden (Food Team), LB Barnet (Food Team), LB Hillingdon (Pollution Team), LB Lambeth (Food Team).

During my time at Westminster City Council I worked as a professional enforcement officer on a variety of EH Teams: Housing, Noise, Food and Health & safety, and from 2007 - 2023 the Consultation Team as the 'Responsible Authority' (EH) under the Licensing Act 2003. During my service on the Consultation Team I dealt with applications and Reviews under the Licensing Act 2003 and provided Pre-Application Advice for operators and prospective operators of Licensed Premises. I attended and gave presentations to the City Council's Licensing Committee on numerous occasions. I was a consultee for the Licensing Service in respect of applications for Street Trading Licences in Westminster which included both 'isolated pitches' and Council operated street markets. I was also involved in the programmed inspection regime for all the street markets in Westminster.

I have been the EH representative on several Safety Advisory Groups for a number of major impact events over many years including: Notting Hill Carnival, Hyde Park Concerts, Chinese New Year, Pride, Taste London, Queen's Jubilee/Royal wedding events, various Trafalgar Sqaure events and smaller local community events such as the Marylebone Summer Fayre and Christmas Lights events - all of which involve outdoor catering and often street-based food markets/stalls.





Consultants Report
Saturday 23rd August 2025



# POST VISIT REPORT SATURDAY 23RD AUGUST 2025

Premises: Lang's Bar and Cocktail Lounge, St Michaels Road, Sittingbourne, Kent. ME10 3DW

This property is an old converted public house, with licensable activity authorised on the ground floor only, under a licence issued by Swale Borough Council reference SIT/SWALE/189/0720 issued on 01/09/2021. It is situated on a roundabout very close to Sittingbourne railway station, local shops and a Travelodge hotel.

#### **SECURITY**

Entry is by a door at the front of the building. Two staff were performing security duty at the entrance upon my arrival at 2200h, although neither were wearing any SIA badges. (Annex 1, condition 2, and Annex 2, Condition 15) It was therefore not possible to establish whether they were SIA accredited. They were conducting 'pat-down' searches and looking in the bags of those intending to enter.

I noted that they were asking for proof of ID/age, (Annex 2, Condition 4) and some people were asked to empty their pockets. Security staff were predominantly stationed at the entrance throughout my observations.

A 'clicker' was being used to monitor numbers in the venue. (Annex 2, Condition 8) Both staff were personable and presented a professional impression to the public. There were no barriers outside in the street to assist with queuing, but later observations showed that these were unnecessary. Throughout my observations I noticed some people being refused entry, others displaying signs of intoxication were granted admission.

I entered the venue and ordered a drink at the bar. I noticed a copy of the summary licence on display behind the bar, on the right-hand wall, but it was not able to read its contents without drawing unnecessary attention.



The interior of the premises can be divided into three areas; the bar, the open-air garden, and an area that links the two. The bar area also contains a few banquet seats with tables and a dance area. There is a DJ booth behind a hole in the wall that resembles a serving hatch, and adjacent to this is access to the toilets.

The garden is open-roofed and fenced on all sides. At the far end is a wooden gate giving access to the street near the entrance. Plastic tables and chairs provide seating. A third area connects these two areas. This has an artificial grass floor and a clear plastic roof supported by painted timbers. It features tropical décor and additional plastic seating.

Having purchased a drink, I took a seat in this third, covered area beyond the main bar. I noticed that the fire door that leads to a service road adjacent to the Station car park, on the Northeast side of the building was locked with a hasp and padlock. There was however a key in a 'break in case of emergency' glass fronted circular holder next to the door. (Annex 2, Condition 9). Although not an expert in matters of fire safety, I have serious concerns about the wisdom of using a padlock on a fire exit during trading hours, regardless of whether there is a key at hand. I acknowledge the fact that there are other fire exits available, but this would undoubtedly cause delays in any evacuation, should the need arise.

There were at least two people drinking inside the premises of questionable age. I would have requested to see proof of their age had I been serving at the bar. There was however no evidence of any irresponsible drinks' promotions during my visit inside. (Annex 1, Condition 7)

#### SIGNAGE

I entered the male toilets and noticed two signs bearing the words "Drugs are prohibited on these premises. Anyone found taking drugs will be reported to the police." These words were reinforced with images depicting a variety of drugs. I was unable to view the female toilets for obvious reasons.

There were a number of no-smoking signs around the premises, although this did not seem to deter one customer from having a cigarette in the area where I was positioned. Another



reveller was using a vape during my visit. There were no signs related to 'Ask for Angela', 'Challenge', or weapons awareness visible in the premises. (Challenge schemes feature at Annex 1, Condition 9, ss 1,2, & 3 and Annex 2, Condition 10).

#### NOISE

Upon my arrival noise levels were low and gradually increased as the night went on. Even after the 0130 threshold, the music only seemed to get louder. (Annex 2, Condition 1). I was positioned in the Forum shopping centre car park, diagonally opposite the venue and some 15 metres plus away and even in a car with the windows completely closed, I could clearly hear loud music emanating from the venue. This included customers singing along to the amplified music being played.

As an aside, I looked at some reviews for the nearby Travelodge (opposite) and found several comments relating to the noise levels coming from Lang's Bar, presumably written by their customers.

#### **EXTERIOR OBSERVATIONS**

I left the premises at around 2330h, at which time there were only some 40 people in the venue. I then took up a position outside to observe queue management and related matters. Between about 0015 and 0100 large numbers of people arrived in groups of varying sizes. I saw no entry fee being taken by the door team after midnight (Annex 2, Condition 6) but could not ascertain if any fee was being taken at the bar or elsewhere. I did look through the window but could see no one immediately inside taking such a fee.

The 0100 entry/re-entry deadline came and went with no discernible difference in the operation of the door or venue. At least 35 people entered between the period between 0100 and 0115h, and people seemed to enter and leave with impunity until well after 0200. The people I saw arrive and enter appeared to be new entries and appeared to remain at the premises once they had entered. Whilst I was observing they were not turned away and remained at the premises for some time. (Annex 2, Condition 16). I could see the people entering after 0100 being served at the bar. At 0200, the additional pink lighting at the front of the premises outside was extinguished.



It only became apparent that the doors were locked at around 0225h, when a disgruntled customer (A white woman in an orange dress) was seen banging on the door in an attempt to regain entry. I believe she was ejected from the bar immediately prior to this. No door supervisors were outside at this time. Doors were clearly unlocked again after her departure from the scene some minutes later. She passed me on her way from the bar, and I noted that she was clearly displaying symptoms of intoxication. She was swaying from side to side as she walked and was being aided by a male companion. (Dark polo shirt with two vertical light-coloured stripes).

Drinks were still being served at 0225h although this is not prohibited under the current licence.

Revellers left in small groups throughout the period of my observation. By 0235h there was a small group loitering outside, (having been inside) but I did not see any smoking taking place at this time. I suspect any smoking was done in the garden area, rather than at the front of the premises. (Annex 2, Condition 7)

Neither did I see anyone taking glassware outside during my observations. (Annex 2, Condition 14) At about 0245 announcements were made by the DJ and shortly afterwards there was a flurry of activity at the doors as people began to leave in larger numbers. The music was reduced in volume just before this. Afterwards the music ceased. Customers left in good spirits and departed the Bar and area quickly. Some awaited transport, while others made their way on foot. A few showed signs of intoxication, but I saw no-one being sick however I did see someone who required assistance from other patrons. The dispersal was relatively speedy, with all customers and most staff leaving the vicinity by

My visit was, by necessity of a covert nature, and I am therefore unable to give any opinion of compliance with those conditions contained in the licence that require the cooperation of the premises management to check. (e.g. CCTV operation, books and logs, training records, etc). Nor am I suitably trained to give an opinion as to whether the noise levels constituted a statutory nuisance.

about 0310h at which point I withdrew from the area.



