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Our Ref: 23579

Dear Mr Gibson,

Licensing Representation to the Variation Application for the Premises Licence at This Way Entertainment Ltd t/a Triangle, 248-250 High Street, NW10 4TD (basement)

I certify that I have considered the application shown above and I wish to make a representation that the likely effect of the grant of the application is detrimental to the Licensing Objectives for the reasons indicated below.

An officer of the Licensing Authority, 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 the premises licence under section 34 of the Act.

The Licensing Authority representations are primarily concerned with the four licensing objectives;

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

I have assessed the application and wish to object to the grant of the above application. The Licensing Authority feel that the applicant has failed to demonstrate they are capable of upholding the licensing objectives.

The premises has generated a catalogue of complaints since September 2020 to date.

On 11th September 2020, Susana Figueiredo, Licensing Enforcement Officer spoke with Mr Samir Askoul who is the director of This Way Entertainment Ltd and the DPS of the premises regarding a complaint alleging that the premises was operating as a nightclub, which was against Covid

regulations. An email was sent confirming the discussion that Ms Figueiredo had with Mr Askoul advising him that the Council follow a zero tolerance for breaching Covid rules ([Appendix 1](#)).

On 1st June 2021, the Licensing Police notified the Licensing Authority that they were made aware that during May bank holiday, the premise was in full operation by permitting people to dance when restrictions applied during the Covid Pandemic.

As a result of the allegation, the Licensing Police and I conducted a joint visit to the premises to investigate the complaint on Friday 4th June 2021 in the presence of Samir Askoul.

Upon request, Mr Askoul was unable to show us the CCTV recordings to verify the complaint and failed to comply with a number of conditions embedded on the premise licence. Subsequent to my investigatory visit, a letter of warning was issued to the licensee on 7th June 2021 ([Appendix 2](#)).

On 11th June 2021, Mr Askoul informed me via email that he had addressed the matters stipulated in my letter dated 7th June 2021.

On 14th October 2021, the Licensing Police notified the Licensing Authority that an incident was recorded on their Crime report, which took place on 10/10/2021 between 23:11-23:40hrs.

The victim had gone to the bar to get a drink and accidentally bumped into one of a small group. He claims he was set upon, punched in head and torso. SIA broke it up and separated the individuals. The victim went outside to call police. At a short time after this, two suspects from the previous group, ran out of the venue and fly kicked the victim as he was on the phone. SIA again separated the parties and held them until Police arrived. CCTV was shown/provided to officers at scene. The two males were arrested for GBH.

On 30th October 2021, the Licensing Police notified the Licensing Authority that **in the early hours of this morning at around 3am (30/10/2021), there was a larger fight (20-30) people outside The Triangle Club. There were no allegations made from any parties involved and all dispersed pretty quickly. There were a number of police units in attendance. No arrests were made.**

This led me to view Brent CCTV recordings for the weekend in question. The below findings were captured as part my viewing:

30th October 2021

00:05hrs – Large queue of patrons

00:30hrs – Patrons entering premises ([Appendix 3](#)).

Breach of Condition 20 - There shall be no entry re-entry after midnight.

02:10hrs – People inflating helium balloons outside premises.

02:15hrs – Male with large helium canister filling balloons, security not interacting ([Appendix 4](#)).

02:19hrs - An intoxicated male wearing a white vest and an orange jumpsuit wrapped around his waist supported by another male leaves premises ([Appendix 5](#)).

02:38hrs – A male lifted out from premises, he appeared intoxicated. Another intoxicated male was guided out of premises, he was placed against the wall to rest, he did not appear coherent ([Appendix 6](#)).

03:05hrs - Three males and a female approached the crowd that was attending the unconscious victim leaning against the wall. Then fight occurred, SIA intervenes to break up fight ([Appendix 7](#)).

03:07hrs – Several altercations occurring in the area. Several crowds of patrons obstructing the public highway (Appendix 8).

