

The Panel is satisfied that it is appropriate to suspend the premises licence with immediate effect in the interests of promoting the licensing objectives, in particular the prevention of crime and disorder and public safety.

The Panel has reached its decision having regard to the following:

1. The Panel is satisfied that an interim review was necessary and appropriate in accordance with s53A of the Licensing Act 2003.
2. The Panel is satisfied that the alleged offences amount to 'serious crime' as defined by s81(2) and (3)(a) and (b) of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000.
3. The Panel heard evidence from Cumbria Police and representations from the Premises Licence Holder.
4. The Panel is satisfied that it is appropriate to suspend the premises licence with immediate effect in the interests of promoting the licensing objectives.

The Act does not provide a right to appeal in relation to a decision at an Interim Steps Hearing. The premises licence holder may make representations against the interim steps taken by the licensing authority. There is no time limit for the premises licence holder to make representations on the interim steps. This would at some point be superseded by the full review which must be completed within 28 days of the application being received by the licensing authority. On receipt of such representations, the licensing authority must (if the representations are not withdrawn) hold a hearing within 48 hours of their receipt.