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Contact
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Our ref
CAS-332606
Your ref
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189/0075
Date
20 October 2025

Dear PC. Smuts

Licensing Act 2003

Re: Royal Hotel, 29 Broadway, Sheerness, ME12 1AB

With reference to the application dated **15 October 2025** the application has been examined and on behalf of the Fire Authority I wish to make a representation to the licensing committee that the Public Safety objective of the Licensing Act has not been adequately addressed.

The Fire Authority wish to make a representation for the following reasons:

- On 24 April 2025 a Regulatory Inspection was carried out under The Regulatory Reform (fire safety) Order 2005, we were accompanied by Mr. Rajathurai.
- Fire safety deficiencies were identified, and an Enforcement Notice was issued. A Notice of further deficiencies was also issued.
- A follow up visit was carried out on 21 August 2025, and it was noted that there had been no improvement with the work to improve the compartmentation in relation to fire safety.
- During this visit a samurai type sword was found in the bathroom of room 6, and evidence of the room being used for cooking.
- When attempting to gain access to room 8 Mr. Rajathuri said he didn't have a key and that no one was in the room, upon further investigation the door was opened by a young man, the name he gave us was different to the one Mr. Rajathuri had given us along with the difference in the length of time the occupant had been staying there. In the room there was evidence of smoking and on the side several small clear plastic bags with a white powder in them were seen.
- Due to the evidence seen of a sword and potentially drugs I called 999 to report this to the police.



- In room 8 there was also a moses basket with bedding in the corner of the room, the occupant stated that his girlfriend sometimes stays with her baby. A safeguarding concern was raised via KFRS control.
- On 17 October 2025 KFRS received an email requesting an extension for compliance of the Enforcement Notice, this is being reviewed by our Enforcement Team.

In the event that we receive full documentation, and the Public Safety objective of the Licensing Act has been adequately addressed, the Fire Authority will immediately notify all parties with a view to dispensing with any hearing in relation to our representation.

This letter is without prejudice to the powers of the Licensing Authority and to any requirements or recommendations that may be made by enforcing authorities under other legislation.

If you need further advice or want to ask questions about this letter, you can contact me using the details above. Please be aware the Building Safety office hours are 09:00-17:00 Monday to Friday.

Yours sincerely

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cc: Licensing Authority
Police Licensing Officer

