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**Police representation to Premises Licence application for 'Diu Restaurant' 5 Heather Park Parade, Wembley, HA0 1SL.**

I certify that I have considered the application shown above and I 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: **Nicola McDonald**  
**Licensing Constable PC 157QK**

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 premises licence under section 17 of the act.

The Police representations are concerned with Crime and disorder, public nuisance and public safety licensing objectives.

Police representations to this application fall outside the 28 day consultation period. This is because police were misdirected by the licensing authority on 22<sup>nd</sup> May, informed this application had been rejected. Police were informed by the licensing authority on 7<sup>th</sup> June (outside the consultation period) that the application had been reinstated and it would proceed to a hearing.

Diu Restaurant has been recognised over the last 3 years as Dui Bar Ltd and Diu Clubs Ltd, the owner of these companies is/was Mr Priteche VELGI who is the husband of the applicant Mrs Bindal Givan VELGI.

Police have had numerous dealings with Priteche VELGI since his time of operating 5 Heather Park Parade in June 2016. He has numerous\*\*\*\*\*  
On **24<sup>th</sup> October 2017** Diu Bar Ltd was dissolved by companies house and subsequently the premises licence was suspended by the licensing authority.  
However from this time Police have received complaints from local residents with regard to noise from the premises, that the premises was still opening to the public and providing licensable activities however customers were entering from the rear of the premises not the front.

These complaints were reinforced when on **17<sup>th</sup> March 2018** at 1700 hours I visited the venue in full uniform in company with PC Cowley. The front of the premises was all locked up, and the shutters down. I went to the rear of the premises and found the fire exit door unlocked and slightly ajar. I pulled it open and discovered eight Asian males inside. Four of the males were smoking (breaching Health Act legislation). Only two of the males were willing to speak with me, one gave his name as [REDACTED] and the other [REDACTED]. I was informed the boss was Priteche Velgi. There was a male in the kitchen preparing and cooking food, as well as eat in, customers turn up and the rear of the premises and collect take aways. Two males in the venue drinking from bottles of Carlsburg larger. The bar was open lights on and fully stocked with alcohol. There is a large flat screen TV showing TV2 sport channel from either Spain or Portugal (Valencia V Alves). There were numerous health and safety issues around cooking equipment, smokers and customers locked inside the venue. The only exit route via the rear door was passed the entrance to the kitchen. I advised the males of this and informed them that no licensable activities must take place. There was a large amount of rubbish and waste at the rear of the premises including alcoholic drinks containers. My details provided for Mr Velgi to contact me.

**On 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018** I had a meeting with Priteche Velgi the Licensing manager for Brent and Mr Suruendran VALLI a friend of Mr Velgi and also acting as his accountant. Mr Valli explained that companies house had dissolved Diu bar Ltd because Mr Velgi owes monies and he had failed to submit his accounts. Mr Valli was attempting to get the company re-instated once Mr Velgi had paid all his debts.

**On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018** \*\*\*\*\*

**1<sup>st</sup> May 2018** this application was received for a new premises licence application

**On 19<sup>th</sup> May 2018** Police had a meeting at Brent Civic Centre with the applicant Bindal and her husband Priteche to discuss the application.

My initial obvious were that Bindal remained quiet to all questions. Piteche was forthcoming with information that he owns a 25 year lease for the premises, the free holder is [REDACTED] and he pays £1500 rent per month and £12,000 annual business rates. Piteche is no longer dealing with his accountant Mr Valli and the company Diu Bar Ltd has not been re-instated, hence this new Premises licence application. He was unwilling to discuss and financial matters and when I asked about the showing of Sky TV without correct authority he became agitated and told me he was not willing to discuss further.

I verbally confirmed with the couple that the applicant was in fact Bindal and directed further questions to Bindal. She was very nervous and constantly looked towards Priteche for confirmation of her answers. It very quickly became obvious that Bindal had not had any involvement in the application process. She explained the venue as a family restaurant selling Indian and Portuguese food, opening from 1000 hours to 2300 hours daily. When asked about the supply of alcohol she said 'just normal times'. When asked about entertainment and what would be provided she said 'I don't know'. When asked if she would permit children on the premises she said 'yes until 11pm when we close'. She said she has two female Portuguese chefs (family members) and another female member of staff [REDACTED] (however she is not a personal licence holder). I asked if she was aware of any planning permissions she would be breaching by operating at such early hours of the morning, she looked confused but said 'no we won't be open after 11pm'. It also became apparent that Bindal has two small children and is currently working in a restaurant called Zaika in Knightsbridge. It is unknown if she will give up other work when DIU restaurant opens.

Priteche VELGI is aware he is not a fit and proper person to operate a licensed premise, therefore he has made this application in his wife's name. He remains the leaseholder. He is manipulating the application process, she will be in name only yet the daily running and decision making will be Priteche VELGI.

I strongly suspect that the new applicant is simply acting at the wishes of her husband.

**As such, the grant of this new application would undermine the licensing objectives and Police ask it be refused.**

**However if the committee chose to grant this licence Police require the following in order to promote the licensing objectives:**

**Excessive hours**

This address is located in a small parade of shops in a residential area, including residential buildings above. Police have received complaints of noise. Can the applicant provide planning consent to show the premises can open to the public until the very early hours of the morning as applied for?

**Police request the seasonal variations be removed from the application.**

During my meeting with the applicant she told me the premises was a family restaurant opening until 2300 hours. The application states 'a restaurant'.

**Police request the timings of licensable activities cease at 2230hours and then as suggested by the applicant close to the public at 2300 hours. A temporary event notice can be submitted for any exceptional activities.**

**Police request the following conditions be attached to annex 2 of the premises licence if licensable activities are permitted after 2230hours:**

Door supervisors of a sufficient number and gender mix, shall be employed from 2200 hours on any day when the premises are open after 2300 hours.

Door supervisors shall wear clothing that can be clearly and easily identified on CCTV.

A register/log containing the names, badge number, dates & times of duty of security staff and any incidents that occur shall be kept and made available to the Police and Licensing Authority.

**Police request the following conditions be attached to Annex 2 if the committee grant the licence regardless of authorised hours:**

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.

CCTV cameras shall be installed to cover the entrance of the premises

A personal Licence holder shall be present on the premises and supervise the sale of alcohol throughout the permitted hours for the sale of alcohol.

Any staff directly involved in selling alcohol for retail to consumers, staff who provide training and all managers will undergo regular training of Licensing Act 2003 legislation. This will be documented and signed for by the DPS and the member of staff receiving the training. This training log shall be kept on the premises and made available for inspection by police and relevant authorities upon request.

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

Children shall not be permitted on the premises unless accompanied by a responsible adult. All children shall leave the premises by 2300 hours.

All doors and windows shall remain closed during any licensable activity

An incident 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) all crimes reported to the venue
- (b) all ejections of patrons
- (c) any complaints received
- (d) any incidents of disorder
- (e) all seizures of drugs or offensive weapons
- (f) any faults in the CCTV system or searching equipment or scanning equipment
- (g) any refusal of the sale of alcohol
- (h) any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service.

The supply of alcohol at the premises shall only be to a person seated taking a table meal there and for the consumption by such a person as ancillary to their meal.

The supply of alcohol shall be by waiter or waitress service only.

Customers should not be allowed to sit, stand or be served from the bar area.

Yours Sincerely

**Nicola McDonald PC 157QK**  
**Licensing Constable Brent Police**