RAG Table – Lang's Bar and Cocktail Lounge (23 August 2025)

Observation / Requirement	RAG	Details / Comments	Recommended Action
SIA Badges Displayed (Annex 1, C2; Annex 2, C15)	Re <b>d</b>	Two staff conducting searches wore no visible SIA ID; status unclear	Immediate breach – verify registration, ensure badges are clearly displayed
Search Procedures	Green	Bag and pocket checks, ID requested	Maintain existing process but must be backed by licensed SIA personnel
Clicker / Capacity Monitoring (Annex 2, C8)	Green	Staff were using a clicker to monitor entry	Compliant
Queue Management Barriers		None in place, but not required due to low queue size	Acceptable – no action needed unless customer numbers increase significantly
Entry of Intoxicated Patrons (Annex 1, C7)	Re <b>d</b>	Intoxicated persons observed being allowed in	Serious breach – retrain staff on refusal and intoxication policy
Summary Licence Display	Amber	Licence on display behind bar, but difficult to read	Move to a more prominent, clearly legible location
Challenge 25 / Weapons Awareness / Ask for Angela Signage		No signage observed (Annex 1, C9 and Annex 2, C10)	Install signs in public-facing areas <b>A</b> SAP
Drugs Warning Signage	@ Green	Clear signs in male toilets warning against drug use	Maintain
No Smoking Signage	Green	Signs present, although one person was smoking indoors	Reiterate enforcement with staff
Fire Exit Blocked (Annex 2, C9)	Red	Fire exit padlocked; key behind break-glass case	Dangerous non-compliance – padlock must be removed during operating hours
Underage Drinking Risk	Amber	Customers of questionable age observed; not challenged	Review staff vigilance at point of sale
Noise After 01:30 (Annex 2, C1)	Red	Music volume remained high past permitted hours; audible from car park	Possible breach – consider environmental health referral or noise limiter



Observation / Requirement	RAG	Details / Comments	Recommended Action
Re-Entry After 01:00 (Annex 2, C16)	Red	At least 35 patrons entered between 01:00- 01:15	Clear breach of entry/re- entry conditions – urgent retraining or enforcement needed
Entry Fee (Annex 2, C6)	Amber	No evidence of fee being collected post- midnight as permitted	Investigate whether the venue is charging appropriately and in the right location
Glassware Outside (Annex 2, C14)	Green	No glassware observed being taken outside	Compliant
Smoking Area Use (Annex 2, C7)		No smoking observed outside post-02:30; likely confined to garden	Maintain current approach
Dispersal Behaviour	Green	Orderly and relatively quick dispersal post- 02:30	Good practice; continue monitoring
Drinks Service Post- 02:25	Green	Within permitted hours under current licence	Compliant
CCTV, Training Records, Logs	Not Assessed	Not possible due to covert nature of visit	Recommend overt inspection to assess back-office compliance

Summary of Key Issues ( Red)

Breach / Concern	Action Required
SIA badges not visible	Confirm accreditation, retrain on mandatory display
Entry of intoxicated persons	Retrain door and bar staff - zero tolerance
Padlocked fire exit	Remove padlock immediately during trading hours – serious safety risk
Re-entry past 01:00	Enforce condition strictly or face potential review
Missing Challenge/Angela/Weapons signage	Install immediately – condition breach
Noise levels after permitted hours	Engage acoustic consultant or install limiter; liaise with local authority

#### General Comment

The venue is busy, popular, and well-invested, but suffers from serious breaches in safety and licensing compliance, particularly regarding fire exit management, intoxication control, late-night re-entry and noise. Some front-facing compliance (searching, signage,



dispersal) is done well, but visible SIA registration and regulatory adherence post-01:00 is currently unacceptable.



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#### I Ray Baily declare that:

- 1. I understand that my duty in providing written reports and giving evidence is to help the Court and/or Licensing Committee and that this duty overrides any obligation to the party by whom I am engaged or the person who has paid or is liable to pay me. I confirm that I have complied and will continue to comply with my duty.
- 2. I confirm that I have not entered into any arrangement where the amount or payment of my fees is in any way dependent on the outcome of the case.
- 3. I know of no conflict of interest of any kind, other than any which I have disclosed in my report.
- 4. I do not consider that any interest which I have disclosed affects my suitability as an expert witness on any issues on which I have given evidence.
- 5. I will advise the party by whom I am instructed if, between the date of my report and the trial, there is any change in circumstances which affect my answers to points 3 and 4 above.
- 6. I have shown the sources of all information I have used.
- 7. I have exercised reasonable care and skill in order to be accurate and complete in preparing this report.
- 8. I have endeavoured to include in my report those matters, of which I have knowledge or of which I have been made aware, that might adversely affect the validity of my opinion. I have clearly stated any qualifications to my opinion.
- 9. I have not, without forming an independent view, included or excluded anything which has been suggested to me by others, including my instructing lawyers.
- 10. I will notify those instructing me immediately and confirm in writing if, for any reason, my existing report requires any correction or qualification.
- 11. I understand that;
  - my report will form the evidence to be given under oath or affirmation;



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  between experts for the purpose of identifying and discussing the expert issues in the
  proceedings, where possible reaching an agreed opinion on those issues and identifying what
  action, if any, may be taken to resolve any of the outstanding issues between the parties;
- the Court and/or Licensing Committee may direct that following a discussion between the
  experts that a statement should be prepared showing those issues which are agreed, and those
  issues which are not agreed, together with a summary of the reasons for disagreeing;
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- 13. I am aware of the practice direction on pre-action conduct. I have acted in accordance with the Code of Practice for Experts.

# STATEMENT OF TRUTH

I confirm that I have made clear which facts and matters referred to in this report are within my own knowledge and which are not. Those that are within my own knowledge, I confirm, are true. The opinions I have expressed represent my true and complete professional opinions on the matters to which they refer.

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Consultants Report Friday 5th September 2025



## INTRODUCTION

 I have been instructed to carry out a site visit and late-night observations at the Premises upon behalf of Dacorum Capital Limited, the freehold owner of the Premises. I carried out a site visit on Friday 5th September to Saturday 6th September 2025 from 2300hrs to 0215hrs.

## ISSUED CURRENT PREMISES LICENCE

- 2. The Premises provides Licensable activities on the ground floor, under a licence issued by Swale Borough Council reference SIT/SWALE/189/0720 issued on 01/09/2021. The Premises Licence is held by Piers Ian Butler and Leon Paul Dawson who I understand to be the operators of the Premises through a company called Langs Bar Limited. The Premises Licence ("the Licence") authorises the Sale of Alcohol ('On' & 'Off' the premises) and Recorded/Live Music to 0000hrs on Sunday to Thursday and to 0300hrs on Friday & Saturday. I note that the Licence is regulated by a number of Conditions including the following:
  - a. Annex 1 mandatory conditions 2, 7 and 9
  - b. Annex 2 conditions:
    - 1. Live and Recorded Music in the garden will cease at 01:30 at weekends
    - 4. Entry to the Premises is restricted to persons 21 years of age and over
    - 5. Where considered necessary extra staff will be employed during the later hours of the licence
    - 6. An entrance fee will be charged for admission after midnight
    - 8. In order to monitor the capacity of the Premises 'clickers' will be used

The Licence does not appear to specify a maximum capacity for the Premises. However, the Fire Risk Assessment dated 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024 refers to a maximum capacity of 60 people due to a single fire exit. There are now 3 exits. During my time there I saw approximately over 80 people.

# GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PREMISES

3. The Premises is a brick-built detached former Public House located in an area of mixed retail, commercial and light industrial premises with a Travelodge Hotel which is situated across the road and overlooks the Premises. The Premises are also in close proximity to Sittingbourne railway station. On arrival at the Premises at 2300hrs on Friday 5th September 2025, I noted that there were two male door supervisors on duty at the main front door. When standing across the road by the Travelodge Hotel I could clearly hear amplified music emanating from the Premises, especially the bass element of the music which was audible above passing traffic.



### PUBLIC NUISANCE

4. I walked around the vicinity of the Premises and could hear amplified music emanating particularly from the rear yard area. I could also hear the animated voices of customers occupying the rear area. Having walked around the immediate area I took the view that there were no obviously nearby residential dwellings that could potentially be impacted by noise from the Premises and that even though the amplified music was clearly audible the most likely persons experiencing Public Nuisance in that location would be the operators and guests of the Travelodge. I attach some screenshots of reviews which describe Travelodge guest experience of being disturbed and kept awake late at night as a result of loud music from Lang's Bar.

