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Police representation to the Premises Licence Review Application for 'Sahrah Lounge' 5-7 Wembley Hill Road, Wembley, HA9 8AF.

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

I certify that I have considered the application shown above and I wish to make **further** representations to this application.

The Police representations are further evidence of criminal activities at Sahrah Lounge 5-7 Wembley Hill Road, Wembley or involving customers from that venue. On Sunday 30th October 2016 at 1155 hours Police Constable 670QK was conducting patrols with London Borough of Brent Trading standards officers for the NFL game - WASHINGTON REDSKINS v CINCINNATI BENGALS.

Whilst on patrol they visited the Sahara Lounge 5-7 Wembley Hill Road. Inside the premises they found Mr Abdulkadir MOALIN *** CHURCH ROAD, NW109EJ. He claimed to be the father of the owner Miss MOALIN. He was inside the premises smoking a cigarette. He was issued a fixed penalty ticket by Trading Standards officers for smoking in a non compliant enclosed area.

Inside there was plenty of evidence that the venue is consistently being used for the smoking of coal burned Shisha. There were approximately 30 hookha with burned embers on them from the previous night.

On 1st January 2017 just after 0200 hours a female phoned emergency 999 claiming that people had been locked inside Sahara Lounge 5-7 Wembley Hill Road. That it was over crowded, people were fighting inside. The doors had been locked to prevent customers leaving and so were now kicking at the doors to get out. The

situation was dangerous and chaotic. When Police Constable 317QK arrived at the venue at 0215 hours he believed there was disorder inside the premises and asked for further Police units to attend including Police dogs to assist with large unhappy crowds outside. At 0217 hours another officer on scene called for more Police units to keep 'running' to the venue as there was two more fights inside. At 0222 hours Police Constable 699QK highlighted that there were customers pouring in to the venue to join in the disorder via the rear fire exit door.

At 0245 hours the owner of the venue voluntarily closed the premises and customers were told to leave. There were several unhappy customers but for safety this had to be done. There was no control. No body made any allegations however it was made clear that Police could be contacted the following day if necessary.

No door supervisors were identified by Police breaching the premises licence. There was no control and this incident could have ended in serious consequences if not for the involvement of Police who at this time on New Years Day were stretch to a minimum.

See additional documents CAD 1421/01Jan2017 and CAD 1507/01Jan2017

Police have not received any communication from Miss Moalin since my request for CCTV footage since 21st December 2016.

It is now the opinion of Police that the only way the public can be protected, nuisance prevented and crime prevented this premises licence should be revoked.

Yours Sincerely, Nicola McDonald PC 157QK Licensing Constable Brent Police