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TOWN CENTRE SECTOR

On October 19th 2007 the CMB PC Alexander and Licensing Officer Mr Hicks took Angelo's Night Club to a licensing review panel hearing. This was based on 31 incidents of alcohol related violence and disorder which could be directly attributed to the premises. Based on the evidence presented, the licensing committee varied the clubs conditions reducing their hours until 2 am and ordering its closure for two months. The owner, Mr Rossi, appealed the decision and this was heard before for the Magistrates Court who re-examined the evidence. In addition police brought evidence of further disorder and violence that had occurred since the original review hearing. The Magistrates upheld the licensing committee's decision and imposed a three month closure, reduced the clubs hours to 2 am, ordered further training for bar staff, required that a dedicated CCTV supervisor be employed and awarded £24,000 costs against Mr Rossi.

This is an important success for the Neighbourhood Team who will continue to support and work with the responsible licensees in the Town Centre. However we are committed to challenging and holding to account those few venues who sell alcohol in an irresponsible way and, where this results in antisocial behaviour, violence and disorder they can expect that we will bring them up before the Licensing Committee

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