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Subject: Re: Alcohol and Entertainment Licensing Sub-Committee

Dear All

I refer to the Hearings about The Aura.

I write in my capacity as a Sudbury Councillor and not as member of Licensing.

Firstly I am surprised that the application transfer is being heard first. The order seems back to front.

Secondly I wish to support the Police in their objections. There is a long history of a Banqueting Hall, Private Members Club and Clubs under previous ownerships with shorter opening hours and smaller venue in this area. There were few problems or issue until relatively recently and the rebranding the Aura under current name and various changing and unclear ownerships.

There is a long history of breaches in Licensing requiring action both from the Council and the Police.

The Council Officers have had to deal with many complaints of noise from residents culminating in their request to terminate the Licence. This was not supported by one Licensing Committee - with more concern about preserving the business rather than protecting residents.

The Police have requested action and termination of the Licence but this too was not agreed.

This was followed soon after by a murder outside of the premises as a result of an argument inside the premises.

The final Licensing Hearing was persuaded by conditions proposed by the applicant and their barrister.

As the latest evidence from the Police shows the Aura owners and management have failed to comply even with conditions that they proposed and signed up to.

There have been continuing problems with breaches, anti social behaviour and fights outside initiated by people visiting and attracted to the area by the Aura.

In the interests of protecting local residents and stopping their subjection to risks of violence and anti social behaviour the Police submission should be accepted and the terminated.

The Council and the Licensing Committee were misled about ownership and management of The Aura before. The last minute attempts to transfer the Licence should not be accepted at face value.

The Aura is not a suitable or a responsible business to be allowed to continue to function in the Sudbury Town area.

Local residents should have the right to peaceful enjoyment of the area near their homes with out the fear of violence, intimidation and anti social behaviour. The Aura is in breach of the most fundamental conditions of the Licensing System and the Licence should therefore be revoked.

Regards

Paul