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Police representations to the application for a variation of Premises Licence for ' This Way Entertainment, The Triangle Club, 248 – 252 High Street Harlesden NW10 4TD'

Police certify that we have considered the application shown above and 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: PC Phil Graves
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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 variation of a premises license under section 34 of the Licensing act 2003. The Police representations are concerned with all four of the licensing objectives, namely:

- The prevention of crime and disorder;
- Public safety;
- The prevention of public nuisance; and
- The protection of children from harm.

The Application

The application is to vary the existing conditions of the sale of alcohol, late night refreshments, regulated entertainment and last entry times. The existing premises license has the following conditions:-

Sale of Alcohol	Mon to Thurs	11.00 to 23.00 hours
	Fri & Sat	11.00 to 02.30 hours
	Sunday	11.00 to 23.00 hours

Late Night Refreshments	Sat & Sun	23.00 to 02.30 hours
Regulated Entertainment	Mon to Thurs	22.00 to 23.00 hours
	Fri & Sat	22.00 to 02.30 hours
	Sunday	22.00 to 23.00 hours
Last Entry Times	Mon to Sun	No re-entry after 00.00 hours (Midnight)
Closing Time	Mon to Thurs	10.00 to 23.45 hours
	Fri & Sat	10.00 to 03.15 hours
	Sunday	10.00 to 23.45 hours

The new variation is asking for the following hours / conditions:-

Sale of Alcohol	Sun to Thurs	11.00 to 02.00 hours
	Fri & Sat	11.00 to 04.30 hours
Late Night refreshments	Sun to Thurs	23.00 to 02.00 hours
	Fri & Sat	23.00 to 04.30 hours
Regulated Entertainment	Sun to Thurs	23.00 to 02.00 hours
	Fri & Sat	23.00 to 04.30 hours
Last Entry Times	Sun to Thurs	extended to 01.30 hours
	Fri & Sat	extended to 02.30 hours

The application is also asking for an increase in capacity to two-hundred and forty (240) patrons.

Cumulative Impact Zone (CIZ)

Brent Council Licensing Policy introduced CIZ's on 7th January 2020 in order to combat a rise in crime, disorder, public nuisance, anti-social behaviour and street drinking all of which is fuelled by the sale and consumption of alcohol.

The Triangle Club sits right in the heart of Harlesden's CIZ, which is a hot spot for crime on this London Borough

There are many studies reflecting the relationship between alcohol consumption/abuse with increases in ASB and violent crimes, as highlighted by such organisations as the Institute of Alcohol Studies. There is also evidence that the most disadvantaged of socio-economic groups (as represented by some of the local populous) that they are disproportionately at risk of alcohol-related violence.

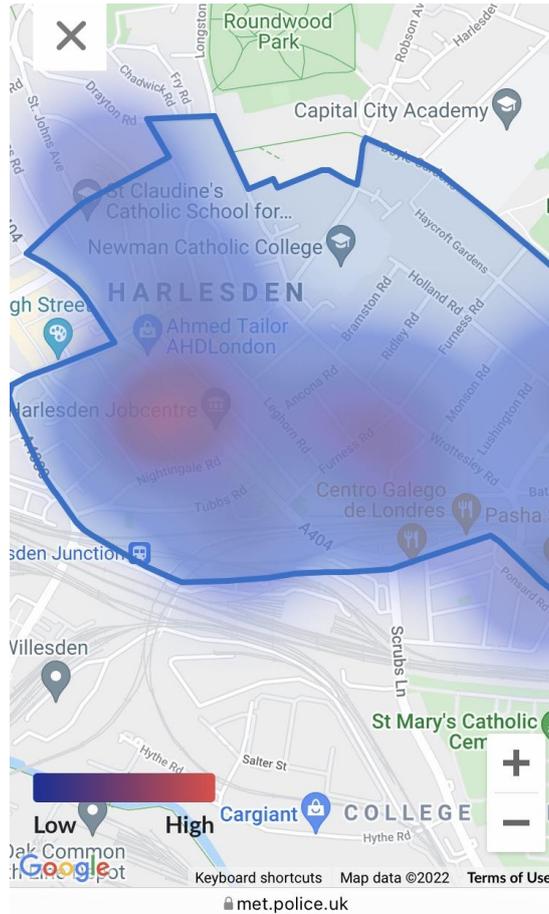
Public Space Protection Order (PSPO)

In addition to CIZ's, the entire borough of Brent is covered by a Public Space Protection Order which prohibits the drinking of alcohol in a public place.

Crime Figures for NW10 4TD

The two maps below are screen shots from the Metropolitan Police's web page showing the crime 'hot spots' highlighted in red on the map. The second map, which is a zoomed in version of the first shows the Triangle Club situated between the 'two heat spots' of crime in Harlesden.





