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## Police Representation to the application to vary a Premises Licence for

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 Objectives for the reasons indicated below.

The applicant for the Lezziz Charcoal Grill has experience in running a similar business in the immediate area, but this was without supply of alcohol and with an earlier closing time.

Willesden Green/Mapesbury wards have prevalent Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) problems, drug dealing/user issues and other crime related problems. Due to these ongoing issues, it was necessary for the Metropolitan Police Service to authorise a temporary dispersal zone in an attempt to prevent and disrupt ASB and criminal activity in early 2018.

The combination of closing times at very late times and the extensive supply of alcohol often lead to a detrimental impact on licensing objectives, especially in areas already suffering issues. Extending alcohol supply into the early hours of the morning will add to crime, disorder and public nuisance and would likely exacerbate these existing problems in the area. Customers who drink alcohol over longer periods are likely to become more inebriated and less inhibited, leading to irrational and violent behaviour i.e. increased drunken disorder, crime and noise. Even if the premises patrons have no intention to commit crime, or cause ASB, they may find themselves a vulnerable victim of criminality, robbed, assaulted or involved in an affray in a hot spot area already known for such issues. Criminals often target prey upon the vulnerable, such as the heavily intoxicated out late at night. If the

premises were open until 0500hrs, it would increase the possibility of disturbing the peace. Customers coming and going from the restaurant after finishing a meal or collecting a takeaway; inebriated patrons coming out to smoke; car doors banging and engines revving will all increase public nuisance issues. Therefore, Police would wish to have the opening times for the premises to match the applicant's previous establishment. We would also wish to reduce the licensable supply of alcohol hours as well for reason stated above. The plan is not clear as to whether or not there is a bar area, further clarification is needed. However, the conditions below assume a bar area of some kind is present in the application plans.

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

Officer: Licensing Constable PC Gary Norton 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 new premises licence under section 17 of the act.

The Police representations are primarily concerned with crime and disorder, and the Prevention of Public Nuisance.

Police require the following points added as conditions on the premises licence.

## CCTV

 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.

(The proposed conditions on the application in regard to CCTV and Operation should also be included).

### Proof of Age

2. A "Challenge 25" policy shall be adopted and adhered to.

## General

- 3. No high strength beers, lagers, and ciders above 6.0% ABV shall be stocked.
- 4. 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) Any complaints received
  - (c) Any incidents of disorder
  - (d) Any faults in the CCTV system
  - (e) Any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service.
  - (f) All Refusals
- 5. A personal licence holder shall be present on the premises and supervise the sale of alcohol from 19:00 hours daily until close.
- Customers will not take **open** drink containers outside the premises as defined on the plan submitted to and approved by the Licensing Authority.
- 7. Alcohol to be consumed on the premises shall only be provided as an accompaniment to a meal, Customers are not be allowed to sit, stand or be served from the bar area, or any other staff area used for the preparation of alcoholic beverages.
- 8. No Children under the age of 16 years of age will be allowed to be on the premises after 2300 hours.
- 9. Outside of the hours authorised for the sale of alcohol, all alcohol within the trading 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.
- 10. Substantial food and non-intoxicating beverages shall be available During the whole of licensed hours in all parts of the premises where Alcohol is provided.
- 11. The supply/sale of alcohol shall be by waiter or waitress service only. A sign must be displayed at suitable points along the bar reading: 'Service is by Waiter / waitress service only. Customers are not permitted to sit, stand or be served from the bar.'

12. Opening hours of the premises:
Sunday to Thursday 1100-0300hrs, Friday to Saturday 1100-0400hrs.
Hours for the supply of alcohol:
Sunday to Thursday 1100-2300hrs, Friday to Saturday 1100-0000hrs.

Yours Sincerely,

PC Gary Norton 965QK Licensing Constable Brent Police