#### DOOR SUPERVISION & SECURITY

- 5. I approached the main front door and greeted the two door supervisors. They were friendly and amenable towards me and were dressed in black. I could not see any SIA badges on display. They were carrying out ID/age verification checks on persons arriving at the Premises. I was asked to empty my pockets and given a 'pat-down' search before being allowed entry. I asked if the Premises was busy and they said that it wasn't at that time but that it would become much busier from midnight onwards. I was not charged an entry fee, and I did not see a 'clicker' being used to record numbers entering.
- 6. The door supervisors appeared to work in an efficient and friendly manner, carrying out personal searches and ID checks and establishing an effective relationship with patrons. I noted later in the evening that one of the supervisors was patrolling the rear covered area, especially after 0100hrs. He was able on a number of occasions to move patrons who were smoking and/or vaping in the covered area out into the designated smoking area.
- 7. The Premises became **very busy after 0100hrs** and at one point I saw that there was an incident of escalating tension and confrontation between a small group of males. It appeared that two or three males were in some kind of dispute with two other males. The supervisor stepped in and intervened and effectively moved the two males away and in so doing was able to diffuse the situation. However, shortly afterwards I saw that one of the males **put some cash into the hand of** the **supervisor**. From what I could see it looked like a £20 pound note which the supervisor placed immediately into his left trouser pocket. I do not know the reason for this action but saw later that the matter of the money became a source of confrontation outside the Premises between the supervisor and one of the males. At closing time, **shortly after 0200hrs**, when standing outside amongst the customers who had gathered outside the front door. I saw that the same supervisor was standing in a corner to the right of the main front door and immediately against the wooden fence and gate leading from the



external yard. He was surrounded by a small group of males with one of the males that seemed to be the companion of the male who handed over the cash who was shouting and swearing at the supervisor in an intimidating and aggressive manner demanding to know how much money had been given and demanding that it be given to him. This was of serious concern to me because he was effectively on his own and unsupported by the other supervisor who was inside handing out plastic cups for departing customers to decant their unfinished drinks into so that they could be taken off the Premises for consumption. Eventually, he did walk away from the situation and was joined by his colleague, but it seemed to me that he might have been at risk had the situation escalated. I do not know why cash was given to the supervisor or why it was a matter of dispute and difficulty for the other male, but it seems to me that this is not good practice and resulted in serious confrontation that put the supervisor in a difficult situation at a time when he would be needed to deal with departure of customers. The situation was exacerbated by the fact that a number of the customers appeared to be very intoxicated.

- During the course of my visit, I did not see customers paying an entry fee at the door as required by Condition 6 on the Licence. It may be that a fee of some kind was paid at a later stage, but I did not observe this.
- 9. I note from **Condition 4** on the Licence that entry is age restricted to 21 years. During the course of my visit, I overheard a conversation in which one male customer said that he was **19 years of age**.
- 10. From my observations whilst in the Premises I would say that the average age range of customers was from late teens to mid-twenties and that some of the customers I saw on the Premises looked very young and had I been working as an Authorised Officer under the Licensing Act 2005 I would certainly have made enquiries with the Premises regarding age checks for those customers.
- 11. Whilst I appreciate that persons seeking entry to the Premises at the front door were ID checked and searched, I did overhear a conversation in which it was said that some customers were using cocaine in the male toilets. I was also concerned that the rear external yard area is enclosed from the street outside by 2m high wooden fence panels. It would be very easy for persons to pass items from outside over the fence to persons inside.
- 12. It was apparent that the customer base is young and that customers come largely to continue drinking after pubs or other bars close. Accordingly, many of the customers have been drinking quite heavily before they arrive at the Premises. I was clearly out of place in such an establishment. I saw a number of people arriving at the Premises who seemed to me to be showing signs of heavy intoxication.



### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

- 13. On entry to the Premises, and having ordered a drink, I had a walk through the Premises and noted that it comprised a front bar area, a middle section where a DJ was located and where customer toilets were accessed, a rear covered area which appeared to be mainly of wooden construction and enclosed with 2m height fence panels, and an open area which was designated as a smoking area. I saw a modest number, approximately 8 to 10 people, of customers seated at tables and standing, consuming drinks and talking. The Premises became much busier from 0000hrs onwards and I estimated that there were 50 60 customers in the rear area.
- 14. I made an assessment of the arrangements in place for Means of Escape in Case of Fire or Emergency. The main front door is marked with a green 'running man' sign and provides escape to the street. The marked escape door on the left-hand side when walking to the rear area was locked with a padlock and hasp alongside of which was a 'break glass for key' box. The marked escape from the outside area was via a wooden door/garden gate in the fence panels which led to a secondary yard area with a final exit door to the street which also appeared to be a simple 'garden gate' type wooden door which is not an approved type of escape door.
- 15. I noted that there were ceiling-mounted emergency light fittings in the main bar area, but I couldn't see any in the wooden structure or in the external area.
- 16. I also noted that there was a large orange LPG cylinder stored in a corner in the rear wooden enclosure. I assume that the cylinder would be used in connection with the patio heaters that I saw in the same area. Photo attached.
- 17. I have seen a detailed **Fire Risk Assessment** carried out under The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 at the premises by Raphael Bobie dated **3 July 2025**. The assessment covers the whole of the Premises including the basement and upper floors. The Report also refers to a letter from Kent Fire & Rescue Services dated 6 May 2025. I was very concerned to read **several adverse observations** in the report including the following:
  - The Following Actions Still Remain outstanding from the previous FRA, despite the previous FRA requiring urgent action to be taken and all steps to be completed by 18 January 2025 and the Fire Risk Assessor, Mr Plumb, assessing on page 13 that:- A) The risk of hazard from fire is High so as to result in a significant increase in likelihood of fire. B) There was a risk of Extreme Harm in the event of a fire. C) The risk to life from fire at the Premises is substantial. And



- Section 17 makes the following comments with respect to the arrangements for Means of Escape: 'Final exits (including the main entrance and one of the garden exits) and doors on escape routes still have locks that require the use of a key, and no override or simple fastening was seen. The external final exit, by the dance floor from the garden, is kept locked with a padlock during trading hours during the week (with a key left nearby). However, on weekends, this exit is left unlocked during trading hours.'
- Section 26.2 states: 'No evidence of competent persons being available to assist in Implementing fire safety arrangements.'
- The report summarises as follows: 'A review of the outstanding actions from the Fire Risk Assessment (FRA) carried out on the 18th of November 2024 revealed that, despite some improvements, most of the 23 identified actions remain unresolved. The original FRA highlighted a general neglect of fire safety, including the absence of prior assessments. Additionally, the majority of recommendations issued by the Kent Fire and Rescue Service's Bullding Fire Safety Officer also remain unaddressed. Given the time elapsed and the number of high-risk actions still outstanding, a new fire risk assessment is strongly recommended to mitigate the ongoing significant risk to life and safety, as there still remains a high risk as found in the previous FRA. Finally, I would like to stress that, given all the outstanding matters, there are matters for concern as to the potential outbreak of fire and significant damage to the Premises.'
- 18. In view of the very serious deficiencies that the Fire Risk Assessment identifies and the seeming lack of progress towards remedial action, along with my own observations at the Premises I have serious concerns about the Public Safety arrangements at the Premises, even when considering just the customer areas and not the other parts of the Premises. The conditions do not include anything to specify or regulate a safe capacity and, in theory at least, there could be unlimited numbers of customers accommodated in what is in my opinion a fundamentally unsafe environment. If I was employed as an Authorised Officer under the Licensing Act 2005 I would have no hesitation in seeking a Review of the Premises Licence under the Public Safety Licensing Objective.
- 19. At 0145hrs the music was reduced and one of the door supervisors started to encourage customers to leave the rear area and go through to the main front door in order to exit the Premises as 0200hrs was the closing time.

# CONCLUSION

In my opinion the current operation is not being carried out in a manner that promotes the Licensing Objectives.



