

Appendix D

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Councillor Emily Westley
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Mr Paul Mandry
Karma Security

Sent by Email



Dear Paul

Further to your recent application for a licence on the premises formerly known as West Exit, which is in the town centre, and upon receipt of the documents from the licensing department, I am still more than happy to support your application.

The council have used your company on many occasions and I am aware that you have a very positive reputation as a respectable, well organised and highly professional company who have been in the town for 20 plus years.

Your company managed the security for the Olympics when it came to Hastings and that was a great success. I believe therefore that you have demonstrated your professionalism and commitment to the type of Hastings this interventionist, innovative and forward looking council are trying to achieve.

Hastings is now an up and coming University town which needs to embrace that concept and make provisions for it. We do not have a nightclub in the town (apart from the sex establishment) which would be beneficial and welcoming to the students, and to have a new business creating jobs not only for the venue itself but the wider business like taxi's, takeaways and restaurants, is in my view, a 'win win' situation.

I hope that the Licensing committee will take my comments into account when making their decision, especially as of course if it turns out to be a problematic venue in the future, your licence could be revoked. I do not however, believe that would be necessary.

I wish you the best of luck for the purpose of benefiting Hastings and its residents.

Kind regards

Your sincerely

Emily

Cllr. Westley



Date: 1 June 2015
Ref: Karma Security
Our ref: Jane Kilby 01892 602881



To whom it may concern

Re: Paul Mandry, Karma Security, Robertson Street Hastings, East Sussex

I, Jane Kilby having been working with Karma Security for over 10 years, in my capacity at Hastings Borough Council, and now Wealden District Council.

In that time I have received first class service from this company, the professionalism of the business and courtesy of staff has always been 100%.

I would have no problem in recommending or supporting their business for future projects or business endeavours. The plans for Grand Elektra, its employment prospects and the benefit for tourism in such a key location in the town, is an exciting prospect and should be supported.

Yours faithfully

Jane Kilby

**Tourism Officer
Community & Regeneration**

Trevor Scrase

From: Paul <paul@karma-security.co.uk>
Sent: 03 June 2015 14:28
To: Oliver Ibrahim
Subject: Fwd:

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: MattBrown <mattbrown@sourcebmx.com>
Date: 3 June 2015 13:19:13 BST
To: paul@karma-security.co.uk

Thanks for the meeting

As we discussed the Crypt has a long history being the venue of choice for the local extreme sport scene , Im really pleased your now running the venue as you have a great reputation for running a safe venue, we've known each other now for twenty years so I'm really pleased we can work together in a professional capacity. That being the case we spoke about the Source Park staging local, national and international bmx/skateboard events, I am very pleased to continue our conversations for the Crypt to be the venue of choice at those events, and for us to continue and build upon the relationship of the two businesses which I believe will be great not only for the businesses but for the local community.

Regards

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Trevor Scrase

From: Paul <paul@karma-security.co.uk>
Sent: 04 June 2015 12:21
To: Oliver Ibrahim
Subject: Re: Support for new night club

Sent from my iPhone

> On 29 May 2015, at 11:36, Ed Lofts <ed@whiterocktrust.org.uk> wrote:

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> To whom it may concern,

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> My name is Edward Lofts and I work as a Community Organiser for the White Rock Trust who currently play a key role in the future of Hastings town center and the White Rock area. I have been in this role for over 3 years and work directly with local people and businesses to help improve our town.

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> I listen to local people of all ages as a full time job and have a good knowledge of whats going on in the lives of local residents, college & university students along with many business owners.

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> At present the local students are not happy with what the night life in Hastings can offer and at least once a week organise their own coaches to take them to Eastbourne or Brighton. This in its self is bad for local business but also shows a lack of respect for the younger people in our town.

> Forward planning for a nice new college and university was done but no consideration was given to what the students would do with their free time.

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> The new night club in town is not only much needed but would also boost the morale of local people and give the students more options, so they don't have to leave town and spend their money elsewhere which again is bad for local business.

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> The venue in question is not just a new night club, It's THE NIGHT CLUB for Hastings. Since the Crypt shut down one owner has tried to make it work by renovating the look and feel of the club however they didn't have the tools or local knowledge to make it a success. The team now working on the night club are local people who have a deep understanding of what makes a night out in Hastings fun and at the same time safe for locals and university students. I can only urge you to listen to them and allow them to breathe some type of life back into the night club for the sake of the local residents and economy.

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> Not supporting them by refusing to grant them what they need would be a travesty toward the future of the town and its sustainable regeneration.

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> Yours sincerely

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> Ed Lofts

> White Rock Trust

> Community Organiser

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Trevor Scrase

From: Paul <paul@karma-security.co.uk>
Sent: 01 June 2015 20:55
To: Oliver Ibrahim
Subject: Fwd: The Club!

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Mike Raxworthy <mike@intergrafix.co.uk>
Date: 1 June 2015 18:23:01 BST
To: paul@karma-security.co.uk
Subject: The Club!

To whom it may concern,

As a local musician I was very excited when I heard from the new management team who now have the lease on the old West Exit Club. There's a great need for a well run club in Hastings Town Centre especially as they are planning to have live music in what was once the premier live music venue along the South Coast. Knowing their plans are to include high profile Jazz Acts and Blues Bands throughout each month, I'm sure this club will suddenly get a completely new profile. These acts will ultimately require a fairly high ticket price which in turn will attract a whole new clientele to the town centre club scene. These will be people who would normally travel to central London clubs such as Ronnie Scotts and The Jazz Cafe to see this calibre of musician. Add the availability of a good supper menu and I think they will be very successful!

I realise we have the chance to see some high profile bands in our own White Rock Theatre, but some great jazz in a smaller, more intimate setting, would be appreciated by both music enthusiasts and performers alike. I think this club will be beneficial to the town and it's many, many music lovers.

