

FURTHER SUBMISSION OF EVIDENCE RELATING TO THE RED LION REVIEW- PART 2

On Sunday 25 August 2013 a football match took place at Vicarage Road Stadium between Watford Football Club and Nottingham Forest Football club.

At about 12.50pm one officer from Nottinghamshire Constabulary and one officer from Hertfordshire Constabulary entered the Red Lion public house .

The officers' had noticed that there were apparently a number of Nottingham Forest football supporters inside the venue. PC Selwood, a football spotter from Nottingham Police identified that about eight Nottingham Forest supporters were stood at the bar and consuming alcohol.

The supporters were confronted and admitted that they had been allowed into the venue by door staff. The officer describes the appearance of these supporters and states that they were obviously not Watford supporters.

The presence of these males with in the venue as "opposing fans" is a breach of Annex 2, Condition 3 of the premises licence which states:

"During football days admission is restricted to home supporters."

This condition is clearly designed to ensure that there are no "flash points" within the venue. Clearly the presence of fans from an opposing team has the very real potential for public order problems given the volatile nature of the parties involved.

Mr Josh Price was located and was asked to get the Nottinghamshire Forest supporters to leave which they did so without incident. Witness statements from both officers are attached.

The Constabulary will point out that this is yet another breach of the conditions on the licence, and, despite being served with review papers; Mr Price chooses to fail to put in place any systems to ensure that such potentially dangerous incidents do not occur.

Also attached to this report is a copy of an article from the Watford Observer dated 1 March 2013. This article appears to be part of an interview given to a reporter by Mr Neil Price. The article clearly refers to problems at the Red Lion and contains the following:

"However, Mr Price, who runs the Yellow and Red Lion with his brother Josh.."

This would seem to be an indication that Neil Price is much more closely involved in the day to day operation of the venue despite his denials in his formal interview under caution.

This would seem to undermine Neil Price's persistent denials that he has anything to do with the venue.