03:12hrs – Ambulances arrive at scene

03:19hrs – Continuation of altercations and disorder on the street, vehicles seen dodging around patrons obstructing the road (Appendix 9).

03:20hrs – Police arrive, crowds standing outside neighbouring premises Westfield Supermarket (closed).

04:00hrs – Police left scene.

31st October 2021

Midnight to 00:30hrs – customers entering premises

02:06hrs – Black Range Rover drop off 3 females, they enter premises at 02:08hrs (Appendix 10).

02:16hrs – 02:32hrs - Male leaves premise, appear intoxicated, unsteady on his feet, lays against the wall (Appendix 11).

On 25th November 2021, the Licensing Police and I conducted a joint visit to the premises to view the CCTV footage recorded at the premises in the presence of Mr Askoul and his security manager. Having viewed the CCTV footage provided by Mr Askoul, it was apparent that a number of conditions embedded on the premises were failed. A warning letter was issued by the Licensing Police outlining the issues and breach of the conditions identified (Appendix 12).

On 4th January 2022, a local councillor informed the Licensing Authority of a complaint instigated by a resident stating the following:

***“I would like to report the same issuing happening again this time it started at 3:30am. Same boom box and it sounds like Brazilian music and loads of people standing outside of the triangle club with music booming and vibration filtering all the way to our home.*”**

I would like to know what will be done and will this be a regular weekend occurrence.”

On 17th January 2022, the Nuisance Control Team informed the Licensing Authority of the following complaint:

- ***“I would like to report the same issuing happening again this time it started at 3:30am. Same boom box and it sounds like Brazilian music and loads of people standing outside of the triangle club with music booming and vibration filtering all the way to our home. I would like to know what will be done and will this be a regular weekend occurrence. I would like for something to be done about this anti-social behaviour”***
 - ***Happens over weekend Friday/ Saturday & Sunday a car with what must be a boom box sound system at 1am playing load music.***
 - ***3 cars parked outside triangle club blasting out music with about 15-20 people on pavement dancing.***
 - ***There should be a controlled area with bars and clubs away from residents, an industrial area with transportation links for people who want a night out. an area like the O2 where people have to get transport links home or a controlled parking***
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area on the weekend stopping people from driving to the venue and get them back onto local transport links instead.

- **This is antisocial behaviour and has always been yet the license department do very little to help the residents that need to sleep. They can control Venus but they can't control the people that frequent these venues and that is the issue**
- **I have always had with these venues. When people are high or drunk and jump into their cars to blast out music and discard of there alcohol bottles chicken and chips on our streets or come into our front yard to urinate I have an issue with these venues being on our doorstep.**
- **Can we please remind the license department that this is not acceptable and the venue's need to be shut down permanently and relocated to an area with no residents.**

Harlesden Town Centre is a hotspot for alcohol flagged calls to the Police for crime and anti-social behaviour. It is also a hotspot for ambulance calls where the victim has sustained an injury. The whole of the town centre suffers from high levels of alcohol related and crime and disorder issues, including residential streets off the main town centre such as Rucklidge Avenue, Wendover Road, Buckingham Road and St Albans Road

Although the the premises may not be responsible for all the anti social behaviour in the area, the Licensing Authority feel by extending the licensing hours/terminal hours and no re-entry timings would greatly impact the wider community.

Furthermore, there is a likelihood that patrons that appear at the venue by the proposed no-entry time may be already be intoxicated as most drinking establishments are generally closed by 1:30hrs to 2:30hrs.

Brent CCTV camera shows evidence that the dispersal of patrons were poorly managed. Not only were patrons were congregating on the public highway causing an obstruction, there were several scenes of disorder taking place.

In the last 12 months, the premises has attracted complaints and concerns by various authorities and members of the public. Investigations conclude that the applicant has failed to comply with the Licensing Act and Covid Regulations on a number of occasions. I feel the applicant would not be in a position to promote the licensing objectives and therefore, request the application to be refused.

Yours faithfully



Esther Chan
Licensing Inspector
Regulatory Services