Mike Raxworthy



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Date 24th May 2015

To Whom it may concern

Respond Academy would like to write a letter of support in regards to Grand Elektra Night Club by Paul Mandry.

Respond Academy is an established Youth Provision St Leonards on Sea with a well-documented 10 year history of events whereby Karma provided security .

Respond Academy have used Karma security company on numerous occasions over the last 10 years and we are well aware that you have your own 20 year history and reputation as a respectable, well organised and highly professional company when hosting an event in a club or outside venue

One of the most successful community projects we hosted for 3 years was "VIBES" an under 18's Disco we worked in partnership Karma due to our stringent yet flexible security precautions had no incidents where police were called .

Another highlight for our members and their families was the way your company managed the security for the high profile Olympics when it came to Hastings where everyone was aware of security but able to enjoy themselves.

We also know that Hastings borough council is constantly promoting and encouraging local business to create employment opportunities for local people. The added impact of this venue like taxi's, takeaways and restaurants definitely fulfils this role and any targets needed.

It is well noted and a great disappointment that Hastings does not have nightclub in the centre of town (apart from the sex establishment) particularly by the University students looking for a safe exciting well-managed fun night out let alone local people.

Respond Academy has been working in partnership with 1stofMANY for the last 3 years .1stofMANY is an intergenerational Live Music project working with world Famous musicians quite a few are local Global artists still unknown in Hastings or by the community . 1stof MANY is trying to address this issue and it enables young people to integrate with the older generation by doing all the in house promotion , green room , meet & greet etc all these skills needed for possible future employment as well as hosting masterclasses and concerts . We have worked with Paul xx Karma as stated and feel this could be a regular 1 once a month event that would include families, Recently we included East Sussex Music Service in a taster day and over 30 of their Jazz and string /brass section attended and they expressed a desire to be more involved to work in any possible collaborations that could involve performances for their students to work in a real Venue atmosphere .

We believe therefore that Hastings really need this venue and that xxxx your company have more than demonstrated your professionalism and commitment to the type of venue that Hastings definitely needs at this time .

Please feel free to contact us directly if you need more information

Kind regards
Pablo & Jc Mcfee

Respond Academy, a creative learning community for young people in East Sussex

To whom it may concern.

I have had the pleasure of working with Paul Mandrake for many years now on events including the Hastings Pirate Days, Olympic Torch, Christmas events in Hastings and the Bexhill Roaring 20s just a few of the events where I have relied on the the professionalism and dedication of Paul.

In events such as the Pirate Days where tens of thousands descend on a town it is with absolute reassurance that I employed Paul and his team as security and with his vast knowledge of potentially volatile situations I knew Paul would deal with any situation that arose which he did with great ease and calmness.

Working closely with Paul on the 2012 Olympic Torch relay and overnight celebrations I became aware of his immense organisational skills and once again calmness under pressure.

I personally know of no one better equipped to run a club in Hastings aware of potential situations and to address them before they arise.

I also look forward to working with Paul to make an establishment welcome to all generations .

Working close with Paul over numerous large events I have the pleasure of calling him a friend and one I put complete trust in.

Roger Crouch
Event Organiser



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To whom it may concern

I am writing on behalf of Brighton Students' Union in support of the licensing application for Grand Elektra.

A thriving university town needs to have a vibrant night-time economy both to attract students to apply to study in Hastings at the University of Brighton and to keep them here once they have decided that this is the place for them.

Hastings has much to offer our diverse student body but there is a significant gap in the provision of night time entertainment especially with the closure of West Exit earlier this year.

Brighton Students' Union have already met the management of Grand Elektra twice to discuss how we can work together to provide a first class experience to new and returning students.

The plans that Grand Elektra have developed are exactly what our town needs to grow and develop the night time economy.

A new significant venue in the heart of town will also provide much needed employment for both student and non-student residents.

Grand Elektra will be good for the student community and good for a thriving university town.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Curry

Campus & Partnership Manager

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To whom it may concern,

For the past two years I have been working with Roger Crouch on all of the events that he puts on in and around Hastings. On nearly all of these events Paul has been involved in with his security company. Paul has always been very professional with his attitude to the work and well organised. He is always very polite and helpful and been very supportive of everything that he has worked alongside us with.

I think Hastings would welcome another nightclub into the town which is well run and inviting for all over the age of 18. I definitely feel that if it was to have a variety of music this would be a lot better as other places will stick to one style of music that this will not be to everyone's taste. In my personal opinion I believe that themed nights would be well received by many. For example a house night, a night where all current music is played as well as other themes, as well people do like to get involved with fancy dress for a night out as Halloween is always a very popular night and nearly everyone dress up. I would be happy to offer any input into any event that they were planning to run if they wished.

I have spoken to a few people that I know that go out in the town and the following are the comments I have received:

- I like the DJ's that currently play in town as they are good and I like places that have a certain dress code. I also like a place to have a big dance floor and good lighting
- I like to go to places that are classy and people don't wear hoodies to go there
- I like to go to a place that has a good atmosphere and that is sophisticated with up-to-date music that you can dance to. As well the place to have reasonable priced drink and be clean everywhere
- I think somewhere that has been nicely done up is nice to go to and it be classy. I like a big dance floor with decent music and music that you can dance to not always sticking to house or drum and bass with some places to sit down
- I like to go to somewhere that places house music not always commercial and most places are very casual
- I want a place to play house music
- Have low entrance prices or even free to bring people into the place
- Have it be a classy place, have cheap drinks and charge nothing for people to get in
- Have a nice floor that isn't sticky like some places when drinks get spilt and have it be clean especially the toilets

Carlie Stace

Student President & Student Governor

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