- Customers are put at serious risk to their safety.
- A number of the Licence Conditions do not appear to be complied with.
- The Conditions on the Licence are not fit for purpose in terms of enforceable wording to
  ensure that Licensable activities are properly regulated.
- In my opinion the operator is not operating the Premises in a way that Promotes the Licensing
  Objectives. Instead of encouraging responsible drinking, the operators of the Premises are
  clearly intent on maximising the sale of alcohol to their customers, many of whom are inebriated.
- It is not known if the door supervisors engaged at the premises are properly SIA Registered
  and approved and from what I have observed I would be very concerned about their practices
  and procedures.
- Serious and specific safety matters have been identified by the Fire Risk Assessment which do
  not appear to have been addressed.
- It seems to me that in the event of a serious incident the shortcomings and operational inadequacies would be seriously exposed.
- A Review of the Premises Licence would give the opportunity to apply new and relevant Conditions, require the operator to put in place operating procedures and arrangements that are in line with good practice, and require the operator to bring the Premises up to a standard that is compliant and safe. If matters were to continue as they are, I think there is a real risk that the Premises Licence could be revoked due to a serious incident or incidents occurring.



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- 13. I am aware of the practice direction on pre-action conduct. I have acted in accordance with the Code of Practice for Experts.

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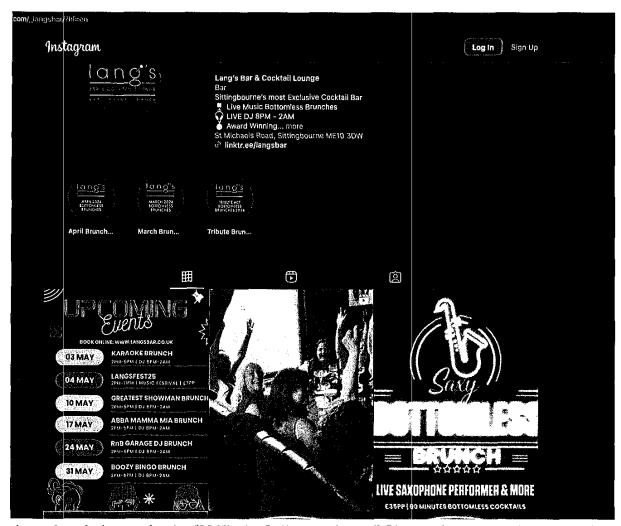


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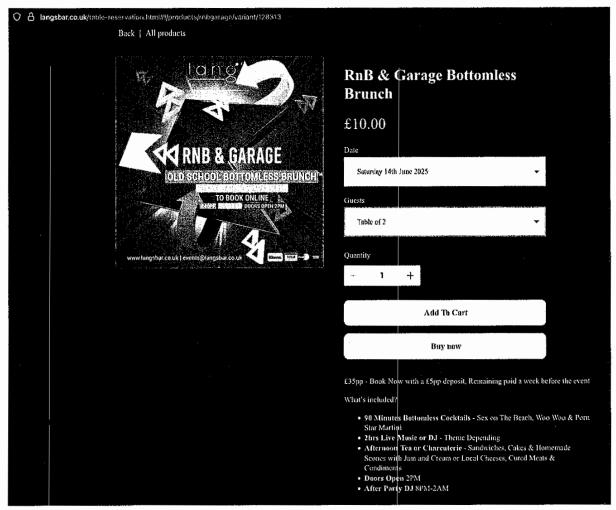


Image from Langs Bar website showing "90 Minutes Bottomiess Cocktails" in breach of the mandatory condition on Irresponsible promotions.





Image from the front of Langs Bar "1.5 HR\$ Bottomless Prosecco" in breach of the mandatory condition on Irresponsible promotions.



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#### Cancellation policy:

Over 18s

Bottomless drink is for 90 minutes drinkaware.co.uk, in the event of tree shortage and to maximise the alotted time, Groups of 2-3 will be served cocktails in "fishbowi" styled glasses. We hope you won't have to, but if you do need to cancel then please let us know at least 14 days before your booking date to avoid being charged full price for your ticket.

All deposits are non-refundable if the cancellation is made at least three weeks before the booking date. If the number of guests decreases the deposit for those will be lost. All show deposits are non-refundable (please see covid regulations). If the amount of guests at time of booking decresses 72hrs before your chosen date and we are given the alloted notice we are able to refund or rescheduble part navment. If it the alotted notice isnt given and full navment is made then all monies for that person is



Image from Lags Bar Website Terms of Service showing "Over 18s" in breach of condition Annex 2 condition 4, and "Bottomless drink is for 90 minutes drinksware.co.uk," in breach of mandatory conditions on irresponsible drinks promotions.



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Alison M wrote a review 1 contribution

Date visited May 2025
Trip type Couples



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#### Definitely will not be back

The only good thing I have to say about Travel Lodge in Sittingbourne is the lady on the front desk when we were checking in, Barbie. She was helpful, explained everything and was chatty and smiley and professional. That's where the good stuff ends.

The bed was awful, you could feel the springs in the mattress, the pillows were lumpy and flat. The window looked as if it had never been cleaned since the hotel was constructed. The shower was not exactly clean. The aircon was there for decoration or as a space filler as it definitely didn't cool the room. You couldn't leave the window open, we did try, at night as it was very noisy from people using the restaurant, bowling alley, movies, nightclub and train station which are all in the complex.

The shower room was not clean, it was horrible! If they had some cleaning products in the shower I would have cleaned it myself.

Not nice.

We definitely will not be staying there again. It was the longest 3 nights of my life with little sleep.

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jaysmythsurf wrote a review

1 contribution

Date visited May 2025



Disappointing

Booked a disabled room as on crutches after foot surgery..

Given a 2nd floor room though there was a lift..

Double room booked..given room with uncomfortable twin single

beds and lumpy pillows..

Pub opposite was very loud with singer and noisy generally in the

area both nights..

Walk in shower had dirty water and stain all around..

Like using Travelodge as check in is pre-done before arriving and keys are usually ready so no faffing or waiting after long journeys...

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Karen K wrote a review 26 contributions Kent, United Kingdom

Date visited Feb 2025
Trip type Family



26 Feb •••

#### Lots of external noise.

Check in was easy and the staff pleasant. The room was clean and functional. Towels were very thin and worn, but did the job for one night. However the pub opposite played extremely loud music until 2am. So was unable to get to sleep until after then. We then had to get up early for a long travel home, leaving us feeling very tired. Apparently this pub plays music until 2am every Friday and Saturday night. As such I feel I should have been made aware of this prior to booking. However there is no mentian of this on website or in the hotel. So for this reason I will not book with them again.

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प्रें Tip: Beware the pub opposite plays extremely loud music until 2am every Friday and Saturday night.

Value	3.0	Rooms	4.0	Location	5.0
Cleanliness	4.0	Service	5.0	Sleep Quality	1,0

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Fire Risk Assessment 18/06/2025



# The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005

# FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT REVIEW



Employer or other responsible person	Leon Dawson			
Name of Premises	Langs Bar			
Address	St Michaels Road, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3DW			
Post Code	ME10 3DW	Telephone number	00000	
Name of Assessor(s)	BSPH, AIFSM, Tier 2 Fire Risk Assessor, Raphael Bobie			
Date of Assessment/ Inspection and Review	18/06/2025	Date for Review	18/06/2026	
Property Use	Commercial mixed-use building with residential accommodation on the first floor of the property.			
Number of floors	3	No of floors 1 below ground		
Approx. area in m <sup>2</sup> of footprint of building	961	Age of building	Approx. 1900	
Brief details of construction	A brick-built property that has been partly rendered with timber floors and a timber staircase. There is also a pitched roof.			
Maximum number of employees/visitors	3 Members of staff 20-50 Customers Monday - Friday Up to 95 Customers Saturday - Sunday			



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Article 3 explains that "responsible person" means—

(a)in relation to a workplace, the employer, if the workplace is to any extent under his control;

(b)in relation to any premises not falling within paragraph (a)-

(i)the person who has control of the premises (as occupier or otherwise) in connection with the carrying on by him of a trade, business or other undertaking (for profit or not); or

(ii) the owner, where the person in control of the premises does not have control in connection with the carrying on by that person of a trade, business or other undertaking.

