



**Kent Fire &
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Inspector:

Karen Longley

Date:

16 September 2021

Your ref:

21/02058/LAPRE

Dear Sir,

Licensing Act 2003

Re: 15 Stone Street, Cranbrook TN17 3HF

With reference to the application dated 20 August 2021, 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:

- The responsible person has failed to comply with the requirement to safeguard the safety of relevant persons, in the event of danger they have not provided the means of evacuating the premises as quickly and as safely as possible.

Specifically, the travel distance from the rear external seating area to the only exit at the front of the premises is in excess of permitted boundaries and passes the commercial kitchen and other fire risk areas.

An additional fire exit was shown on the plans as being from the rear of the garden but on site it was noted that this exit is inaccessible and does not lead to a place of safety and as such cannot be considered as an alternative exit.

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.



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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 faithfully



Karen Longley
Building Fire Safety Inspector

cc.: Police Licensing Officer



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