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**Police representation to the Premises Licence Review Application for 'Villa
Country Club, 75 Park Parade, Harlesden London NW10 4JB**

Officer: Paul Whitcomb
PC 782QK - Licensing Constable

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 review of the premises licence under section 51 of the act.

I certify that I have considered the review application submitted by Farid Boutiche and I wish to make representations.

The Police representations are concerned with the prevention of public nuisance and the prevention of crime and disorder.

The current premises licence number for 75 Park Parade, Harlesden London NW10 4JB is **222032266**.

The current licence holder is **Fork & Fingers (Italian) Ltd** and the designated premises supervisor is **Ms. Maria Pimenta**.

The following crimes have been reported at the venue since 1st January 2016:

1. Crime Report 1911173/16 - 09/05/2016 at 12:40am - Recorded as a common assault - Victim alleges that he was punched in the face inside the club. The report was later closed as the officer dealing with the case with unable to contact the manager of the club to progress the investigation.

2. Crime Report 1919403/16 - 31/07/2016 at 11.30pm - recorded as a common assault - Victim allegedly punched in the face and kicked by one of the club's

singers. The report was eventually closed as according to the venue, the incident was not captured on CCTV and they were unable to download the CCTV either.

There was also one theft of a mobile phone reported on 06/03/2016 at 2.00am.

I have examined CCTV footage from Brent Council showing the vicinity of the premises on Park Parade, NW10 from 12.00am on Sunday 3rd December 2016. In particular, I wanted to see first hand at what the general ASB issues are in this area at the time of evening that Mr. Boutiche points out in his review application. The following are my findings:

12.00am - A male is stopped and searched by police on Park Parade at the junction with Leghorn Road, NW10. This male is later arrested at 12.35am. This incident does NOT appear connected to the venue.

2.00am - Harlesden High Street at the junction with Park Parade there is pushing and shoving between two males, police arrive and disperse them. This incident does NOT appear to be linked to the venue.

Camera 6 - From 3.00am - Small groups of people start dispersing from the venue. Barriers are outside to control the smoking area and door supervisors are visible. The venue is licensed on this particular day until 3:00am where it must be closed at 3.30am. However, dispersal continues until around 4.05am where the outside barriers are taken away and the venue shutters are pulled down at 4.30am. I have a copy of this particular footage.

3.28am - A male can be seen pulling out sacks of rubbish from a public roadside bin and throwing this into the road. This is on Park Parade almost opposite the junction with Leghorn Road, NW10. This male does NOT appear to be connected to the venue.

Conclusion: From looking at this snap shot of the area in which the venue is situated, it does appear that some of the ASB issues may not be entirely linked to the venue, as can be seen by the above snippets. However, I am slightly concerned about the length of time dispersal took on this particular evening. A long dispersal may contribute towards public nuisance issues in what is already a problematic and busy area of Harlesden. At the time of writing, I would suggest that the venue adopts a new '**dispersal policy**' and vigorously enforce this.

The policy should incorporate a staggered dispersal which allows for all patrons to be of the venue entirely by 3.30am. This measure would uphold the licensing objectives, particularly around the prevention of public nuisance. The licence holder already has numerous conditions around the management of queuing customers, the supervision of the smoking area, which is limited to ten people after 11.00pm. The smoking area does appear during the footage I viewed to be very busy at times. Current condition fifteen already deals with the smoking area and I would suggest the licence holder reviews all current conditions, particularly around the smoking area and queue management and ensures that these are enforced at all times to prevent crime and disorder and public nuisance in this area moving forward.

I am in possession of CCTV footage from camera 6 recorded by Brent council and I shall make arrangements for the licence holder to have a copy of this before the date of the hearing.

Yours Sincerely,

Paul Whitcomb PC 782QK
Licensing Constable for Brent Police