

Annex 9

Metropolitan Police Representation

Representation against the issue of a New Premises Licence Broadwick Venues Limited, Meridian Water, 4-6B Orbital Business Park and Land to the South, 5 Argon Road, LONDON, N18 3BW. WK/219049183 & WK/219049361.

Background:

The applicant has previously submitted an application for a Premises Licence at this venue which was issued in July 2019, subject to a maximum capacity of 7000 (current number: LN/201900307). This licence application was originally for a 9,999 capacity but as the venue was untested and in a location with limited public transport facilities it was agreed that a 7,000 maximum capacity should operate until the applicant had shown they can operate such events without adversely affecting the four Licensing Objectives. The events mentioned in the Premises Licence as Category A, B and C were defined in the Premises Licence basically as below:

Definitions:

Category A, B and/or C Event shall mean (and shall be limited to) those events which falls within the following:

Category A:

A Club Show daytime event at which licensable activities shall be permitted only between the hours of 12:00 and 23:00 with alcohol sales stopping at 2230

Category B:

A Club Show evening event at which licensable activities shall be permitted only between the hours of 17:00 and 03:00

Category C:

A Live Show at which licensable activities shall be permitted only between the hours of 19:00 and 23:00 with alcohol sales stopping at 2230

In the present application Category A, B & C events are also referred to but not defined regarding times of licensable activity.

The current application seeks to increase the maximum capacity from 7,000 to 9,999.

Representations:

The applicant should confirm that the definitions of Category A, B & C events are the same as defined in the current licence or inform us of any changes.

Since the current licence came into effect, July 2019, the applicant has held four Category A or C events which concluded at 2300 and has shown that by working with Greater Anglia to increase the amount of trains stopping at Meridian Water Station in the evening along with other measures such as a P.U.D.O point that they can disperse patrons without adversely affecting the licensing objectives.

Police concerns relating to events finishing after 2300 hours, Category B events in particular, are they are as yet untested to show they can operate without adversely affecting the licensing objectives. The venue is approximately 1.5 miles from the nearest train station that operates after 2308, Tottenham Hale. Meridian Waters Station that played a role in dispersing patrons from the previous four events shows the last train Friday and Saturdays as 2308 with the first train Saturday at 0638 and Sunday 0828.

The applicant has offered a 'Shuttle Bus' service to an appropriate local transport hub operating from 0000 hours until patrons have been dispersed from the venue. Police consider dispersing 9,999 patrons at the requested 0300 termination, we accept some will leave early but until tested at 7,000 we cannot rule out the vast majority leaving near to the end of the event, from such a remote location risks adversely affecting the licensing objectives relating to 'Prevention of Crime and Disorder', 'The Prevention of Public Nuisance', and 'Public Safety'.

Any shuttle bus system would need to show how many patrons can be dispersed to an operating transport hub and what the 'turnaround' time is. Patrons who have been consuming intoxicating liquor and possible illegal drugs may well indulge in disorder should there be any substantial delay in getting to an operating transport hub on limited transport. Those who decide it would be quicker to walk approximately 1.5 miles to Tottenham Hale would be walking along a busy main road with a footway narrowing to a couple of metres at some points and, particularly in the case of groups of females, could be vulnerable to criminal activity. Should thousands of people arrive at a transport hub with fewer trains than during the day and limited staffing there is risk of disorder whilst attempting to enter the station and to board trains from the platform.

Police consider the maximum capacity for Category B events should be maintained at the present 7,000 until the applicant has shown that such a number can be dispersed without adversely affecting the licensing objects and that the further requested 3,000 could have been dispersed equally safely.

Kind regards

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