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- A means for verifying compliance with current building regulations.
- · A disabled access, health and safety or asbestos audit.
- A means for identifying latent defects in construction or compartmentation.
- A means for verifying that the fire resistance of structural elements of the building is adequate.
- An examination of the potential for structural collapse of the building in the event of fire.
- A fire strategy report.
- A pre-occupation fire safety assessment.
- A means for snagging of new construction.
- A guide to legislation for the responsible person.
- A Fire Risk Appraisal and assessment of external wall construction and cladding.
- A Fine Risk Appraisal of External Walls (FRAEW) or External Wall System Fire Review certificate (EWS1).
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	FRA REVIEWER	Date of
		Inspection/Review
Your Health and	Raphael Bobie	Wednesday, the
Safety Ltd have		18 <sup>th</sup> of June 2025
been instructed to		}
assess solely the		
safety of the	{	
building and		
compliance with		,
the Lease terms in		
light of the fire risk		
assessment (FRA)		
report dated 18 <sup>th</sup>		
November 2024.		}
This also includes a		1
review of any		)
works undertaken		
by the tenant.		}
The relevant Lease		
terms are Clauses 3		
(19) and 3(26) as		
set out in the		
Forfeiture Notice.		
There is a legal		
requirement for an		
FRA to be carried		
out under the 2005	,	
Order and it is the	į	į
duty of the		
Responsible Person		
to evaluate the FRA		
and take steps to		
eliminate or		
minimise all risks		İ
and to ensure		
proper safety plans,		
records and		1
training.		
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Additionally, Your		
Health and Safety		
Ltd have also		
considered the		
letter issued by		







Kent Fire & Rescue		
Services Building		
Fire Safety		
Inspector on the		
29 <sup>th</sup> of April 2025.		
It was found that		
only 1 out of 3		
1 '		
recommendations		
have been		
actioned.	}	}
Finally, this review		
will consider		
concerns as to fire		
safety having		
affected the		
insurance cover for		
the Premises and it		
is therefore		
important that all		
fire safety issues		
are addressed to		
ensure the		
Premises are not		J J
only safe but fully		
insured.		
NUMBER OF	15	
ACTION POINTS		
The Following		
Actions Still		
Remain		]
outstanding from		
the previous FRA,		
despite the	,	
previous FRA		
requiring urgent		
action to be taken		
and all steps to be		
completed by 18		
January 2025 and		
the Fire Risk		
Assessor, Mr		
Plumb, assessing		
on page 13 that:-		
A) The risk of		
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to result in a significant increase in likelihood of fire.  B) There was a risk of Extreme Harm in the event of a fire.  C) The risk to life from fire at the Premises i substantia	s			
Item	Deficiency/Finding	Proposed Action and/or Further Comments	Overdue As From	Responsible Person
7 Electrical sources of ignition	There remains a reliance on the use of extension leads throughout the commercial unit.	Appoint a competent person to install more single sockets.  Where possible, avoid overloading the extension leads.	18.01.25	Leon Dawson
13.1 Housekeeping	Housekeeping is to be improved in the basement areas (especially by the fuse boards and above the staircase). Housekeeping should also be improved along the escape route from the residential areas on the first floor and on the ground floor (at the foot of the staircase).	Housekeeping to be improved on the escape routes and in high-risk areas	18.12.24	Leon Dawson







13 Housekeeping	Fire load remains within the area of	Fire load should be avoided within the	Immediately	Leon Dawson
13 Housekeeping	the fuse boards.  Flammable and hazardous items such as paint, varnish and other chemicals are still being stored amongst combustible items, and no COSHH assessment was seen.	commercial unit.  A COSHH cupboard or flammable cabinet should be used to contain hazardous and flammable items.	18.12.24	Leon Dawson
16.1 Other Significant Fire Hazards	No evidence of servicing was seen for the air compressors.	Ensure all plant equipment and machinery are serviced and maintained as per the manufacturer's instructions.	18.12.24	Leon Dawson
17 Means of Escape	Final exits (including the main entrance and one of the garden exits) and doors on escape routes still have locks that require the use of a key, and no override or simple fastening was seen. The external final exit, by the dance floor from the garden, is kept locked with a padlock during trading hours during the week (with a key left nearby). However, on weekends, this exit is left unlocked during trading hours.	Fire exits should be made openable without the use of key on the side of escape.	25.11.24	Leon Dawson







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18. Measures to Lingt Fire Spread	Breaches remain within the	Appoint a competent person	10.01.23	Leon
an Development	basement areas,	to carry out a		Dawson
ai	by the electric	survey of the		
	meter at the foot	compartmentation		1
	of the staircase	and fire stop any		
	and in the boiler	breaches identified.		
1	room on the	breaches lacininea.		]
	ground floor.			
	Excessive and			
	inappropriate fire			}
İ	stopping was also			
	noted throughout			ĺ
	the basement			ļ
]	area.			
	The inner	Appoint a		
}	lining/separation	contractor to		)
	between the	upgrade the		i
	basement and the	separation		
	ground floor is	between floors		<b> </b>
	inadequate and	with adequate fire		
	incomplete.	stopping materials		}
		of at least 60		
	No evidence of a	minute fire		
	compartmentation	resisting		
	survey was seen.	construction		
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	escape route	minute nre		
	appear to remain the same. Several			1
	doors to high-risk			
	areas only have 2			
	hinges, and not all			[ [
	doors on the			
	escape routes		·	
	have strips and			
	seals.			1
	The doors to the			
	basement, the bar,			
	the kitchen and			
	the glass room			{
	appear to remain			
	the same.			
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	No evidence of fire door survey was seen.			
21.1 Fire Safety Signs and notices	Although fire action notices were seen, not all manual call points have fire action notices displayed above the call point.	Ensure fire action notices are displayed above all call points.	18.12.24	Leon Dawson
	Keep clear signage missing from the exit door from the bar into the garden.	All final exits should have 'fire exit keep clear' signage in place.	18.12.24	
22.2 Means of Giving Warning in the Event of Fire	No commission certificate was seen to determine the Grade of the fire alarm system.	Obtain a copy of the commissioning certificate for the fire alarm system to confirm the Grade of the fire alarm.	18.01.25	Leon Dawson
	No access was provided to the living accommodation spaces (bedrooms) to confirm if the fire alarm system has been extended into the bedrooms. A detector was missing from the dance floor area.	See previous FRA and action all items as previously recommended within the previous fire risk assessment.	18.01.25	
	A fault to the fire panel was noted. The RP suggest this is due to the faulty detector being disabled/removed.	Appoint a competent engineer to rectify the faults noted to the fire alarm panel and to relocate the panel as previously suggested.	Recommended to be actioned within a month of review	







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	The fire alarm			
	panel remains			
	behind the bar.			
26.2 Procedures	No evidence of	See previous FRA	18.12.24	Leon
and arrangements	competent	and action all		Dawson
	persons being	items as previously		
	available to assist	recommended	ļ	II.
	in implementing	within the previous		
	fire safety	fire risk assessment	ļ	
	arrangements.			
26.3 Fire Policy	Although a fire	See previous FRA	18.12.24	Leon
	policy was seen. It	and amend the fire		Dawson
	was not deemed	safety policy as		
ĺ	suitable and	previously		
	sufficient and does	recommended.		
	not meet the			
	criteria		[	
	recommended in			
	the previous FRA.			
27.1 Training and	No documented	See previous FRA	18.12.24	Leon
Drills	evidence of fire	and action all	ļ	Dawson
ĺ	safety training for	items as previously		Davison
	staff was seen.	recommended		
	Although it was	within the previous		
	reported by the	fire risk assessment		
	responsible person			
	that fire safety			
	training is ongoing.		ļ	
28.2 Testing and	No evidence of	Ensure the fire	25.11.24	Leon
Maintenance	weekly fire alarm	alarm is tested		Dawson
	tests was seen. No	weekly and		Dawson
	evidence of 6-	serviced every 6		
	monthly servicing	months as per BS		
	was seen. The RP	5839-6 for		
	showed an invoice	dwellings and BS	[	
	for remedial works	5839-1 for non-		i
	to be made to	domestic premises.		
	replace the	domestic premises.		
	defective/missing	Ensure the	Recommended	,
	detector on the	defective fire	to be actioned	
	dance floor. This	detector is repaired	immediately	
	was reported to	or replaced by a	Immediately	
	take place on the	competent		
	day of the	engineer.		i
	assessment (but	engineer,		
	was not actioned			
	at the time of		}	į
	F			
	assessment).		L	





