

**From:** Andrew Woods  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 8, 2024 4:32 PM  
**To:** Long, Councillor Janice  
**Cc:** Business Licence; Esther, Chan; Andrew Woods; Carole Collingwood  
**Subject:** Cllr Long Royal Slots, 9A Walm Lane, NW2 5SJ

Dear Cllr Long

Hope you are well. I am instructed by Future Leisure Ltd who are the operators of the above premises and I have been forwarded your representation of 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

As I am sure you will be aware Licensing Committee hearing has been fixed for 26 February at 2 PM for this application to be considered. I am not sure if you are aware that your representation is the only representation against the application and consequently the need for a Licensing Committee hearing.

I hope in those circumstances you don't mind me contacting you but I thought it might assist if I set out some more information about the application and I would also like to invite you if appropriate having considered this email to meet me and the operators on sites so that we can discuss the matter further.

I have also been in contact with Esther Chan ( Brent Licensing Inspector) with regard to this application. Esther asked me for further information about the application and as a result of that information we have agreed with Esther that the two conditions that we are seeking to be removed will be replaced with the following three conditions.

- 1) There will be a minimum of 2 staff members present at all times between 12pm to 6am.
- 2) Lone working staff will be provided and required to carry on their person a personal fob alarm which will activate the alarm if pressed by the member of staff or that staff member is lying horizontal for a pre-determined period of time.
- 3) An attack alarm shall be installed and maintained behind the cashier counter which would alert the police

As a result of this agreement Esther has withdrawn any representation against this application and there is no representation from the police.

I am attaching my email to Esther of 1 February which sets out more information about the family-owned business, security and safety measures on site in particular for the staff and an explanation as to why our client is seeking to remove the conditions.

You will note from the email that my clients is a small family-owned business and I can assure you that safety and security of customers and staff is paramount and that in fact that is the reason for the application.

The open frontage or partially open frontage offers an opportunity both for children and young people to look into the venue which in several cases I have been involved

in has been suggested as not being appropriate but also for those who may want to cause trouble to watch the customers inside the venue. It also creates an opportunity for those outside the venue to notice when staff are emptying the machines which in our view is not beneficial to customers or staff for obvious reasons.

I wonder if you would read my email to Esther which sets out all the safety information and note the above conditions agreed and let me know if there is any further information you require. I can confirm that my client would be more than happy to meet you on site as well.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Regards  
Andrew

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