

# **THIS PUB IS A NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING** **Section 144, LASPO does NOT apply**

This is NOT a “residential building” within the meaning of section 144, Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 because it was NOT designed or adapted, before the time of our entry, for use as a place to live (ss (3)(b)).

**THAT** it was clearly the intention of Parliament to exclude public houses from the legislation. This was made clear by the Ministry of Justice response to consultation (CP12/2011) which stated on page 38 that “the Government will not seek to criminalise squatting in non-residential buildings, such as disused factories, warehouses or pubs”

**The provisions of section 144 are therefore NOT APPLICABLE to this building or to our occupation of it.**

**Part II, Criminal Law Act 1977**

**(As amended by Criminal Justice and Public Order Act, 1994) DOES APPLY**

## **LEGAL WARNING**

### **TAKE NOTICE**

**THAT** we occupy this property and at all times there is at least one person in occupation.

**THAT** any entry or attempt to enter into these premises without our permission is therefore a criminal offence as any one of us who is in physical possession is opposed to such entry without our permission.

**THAT** if you attempt to enter by violence or by threatening violence we will prosecute you. You may receive a sentence of up to six months’ imprisonment and/or a fine of up to £5,000.

**THAT** if you want to get us out you will have to issue a claim for possession in the County Court or in the High Court.

The Occupiers

N.B. Signing this Legal Warning is optional. It is equally valid whether or not it is signed.