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Police Objection to the Temporary Event Notice for Sal's Bar 249 Neasden Lane, NW10 1QG

I certify that I have considered the notice shown above and I wish to make representations that the use of the premises for the temporary event would undermine the crime prevention initiative, for the reasons indicated below.

Officer: Michael Sullivan

Licensing Constable 368QK

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.

A Temporary Event Notice has been given under section 100 Licensing Act 2003 by Mr. Tim Sheahan

For extension of Business hours on the 31/12/2016 - 01/01/2017 between 02.00 hours and 05.00 hours at Sal's bar 249 Neasden Lane NW10 1QG

Police are formally making representations to the notice under section 104 Licensing Act 2003. The Police objection is primarily concerned with the crime and disorder and prevention of public nuisance objectives.

Mr Sheahan has made an application to extend his trading hours at Sal's Bar Neasden, the bar currently has a licence which allows it to open until 02.30am on Friday and Saturday nights, and the application is to extend this until 05.00am.

Mr Sheahan took over the running of the premises earlier this year after the previous owner decided to sell due to the increased problems the area and pub was experiencing. The pub is located in Neasden shopping center which is one of Brent's highest hotspot locations for Anti-Social Behaviour.

Earlier this year the premises had an issue with local travelers that took over the premises and started to threaten the owner, this resulted in disorder and threats being made at the location, police work tirelessly with the owner to resolve these problems which eventually saw them selling up after numerous threats being made.

Mr. Sheahan is also the Premises Licence Holder for another nearby Pub, namely Greene's Bar, 362 -364 Neasden Lane North.

This premises has recently applied for several TEN's most of which were rejected by police due to numerous reasons, namely Late TEN's with not enough information to make a decision on, wrong information where the applicant had applied for several nights for different events, although rejected Mr Sheahan decided to flout the law and stay open until the early hours of the morning, and trade without a licence, (contrary to section 136 - Unauthorized licensable activity) when questioned about this he stated he took a chance and hoped he would stay under the radar.

This happened on two of the rejected TEN nights, and the premise was put on an action plan, which is still currently in place.

Mr Sheahan has stated that as he now can't have anymore TEN's at Greene due to reaching his yearly limit, and he is now applying to have them at Sal's Bar, he is fully aware of the local issues in the location and seems to be dismissive of these and is putting profit before upholding the licence objectives.

When Mr Sheahan first took over Sal's bar he was informed that a new DPS would need to be put in place before the premises could open for the sale of alcohol or any regulated entertainment, Mr Sheahan dismissed this and continued opening and was forced to close by Brent Police licensing team, he has consistently shown a lack of concern for the licensing objectives and in his words has tried to take short cuts and stay under the radar, which clearly is not acceptable.

He has also indicated that he is planning on purchasing another venue in Neasden, namely Charlies wine bar, this premises has recently been the subject of a licensing review, and is now closed, the concern is that the clientele from this bar will now start using Sal's Bar as they are directly across the road from one another.

Mr Sheahan has proved unreliable in the past, and was removed as the DPS from Greenes bar after a review of it's licence, it was found that the premises was staying open into the early hours of the morning way beyond it's opening times.

The current licence allows Sal's bar to open daily from 11.00am this could see people going into the premises at this time and not coming out until the next morning a 05.00am, the pub is a small venue, and is situated below residential flats, allowing the premise to stay open until 05.00 with regulated entertainment would make it more of a night club than a pub.

This premise is situated in what is classed as a town centre but is only a few meters away from residential housing, the area has been the subject of numerous police operation over the last year to reduce street drinking and ASB, I feel any further premise being allowed to open until the early hours of the morning will increase the risk of disorder and ASB in the area due to the drunkenness of people that potentially have been drinking for up to 16 hours.

Police object to this Notice as I feel the applicant has proved himself unreliable in the past, and has not considered the possible impact on the local community and is putting his profits first.

I have spoken to Mr Sheahen several times regarding this notification and suggested a more manageable closing time of 3am; however he was unwilling to compromise and stated that he wanted to open until 5am

Yours sincerely

PC Michael Sullivan

Licensing Constable

Brent Police Licensing Team

