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Our ref:

Police objection to the Temporary Event Notice for Gwalia Working mens Club, 99 Manor Park Road, Harlesden NW10 4JU.

I certify that I have considered the notice 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.

Officer: PC Michael Sullivan 368QK, Licensing Officer

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

A Temporary Event Notice has been given under section 100 Licensing Act 2003 by Mr Brian Simmons, received in this office on Thursday 27th August 2015. The Police are formally objecting to the notice under section 104 Licensing Act 2003. The Police objections are concerned with the crime and disorder, public safety and public nuisance.

The notices is to allow for the use of the premises for a Christening on the 11th September 2015, for 100 persons from 18.00 until 00.00, the licensable activities are for the sale by retail of alcohol, the supply of alcohol by or on behalf of a club to, or to the order of, a member of the club and the provision of regulated entertainment.

Police are objecting to the application for a Temporary Event Notice (TEN) at this venue. Police have serious concerns around the management of these premises,

The Gwalia Club has been the location of recent breaches to its existing club licence resulting in alcohol related violent crime, a number of its customers have been involved in these or contributed to alcohol fuelled anti social behaviour in the vicinity of the premises. The management of Gwalia are obstructive to police in trying to sort out these problems.

Police have been in regular contact with committee member Mr Brian Simmons to make him aware of the breaches and the need for upholding the licensing objectives. During a meeting with Mr Simmons he admitted that they cater for Traveller functions and have a couple a month on average. He takes £500 Deposits off them and if they cause any damage he takes the money from that, he went on to say that if they start fighting he shuts the bar and doesn't

call police, and just lets them fight it out, he does not employ any security. On 22/08/2015 the venue was booked by non members for an engagement party, no TEN was submitted. During this event a large fight started inside the venue and then spilled out into the street, police were called by local residents and partygoers to assist with the disorder, one male had a large amount of blood coming from a head injury. On Wednesday 26th August I called Mr Simmons to ask him about the fight and the fact that no TEN had been submitted, he stated that there had been no function at the club and the trouble outside had nothing to do with the GWALIA.

Due to the above information I fear that if this event is allowed to go ahead that there will be an increased risk of crime and disorder at the location and that the applicant is not in a position at this time to reduce that risk.

Police reserve the right to give evidence on any further incidents which may take place at, or in the vicinity of the premises, between the service of this application and the hearing and/or during the time allowed for any appeal proceedings.

Yours sincerely

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