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Dear Sir or Madam

In relation to the Temporary Event Notice (TEN) application WK/215064372 at Royal Venue, 1 Jute Lane, Enfield, EN3 7PJ. The Police would like to object on grounds of crime and disorder, public safety, protection of children from harm and public nuisance.

This venue has recently submitted a premise licence application. The Police have objected to this application on the grounds of all four of the licensing objectives. This is due to be heard by the Licensing Sub Committee on the 16th December 2015 at the Civic Centre, Silver Street, EN1 3XA.

This venue currently does not have a premise licence.

I note on the application that it states that the venue would abide by the following conditions for the duration of the TEN;

1. A 'Challenge 25' proof of age scheme shall be operated and relevant material shall be displayed at the premises.
2. A written record of refused sales shall be kept on the premises and completed when necessary. This record shall be made available to Police and/or the Local Authority upon request.
3. Prominent, clear and legible notices shall be displayed at all public exits from the premises requesting customers respect the needs of local residents and leave the premises and area quietly. These notices shall be positioned at eye level and in a location where those leaving the premises can read them.
4. No alcoholic drinks or glass containers shall be taken outside at any time.
5. All refuse and bottles shall be disposed of in bins quietly so as not to disturb neighbours or local residents. There shall be no disposal of glass bottles outside between 21:00 and 07:00.
6. A personal licence holder is to be present on the premises and supervise the sale of alcohol, throughout the permitted hours for the sale of alcohol.
7. The telephone number of an allocated taxi firm shall be displayed at the premises.
8. An agreement shall be made with the taxi firm for a suitable customer collection point so as to cause minimum disturbance to passing traffic and local residents.
9. Children under the age of 18 shall not be admitted to the premises unless they are accompanied by an adult.
10. The premises shall be used solely for pre-booked events. Customers shall not be able to pay for entry on the door.
11. The sale of alcohol shall only take place when ancillary to the use of the premises for substantial buffet or sit down meal.

However there is no premise licence at this venue so this cannot be enforced, as conditions can only be attached to a TEN at a venue that has a premise licence. This is not an option with this application.

What has been offered is also not sufficient to promote the licensing objectives.

This is a TEN application at a former nightclub. It is requesting hours for licensable activity namely the sale of alcohol, the provision of regulated entertainment and the provision of late night refreshment from 2000 hours until 0330 hours the following day.

The potential risk to public safety and instances of crime and disorder are high. This venue previously operated as a nightclub with these hours and offered the sale of alcohol and regulated entertainment as requested in this TEN, however even with the extra safety measures such as door staff, search wands, body searches, I.D scanning equipment and CCTV amongst others, there were still instances of serious crime and disorder. The risk to the public is made all the more clear with the final incident resulting in two people stabbed. One victim was stabbed inside and one victim stabbed just outside the venue.

As this is a TEN at a premise without a premise licence, if the applicant were to agree to add all of the extra safety conditions they cannot be enforced. This means that the police must put their trust solely in the applicant to do this. The applicants other venue in Enfield, Tirana 2 has recently failed three licensing visits in three months. The applicant is failing to promote the licensing objectives and committing criminal offences under the Licensing Act by operating in breach of his licence at this smaller venue.

The Police therefore have no confidence in the applicant to run this venue safely and responsibly.

The application states that no children will be admitted without being accompanied by an adult and that this is a function for families over Christmas. This suggests that children may be in attendance. There is no mention of safeguards to prevent access to children entering. There is also no mention of when children would be expected to leave if at all and what is due to take place inside whilst the event is operating.

This event is planned for Christmas eve going into the early hours of Christmas day. This is a public holiday and a time we know that young children and families look to enjoy waking early in the morning. With hours so late there is a real risk that the visiting patrons will make a noise nuisance either when they arrive and/or when they leave and this risk is exacerbated with the sale of alcohol so late. There is very limited parking space at this venue and as we know from previous experience this usually spills out into the residential side roads. The addition of children/families attending the event means there is a higher chance of private vehicles attending due to the use of child seats etc making the use of taxis less favourable. The nuisance caused to residents on a normal weekend was unbearable for some and the possibility of causing a nuisance on such an important day would only make this worse.

The Police contend that to grant this TEN would lead to a serious risk to the public. There is no way to attach conditions which would normally provide added safety. The hours on this TEN are also very late and give rise to suspicion that this will not be as suggested in the TEN as a family function. There is nothing that would stop this from being a promoted event and run as a nightclub. The TEN that has been applied for appears to have been applied for incase the premise licence is not granted.

Yours Sincerely

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