

One Stop Caribbean – 17-19 High Street Harlesden NW10 4NE

TEN's 35538 & 35539 – Police Supporting Evidence

Last year Notting Hill Carnival (NHC) fell on Sunday the 25th and Monday the 26th of August 2024.

Unfortunately, there were scenes of violent disorder, criminal damage, residential burglaries, firearm sightings, believed firearms discharge, police helicopters, riot trained police officers, arrests, stop and searches, fires in the street and assaults on emergency workers along the High Street Harlesden and Craven Park Road. This was due to the this stretch of road been used for BBQ's and a street party which was an unauthorised extension of NHC.

One Stop Caribbean were a contributing factor to these mass scenes of carnage and disorder. The venues SIA refused entry to uniform police officers which is an offence under the licensing act (section 179) and where obstructive once entry was gained. The loud music and hot food been generated by the venue was one of the many activities drawing people to the scene. Police have requested that the music be turned off, for it to be turned back on once the speakers were placed outside the venue a short while later.

This blatant disregard for a simple request shows an appalling attitude and lack of control from the DPS, management team and the SIA. The loud music and party atmosphere created by One Stop Caribbean will have attracted more people to the area when police were trying to clear the area.

This is a snap shot of just some of the intelligence and incidents that police received regarding NHC for the High Street and Craven Park Road:-

Call from the London Ambulance Service (LAS) requesting urgent assistance with a violent male
Intelligence that a firearm (gun) was been taken to Craven Park Road

Second intelligence that a firearm and drugs where in a vehicle going to this area

A dispersal order was put in place by Insp [REDACTED] from Wembley police station for this section of Harlesden from the 25th to 27th of August due to anticipated scenes of violence

Parties / Unauthorised Music Events (UME) organised for the Saturday, Sunday and Monday

Another report re a 'shooting' firearms in this vicinity

Gang members attended the 'carnival' in Harlesden / Craven Park Road / High Street

Residential burglary that occurred on 27/08/24

There are similar intelligence reports for this years NHC for this area of Harlesden. Police have already made visits to licensed venues reminding them of their obligations under the licensing act, The Public space Protection Order and the Cumulative Impact Zones that cover this part of the borough.

www.brent.gov.uk/business/licences-and-permits/alcohol-club-and-entertainment-licences/premises-licence#ciz

The Police and local authority are doing everything they can to make this year's celebrations as safe and enjoyable as possible. Extending licensing activities over the bank holiday weekend will only undo this work at add more scenes of violence and damage to the community.

This Temporary Event Notice (along with any other) over the August bank holiday weekend must not be authorised. Authorising this TEN will mean adding to scenes of mass disorder, failing to uphold all four of the licensing objectives and causing mass disruption to the residents and business owners along Harlesden High Street and Craven Park Road.

Police will also be showing bodycam footage at the hearing, so all involved can get a clear understanding of the scenes that occurred last year and what we are trying to avoid this year.