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28.3 Testing and	No evidence of	See previous FRA	25.11.2024	Leon
Maintenance	monthly testing	and action all		Dawson
	was seen for the	items as previously		
	emergency lights.	recommended		
		within the previous		1
		fire risk assessment		·
Following the fire				
safety regulatory				
inspection of the				
above premises on				
29 April 2025 by				
Kent Fire and				
Rescue Service, the				
following actions				
still remain				
outstanding from				
the previous				
report.			D :  -   -	1
Item	Update	Previous	Responsible	
		Recommendations	Person	J
Point 1	The door to the	A fire-resistant	Leon	
	kitchen has not	door and frame set	Dawson	
	been replaced	are to be installed		
		to the kitchen. It is		
		to be installed to		
		conform with		
		FD30S standard,		
		providing 30		
		minutes fire-		
D-1-1-2	The issues	resistance. The vertical and	1000	
Point 2	The issues	horizontal	Leon	
•	regarding		Dawson	
	compartmentation	compartmentation throughout the		
	and fire stopping	_		
	appear to remain	building must be adequately		
	the same. There	assessed; including		
	appears to have been some	all voids, ducts and		
		service		
	attempt to firestop some of	penetrations. Any		
	the breaches in	issues identified	1	
	the breaches in	must be remedied		
	1	in order of priority,		
	However, this	within a reasonable		
	does not appear to	time period, using		
	be adequate, nor		1	
	does the fire	appropriate materials to		
	stopping appear to	1		
		provide the		







	be in accordance with BS EN 1366 3.	appropriate level of imperforate fire resistance. Specifically, the use of expanding foam to fill service penetrations must be in accordance with BS EN 1366 3. Where expanding foam is not suitable more appropriate materials must be	
Point 3	Consider displaying a schematic plan showing fire alarm zones in a multi- zoned system adjacent to the control panel.	used.  A zone plan was displayed in the main bar.	Leon Dawson

#### Summary

A review of the outstanding actions from the Fire Risk Assessment (FRA) carried out on the 18<sup>th</sup> of November 2024 revealed that, despite some improvements, most of the 23 identified actions remain unresolved. The original FRA highlighted a general neglect of fire safety, including the absence of prior assessments.

Additionally, the majority of recommendations issued by the Kent Fire and Rescue Service's Building Fire Safety Officer also remain unaddressed.

Given the time elapsed and the number of high-risk actions still outstanding, a new fire risk assessment is strongly recommended to mitigate the ongoing significant risk to life and safety, as there still remains a high risk as found in the previous FRA.

Finally, I would like to stress that, given all the outstanding matters, there are matters for concern as to the potential outbreak of fire and significant damage to the Premises. Which could potentially affect any insurance cover.

I confirm that I have made clear which facts and matters referred to in this report are within my own knowledge and which are not. Those that are within my own knowledge I confirm to be true. The opinions I have expressed represent my true and complete professional opinions on the matters to which they refer. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone



who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.



Signed By Raphael Bobie 03/07/2025







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### **FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT**



Full Property Name:	Lang's Bar St Michaels Road Sittingbourne ME10 3DW
Full Property Address:	Chatham Kent ME4 4EA
Date of Fire Risk Assessment:	20/08/2025
Name of Fire Risk Assessor:	Mark Crowter GIFireE
Overall Risk Level of Property:	Medium (2)

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### SECTION A STATEMENT OF FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT

Mark Crowter GlFireE has conducted this comprehensive Fire Risk Assessment to assist the Responsible Person in complying with The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 in meeting the specific requirements of our client. The Assessment is a systematic evaluation of the premises identifying hazards, potential hazards and persons at risk and determining the likelihood (risk) that such hazards will cause harm. The Assessment we have provided should not be a one off procedure but a dynamic, live process. The Responsible Person is required to have this Assessment constantly reviewed and adjusted if necessary to meet any changing circumstances – Article 9 (3). This Fire Risk Assessment has been conducted using a five-step Fire Risk Assessment process as recommended by HM Government Guides, Employer's Guides and the Health and Safety Executive. The recommendations of Publicly Available Document 79:2005, Fire Risk Assessment, Guidance and Methodology (PAS 79) have also been considered and it is considered to satisfy the recommendations of the document. This Fire Risk Assessment is made under the requirements of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.

Where appropriate and necessary the assessment included the consideration of sections 1-6, 8, 9, and 11 of the Dangerous Substances and Explosive Atmospheres Regulations 2002 (DSEAR) and other legislation relevant to the premises. The scope of this Fire Risk Assessment does not include roof void space areas.

The Fire Risk Assessment should be available for inspection or validation by any authorised person and should be reviewed:

- Following a change of work practice
- Following a significant change of staffing level
- · Following any structural or material change to the premises or its usage
- · Following any change in the fire precautions in the premises
- Following any near miss or fire incident
- · At recommended intervals of no more than twelve months

The hazards and/or risks identified (if any) in each section of this document increase the risk to life and/or property safety in and around the areas assessed. The additional controls, recommendations and actions given for each section in the action plan/summary section of the document should be dealt with accordingly to bring the assessed areas up to the required standard to reduce the risk to a level which is acceptable in the circumstances. Additionally, in accordance with The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, responsible persons must, among other things, 'provide his employees with comprehensive and relevant information on the risks to them identified by the risk assessment, the preventative and protective measures taken and the procedures and measures, which are in place for serious and imminent danger. Before employing a child, the responsible person must, provide the parents of the child, among other things, with comprehensive and relevant information on the risks to that child identified by the risk assessment, the preventative and protected measures taken and the procedures and measures, which are in place for serous and imminent danger.

This Fire Risk Assessment contains factual information as per the observations, notes and records of the qualified fire risk assessor who completed the site visit and assessment. None of the observations and comments may be changed following the issue of this assessment without the prior consultation with the fire risk assessor. Mark Crowter GIFireE will keep a copy of this document for 05 years. Mark Crowter GIFireE will provide any additional feedback on comments raised in this report for up to 12 months after the fire risk assessment date noted on this document. In some cases Mark Crowter GIFireE may not be able to provide further comments without a re-visit.

The responsible person must also co-operate with other relevant responsible persons (sharing the same occupancy) and inform them of relevant risks in their undertaking. This is a Type 1 fire risk assessment (non-

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destructive/non-intrusive). It is the basic fire risk assessment required for the purpose of satisfying the Fire Safety Order and the inspection of the building is non-destructive.

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### SECTION B FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT

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1.1.1	Occupancy/Use:	Bar and cocktail lounge.
1.1.2	General Description	Lang's Bar is a traditional brick and timber structure, featuring a pitched tiled roof. The building consists of brick walls and timber flooring throughout.  Ground Floor: The main bar area, entrance, DJ booth, rear cocktail bar, and a rear exit leading to the garden are located on this level.  First Floor: This floor contains private living accommodation and a kitchen area.  Staircases: The building includes a timber staircase providing access to the first floor and a separate staircase leading down to the cellar.  Fire safety measures incorporated into the building include automatic fire detection systems in accordance with BS 5839 and emergency lighting compliant with BS 5266 standards.
1.1.3	Number of storeys including basement floors	3
1.1.4	Number of storeys included in the risk assessment	3
1.1.5	Was access gained to any of the flats if applicable to ascertain fire detection means?	N/A
1.1.6	Responsible Person	Leon Dawson
1.1.7	Name of Responsible Person at Site for Fire Safety	Leon Dawson
1.1.8	Details of Fire Risk Assessor accompanied or met by member of staff (name & position)	Mark Crowter accompanied by Leon Dawson.
4.2	USE OF PREMISES	energy and the company of the compan
REF	DETIALLS	remails and the second state of the second second
1.2.1	Description of Use	Licensed Bar and cocktail lounge



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1.3	OCCUPIERS OF BUILDING	
REF	DETIALS	A CAMPACATION MENTON AND AND AND AND AND AND AND AND AND AN
1.3.1	Information on Occupants	Customers and staff members
1.3.2	Any history of fires in the building	Not known.
1.4	HIRE RISK ASSESSMENT	
REF	DETAILS	
1.4.1	Date of Fire Risk Assessment	20/08/2025
1.4.2	Name of Fire Risk Assessor	Mark Crowter GIFireE
1.4.3	Risk Level of Property	Medium (2)
1.4.4	Next Suggested Review Date	20/08/2026

1.5	CUSTOMER SPECIFIC				
REF	DETAILS	YES	IN(O)	N/A	Not Known
1.5.1	What is the evacuation policy for this property?	1	ULTAN ACUAT		
1.5.2	Is the evacuation policy deemed as suitable?	X			
1.5.3	When is the next fire risk assessment due in accordance with customer policy?		N/A		
1.5.4	Is this period of time deemed to be suitable?			X	
	If NO state recommendation in action plan and enter date of next recommended fire risk assessment is different to customer policy	NOT APPLICABLE			

