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Police representation to New Premises Licence application for at Balkan Bar, 66C Ealing Road, Wembley, HA0 4TH.

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

I am 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. Before I could agree to the licence being granted, I would request the following changes and additional conditions added.

Officer: **Gary Norton**
Licensing Constable PC 965QK

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 primarily concerned with crime and disorder and prevention of public nuisance.

When PC Mike Sullivan and I visited the premises, Mr Jagtar Viridi's intentions for licensable activities were vague. He initially said it was a bar/restaurant, but when asked why it would open so late; or have need of dance and music licences- he said he would also use it for parties, banqueting, DJ's and live/recorded music events, such as you might find in a nightclub. As there are no fixed sitting areas in the basement area, this would suggest he wishes to run the venue more as a nightclub, rather than a restaurant, in the evenings. The premises themselves sit directly underneath a low-rise residential block of flats and some of the tenants have small children, as seen by clothing hanging out to dry on one of the balconies. The front, sides and back of the premise footprint face out onto heavily populated residential areas, which will also have considerations regarding the quality of life expectations of adults and children alike who live there. This venue is also situated directly across the road from the local mosque.

Any such venue open late into the night would likely result in noise complaints from the local residents as patrons queue, come and go and smokers outside. There is also the likelihood of

anti-social behaviour, drunkenness and criminality increasing with later opening hours. This area already has had considerable problems with similar issues and the plans for this venue will likely add to them if the application were granted. This is further compounded by the ground floor rear of premises large open space, which Mr Verdi alluded to perhaps using in some way in future, like in the summer time.

The architect proposed licensing plan area gives no visual indication of the exact perimeters of the licensable area. I would request that the licensable area be confined to within the building shown on the plan and NOT outside in the external perimeter.

A suitable designated smoking area should be identified. I would recommend at the rear, in the open space behind the venue, if accessible, but away from the building line to prevent smoke rising up to the balconies of the residential flats above the venue. I would recommend no more than 15 people at anyone time to avoid noise nuisance from parties gathered outside. If not this area, then out the front but limited to no more than 10 at a time.

If the intention is to run a restaurant/bar, as claimed, I would request the start of all alcohol related licensing activity is changed from 1000hrs to 1100hrs, so as to avoid promoting alcoholic consumption in the early morning. I would recommend Mr Viridi further reduced the hours of alcohol licensable activities on Sundays to Thursdays down to 2230hrs, with premises to close by 2300hrs. I would also request that all licensable activities on Friday and Saturday be reduced down to 2330hrs, with the premises to close by 0000hrs. This would greatly reduce the risk of creating a public nuisance of noise and anti-social behaviour in the area, as well as associated criminality.

Additionally, Police require the following points be included in the operating schedule or added as conditions on the premises licence;

Closed Circuit Television (CCTV)

Good quality CCTV is essential as a deterrent for the prevention of crime and the detection of offenders. It allows for both covert and overt monitoring of the premises. With proper signage, this reassures both staff and clientele, that this is a safe environment where illegal activities are not tolerated.

All cameras and recording equipment will be installed and maintained in accordance with Home Office Guidance and the manufacturers instructions and will be fully operational when the premises are open to the public. All footage should be retained for 31 days.

Operating Hours to be displayed on Premises

A notice displaying the opening hours, the type of licensing activity and licence conditions should be clearly displayed and visible to anyone outside the premises. This may be incorporated in the summary of the licence, which must be displayed, or take the form of a separate item. This will allow the Police and other responsible authorities to readily identify the licence details. Clearly displayed opening hours will also reduce any confusion for customers prior to entering the premises and possible conflict when the premises close.

A Summary of the Premises Licence will be displayed at the public entrance to the premises.

Police require the following points should be amended regarding the conditions on the premises licence application as below. Police are aware that similar suggestions are already on the proposed conditions of the applicant, but we wish them to be worded as follows:

Prevention of Crime and Disorder

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 the entrances and exits and internal and external areas where the public have access.

3. The CCTV views are not to be obstructed and CCTV camera are to be placed near all entry and exit points to capture clear facial images of all persons leaving the premises.
 4. A staff member suitably trained in the use of the CCTV system will be present on premises who can provide playback/working downloads of the CCTV recordings with the minimum delay when requested by Police or authorised officers from Brent Council.
8. Customers will not take open drink containers of alcohol outside the premises as defined on the plan submitted to and approved by the Licensing Authority.

Additional points that should be added as conditions on the premises licence:

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.

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:

- All crimes reported to the venue
- All ejections of patrons
- Any complaints received
- Any faults in the CCTV system
- Any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service.

Notices requesting customers to leave quietly shall be displayed at the exit.

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

Customers carrying open or sealed alcohol drinking vessels shall not be admitted to the premises.

Substantial food and non-intoxicating beverages shall be available during the whole of licensed hours in all parts of the premises where intoxicants are provided.

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.

Outside of the hours authorised for the sale of alcohol, all alcohol within the trading/bar area is to be secured behind locked grills, locked screens or locked cabinet doors, so as to prevent access to the alcohol by customers or staff.

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

Alcoholic beverages shall be decanted in to a suitable drinking vessel.

No exotic/lap dancing performing allowed. When dance performances are provided, all customers shall remain seated other than to gain access to the bar or toilets. There shall be no touching between customers and dancers and there shall be a distance of one metre between dancer and any customer.

The Club shall keep a record of the passport details of all dancers and this information shall be made available to Police and Licensing Officers on request.

Yours Sincerely

PC Gary Norton 965QK
Licensing Constable Brent Police