Police Representations

I have carried out intelligence checks for The Triangle Club for the last year, which shows the following:-

Date	Time	Event	Details
27/05/21	N/K	Intelligence Report	Crime stoppers information stating there is an organised COVID party at the venue
20/05/21	N/K	Intelligence Report	Breach of COVID regulations stating there is a leaflet advertising a party at the club
28/05/21	22.57	CAD (call to police)	Call from member of the public stating that the night club is full of people (during covid lockdown)
19/09/21	03.18	CAD (call To police)	Phone call from male stating that another male has threatened to 'shoot' one of the doormen with a gun
10/10/21	23.11	Crime Report 19****/21	GBH at location. A fight broke out which resulted in the victim receiving a fractured skull
11/10/21	00.30	Crime report 192***/21	Door staff removed drunk male from venue, while police where present who arrested the male.

11/10/21	00.30	19****2/21	Male causing public order offences after been evicted from club
17/10/21	22.00	Crime report 19****4/21	Female had been drinking at venue where she left the club, got into a vehicle and was raped
18/10/21	23.00	Crime report 19****1/21	Public order offence outside the club between a prostitute and a male
04/12/21	04.00	Crime report 19****9/21	Unknown suspect kicking front door to club
04/01/22	03.00	E-mail to Councillor	E-mail chain from Cllr Jumbo complaining about noise and ASB caused from the Triangle Club
07/01/22	00.00	Crime report 19****7/21	Drink spiking at venue, where female victim was later raped
30/01/2022	02.09	CAD – (call to police)	Male claiming that ‘bouncers’ from the club stole his necklace

Police & Council Visit

On 25/11/21 myself, PC Norton and Ms Chan (Brent Council) attended the night club where we met Mr Askoul, due to a series of complaints and alleged breaches of their license. There we viewed the CCTV and discussed the issues / complaints that had been made against the venue. Below is a summary of the breaches found by the police and council:-

Date: 25/11/2021

Time: 12:30hrs

Incident: Failure to display a summary of your premises license at each entrance to the venue.

Date: 31/10/2021

Time: 00.00hrs to 00.45hrs

Incident: During this time period your CCTV and the Council’s shows a series of people entering your venue after 00.00hours. These were not members of staff, but customers dressed as such who all checked in as they entered. This is a clear breach of your license which does not allow any entry or re-entry after 00.00 hours.

Date: 30/10/2021

Time: 02.37hrs

Incident: A young male is carried out of your club by SIA staff. This male was so drunk that he was incapable of standing unaided. He collapsed on the street and had to be lifted from the edge of the pavement where his legs were in the road. After this a series of fights broke out between patrons from your club. This resulted in numerous police units attending to break up and disperse this affray as well as the London Ambulance Service having to attend to the injured.

Date: 11/10/2021

Time: 00:30hrs

Incident: Police officers were at the location dealing with a separate matter when they became aware of a disturbance inside the venue between a customer and SIA staff. The customer was removed from the club and his behaviour was such that he had to be physically restrained by police officers and was arrested for being drunk and disorderly.

Reference: CRIS QK/192***2/21 – Drunk and Disorderly

Date 10/10/2021

Time: 23:11hrs

Incident: A fight has broken out inside the club where the victim was repeatedly punched in the face and torso, where SIA have had to intervene and remove the parties concerned. Once outside the club the victim was attacked again by the suspects by kicking and punching him. The injuries amounted to GBH.

Reference: CRIS QK/192***1/21 - GBH

Some of these incidents are recorded in the intelligence list above. One of the most concerning aspects of this visit was CCTV footage showing patrons entering after midnight on 31/10/2021.

The existing license clearly details how entry or re-entry is not permitted after 00.00 hours. I asked Mr Askoul for an explanation as to why there was a series of customers entering the venue between 00.00 and 00.45 hours, to which he had no response.

Summary

From a policing perspective the crime figures generated by this club, which would have been subject to lockdown measure for part of the year, are high. The club patrons are contributing to the boroughs crimes with GBH reports, drink spiking leading to two allegations of rape, complaints from members of the public to their councillors with fighting and anti-social behaviour outside the club in the early hours of the morning.

Having already visited the club and met Mr Askoul, I have seen that the management of the club are not adhering to their current license. The last entry rules were been ignored, alcohol was been served to drunk customers and there has been more than one allegation of COVID breaches at the club.

A warning letter has already been served on the club by myself on 26/11/21 (copy attached) for breaching their current conditions, so it seems impractical to extend any of the hours or numbers of patrons allowed in the club when the management cannot abide with the current conditions.

Extending the hours to any extent is more than likely going to add to the already high crime figures generated by the club, increase the number of complaints and have a negative effect on the surrounding business' and residents. This will put further pressure on the police and London ambulance service in the early hours of the morning when the demand for the emergency services is already high.

Taking into account Police concerns for the crime generated by the club, the breaching of their current conditions and Brent Councils policy on CIZ's, I would assume this application will be refused by the council.

For the reasons stated above, police oppose all the conditions of this variation of license.

Yours Sincerely,

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