### SECTION 2 FIRE HAZARDS & IGNITION SOURCES

2.1	HELECTRICAL SOURCES OF IGNITION				
REF	DETAILS	YES	N(O)	N/A	Not Known
2.1.1	Are electrical installations periodically tested?	Х			
2.1.2	Is there managerial control of personal electrical items?	Х			
2.1.3	Are electrical adaptors or extension leads used safely?	Х			
2.1.4	Are electrical cables routed so as to avoid physical damage?	Х			
2.1.5	Is lightning protection provided for the building?			Х	
2.2	HEATING		-14/		
REF	DETAILS	YES	NO	N/A	Not Known
2.2.1	Are mains gas supplies connected?	Х			
2.2.2	Are fixed heating installations, gas appliances and boilers subject to regular maintenance by competent contractors?	Х			



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23	GOOKING				
REF	DETAILS	YES	RIO	NVA	Notkinosyn
2.3,1	Are shared cooking facilities available?		Х		
2.3.2	Are cleaning certificates provided/available?			Х	
24	ATRON				
REF	DEVAILS	YÆS	1400	NVA	NotKnown
2.4.1	Is external refuse managed adequately?	Х			
2.4.2	Are suitable external security arrangements in place?	Х			
2.4.3	Is the building safe from arson, no vulnerability noted?	Х			

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2.5	Shorage&Housekeering				
REF	DETAILS	YES	NO.	NVA:	Not Known
2.5.1	Are only small /normal amounts of combustible storage kept in the premises?	Х			
2.5.2	Is there avoidance of large or excessive fire loading?	Х			
2.5.3	Are storage arrangements adequate?	X			
2.5.4	Are the premises free of highly flammable materials?	Х			
	If so are storage arrangements adequate?			Х	
2.5.5	Are the premises free of hazardous materials?	Х			
	If so are storage arrangements adequate?			Х	
2.5.6	Is general housekeeping satisfactory?	х			
2.5.7	Are significant ignition sources separated from combustible or highly flammable materials?	х			
2.5.8	Is the use of highly flammable materials minimised?	Х			
26	BUILDING WORK & OUTSIDE CONTRACTORS				
REF	DEMES	YES	NO:	N/A	Net Knewn
2.6.1	At the time of the risk assessment, was the property free of any building work being carried out?	х			
	If NO: Were there any unusual hazards or ignition sources as a result of the building work?			х	
2.6.2	Are any fire safety conditions imposed on contractors?			Х	
2.6.3	Is there a permit to work/ hot work permits scheme?			Х	

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### SECTION 3 MEANS OF ESCAPE

31	IMEANS OF ESCAPE				
aran	DETAILS	MES	1310	NVA	NettKnewn
3.1.1	Are there adequate numbers of final exit doors?	Х			
3.1.2	Are all fire exits immediately open able without use of key?	Х			
3.1.3	Are electronic security locks fitted to exit doors on escape routes?		Х		
3.1.5	If YES are they appropriately and safely fitted and maintained?			Х	
3.1.4	Do fire exits open in the direction of escape?		Х		
3.1.5	Is adequate artificial illumination provided if required?	Х			
3.1.6	Are the alternative exit route/s provided with appropriate fire exit signage?			x	
3.1.7	Were fire exit or escape routes noted as satisfactory?	Х			
3.1.8	Are the alternative means of escape acceptable?	Х			
32	PROTECTION OF INTERNAL ESCAPE ROUTES & S	TRUCT	UALI	NTEC	RUTY
REF	DETAILS	YES	(NO)	NWA	Notkinown
3.2.1	Is the property adequately protected of dead end exit routes?			Х	
3.2.2	Are floor surfaces, stairs and handrails etc, safe?	Х			
3.2.3	Are exit routes adequately clear of storage & obstructions?	Х			
3.2.4	Are existing fire doors fitted with smoke seals, intumescent strips and door closers?		х		
3.2.5	Are fire doors maintained closed and not maintained open by irregular means?	х			
3.2.6	Are service shafts between floors adequately fire stopped?			X	
3.2.7	Are doors to service riser shafts to suitable fire resisting standard?			Х	
3.2.8	Is compartmentation considered of a reasonable standard?		Х		
3.2.9	Are disabled refuges provided?			Х	
3.2.10	If so, are they adequate and provided with appropriate communications and signs?			Х	
3.2.11	If so are they considered safe and adequate?			Х	
3.2.12	Is the property free of any obvious or apparent risk of fire spread from adjoining or adjacent buildings?		х		
3.2.13	Does the external façade(s) of the premises appear to be of a material that may provide protection against extensive fire spread?	х			

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3,3.	EXTERNAL EXITITIOUTIES: 1. 1. 1. 1. 1.				
REF	DETAILS:	YES	NO	N/A	Not Known
3.3.1	Do external exit routes lead to a place of final safety?	Х			
3.3.2	Are external exit routes even, illuminated, and without obstructions or trip hazards?	х			
3.3.3	Are external staircases, balconies and gangways properly and adequately protected from fire in the parent or adjacent occupancy?	х			
3.3.4	Are external exit routes clear of obstructions, storage, refuse?	X			
3.3.5	Are external exit routes considered satisfactory?	Х			

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### SECTION 4 EMERGENCY LIGHTING

43.11	DESCRIPTION				
Self-co	ontained units				
42	MAINHENANCERRECORDS				
REF	DETAILS	MES	(0)	INVA\	Not Known
4.2.1	Is the emergency lighting serviced to comply with the current British Standard 5266?	х			
4.2.2	Is the emergency lighting system in good physical condition?	Х			
4.2.3	Are occupants free from risk of emergency lighting deficiencies?	Х			

### SECTION 5 SIGNS & NOTICES

5.1	SICKSENOTICES				
REF	DETAILS	YES	NO)	N/A	Notknown
5.1.1	Are signs and notices sufficient	Х			
	If NO; are the deficiencies serious enough to put occupiers at risk?			Х	

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### SECTION 6 FIRE ALARM & FIRE WARNING ARRANGEMENTS

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REF	DETAILS	YES	NO	N/A	Not Known	
6.1.1	Is automatic detection provided?	Х				
6.1.2	Does the system appear to conform to British Standard 5839 part 1? (As far as can be assessed during the inspection)	х				
6.1.3	When was the date of the last service (system)?		JANUARY 2025			
6.1.4	Are service records up-to-date (system)?	X				
6.1.5	Are there sufficient and suitable fire alarm call points located within the premises?	х				
6.1.6	Are all alarm call points clearly visible, unobstructed and fitted with appropriate fire action signage where required?	х				
6.1.7	Are weekly tests undertaken using a different call point each week with the results recorded in the fire logbook.	Х				
6.1.8	Are occupants at risk from fire alarm deficiencies?		Х			
6.1.9	Does the system in the resident's room/flat comply to BS 5839 part 6 (As far as can be assessed visually during the inspection)			х		



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# SECTION 7 FIXED AND PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHING EQUIPMENT AND INSTALLATIONS

7/4					
Ref	DETAILS	YES	NO	N/A	MotelKinowin
7.1.1	Are fire extinguishers required to the common areas at this site?	X			
7.1.2	Are fire extinguishers correctly sited and correctly identified by signage?	х			
7.1.3	Have fire extinguishers been serviced in the previous 12 months?	Х			
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provide	a description of any other type of fixed firefighting installation d here (I.e. sprinkler systems misting systems gas suppression . Including purpose of the system if known.			N/A	
7.1.4	Are the fire installations and equipment periodically inspected, tested and maintained?			х	
7.1.5	Are there records confirming the testing and maintenance available for inspection or use?			х	
7.1.6	Are staff aware of the location of the fixed installations, and what procedures should be followed on their activation?			X	

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### SECTION 8 MANAGEMENT OF FIRE SAFETY

