

## Additional information for Atesh Summary Hearing

**The premises licence holder has submitted the following for the attention of the Committee on January 4<sup>th</sup>**

We are writing to give you an insight of what happened on the 26.12.21 which led to the temporary closure of our venue.

We occasionally hire our venue to outside event organisers as we like to support local, upcoming and established event organisers. As such, we hired our venue to an event, "VibesMK and Echelon music presents Fever Boxing Day." This was the first time we had hired our venue to the event organiser, VibesMk. Unfortunately, there was an altercation between a group of attendees of this event outside of our venue between the smoking area and car park which resulted in two men in their twenties being taken to hospital with serious injuries at around 1.30am on 27/12. Sadly, on Tuesday (28/12), a 28-year-old man from Milton Keynes died from his injuries.

Our hearts go out to the deceased's family. This tragic incident has left us extremely saddened.

We would like to reassure the public and all our loyal customers that we had 10 security personnel on-site. Every bag and person were searched upon entry.

Immediately after the incident, "VibesMK" deleted all their social media content. This story was also covered by MKFM a local established radio station. They stated "MKFM has tried to contact VibesMK to confirm that the event was hosted by them, after several missed calls, the organisers swiftly put down the phone to us."

At Atesh we have a concept of fine dining and live entertainment for those that like to dress up and have great mature night. We have hosted over 20 successful Atesh events in the space of 6 months and have never had a single incident. Our guests have always been polite, pleasurable and respectful to each other. Acts such as Whitney Martins a professional singer and also former Miss London 2016, Miss England Finalist and a Famous Britain's Got Talent Act Michael Jackson act has graced our venue many times.

In the past we have supported charities such as the Hollie Foundation, Henry Allen and Harry's Rainbows which we helped raise money for their cause by hosting a 3-course dinner party and giving them the money raised from ticket sales. We have also hosted award ceremonies such as the Milton Keynes Inspiration Awards - an awards ceremony that awards people in Milton Keynes who have been inspirational throughout the year. We were also proud to host the awards ceremony for the Milton Keynes Bangladeshi Association in the presence of, inter alios, the Mayor of Milton Keynes, the High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire, the Chief Executive Officer at Milton Keynes Council and PS Collins Pickett of Thames Valley Police.

We have also used our venue as a platform for various communities to come together to celebrate their culture & music such as the Russian, Romanian, Polish and Asian communities. Also hosted were events aimed at families with young children such as the Halloween Kids Night which sold out and our very popular Christmas event, "Meet and greet Santa."

What we are trying to say is that we Atesh, are just not a simple fine dine and live music venue but also a family and community related event venue.

During the investigation we have been heavily assisting and been in full cooperation with the police and personally with DC David Brandon. If you would like to get in touch with him, please let us know and we will share details were appropriate.

We have decided Atesh that we have taken the decision to longer hire the venue to such events.

Communities geographically feel like there is no hope when it comes to knife crime, however we must unite on all fronts to bring an end to it. We at Atesh are willing to help the local community, by whatever means possible, to fight against knife crime.

Best,  
Atesh Management