

Mrs Tamikio Mpitu
13 Marian Way
Harlesden
NW10 4XJ

23 January 2025

Ref: 27854

Dear Sir/Madam

Licensing Act 2003
Section 136: Unauthorised licensable activities
13 Marian Way, Harlesden, NW10 4XJ

It has recently come to the attention of Brent Council's Licensing Authority that unauthorised licensable activities, such as the sale of alcohol and the provision of live or recorded music, may have taken place at the above residential address without the requisite lawful permission from the Council.

I have enclosed evidence of a social media post advertising one of these events at the rear of this letter, which indicates that there is a paid bar. Further to this, there have been a number of noise complaints made to the Council relating to amplified recorded music emanating from a marquee at the rear of the garden.

It should be noted that under the Licensing Act 2003, the sale of alcohol and the provision of live or recorded music are defined as licensable activities. This means that any individual selling alcohol or charging entry to be entertained by either live or recorded music with a view to making a profit, even at a private event that is open to the wider public (such as through ticket sales), is required to obtain the necessary authorisation. This applies regardless of whether the event is held at a residential address. In order to lawfully undertake such activities, you would need to either apply for a premises licence or submit a Temporary Event Notice – the latter being more appropriate for one-off, ad hoc or occasional events.

Under section 136 of the Licensing Act 2003, it is a criminal offence to carry on or attempt to carry on a licensable activity on or from any premises without the correct authorisation. A person found guilty of this offence is liable to imprisonment for up to six months and/or an unlimited fine.

Given the above, I would strongly advise that you cease any unauthorised sales of alcohol or unauthorised provision of live or recorded music at these events, as doing so could amount to a criminal offence under section 136 of the Licensing Act 2003 and may result in prosecution.

I would be grateful if you could contact me via the email address provided at the top of this letter on or before **Friday 30 January 2025**, to confirm that such events have ceased, or that no further unauthorised licensable activities will be carried out in the future unless the appropriate authorisation has been obtained from Brent Council.

Equally, if you wish to provide any defence or a response in respect of this letter.

I am prepared to treat this matter informally on this occasion. However, should I not hear from you, or if further unauthorised events are identified, I will have to consider whether more formal enforcement action is appropriate.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to get in touch using the contact details provided.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "E. Maldoom". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

Edwin Maldoom
Licensing Enforcement Officer

CC: Brent Police Licensing, Metropolitan Police Service.

CC: Nuisance Control Team, Community Safety and Prevention, Brent Council.

Attached: Photograph of a social media post advertising events taking place at Marians Way, NW10 4XH on a fortnightly basis.

