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**Police representation to Premises Licence application for 'Heather Catering Ltd'
Heather Park Hotel, Heather Park Drive, Wembley, HA0 1SN.**

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.

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 concerned with all four licensing objectives.

Police would normally engage with the applicant of a premise licence application and conduct a visit of the premises in their presence. However I have been unable to make contact. On page four of the application the applicant is listed as a company, and there is an email address provided. I have sent a message to that address but not received any response. Page 13 of the application indicates Mr Yusif Aljarrah as the person to contact, he is the company director, however there is no contact details provided. Companies house has a slightly different name for the company director, Mr Yusif Bader Aljarrah, the business is described as 'Event Catering' but occupying only the left Side of the premises. This is a confusing description and contrary to the plans that have been submitted with the application that shows the whole of the premises on the ground floor, garden and basement.

I visited the premises on 14th December 2018 during the evening. The part of the premises shown left on the plans (if facing the premises) was closed, in darkness and looked to be under substantial building work. The area on the right of the plans (facing the property) was open to the public, it was being used for smoking charcoal shisha in an area more than 50% enclosed, there was also amplified music (deregulated as it was before 2300hrs). I spoke to staff in this area who knew nothing of this premises licence application. Neither Yusif Aljarrah or Nawaf Alaredhi were at the premises.

The proposed designated premises supervisor (page 11) is named as Nawaf Alaredhi, he does not appear to be the owner of a personal licence, he is not registered as living at the address provided and there were no contact details for me to communicate with him/her.

I have been a licensing officer in the London Borough of Brent for many years and I am very familiar with this venue. It is located in a small parade of local community shops surrounded by residential properties and a primary school. The Heather Park Hotel has not been trading for two years. I was aware that planning permission had been applied for to convert the premise in to residential properties. In this two year period he local residents have benefited from a peaceful quality home life. Prior to the premises closing Police were regularly contacted from local residents disturbed either by noise from customers in the rear garden or outside the front drinking and smoking. Customers parking their vehicles in the surrounding residential roads causing obstruction and causing public nuisance from doors banging, engines running, laughing and taking, music from within the cars, when returning to the vehicles after 0200 hours when the premises closed to the public. Police worked with the owner of the premises, however an Action Plan had to be instigated in January 2016 and I do believe if the premises had not closed Police would have felt necessary to apply to the Licensing Authority for a review of the premises licence to reduce the authorised hours.

The Police have had no interaction with the premises whilst it has been closed, and then in October 2018 Police received complaints of noise and music disturbing residents in addition to the smell

In 2018 a neighbouring premise applied for a new premises licence almost identical to this application for sales of alcohol, late night refreshment and regulated entertainment and dancing until 0300 hours daily. Local residents, Police and other responsible authorities gave evidence to the Licensing Committee at a hearing on 25th June 2018. Their decision was that it was appropriate to grant a premises licence but in order to maintain the peace for residents licensable activities should cease at 2230hours and close to the public at 2300 hours. This premises is much smaller than the Heather Park Hotel that just by the capacity would generate more customers and noise.

Police request if this application be granted the authorised hours should mirror the neighbouring premise.

My initial observations of the plans is that there are two separate businesses which would like to operate under the same premises licence. This is not workable. There is a bold red line down the middle of the ground floor plan that highlights my concerns. The application indicates there is a basement bar (page 4) that was not in the previous premises, this bar is not shown on the plans. The whole of the large rear garden is highlighted to be a licensed area, this must be rejected, residential properties are joined on to the garden. Neighbouring residents would not be allowed a peaceful home life.

As such, the grant of this new application would undermine the licensing objectives and Police ask it be refused in the present state.

Yours Sincerely

Nicola McDonald PC 157QK
Licensing Constable Brent Police