



## **Information for Licensed Premises during the World Cup 2022**

Dear Designated Premises Supervisor,

On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022 the World Cup begins in Qatar attracting great interest across the UK.

We anticipate that many premises across Greater Manchester will be showing the football, and having significant promotional activity based round the tournament. The matches that will be the highlight of this will of course be the England group matches scheduled to be played on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November (KO 13:00 hrs), Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November (KO 19:00 hrs) and Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November (KO 19:00 hrs).

Experience has shown that these occasions, unless very carefully managed can get out of hand quickly, with large-scale drunkenness, disorder, violence, and damage to property ensuing.

To ensure that our communities across Greater Manchester do not experience any problems of this nature, Greater Manchester Police is seeking your support throughout this period.

As the senior officer with responsibility to ensure an effective and efficient multi agency policing operation, I would urge you to act upon the contents of this letter and work together with my officers so that this period passes off peacefully and successfully with the minimum of disruption to the communities of Greater Manchester.

I have written to you as you run a business concerned with the supply of alcohol and, as such, it is likely that you will be visited by football supporters during the period of the England matches. Please read and consider the points raised below, review your security arrangements, and then do not hesitate to contact your local neighbourhood team for help and advice at any time. The telephone number can be found at the end of this letter.

I recommend you follow the following points prior to the 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022;

1. Review the security procedures of your venue to ensure that you have sufficient 'door staff' present to always maintain order within your premises. Carefully consider the starting times for door staff to ensure that they are on duty for the duration of high profile matches namely games involving England or any support events your premises are planning.
2. Restrict the availability of glass by decanting all drinks at point of sale into plastic containers for on licensed premises.
3. Support any Public Spaces Protection Order (this has replaced previously named Alcohol Exclusion Zone) and actively prevent ANY drink from being taken outside even for consumption within the outside curtilage of your premises.

4. Ensure that you have strict policies in place to prevent alcohol being sold or consumed by fewer than 18s.
5. Ensure that the internal C.C.T.V. system is fully operative and is recording throughout the day.
6. If you use any street furniture outside the front door of your venue on these days ensure that they are constantly supervised, no glass is allowed, numbers strictly monitored, no drunkenness permitted.
7. Employ a strict entry and search policy regarding weapons, carrying alcohol into or from your premises. Ensure the numbers of persons inside your venue is strictly controlled.
8. Consider employing extra numbers of bar staff and glass collectors. Utilise these staff to ensure that levels of alcohol consumption remain below the level of drunkenness.
9. Carry out an internal 'risk assessment' and consider removing any items of internal furniture, fittings and ornaments which may be misused or damaged in the event of disorder.
10. Do NOT engage in any inappropriate promotional activity, which may be considered to promote drunkenness or give away free or excessively cheap alcoholic drinks. Officers will be monitoring this.
11. If requested by police to stop selling alcohol at any time when World Cup matches are being played, please comply with our instructions straight away, as it will be for a specific reason to avoid any disorder.
12. Report any information that would assist Greater Manchester Police respond to any planned or dynamic incidents of disorder.

We would like to reassure you that a uniformed Police operation will be employed throughout Greater Manchester especially on the days when England are playing.

*Although we will endeavour to provide you with all the support and assistance we can, **We must remind you that the management of licensed premises remains the responsibility of the Designated Premises Supervisor.** Therefore, if it is considered that you have not done all that might reasonably be expected to prevent problems occurring, then the Police Commander on the day will give serious consideration to issuing a **CLOSURE NOTICE** under Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act 2014 and taking any further action that is thought necessary*

Your co-operation and professionalism will be integral to this being a successful period for the Trafford Division.

We look forward to working with you in partnership during this event as we have on previous events. I would like to thank you in advance for your assistance.

If you require any further information or advice, please contact Pc Ben Brookfield who is GMP's Bolton Divisional Licensing Officer via email at [11313@gmp.police.uk](mailto:11313@gmp.police.uk)

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours faithfully,