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Police Representation to the application for a Premises Licence for 'Merkur Slots', 67 High Street, NW10 4NS.'

I certify that I have considered the application shown above and I wish to make representations that the likely effect of the grant of the application is detrimental to the Gambling Act 2005 licensing objectives for the reasons indicated below.

**Officer: 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 Gambling Act 2005.

The application has been made for a premises licence.

The Metropolitan Police (Brent) are making representations to this application for a premises licence in accordance with Section 1 of the Gambling Act 2005 licensing objectives;

- a) Preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder or being used to support crime.
- b) Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way
- c) Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling.

Gambling establishments have historically been venues of repeated calls to police due to a variety of issues - criminal damage by frustrated customers, ASB, violence/public order, drug use, congregating street drinkers, local gang activity, underage children etc. The area of Harlesden within the borough of Brent already suffers from crime, disorder, ASB and street drinking issues. Therefore any new premises that could add to these issues would need to conduct their business stringently in line with the gambling licensing objectives.

Police are very familiar with the area and the transient community at nearby accommodation for vulnerable and mentally ill persons. In addition there are street drinkers consistently heavily under the influence of alcohol.

Police understand that the problems in the area are not enough to object to this application. However, further conditions would assist in upholding the licensing objectives under the Gambling Act 2005.

The application received is very thorough with regards a local area risk assessment and a number of licensing concerns are broadly covered by the application. However, some further conditions would be beneficial.

Police require the following points should be included in the operating schedule, or added as conditions on the premises licence.

1. CCTV shall be installed to Home Office Guidance standards and maintained in a good working condition. Recordings shall be kept for 31 days and shall be made available to police and authorised officers from Brent council upon request.

2. An incident log shall be kept for the premises and made available on request to an authorised officer Brent Council or the police, which will record the following;

- a) All crimes reported to the venue;
- b) Any complaints received regarding crime and disorder;
- c) Any incidents of disorder;
- d) Any faults in the CCTV system; and
- e) Any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service.
- f) Details of any person(s) banned from the premises.

3. Signs to be displayed alerting customers to the following;

- a) No alcohol
- b) No smoking
- c) No persons under 18 Years
- d) Persons will be prosecuted for causing criminal damage

4. The licensee's Staff Guard system shall be installed and maintained at the premises, which allows direct communication with a central monitoring station permitting audio and CCTV communication.

6. There shall be no pre-planned single staffing at the premises from 20:00 until closing.

7. A Challenge 25 proof of age scheme shall be operated at the premises where the only acceptable forms of identification are recognised photographic identification cards, such as a driving licence, passport or proof of age card with the PASS Hologram.

8. The on duty manager shall implement a policy of banning any customers who engage in crime or disorder within or outside the premises.

9. A notice, visible from the exterior of the premises shall state that customers drinking alcohol outside the premises will not be permitted and those who do so will be banned from the premises.

10. The licensee will ensure that customer toilets are checked every hour for evidence of drug taking and alcohol consumption. Toilet checks are to be documents stating the time and member of staff who made the checks.

11. Toilet doors remain locked and access is permitted by staff members.

12. A magnetic locking device, commonly referred to as a Maglock, will be installed and maintained on the main entrance/exit to the premises and will be available for use at all times.

Yours sincerely

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