
Ms. Kamika Samuel

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21/07/2022

Our Ref: Review application for **Vybz Bar, 1 Craven Park Road, Harlesden, NW10 8SE - 25236**

Dear Ms. Samuel,

Further to the review application and supplementary information that I have submitted for the review hearing on Wednesday 03/08/2022 at 10am I submit this as an additional supplementary due to recent events at your premises that the Licensing Sub-Committee should be aware of to assist with their determination.

Please find attached a MG11 statement dated 17th July 2022 from PC ██████████, **Appendix 36**, in relation to her attending outside Vybz Bar with other police colleagues at 04.54am on Saturday 16th July 2022. This gives details of police forming the impression that a fight had taken place as the officer states

“Me and PS ██████████ walked toward the groups of individuals lingering around VYBZ BAR. There were a couple males that were agitated. I did not get the names of the male however I am aware that a fight may have possibly taken place as the male had blood on his tshirt and another male had a lump on the right of his head. Many people around VYBZ BAR were very drunk and were told to go home. It appeared that VYBZ BAR was still open. There was still music coming from the BAR and small groups leaving the BAR. Outside VYBZ BAR there were individuals, mainly males drinking alcohol and smoking cannabis. PS ██████████ found a grinder with cannabis on the floor which I seized and booked in at HARLESDEN POLICE STATION”

PC ██████████ then goes on to state that she, police colleagues and myself attended VYBZ BAR on the following night 17/07/2022 at 3.00am and she states

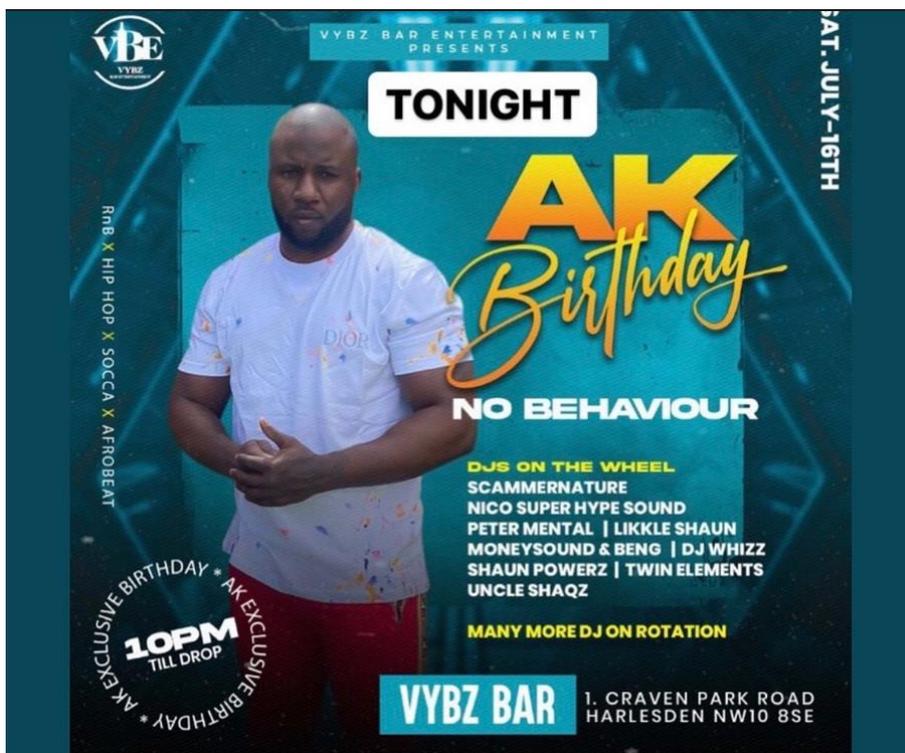
We then went back to VYBZ BAR at around 03:00hours where it was meant to be closed. There was the same male ██████████ outside who claimed who was the security on the door the night before however tonight he did not want to say whether he was security or not. There was music still coming from VYBZ BAR. JOHN MCGANN requested to speak to the manager where the doorman ██████████ said he would get someone however we waited around 10 minutes and no one came. It was pretty obvious that no one was going to come. There was individuals coming to the door of VYBZ BAR to go inside. VYBZ BAR was not closed at 03:00hours even though they were informed that their license states that they are to be closed at 03:00hours.

I also attach the statement of PS ██████████ who worked with PC ██████████ on the same

weekend of the 15th and 16th July 2022 – **APPENDIX 37.**

On 16/07/2022 I worked in partnership with PS [REDACTED] and PC [REDACTED] and two other police officers from the same Harlesden Town Centre. This was a pre-arranged operation to conduct joint licensing visits in the Harlesden, Willesden and Kilburn area.

