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Police representations to the TEN application for 'The Arch, 324 Harrow Road HA9 0FJ' for the 01/06/2024.

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 Brendon MCINNES
Licensing Constable 1187NW**

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 Temporary Event Notices under section 100 Licensing Act 2003 by Mr Savan PATEL.

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.

The Application

The applicant is applying to remove two conditions on 01/06/2024 (UEFA Champions League Final).

Annex 2 Match Day Restrictions 25. Alcoholic beverages shall not be sold or supplied one (1) hour before the designated kick off or start time of the event and will not resume until fifteen (15) minutes after the game, match or event has started.

Annex 3 30. On football event days the premises will not show live Televised football matches, whether domestic or international, being played at Wembley Stadium.

Police Representations

Wembley has numerous large and high-profile games and fixtures. The demand on police and local authority resources is immense on such days and there needs to be strict conditions on pubs within the Wembley footprint, where The Arch lies. The conditions sought to be removed are those that cause the most concern.

The removal of these conditions will encourage ticketless fans to attend Wembley and linger in the vicinity which the Police, FA and Local authority try to discourage due to the mass disorder we have seen in the past. For example the Euros final in 2021 where ticketless fans tried to storm Wembley stadium and caused disorder along Olympic Way.

In addition to this, The Arch has a long history of licensing breaches. These breaches are mainly around match day restrictions where the current DPS Mr Savan Patel has been unaware of the conditions of his license, the venue has exceeded it's capacity where complaints have been received from neighbours.

The day that this TEN falls is a high profile games. This game pose the greatest risk to public safety, crime and disorder. A venue with such a history of licensing breaches cannot be trusted to adhere to the conditions on its license, especially on such high profile games, some of which will be internationally televised.

This poses a further risk where ticketless fans come to the area intent on seeing the games and then trying to cause fights with rival fans. The attached statement from PC Paul Jennings who is one of the Metropolitan Police's football officers emphasis the need to stop serving alcohol one hour before the game and not to televise the game. Both of these activities encourage ticketless fans who are the root to a majority of the crime and disorder caused on match days.

In March 2023 a hearing was held where the conditions of the license where agreed. A variation was then submitted in at the beginning of 2024 where the applicant attempted to remove the match day restrictions that he is now trying to eliminate with these TEN applications. The removal of these conditions was refused by the licensing committee.

A venue that has literally only just had its license conditions renewed needs to have a long history of good behaviour with no licensing breaches before any relaxations can be made.

Attached are also a listed of the licensing breaches at the venue while Mr Patel has been the DPS.

Due to all the points raised above Police oppose the TEN application on the basis that the licensing objectives will not be met, namely the Prevention of crime and disorder, public safety and the prevention of public nuisance.

Yours Sincerely,

PC Brendon MCINNES 1187NW
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