8.1	FIREROUTINE& SMERGENCY PLAN				
REF	DETAILS	YES	MO)	N/A	Not Known
8.1.1	Is there an Established fire routine and emergency plan?	X			
8.1.2	Are all necessary issues, included in the plan?	Х			
8.1.3	Is ongoing staff training appropriate?	Х			-
8.1.4	Are there a suitable number of fire wardens?	X			
8.1.5	What would be the minimum number of fire wardens at this site?	2			
8.2	RECORDINEEPING.				
REF	DETAILS	YES	NO.	N/A	NotKnown
8.2.1	Is a dedicated fire logbook maintained on site?	Х			
8.2.2	Are all appropriate records maintained?	Х			

### SECTION 9 ACCESS FOR FIRE FIGHTING & FIRE FIGHTER SAFETY

9/1	ACCESS				
REF	DETAILS	YES	NO	N/A	Not Known:
9.1.1	Is access for the fire service satisfactory?	Х			
9.1.2	Is staircase and corridor ventilation satisfactory?	·		Х	

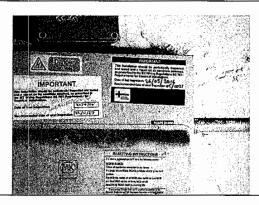
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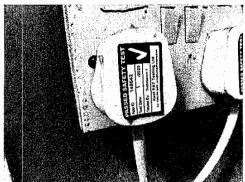
### SECTION 10 PHOTOGRAPHS



### Photo 1 2.1.1

The electrical circuitry of the building has been inspected and tested in the last 5 years (as prescribed in the IET Wiring Regulations BS7671).

Last tested 22/20.2024 - 2029.



### Photo 2

2.1.2

PAT testing carried out January 2025.



### Photo 3 3.2.4A

**Ground floor** 

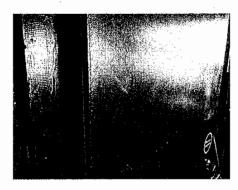
The fire door to the bar is not fitted with a self-closer.

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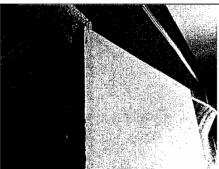
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### Photo 4 3.2.4B

#### **Ground floor**

The fire door to the glass washer is not fitted with a self-closer.



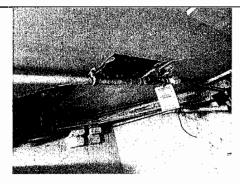
### Photo 5 3.2.4C

#### First floor

The following doors are not compliant fire doors:

- Kitchen
- Bedrooms
- Games room

In the event of a fire, this would allow the spread of soke and flames.



### Photo 6 3.2.8

There are gaps in the cellar ceiling that have not been adequately fire-stopped.

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### Photo 7

### 3.1.7

Artificial foliage is used to decorate walls and ceilings in the bare areas. The foliage has been treated with approved fire-retardant spray.

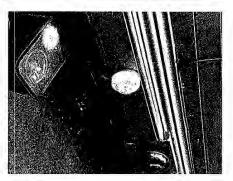


### Photo 8

### 6.1

There is a Conventional Fire Alarm System installed to comply with British Standard 5839 part 1. This control panel provides a simultaneous evacuation system within the premises, utilising Sounders as the audible means of alarm. The system consists of automatic fire detection and manual call points.





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## SECTION C ACTION PLAN FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND GENERAL ADVICE

#### **EXPLANATION OF GRADINGS**

The risk management process applied to this report involves the systematic identification of hazards, the assessment of resulting risks and the subsequent management of these risks through control and elimination.

Thereafter a judgment is made to best evaluate a severity (numerical score 1-3) best illustrating the current status for each hazard detailed within this report using the following categories: People, Assets, and

On the award of a numerical score under the heading severity, this score is then multiplied against the most appropriate likelihood rating of either unlikely, possible or very likely. Thereafter a total score is categorised into an overall risk rating.

Overall risk ratings (see conversion table) are thereafter either High (1), Medium (2) or Low (3). Each of these headings generates a priority weighting (1-3) and depending on the rating this illustrates a compliance timescale (a timescale in which the works should be successfully completed/controlled).

The overall outcome from the conversion table is also recorded and transferred to the Action Plan in this section of the report.

### SEVERITY

	PEOPLE	ASSETS		
3	Fatalities	Major Damage	Long Term Harm	Considerable Impact
2	Major Injury	Localised Damage	Short Term Harm	Localised Impact
1	Lost Time Injury	Minor Damage	Low Impact/Little Harm	Limited Impact

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### LIKELIHOOD

Score from Severity Chart		POSSIBLE	VERY LIKELY
	Extremely unlikely to occur	Likely to occur some time	Regular or continuous occurrence
$\downarrow$	1	2	3
3			HIGH RISK
2		MEDUMRISK	
1			

### CONVERSION TABLE

OVERALL RISK RATING	PRIORITY	
HIGH RISK	1	Serious Hazard or Deficiency requiring immediate action
MANAMATA	2	Hazard or Deficiency requiring remedial action as soon reasonably feasible
*	3	Recommendation for overall fire safety management based on observations or findings
	ADVICE	General advice to be considered in the interests of fire safety

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	FICANT FINDINGS & RECOMMENDAT ant to Section 1 of the Fire Risk Asses				
COMPL	LETED BY ACTIVE FIRE MANAGEMENT			FOR CUSTOME	R US
REF	SIGNIFICANT FINDINGS	RECOMMENDATIONS	PRIORITY	COMPLETION DATE	Cı
	Nil			1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	
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	THER ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS & INFORMATION	F(
	it to Section 1 of the Fire Risk Assessment	
(The folio	owing information is provided as guidance. & information purposes in the interest of Fire Safety)	<u> </u>
	A simultaneous evacuation policy is in place, in line with current guidance. In the event of a fire, the occupants will	ĺ
1.5.1	immediately exit via the nearest exit and report to the assembly point.	
	The assembly point is in the station car park.	

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2.1.1	The electrical circuitry of the building has been inspected and tested in the last 5 years (as prescribed in the IET Wiring Regulations BS7671).  Last tested 22/20,2024 – 2029.  Photo 1
2.1.2	PAT testing carried out January 2025. Photo 2
2.2.1	Gas safety testing is carried out on an Annual basis.
2.3.1	Dornestic standard kitchen in place. No requirement for cleaning certificates.

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3.2.4A	Ground floor The fire door to the bar is not fitted with a self-closer. Photo 3	Fire doors must be fitted with self-closers which conform to BS EN 1154.	2			
3.2.4B	Ground floor The fire door to the glass washer is not fitted with a self-closer. Photo 4	Fire doors must be fitted with self-closers which conform to BS EN 1154.	2			
3.2.4C	First floor The following doors are not compliant fire doors:	The identified doors must be replaced with FD30s standard self-closing fire doors.	2			
3.2.8A	There are gaps in the cellar ceiling that have not been adequately fire-stopped.  Photo 6	The gaps must be filled using approved 30-minute fire resistant materials.	2			

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3.1.7	Artificial foliage is used to decorate walls and ceilings in the bare areas. The foliage has been treated with approved fire-retardant spray.  Photo 7	
3,2.8B	The floor above the cellar should offer a minimum of 30 minutes of fire resistance. If achieving this is not feasible, an alternative solution may be provided, ensuring no smoke can penetrate the floor. In such cases, the cellar should be equipped with automatic smoke detection linked to a fire alarm system that is audible throughout the building. This approach is currently implemented in this building.	
3.3.5	There are three exits from the rear garden. This can be reduced to two fire exits.	_

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4.2.1	Emergency Light Test Records -	Monthly tests to identify the secondary power s ary source of power functions for the specified	supply is functioning,		

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6.1	There is a Conventional Fire Alarm System installed to comply with British Standard 5839 part 1. This control panel provides a simultaneous evacuation system within the premises, utilising Sounders as the audible means of alarm. The system consists of automatic fire detection and manual call points.  Photo 7	

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releva	OTHER ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS & INFORMATION Int to Section 8 of the Fire Risk Assessment Ilowing Information is provided as guidance & information purposes in the interest of Fire Safety) Fire Action Notices are located in the escape route. They are adequate as the emergency plan for this building.	F(
8.1.3	Staff training has been carried out – 13/02/2025 All staff members receive induction training and ongoing training in relation to Fire awareness and if necessary, their duties, together with the associated risks.	
	Fire drills have been carried out – 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2025. It is recommended that 2 Drills per year are undertaken, this number should be increased if work patterns mean that staff are unlikely to have attended Drills.	

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