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Police objection to the application of a New Premises Licence application a for 'Palm Island Lounge, 1 Craven Park Road, NW10 8SE'

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.

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 Police are concerned with the following licensing objectives.

- The prevention of crime and disorder;
- Public safety;
- The prevention of public nuisance.

The Application

Palm Island Lounge propose to be a bar/ restaurant at 1 Craven Park Road, Harlesden NW10 8SE. The premises was previously run as a night club previously known as Vybz Bar.

I am a Police Officer attached to the NORTH WEST Basic Command Unit (BCU). I have been a police officer for 25 years and have been the borough licensing officer for the last 2 years. I am aware of the issues facing the local community including the prolonged problems with supply of drugs and anti-social behaviour in HARLESDEN in particular on PARK PARADE/Craven Park Road NW10.

On the 9th August 2022, Vybz Bar had a Closure Order granted by Willesden Magistrates Court for 3 months which was extended to 6 months. The Closure Order was granted due to the continuous problems with crime and disorder, Anti-social behaviour and violence with injury. This resulted in Vybz Bar having its licence revoked.

Since the closure order was granted on the premises, police noticed a drastic drop in the number of calls relating to violence with injury in and around the immediate area. Craven Park road/Park Parade NW10 is a hot spot for drug dealing and drug use. Should this premises open it will just offer drug dealers a new set of cliental to sell to.

Since the licence for Vybz Bar was revoked. Mr Kingsley ADJEI has since applied for a New Premises Licence for the same venue and changed the name to Palm Island Lounge. Mr Kingsley ADJEI has proposed the same operating schedule as what Vybz Bar had with the following licensable activities.

Late night refreshments from Monday to Sunday between 23.00hrs and 04.00hrs.

Sale or supply of alcohol on the premises From Monday to Sunday between 17.00hrs and 04.00hrs.

Recorded and Live music from Monday to Sunday between 23.00hrs and 04.00hrs

Opening hours of the premises are Monday to Sunday between 17.00hrs and 04.00hrs.

During the Closure Order Mr Kingsley ADJEI has breached the Closure Order by allowing builders into the premises in order to construct a shelter in the rear of the property to increase the numbers permitted to the venue. People were only allowed to enter the property to carry out essential maintenance. Building a structure to increase capacity is not deemed as essential maintenance.

Craven Park Road is a hotspot for street drinking. Should another premises open with a licence until 04.00hrs, this will only encourage more of a night life, with more street drinking taking place. This causing a problem to the local residents with extra noise until 04.00hrs as Palm Island Lounge is located on a busy parade of shops with residential flats above and surrounding the venue. This also causing a nuisance to the local business owners due to empty drinks containers, broken glass bottles and take away wrappers scattered in the street.

Police are requesting that the premises licence not be granted. Police feel that if the licence should be granted it will undermine all four of the licensing objectives especially the prevention of crime and disorder and public nuisance as the activities that are happening in and around the premises are having an effect on the local residents/ businesses.

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