

**LONDON BOROUGH OF ENFIELD LICENSING AUTHORITY  
LICENSING ACT 2003 (HEARINGS) REGULATIONS 2005  
DECISION NOTICE**



**LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE – 26 AUGUST 2015**

Application was made by the **METROPOLITAN POLICE SERVICE** for a summary review of the Premises Licence held by **EBONY ICE PRODUCTIONS UKLTD** at the premises known as and situated at **CLUB ZEROS, 1 JUTE LANE, ENFIELD, EN3 7PJ**.

The Licensing Sub-Committee considered that it wasn't necessary to take any interim steps.

**Reasons:**

The Chairman made the following statement:

"The Licensing Sub-Committee (LSC) convened in person to consider the Summary Licence Review brought by the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) with regard to the licence covering Club Zeros, 1 Jute Lane, Enfield.

In its deliberations, the LSC acknowledged that without doubt, the incidents which occurred at or around the venue in the early morning of 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2015, were of a most serious nature.

Superintendent Robinson's summary review application form and certificate, and witness statement by PC Marsh both proffer their opinions that the premises is associated with serious crime and disorder. However, the LSC decided that the evidence in the application was not sufficient to substantiate a suspension of the premises licence or to take any other interim steps under the summary review procedure.

The LSC noted that other than the Closure Order on 20 April 2015 (for non-compliance with conditions) under Section 21 of the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001, no further powers were deployed by the MPS, including a review of the premises licence following this closure order.

The LSC also noted that the application stated that there are no other measures which can be put in place to protect the public safety and therefore had requested the suspension as an interim measure. However, the LSC is aware of other statutory powers available including the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

It is the decision of the LSC that no interim steps are necessary pending the determination of the full review on the 16 September 2015.

In its consideration of whether to take any interim steps, the LSC considered that there is no evidential link in the application to indicate or suggest that supply of alcohol was in any way material to the incident that took place. The conditions of the licence, in our opinion, remain appropriate to the nature of the premises and legitimate activities taking place there. And we do not feel from the application that the actions of the licence holder and DPS actively contributed to the specific incident of 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2015.

In coming to its decision, the LSC focused therefore on whether suspension of the licence

pending the full review would be necessary for the effective promotion of the licensing objectives.

It was the view of the LSC that there was insufficient evidence compelling enough for members to take such a step, in spite of the serious nature of the incidents covered in the papers.

The LSC noted from the application that there was a lack of co-operation with the MPS by staff members including the alleged deputy manager.

The MPS and the licence holder will have an opportunity at the review meeting to present (orally and prior written submissions) more detailed accounts/evidence of what actually took place and what, if any, steps were taken on or after 22 August 2015, to a degree that was not available to the LSC in the papers supporting this application.

Furthermore, there was no explanation, as covered in the Section 53A Summary Review Guidance, as to why other powers or actions were considered not to be an appropriate response to the serious nature of the incidents that took place as a result of a disturbance in very close proximity to Club Zeros."

**Date Notice Sent : 26 August 2015**

Signed :



**Principal Licensing Officer**