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**Police representation to vary the Premises Licence at, Ibis Hotel, South Way,
Wembley, HA9 0HB**

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 Licensing Act 2003 licensing objectives for the reasons indicated below.

If these conditions were accepted in full I would withdraw my representation.

Officer: **Michael Sullivan**

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 to vary the licence under section 34 of the licensing act.

The police representations are primarily concerned with the prevention of crime and disorder, Public Safety, and the Prevention of public Nuisance.

The applicant is asking for the terrace to be used for the consumption of alcohol, this is actually the hotels car park, they are also asking for this to be for 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, along with the removal of event day conditions.

It is also unclear if the applicant will be asking for the total number of people permitted on the premises to be increased, as condition number 5 on the licence states the numbers allowed in the bar, and lounge area, and if by extending the outside area it will be impossible to monitor the amount of people entering the bar and lounge areas to buy drinks and use the toilets.

Condition 5 reads - *The total number of people permitted on the premises including staff and performers shall not exceed the following:*

Bar Area 63 persons

Restaurant Area 132 persons

Lounge, Reception/Foyer and Business Corner 65 persons

I also have concerns that the Terraced areas would form part of the hotels evacuation points, and having large numbers of people in a cordoned off area will restrict the exit of people in an evacuation.

Furthermore previous usage of the terrace (Car Park) has resulted in serious disorder and violent assaults on Football Event days at Wembley Stadium, the location of hotel is directly opposite Wembley Stadium Train station, this sees a large footfall of fans which then get into disorder situations with people standing at the front of the hotel drinking. This has resulted in the hotel being subject to an action plan.

The hotel is unable to segregate football fans, as is done in the local pubs on football event days to reduce the likelihood of disorder, and for this reason police will ask that the event day conditions remain, namely - *Customers shall not be allowed to congregate outside the premises*, for the reasons stated above.

The applicant is also asking for conditions number 6 & 7 to be removed –

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

7. The consumption of alcohol shall be restricted to parts of the premises identified on the plan submitted with the operating schedule and approved by the Licensing Authority, including the residents' rooms. If these conditions were to be removed people will be allowed to walk off the premises with open vessels of alcohol.

Police have serious concerns regarding the hotel using the outside area of the premises for the consumption of alcohol, this has previously proved detrimental to the licensing objectives, the hotel is a short distance from the national stadium and a major transport hub, and has seen disorder on football event days, police resources are already stretched on event days and having to deal with disorder outside the hotel puts an extra strain on the police.

I would ask that this application is rejected in full.

Yours Sincerely,

Michael Sullivan 368QK
Brent Borough Police