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Police representations for two Temporary Event Notices (TENs) for 'One Stop Caribbean, 17-19 High Street Harlesden NW10 4NE'

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: Phil Graves
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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 two (2) Temporary Event Notices (TEN's) under Section 100 of the Licensing act 2003. The Police representations are concerned with all four of the licensing objectives.

- The prevention of crime and disorder;
 - Public safety;
- The prevention of public nuisance; and
- The protection of children from harm.

The Application

The applications are for two TEN's over the August Bank Holiday weekend from Friday 22nd of August until the early hours of Tuesday the 26th of August 2025. The venue is an existing licensed restaurant and is asking to extend the sale of alcohol and regulated entertainment from 23.00 to 02.00 hours for eighty (80) people.

Police Objections

Last year the venue applied for a TEN which was granted by the police licensing team. The same police licensing team attended the venue while the TEN was in process to be refused entry by the

door staff. This shows a blatant disregard to the police and the licensing objectives and is also an offence under section 179 of the Licensing Act 2003.

Further to this the entire stretch of Willesden High Street and Craven Park Road was turned into a public order nightmare last year during the Notting Hill Carnival weekend.

The High Street was unlawfully transformed into an extension of Notting Hill Carnival over the bank holiday weekend. There were unregistered street trading, unauthorised sales of alcohol and unauthorised regulated entertainment which resulted in mass disorder.

The police and local authority were confronted with BBQ's on the street, music playing at excessive volumes and masses of alcohol consumption on the street as well as cannabis use.

When trying to regain control of the streets police were confronted with a hostile crowd who along with our council officials had to retreat for safety reasons. Gas cylinders were thrown at officers and riot trained police had to be pulled away from the Carnival to regain control.

It took police over two hours to regain control of the High Street and Craven Park Road. During these two hours police attended One Stop Caribbean and told them to turn off their music as this was encouraging the unlawful street party to continue. Once police had managed to speak to the management after first been refused entry the music was turned down. A very short while later speakers were placed outside the venue and the volume turned up loud again.

The results of last year's bank holiday weekend in the High Street and Craven Park Road was an embarrassment to the community. Police and council officials were targeted for trying to break up the unlawful activities that occurred. Police resources were already stretched from policing the Carnival in one of our busiest weekends of the year, the council officials took our prosecutions for unlawful street trading resulting in convictions at Willesden Magistrates Court, again more demand of resources and more importantly a threat to public safety, crime and disorder.

Summary

The overall attitude of this venue shows no respect to the police, local authority, the safety of the community or the licensing objectives. Allowing this TEN to go ahead will merely attract people to the area where there will be a repeat of last year's unlawful activities.

Police strongly oppose this TEN in full, regardless of any conditions that could be added as all four of the licensing objectives will be severely under threat if authorised.

This TEN along with any other over the August Bank Holiday weekend will be refused by the police.

Yours Sincerely,

PC Phil Graves 3122NW
NW BCU - Brent Licensing