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**Police representation to the Temporary Event Notice for Sudbury Primary School, Watford Road, Wembley, HA0 3EY**

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: Nicola McDonald,

Licensing Constable 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.

A Temporary Event Notice has been given under section 100 Licensing Act 2003 by Mrs Marianna Tipa.

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.

The application is for an **undisclosed event** for **200** patrons from **18<sup>th</sup> February 1900 hours to 19<sup>th</sup> February at 0200hours.**

Sudbury Primary School applied for a premises licence in July 2016 to supply alcohol, late night refreshment and entertainment. This application initiated a large amount of objection from local residents citing the prevention of public nuisance licensing objective. Police and other responsible authorities including the licensing authority also made robust representations to the application. Prior to the application for the premises licence being made Police and the local authority departments had received complaints from local residents in relation to very late night events being held at the school without authority. These complaints resulted in an investigation by Esther Chan Licensing Enforcement Officer who discovered the school had been committing an offence contrary to Section 136 licensing Act 2003 conducting unauthorised licensable activity. Miss Chan wrote a warning letter to the school in December 2015 informing them that either TEN's or a premises licence should be submitted to the licensing authority.

During the spring of 2016 the school submitted TEN's however this process does not allow residents to object and their complaints around noise nuisance and disturbance were being made direct to their local Councillor Mrs Daly. The school failed to communicate these planned events with residents which damage their relationship. The residents concerns were not brought to the attention of licensing Police until the premises licence application was made and residents observed the statutory consultation signage displayed around the school vicinity. The residents felt so strongly against the premises licence being granted until 0300hours that they instructed a Licensing agent to represent them at the licensing sub committee hearing. During the hearing on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016 he pointed out that licensing process had been made adversarial due to the lack of engagement with the local community by the school. The school was represented by a Barrister and Ms Uta business manager for the school. **She assured the committee at that hearing that in the future communication between the school and residents would be a priority. However I have make contact with Cllr Daly and several of the resident who are completely unaware of this notice for 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> February and state the school have not made any contact with them since the hearing in September 16.**

The Licensing Committee on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016 made the decision to grant the premises licence however with reduced hours

*Mon – Thursday 10:00 – 23:00*

*Fri – Sat 10:00 – 00:30*

*Sun 10:00 – 23:00*

The premises will close 30 minutes after the end of the licensable activity.

A comprehensive list of conditions were added to the licence in order to prevent the nuisance and anti social behaviour evidenced in the hearing. But the committee felt strongly about the residents' lack of knowledge of forthcoming events so also added this extra condition:

*The school shall provide a contact number to the local residents for the purpose of reporting issues whilst licensable activities are taking place.*

The residents have not been given a telephone number for the event on 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> Feb.

**The school did not appeal the decision made by the licensing sub-committee.**

Police are not suggesting this event should be cancelled conversely the event booked at the school for 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> February should be conducted under the authority of the premises licence. We should remember that a TEN overrides the premises licence authority. The TEN fails to emphasize what the event is. It states there will be up to 200 persons in attendance. There is no risk assessment attached to the notice or any explanations how to tackle the concerns that were highlighted by Police and residents at the committee hearing only 5 months ago.

Yours sincerely

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