

Licensing Application 6 St Georges Place to be held on 1 February 2021.

Further information

1 Questioning Mr Cowton's fitness to hold a licence to serve alcohol.

On 26 December police were called to St George's bed and breakfast accommodation due to a break in. This was at least the third break in (previous ones being on 22 December 2020 and 23 December 2020). The suggestion was that those who had broken in had left evidence of substance abuse on the premises in the past and may still be in the building. Four police vans were involved and in addition a police dogs team was called.

Mr Cowton did not appear to be present.

I question whether a person who is unwilling or unable to be present on such an occasion. shows suitable commitment to controlling nuisance to be fit to hold a licence to serve alcohol.

2 Questioning the appropriateness of a full on and off premises licence for bed and breakfast accommodation.

I note that the application refers to "The St George Hotel" (Notice of Hearing) and "The George Hotel" (email about the hearing), both of which conjure a grander place than the fact. The current premises are labelled as below. They do not serve non-residents with bar or restaurant facilities and do not have the appropriate planning authority for that.

I suggest that this licence is not appropriate for the premises with their current allowed use.

