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Police representation to the application for a Temporary Event Notice for 'VIP Lounge', 546, High Road, Wembley, HA0 2AA

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.

I am of the opinion that the risk to the Council's objectives cannot be mitigated and request the application for a temporary event notice (TEN) be refused.

**Officer: Paul Scott
Licensing Constable 3302NW**

Dear Sir/Madam,

On 5th August 2021, an application for a temporary event notice was received from Mr Darren Jules under Section 100 of the Licensing Act 2003.

The application can be summarised as follows:-

From 21.30hrs on Saturday 21st August 2021 until 03.30hrs on Sunday 22nd August 2021 there is to be a 55th Birthday party celebration. This will be a ticketed event. This will be held inside the venue and will cater for 220 patrons. This will be for the sale by retail of alcohol, regulated entertainment and late night refreshments.

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

The premises is currently being taken to a review by the local authority for various recent breaches of their licence. This course of action is backed by police. Furthermore, the police do

not wish to undermine the case by allowing this event to take place without making formal representations.

The premises has come to notice for regular breaches of its existing licence conditions, resulting in complaints from local residents. This led to a Council visit in July which confirmed suspicions the premises was staying open past its agreed licensing hours and allowing the use of areas outside of the licensable premises which caused public nuisance. During the weekend of 24th-25th July 2021, there was a reported GBH with intent at 0200hrs, when the victim was in attendance at the venue.

The inability of the premises to adhere to its existing licensing conditions, along with these concerns over crime and disorder means police oppose this application.

Added to this, the existing complaints concerning noise disturbance into the early hours already shows that the venue is not suitably located to hold such late night functions and events, nor do they exercise proper control over the premises.

Furthermore, police are in receipt of an email between the applicant and Brent Council where there had been confusion surrounding the previous application of a late TEN. Mr Jules was advised by email that for or any future events, he may want to liaise with police prior to making the application to ascertain the feasibility and give as much notice as possible when applying for future TENS to avoid situations such as these. Mr Jules had mentioned in the email that the business has lost money due to the issues surrounding COVID and that to have more TENS rejected would mean that the business would lose more money. Mr Jules has not made contact with police regarding this recent TEN application.

While police are empathetic to the problems faced by licensees during the pandemic, the VIP lounge needs to show consistency regarding the proper running of the venue and must not come to the attention of both the police and the licensing authority for the wrong reasons. Clearly the licensing authority has concerns for the way the premises is currently being run, which is the reason why it is being taken to a review.

In the interests of upholding all four licensing objectives;

1. The prevention of Crime & Disorder
2. Public Safety
3. The prevention of public nuisance
4. The protection of children from harm

Police object to the granting of this temporary event notice for the reasons given above.

Yours sincerely

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