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Police representation for a new Premises Licence at Wembley Bay Fish & Chips, 13 Wembley Hill Road, HA9 8AF.

I certify that I have considered the application shown above and **I 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.

I am of the opinion that the risk to the Council's objectives can be mitigated by removing the requested variations or attaching conditions to the Licence as shown below.

Officer: **Nicola McDonald**
Licensing Constable PC 157QK

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 application has been made for a premises licence under section 17 of the act.

The Police representations are primarily concerned with crime and disorder.

This application has been made for both Off and On sales of alcohol. The premise is a Fish and Chips bar with internal dining for approximately 35 persons. Police agree that authority for sales of alcohol to be consumed 'On' the premises with a fish and chips meal is feasible but believe off sales will not uphold the licensing objectives. I am unaware of any other fast food facility that allows off sales of alcohol, however I am aware of Fish and Chip restaurants where alcohol can be served with ordered food.

This area of Wembley has a consistent problem with street drinkers and more recently with homeless persons rough sleeping. There are numerous rough sleeping areas behind businesses in the vicinity of this premise, Police feel the rough sleepers will purchase fast food and a can of beer and consume it in these areas. Police can

provide photographs of makeshift beds, mattresses and vast amounts of disused rubbish including fast food packaging and alcohol cans generated by these rough sleepers.

At a meeting with the applicant during this application process, he seemed unaware of what a controlled drinking zone was. After my explanation he said 'I will put up a sign telling them not to drink in the street'. This is not practicable when the homeless customers have no where else to drink.

The operating schedule indicates there would be an up to date refusal register and incident book on the premises, Police consider staff could not be as diligent around sales of alcohol when staff are cooking and serving food in a hot and potential dangerous environment.

On major event days at Wembley Stadium this area is exceptional busy with pedestrian footfall, the food and refreshment businesses are very busy. There is no indication in the operating schedule how the applicant would control off sales of alcohol consumption in the street as visitors to the area would only have access to the street to eat and drink the purchased food.

If the applicant agrees that by permitting '**On' sales only** at the venue Police would require the following points be included in the operating schedule or added as conditions on the premises licence.

Closed Circuit Television (CCTV)

Good quality CCTV is essential as a deterrent for the prevention of crime and the detection of offenders. It allows for both covert and overt monitoring of the premises. With proper signage, this reassures both staff and clientele, that this is a safe environment where illegal activities are not tolerated.

All cameras and recording equipment will be installed and maintained in accordance with Home Office Guidance and the manufacturers instructions and will be fully operational when the premises are open to the public.

Notices shall be displayed at the entrance to the premises, and in prominent positions throughout the premises, advising that CCTV is in operation.

Operating Hours to be displayed on Premises

A notice displaying the opening hours, the type of licensing activity and licence conditions should be clearly displayed and visible to anyone outside the premises. This may be incorporated in the summary of the licence, which must be displayed, or take the form of a separate item. Likewise the name of the Designated Premises Supervisor (D.P.S.) should be similarly displayed. This will allow the Police and other responsible authorities to readily identify the licence details. Clearly displayed opening hours will also reduce any confusion for customers prior to entering the premises and possible conflict when the premises close/stop selling alcohol.

A Summary of the Premises Licence will be displayed at each public entrance to the premises.

Police require the following points should be added as conditions on the premises licence as below.

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. CCTV cameras shall be installed to cover the entrance of the premises.
3. A "Challenge 25" policy shall be adopted and adhered to.
4. A sign stating "No proof of age – No sale" shall be displayed at the point of sale.
5. 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:
 - All crimes reported to the venue
 - All ejections of patrons
 - Any complaints received
 - Any faults in the CCTV system
 - Any refusal of the sale of alcohol
 - Any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service.
6. Customers will not take open drink containers of alcohol outside the premises as defined on the plan submitted to and approved by the Licensing Authority.
7. Customers carrying open or sealed alcohol drinking vessels shall not be admitted to the premises.
8. Substantial food and non-intoxicating beverages shall be available during the whole of licensed hours in all parts of the premises where intoxicants are provided.
9. 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.
10. The supply of alcohol shall be by waiter or waitress service only.
11. Outside of the hours authorised for the sale of alcohol, all alcohol within the trading/bar area is to be secured behind locked grills, locked screens or locked cabinet doors so as to prevent access to the alcohol by customers or staff.
12. Customers should not be allowed to sit, stand or be served from the bar area.
13. No high strength beers, lagers, and ciders above 6% ABV shall be stocked.
14. Alcoholic beverages shall be decanted in to a suitable drinking vessel
15. Major Event Days at Wembley Stadium:
 - Customers shall not be allowed to congregate outside the premises.
 - No drinks shall be served in glass containers.

- The DPS or deputy shall work in partnership with the Police and if necessary comply with any direction given by a senior Police Officer on duty at the event.
- No alcohol or “alcopop” type drinks shall be displayed or sold in glass containers with the exception of wines and spirits.
- Door Supervisor to be employed 3 hours before designated kick off to prevent persons leaving with opened alcoholic drinking vessels.
- Stop selling alcohol 1 hour before the designated kick off time, sales can resume 15 minutes after the actual kick off.

Yours Sincerely

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