

The Licensing Officer
London Borough of Brent
Brent Civic Centre
Engineers Way
Wembley
HA9 7FJ

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Police Representations to the Temporary Event Notices for

The Liquor Station, 397A High Road HA9 6AA

I certify that I have considered the notices shown above and I wish to make representations that the use of the premises for the temporary event would undermine the crime prevention initiative, for the reasons indicated below.

<i>Officer:</i>	<i>Brendon MC INNES</i>
<i>NW BCU</i>	<i>Brent Licensing</i>

An officer of the Metropolitan Police, in whose area the premises are situated, who is authorized for the purposes of exercising its statutory function as a 'Responsible Authority' under the Licensing Act 2003.

A Temporary Event Notices have been given under section 100 Licensing Act 2003 by

Mr Alexandru DIMITRIU for sales of alcohol, late night refreshment and provision of entertainment on 31/12/2024 to 01/01/2025 from 23.55hrs to 03.00hrs

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 licensing objectives.

. On the 11/12/2024 police received an allegation of drink spiking which happened at The Liquor Station on the date of Tuesday 10/12/2024 into the early hours of Wednesday 11/12/2024.

Police attended The Liquor Station on Thursday 12/12/2024 to view CCTV. The manager could not show CCTV to police at the time of the visit. Manager did inform police that they did have a private function on the 10/12/2024 and this was for a work Christmas Party for one of the owners business partners. Police spoke to the licence holder Mr Alexandru DIMITRIU on the phone. Mr DIMITRIU also admitted that they had an event on the 10/12/2024 but insists that no licensable activities were taking place as they were not open to the public and no transactions were taking place for the sale of alcohol. Mr



DIMITRIU insisted that they had finished and everyone had gone home by 01.30 hrs on the 11/12/2024.

Police asked Mr DIMITRIU to provide Police with the CCTV covering the bar area, Front door and outside of the venue. Mr DIMITRIU provided the CCTV to Police on Friday 13/12/2024. Upon viewing the CCTV not all of the cameras are working and this being a Breach of the first condition on his licence. Police discovered that there were transactions taking place over the bar for the sale of alcohol well beyond the venues licensable hours. It was established that the venue were carrying out licensable activities without the correct authorization as they had not applied for a Temporary Event Notice and all Licensable activities were to have stopped at 23.59hrs on the 10/12/2024. CCTV shows that the licensable activities continued until 02.30hrs. Further examination of CCTV showed one female outside the venue that could not walk without the AID of her colleagues. You can see this female stumbling and at one point it appeared that this female almost stumbles into Wembley High Road into oncoming traffic. She was saved by a colleague of hers. Members of the public should not be getting into this state. There was no intervention by staff or management of the venue to prevent her from getting into such a state.

Multiple breaches of the licence were identified and are listed as follows:

1. CCTV shall be installed to Home Office Guidance standards and maintained in a good working condition and recordings shall be kept for 31 days and shall be made available to police and authorised Officers from Brent Council upon request. – **Only half of the cameras appear to be working.**
2. CCTV camera shall be installed to cover all the entrances and exits of the premises, as well as the outside seating area, the entrance gates and the interior bars – **Camera covering the entrance was not working.**
3. A member of staff trained in the use of the CCTV system shall be available at the premise at all times that the premises are open for trading. – **Manager Anna could not show Police the CCTV at our visit 12/12/2024**
4. The CCTV system shall display on any recordings the correct date and time of the recording. – **Incorrect time shown on the CCTV. Time is one hour ahead**
5. The CCTV system shall be capable of obtaining clear facial recognition images and a clear head and shoulder image of every person entering or leaving the premises – **Camera covering the entrance is not working.**
6. A 'Challenge 25' policy shall be adopted and adhered to at all times – **No Challenge 25 policy at the time of visit on the 12/12/2024**
7. An incident log shall be kept at the premises and made available for inspection on request to an authorised officer of Brent Council or the police, which will record the following:
 - a) Any complaints received.



- b) Any incidents of disorder.
- c) Any faults in the CCTV system.

d) Any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service. – **No incident log kept**

8. A refusal book detailing date and time of the refused sale (of alcohol), the name of the person refusing the sale and a description of the person attempting to purchase alcohol, shall be kept and maintained and made available for inspection by authorised officers from Brent Council or the police. – **No refusal log kept.**

- 9. Any staff directly involved in selling alcohol for retail to consumers and staff who provide training including managers shall undergo regular training of the Licensing Act 2003 legislation (at least every 12 months). The training shall be documented and signed off by the DPS and the member of staff receiving the training. This training log shall be kept centrally and made available for inspection by police and relevant authorities upon request – **No records kept.**

Police have no confidence that the management can run the event safely. The actions of the management team resulted in a female getting into such a state that she had to seek medical attention the following day as believed that she had her drink spiked whilst at the venue. This event could have resulted in a whole lot worse and it all could have been prevented if the management had adhered to its conditions of the Licence and the licenses operating schedule.

Police object to this notice. The licensing objectives will be undermined if allowed to go ahead.

Yours sincerely,

PC Brendon MCINNES 1187NW

Licensing Constable

Brent Licensing Team