

WITNESS STATEMENT

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Signature *Catherine Jarvis*..... (witness) Date: 25/10/2024..

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From: CATHERINE [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 October 2024 11:56 AM
To: Health Protection [REDACTED]
Cc: Emma [REDACTED]
Subject: URGENT - FAO FOOD HYGIENE TEAM - RE ZAMBEZI LOUNGE
Importance: High

Dear colleagues

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From: Anne [redacted]
Sent: 17 October 2024 16:57
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Cc: Sean [redacted]
Subject: FW: SRU 742902: URGENT: Zambezi Lounge Ltd, 590 Attercliffe Rd S9-concerns hygiene of BBQ
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Good afternoon Catherine,

Thank you for your email.

The business is registered with us and has been inspected for wet sales only. We were unaware that food was being prepared and sold. We will need to revisit but we will not be able to visit this weekend and report back to you before the 22nd October.

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Please could you let me know the outcome of the hearing and then we can schedule a food hygiene revisit.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

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Should the licensing sub-committee allow the license to remain in place, we feel Mr Muzvidzwa will continue to breach the license and conditions.

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Zambezi Lounge: Nig... is in Sheffield - England, UK.



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EVENT BRIGHT 7TH OF OCTOBER – ZAMBEZZI LOUNGE

https://shoobs.com/events/86701/libra23#event-venue

The screenshot shows the Shoobs website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'SHOObs' logo, a search bar, and links for 'ALL EVENTS', 'CLUBBING', 'COMEDY', 'LIVE MUSIC', and 'NEWS'. Below the navigation, there's a large promotional banner for 'LIBRA AFFAIR' featuring 'DJ CHIEF + DJ PH' and 'EMPRESS &'. To the right of the banner, the event details are listed: 'Clubbing', 'Libra23', 'Saturday, October 29th, 2022 from 8:00 pm to Sunday, October 30th, 2022 to 2:00 am', and '48 Zambezi Lounges in Sheffield'. The ticket price is 'Free - £55.00' with a note 'Ticket sale closes 7th Oct 10:00 pm'. There are 'BOOK' and 'INTERESTED' buttons. Below the banner, there are tabs for 'BASIC INFO', 'REVIEWS', and 'VENUE'. A 'Terms and conditions' link is visible. At the bottom, there are social media share icons for Facebook, Twitter, and Email.

This screenshot shows the 'Ratings and reviews' section of the event page. It includes a star rating icon and the following information: 'Event: Libra23', 'Organiser: Maddunit Entertainment', and 'Venue: Zambezi Lounge'. Below this, there's a 'Venue' section with a location pin icon and a photo of the lounge interior. The venue address is 'Zambezi Lounge, 580 Attercliffe Road, Sheffield, S9 3QP, United Kingdom'. To the right, there's a summary box with the event title 'Libra23', a 5-star rating, the date 'Saturday, October 29th, 2022 from 8:00 pm to Sunday, October 30th, 2022 to 2:00 am', the price 'Free - £55.00', and '48 Zambezi Lounges in Sheffield'. It also features 'BOOK' and 'INTERESTED' buttons. At the bottom, there are social media icons and a note: 'Shoobs is an official ticket agent for Libra23'. Below the venue details, there are icons for 'OFFICIAL TICKET AGENT', 'SAFE GATE & FEATURES', and 'Refresh on sponsored events'. At the very bottom, there's a section for 'Other events from this organiser'.

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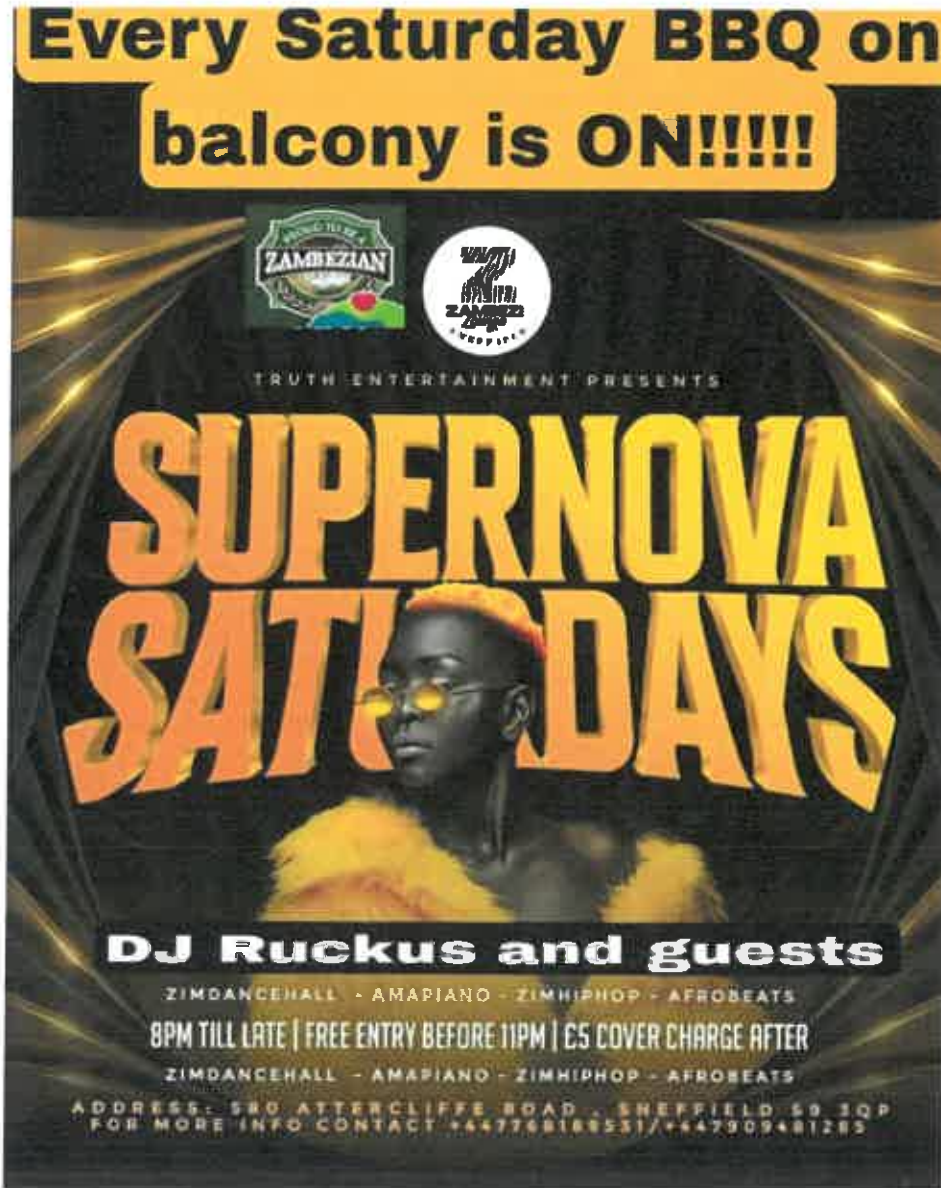
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Zambezi Lounge: Nightclub She... ⋮

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Every weekend we BBQ on balcony!!! Your meat; your choice!!!



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It's a must no joy without BBQ. @ Zambezi we BBQ and you eat. Fresh meat of your choice: PORK, BEEF, SAUSAGE and WINGS. WELL MARINATED!!!!



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