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Police representations for a new Premises Licence for 'Spoon and Rice, 16 High Road, Willesden NW10 2QG'

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.

Police are of the opinion that the risk to the Council's objectives can be mitigated by removing the requested variations or attaching conditions to the Licence as shown below. If these conditions were accepted in full, police would be in a position to withdraw their representations.

Officer: Phil Graves
Licensing Constable 3122NW

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 a new premises licence under Section 17 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 application relates to an existing restaurant that wishes to add alcohol to the venue from 11.00 to 22.00 hours seven days a week. The venue is a small restaurant with an outside 'alfresco' seated area included in the licensable area.

I've attended the venue and spoken to a member of staff there where we discussed the application.

The restaurant has flats directly above and opposite the site and consideration will need to be taken into account for the occupants of these buildings.

Public Space Protection Order (PSPO)

The entire borough of Brent is covered by a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO). This piece of legislation was introduced to combat the rising level in street crime and ASB, a vast quantity of which is alcohol fuelled. Any new venue asking for the sale of alcohol to be added to its license could inadvertently add to this ongoing issue. Therefore all applications and their conditions need to be closely scrutinized to avoid adding to the crime and ASB on the Brent Borough.

Personal License Holder

The sale of alcohol to drunken people and children is a major concern to Police and highlighted in the governments Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy. Those who sell or provide alcohol should be fully aware of the legislation and issues around alcohol and should be fully trained to a national standard.

Closed Circuit Television (CCTV)

Good quality CCTV is a basic requirement to help deter and detect criminal activity for all reputable license holders. Therefore a decent quality CCTV system is an essential tool and should be installed and maintained in accordance with Home Office Guidance. The system should be fully operational during the hours of business, with a member of staff present who can operate and if required download footage upon request of the police or other recognised authority from Brent Council.

Notices will also be displayed advertising the presence of the CCTV to help promote a secure and safe dining and working environment.

Police require the following points should be added as conditions on the premises licence as below:

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.
2. CCTV cameras shall be installed to cover all the entrances and exits of the premises
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 to the public. This member of staff shall be capable of downloading and making copies of any CCTV requested.
4. The CCTV system shall display on all recordings with the correct date and time of the recording.
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.
6. A "Challenge 25" policy shall be adopted and adhered to at all times.

Acceptable proof of age shall include identification bearing the customer's photograph, date of birth and integral holographic mark or security measure. Suitable means of identification would include PASS approved proof of age card, photo-card driving licence and passport

7. A copy of the premises licence summary including the hours which licensable activities are permitted shall be visible from the outside of each entrance to the premises.
8. Notices asking customers to leave quietly from the premises shall be displayed by the

Exit/entrance.

9. No noise or vibration shall be detectable at any neighbouring noise sensitive premises.

10. All deliveries (to the venue) shall take place during the normal working day i.e. 09.00hrs to 18.00hrs daily.

11. An incident and refusals 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.

All entries into this log shall be made within 24 hours of the incident.

12. 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

All entries into this log shall be made within 24 hours of the incident.

13. Training records of all staff that sell or serve alcohol shall be kept. This training shall be done at least once a year for each individual staff member. The training records shall detail:-

- (a) Staff member's name, signature and date
- (b) Name of person providing the training
- (c) Training on use of the incident log
- (d) Training on refusal of sale
- (e) Training on challenge 25 policy
- (f) Training on the use and downloading (providing copies) of the CCTV system

14. A suitable intruder alarm complete with panic button shall be fitted and maintained.

15. Customers shall not be permitted to take open drink containers outside the premises as defined on the plan submitted to and approved by the Licensing Authority

16. Alcohol shall only be provided as an accompaniment to a main meal

17. The supply/sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises shall be by waiter or waitress service only. There shall be no purchase of alcohol at any serving / bar area.

18. There shall be no vertical drinking at the premises.

19. There shall be no walk in sales of alcohol without a substantial meal.

20. Spirits shall only be served in individual glasses and no open bottles within public reach are permitted.

21. No beers, ales, lagers, or ciders of 6% ABV or above to be stock or sold at the venue.

On Line / Take away Orders

22. Full name and address details, including postcode, must be given when placing an order.

23. Acceptable proof of age shall include identification bearing the customer's photograph, date of birth and integral holographic mark or security measure. Suitable means of identification would include PASS approved proof of age card, photo-card driving licence and passport. No ID no delivery.

24. Drivers shall not deliver to any person anywhere other than that at the residential / business address given when the order was placed. There shall be **NO** deliveries made to any open/public spaces

25. Delivery drivers should be asked to keep noise to a minimum when collecting takeaways and must not be permitted to loiter unnecessarily

26. No idling of delivery vehicles

If the above conditions can be met in full, police would be in a position to withdraw representations.

Yours Sincerely,

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