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Rubys, Unit C7, Angel Road Works, Advent Way, LONDON, N18 3BH

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 it would undermine the Prevention of Crime and Disorder and Prevention of Public Nuisance licensing objectives

The application is submitted on behalf of Rubys TJJ Ltd and is made with regards to an empty warehouse in Angel Road Works site within Enfield Borough.

The application describes the venue as an event hall, restaurant and bar. The event hall has a low level stage, bar servery, toilets and a private bride / groom room. The restaurant / bar has a bar servery, kitchen and toilets.

The application is for the provision of licensable activities from 1000 hours to 0430 hours Monday to Sunday the activities requested are Provision of Live Music, Provision of Recorded Music (Recorded Music either by way of DJ entertainment at functions or backing tracks for live Performers), Provision of performance of Dance late night refreshment and supply of alcohol on the premises. Hours the venue are open to the public 1000 until 0500.

As the Application is for a late night venue in a warehouse on an industrial estate Police consider that whilst it is not a legal responsibility it would have been good practice for the applicant to have liaised with Police Licensing team prior to the application being submitted. This did not occur.

The venue in question is an old warehouse that is not purpose built for a Licence premises as described in this application.

On Tuesday the 18th August 2020 Police met the applicant, his business partner and licensing consultant at the venue in response to a request for a meeting by Police. When a description of the type of events expected to be held at the venue was requested Police were given examples of Weddings, and Christenings. When the applicant was asked about DJ driven music events being staged at the venue it was agreed the venue would also operate as a Night Club. Police suggested it was the same operational style as Ruby's Cuisine UK in Luton for which the applicant is the Premises Licence Holder and DPS which operates similar opening hours and applicant agreed.

Police are concerned that the application did not make reference to the venue operating as a Night Club which will generally be a higher risk of crime and disorder than a banqueting suite or restaurant / bar. The venue is in the middle of an industrial estate and not purpose built for the operation of the licensed venue described. The applicant's similar venue in Luton was the subject of a Review Hearing in January 2020 due to crime and disorder related to the venue and the applicant's alleged lack of co-operation with Police investigations into those matters.

Due to the venues remote location Police asked the applicant how he foresaw clients arriving. They were told by private motor vehicles and taxis. The applicant did not know the capacity of the venue. Parking on the venues forecourt would take approximately 4 cars and applicant said he would speak to the owner of opposite business about using their frontage would hold approx. 6 more cars although they would block each other in as there was a metal barrier along the side. Applicant said he would have a Steward to control that frontage. Police pointed out there was likely to be many more cars brought by clients attending the venue and asked where they would park. Applicant stated that the industrial estate was not particularly busy at night and clients could find parking spaces around the estate. Police are concerned that the potential for large amounts of cars in a remote area would be at higher risk of theft from and theft of motor vehicles and cause public nuisance with congestion as they park as near to venue as possible to the detriment of emergency vehicles attending venue and late night lorry deliveries to other venues on the estate.

In summery this venue would operate throughout the night as a Night Club, Banqueting Suite, Bar and Restaurant for potentially hundreds of clients with long hours of alcohol sales and the subsequent increased risk of intoxication resulting in crime and disorder both inside and the immediate vicinity of the venue and public nuisance due to lack of parking facilities at venue which the applicant does not appear to have given any consideration to when choosing the location. The venue and its location is not considered suitable for such proposed activities and any subsequent police investigation of crimes would be made more difficult by the remote location.

In conclusion if this application is granted it is the view of the Police that the Licensing objectives of The Prevention of Crime and Disorder and The Prevention of Public Nuisance would be undermined and would therefore ask that this application is refused.

Yours sincerely,

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Date: 27/08/2020