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“Events Application”

Dear Sir / Madam,

I write with regards to the above application, which is an application for a new premises licence in accordance the Licensing Act 2003.

The Metropolitan Police hereby make objection to the application on the grounds that should it be granted in its current form it is likely to undermine the

Prevention of Crime and Disorder, the Prevention of Public Nuisance and the Public Safety licensing objectives.

The application is submitted by Broadwick Venues Ltd and is made in regard to the Meridian Water site within Enfield Borough. Currently this is a disused area of land with numerous warehouses however it is an area that will be subject to significant development and regeneration in the future.

In close proximity to the site there are two large business premises and a large football stadium accommodating a Premier League Football Club, Tottenham Hotspur.

The Metropolitan Police are keen to support regeneration of this area however should this application be granted in its current form it is the view of the Police that incidents of crime and disorder would increase and in addition there would be significant risk to public safety.

This application is one of two Premises licence applications that has been submitted for this site, with this one seeking a Premises Licence for events at a number of warehouses named 'The Drum Sheds'. The applicant seeks to hold events (Corporate / Live Music and Club nights) for up to 9,999 persons within the warehouses located on the site.

The applicant requests all licensable activities at the venue between 0800 – 0600 over 365 days a year.

If granted, this would permit the venue to open as one of the world's largest nightclubs (matched only by, e.g. Privilege nightclub in Ibiza). In the general description of the premises given at page 4 of the application form it is stated that "DJ-led music events" are intended for the venue among other events.

Unlike the application for Field Day in the parallel "Festival Application", there is no requirement within this application for any events to be subject to the scrutiny of the SAG process.

Under this "events application" there can be up to 9,999 persons needing to be safely dispersed from the warehouses without the requirement for robust measures to be put in place. These visitors may have to walk some 1.5 miles to the local tube station along a busy fast moving road (Meridian Way). Without adequate marshalling and supervision this creates significant public safety risks.

There is, as always, likely to be a commercial imperative for operators to use the licences to their fullest extent and in light of this Police have met with the applicant in order to establish detailed plans for the site. Following this meeting Police have received an e-mail stating that they would seek to use the site for up to 25 large external events and 100 indoor events for in excess of 5,000 persons. No number has been given for events under 5000 persons however there would be nothing to stop the applicant using the warehouses as a large night club every weekend. The applicant however has offered to provide Police with an event management plan for events over 5000 capacity.

This would mean that should this application be granted that the warehouses could be used every weekend to accommodate up to 9,999 persons until 06:00 hours in the morning as a night club.

That would place an intolerable pressure on limited police resources and so engages the prevention of crime and disorder objective because in the absence of sufficient numbers of police officers to police all these events, there is a reduced chance of crime and disorder being prevented.

In addition if this licence was to be granted there would be nothing to prevent the applicant holding large events for up to 9,999 persons over the August Bank

Holiday weekend for a 'Notting Hill' after party and New Year's Eve parties (NYE Non Standard hours) until 06:00 hours in the morning. These events would not be subject to the scrutiny of SAG meetings and it would be the view of Police that incidents of crime and disorder would increase significantly and place further strain would be placed on already stretched Police resources.

Police would also have concerns that should any violence take place the large scale egress and subsequent congestion at limited public transport hubs could lead to further clashes between groups & individuals who have consumed alcohol or are fuelled by other motives as they make their way over the 1.5 mile journey to the local tube station (24 hours).

Geographically this is an area of land within Enfield Borough that is close proximity to two business premises and a large football stadium.

Police experience suggests that persons would attend the nearby supermarket to purchase cheaper alcohol prior to attending the Meridian Water site (pre loading). Persons may well also attend the supermarket at the conclusion of events to purchase further alcohol thus hindering the dispersal of persons from this area.

In conclusion if this application is granted in its current format it is the view of the Police that the licensing objectives of the prevention of crime and disorder , the prevention of public nuisance and public safety would be undermined.

Police are keen to support the applicant in the regeneration of this area but it is important that members of the public are kept safe and incidents of crime and disorder do not increase. Should this application be refused it would not adversely affect the proposed Field Day event.

We would make the additional point that the plans attached to the application appear to be non-compliant with reg.23 of the Licensing Act 2003 (Premises

Licence) Regulations 2005 and so this application is defective in a material way.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Waterfield', with a stylized flourish at the end.

A/ Chief Inspector Jonathan Waterfield

North Area Neighbourhood Policing (Enfield & Haringey)