On 16/07/2022 at 11.11pm I attended VYBZ BAR, 1 CRAVEN PARK ROAD. The shutter was up and the door to the front of the premises was closed but unlocked. I opened the door and entered the premises. I made my way towards a male who was stood behind that bar towards the middle of the building. As I approached the male I identified myself as a Licensing Officer from Brent Council and that I was in company with police officers doing licensing visits. The male gave his name as [REDACTED] and stated he was the Premises Licence Holders husband. I spoke briefly about the premises being subject to a licence review and that he should be complying with the hours that are authorised by the licence. I also stated that I would expect the premises to be closed at 3.00am and that I would be returning to check. I returned with the police officers at 2.54am and it was full of customers with very loud recorded music being played inside providing regulated entertainment. I spoke with the male on the door who refused to give me his name or to state if he was the SIA Door Supervisor. I asked to speak with the manager I had spoken with earlier in the night, [REDACTED]. The male who police stated was called [REDACTED] went inside to get [REDACTED]. He returned a short while later and stated that [REDACTED] would be out in a minute. Several minutes went by and [REDACTED] never appeared. I then asked [REDACTED] if he was the SIA Door Supervisor. He was not displaying any SIA Badge. But he kept saying "There is SIA". Condition 6 on the premises licence states "Door supervisors of a sufficient number and gender mix, shall be employed from 20:00 hours on any day when the premises are open for the sale of alcohol past midnight" – There was No SIA Door Supervisors confirmed to me as being present. Enquiries on the Facebook Page for VYBZ BAR showed the following artist performing at the venue on this particular night.



I have viewed Council CCTV in relation to the above dates 16/07/2022 and 17/07/2022 and have downloaded footage that I will be referring to the following in my presentation at the Licensing Hearing.

APPENDIX 38 – 16/07/2022 04:47:00 to 04:55:30

Two males who had been trying to get into VYBZ BAR get into an altercation with door staff. A fight ensues and one of the male gets a length of timber from nearby and starts to hit the door staff with this. Patrons can be seen exiting from the premises whilst this fight continues and then loiter in the street. Police then arrive on scene and the crowd slowly disperse.

APPENDIX 39 – 17/07/2022 04:37:00 to 04:42:30

Patrons seen to exit VYBZ BAR and when most of the crowd has left the crash barriers are taken inside.

APPENDIX 40 – 17/07/22 02:59:18 to 03:10:45

Clips from Police Body Worn Video showing Police Officers and LB Brent Licensing Officer arriving on scene at VYBZ BAR. Speak with door staff [REDACTED] and when asked if closing down at 3.00am he states "3 o'clock closing time. Is that the closing time? I'll have to have a check on that". Female exits the bar and very loud music heard from within.

The male then enters the bar to get the manager. The male returns a short while later and states that they are trying to get hold of the manager. When asked if he was security he asked "Why?" and when informed that the premises has a SIA Door Staff condition he states "There is security".

Group of males approach the entrance to the bar to get in. When told by police that the bar was closed at 3 one of the males states "Shut the fuck (up), your chatting shit, its 5 o'clock man". Another male then says "Why is it still going on, it's past 3".

The above footage from just one weekend is a reflection on how this premises has been operating for a number of years. In July 2020 the current Premises Licence Holder submitted a variation to extend the hours to 05.00am on Friday and Saturday nights but following a number of objection from Responsible Authorities the applicant withdraw the application. I attach two of the representations that were received in relation to this application.

APPENDIX 41 – Susanna Figueiredo Rep 04.09.20

APPENDIX 42 – Police Reps 02.09.20

Despite requests to the Premises Licence Holder, Kamika SAMUEL, for CCTV from the venue on several dates she has provided CCTV from one of the requested dates, 28/05/2022 between the hours of 04:42:29 and 04:43:33 - **APPENDIX 43**. The footage provided shows a lone female cleaning the inside of the premises and then putting rubbish bags outside in the street for collection.

But, the footage for this date from LB Brent CCTV for between the same date and time of 28/05/2022 between the hours of 04:42:29 and 04:43:33 shows patrons leaving the premises and does not show the cleaner putting the rubbish bags outside - **APPENDIX 44**.

The LB Brent CCTV casts some doubt on the date and time of the footage supplied by the Premises Licence Holder, Kamika SAMUEL.

The following photo shows an event that is being advertised to take place at VYBZ BAR on Saturday 23/07/2022. The poster is on a lamp post opposite VYBZ BAR and states entrance fee is £10 all night with ladies free before 12am. This would suggest that if ladies are entering after 12am then the entrance fee will be £10 and this would breach condition 9 on the Premises Licence

9. No entry or re-entry shall be permitted after midnight.



This 2nd supplementary adds further weight of evidence to show that this premises licence should be revoked.

Yours sincerely

John McGann
Licensing Officer
Regulatory Services
