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Police objection to the application of a New Premises Licence application a for 'Palm Island Lounge, 1 Craven Park Road, NW10 8SE'

Police certify that we have considered the application shown above and wish to make representations that the likely effect of the grant of the application is detrimental to the Council's Licensing Objectives for the reasons indicated below.

An officer of the Metropolitan Police, in whose area the premises are situated, who is authorised for the purposes of exercising its statutory function as a 'Responsible Authority' under the Licensing Act 2003.

The Police are concerned with the following licensing objectives.

- The prevention of crime and disorder;
- Public safety;
- The prevention of public nuisance.

The Application

Palm Island Lounge propose to be a bar/ restaurant at 1 Craven Park Road, Harlesden NW10 8SE. The premises was previously run as a night club previously known as Vybz Bar.

I am a Police Officer attached to the NORTH WEST Basic Command Unit (BCU). I have been a police officer for 9 years and have been the borough licensing officer for the last 2 years. I am aware of the issues facing the local community including the prolonged problems with supply of drugs and anti-social behaviour in HARLESDEN in particular on PARK PARADE/Craven Park Road NW10.

On the 9th August 2022, Vybz Bar had a Closure Order granted by Willesden Magistrates Court for 3 months which was extended to 6 months. The Closure Order was granted due to the continuous problems with crime and disorder, Anti-social behaviour and violence with injury. This resulted in Vybz Bar having its licence revoked.

Since the licence for Vybz Bar was revoked. Mr Kingsley ADJEI has since applied for a New Premises Licence for the same venue and changed the name to Palm Island Lounge. Mr Kingsley ADJEI had proposed the same operating schedule as what Vybz Bar had with the following licensable activities in April 2023.

Late night refreshments from Monday to Sunday between 23.00hrs and 04.00hrs.

Sale or supply of alcohol on the premises From Monday to Sunday between 17.00hrs and 04.00hrs.

Recorded and Live music from Monday to Sunday between 23.00hrs and 04.00hrs

Opening hours of the premises are Monday to Sunday between 17.00hrs and 04.00hrs.

This application was rejected and refused by the committee.

Mr Kingsley ADJEI has since applied for a New Premises Licence for the same venue in December 2023 and has changed the business model drastically with the following licensable activities.

Late night refreshments from Friday to Saturday between 23.00hrs and 23.30hrs.

Sale or supply of alcohol on the premises From Sunday to Thursday between 14.00hrs and 23.00hrs. Friday to Saturday between 14.00hrs to 23.30hrs.

Recorded music from Friday to Saturday between 23.00hrs and 23.30hrs.

Opening hours of the premises are Sunday to Thursday between 14.00hrs and 23.30hrs and Friday to Saturday between 14.00hrs to 00.00hrs.

Since the closure of the premises police saw a decrease in violence with injury calls to the immediate area around the venue and complaints of ASB ceased. Police received only positive comments about the closure and no one came forward supporting the re-opening of the venue.

Police are requesting that the premises licence not be granted. Police feel that if the licence should be granted it will slowly return to what it was in the past and contribute to the ASB and crime and disorder that the Harlesden Town Centre Team worked hard at to get rid of and this then will undermine all four of the licensing objectives especially the prevention of crime and disorder and public nuisance as the activities that are happening in and around the premises are having an effect on the local residents/ businesses.

Should the committee grant the premises licence police will like the following conditions to be applied to the premises licence.

1. CCTV shall be installed to Home Office Guidance standards and maintained in a good working condition and recordings shall be kept for 31 days and shall be made available to police and authorised Officers from Brent Council upon request.

2. The CCTV system shall be capable of obtaining clear facial recognition images and a clear head and shoulders image of every person entering or leaving the premises.
3. A CCTV camera shall be installed to cover the entrance of the premises, the main restaurant, bar area, entrance to the toilets and the external areas.
4. The CCTV system shall display on any recordings the correct date and time of the recordings.
5. A staff member from the premises who is conversant with the operation of the CCTV system shall be on the premises at all times when the premise is open. This staff member must be able to provide Police or Authorised Council Officer copies of recent CCTV images or data with the absolute minimum of delay when requested.
6. The Licence holder/DPS/Manager shall inspect and test that the CCTV is operational and working correctly on a weekly basis. A signed and dated record of the CCTV examination and any findings shall be kept on the premises and made available to the police and authorised officers of the Local Authority on request.
7. A "Challenge 25" policy shall be adopted and adhered to at all times
8. Customers shall not be permitted to take any open drink container outside the premises as defined on the plan submitted to and approved by the Licensing Authority.
9. A sign stating "No proof of age -- no sale" shall be displayed at the point of sale.
10. Alcohol shall only be provided as an accompaniment to a main meal and seated at a table and served by waiter/waitress.
11. No vertical drinking.
12. There shall be no drinks promotions at the premises which are inconsistent with the need to promote responsible drinking.
13. No bottles of spirits to be served or bought by customers.
14. No customer shall be permitted to drink at the bar.
15. No high strength beers, lagers and ciders above 6.0% ABV shall be stocked or sold at the premises.
16. All alcohol must be kept behind the counter/bar area at all times with the exception of alcohol which has already been purchased/sold/supplied to the public or alcohol which is in storage rooms on the premises.
17. The supply of alcohol at the premises shall only be to a person seated taking a table meal there and for the consumption by such a person as ancillary to their meal.
18. There shall be a zero tolerance policy in relation to drugs at the premises and there shall be regular checks by management to prevent the use of drugs by patrons. Drugs seized shall be stored securely and handed to police.

19. No noise or vibration shall be detectable at any neighbouring noise sensitive premises.
20. Notices asking customers to leave quietly shall be conspicuously displayed at all exits.
21. The playing of recorded music shall not be permitted in any external area.
22. A copy of the premises licence summary and the hours which licensable activities are permitted shall be visible from the outside of the entrance to the premises.
23. Any staff directly involved in selling alcohol for retail to consumers and managers shall undergo basic training of Licensing Act 2003 legislation. This shall be documented and signed for by the DPS and the member of staff receiving the training. This training log shall be kept on the premises and made available for inspection by police and relevant authorities upon request.
24. An incident log shall be kept at the premises, and made available for inspection on request to an authorised officer of Brent Council or the Police, which will record the following:
 - (a) all crimes reported to the venue
 - (b) all ejections of patrons
 - (c) any complaints received
 - (d) any incidents of disorder
 - (e) any faults in the CCTV system
 - (f) any refusal of the sale of alcohol
 - (g) any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service.
25. All deliveries shall take place during normal working hours (i.e. 08.00hrs to 18.00hrs daily).
26. The placing of bottles into receptacles outside the building shall not be permitted between 22:00 hours and 08:00 hours the following morning.
27. No children shall be permitted on the premises unless accompanied by a responsible adult.
28. The locks and flush latches on the exit doors shall be unlocked and kept free from fastenings other than push bars or pads whilst the public are on the premises.
29. A residual current device (RCD), having a rated residual operating current not exceeding 30 milliamps, shall be provided to any socket or power supplies to be used for temporary stage, band or disco equipment, likely to be accessible to performers, staff or public.
30. Any socket outlets (or other power supplies used for DJ equipment, band equipment and other portable equipment) that are accessible to performers, staff or the public shall be suitably protected by a residual current device (RCD having a rated residual operating current not exceeding 30 milliamps).
31. No person shall be permitted to sit on the floor, on stairs or in gangways and passageways.

32. All roller shutters that are operational as exit points must be fixed/locked up in the open position whilst the public/staff are on the premises.

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