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Police representation to the application to vary the premises licence for 'The Torch' 1-5 Bridge Road, Wembley, HA9 9AB.

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

The Police representations are concerned with all four licensing objectives.

The application to remove some unnecessary and repetitive conditions is welcome by Police, but consider some relevant conditions, in order to uphold the licensing objectives, have also been applied to be removed.

Below is a list of conditions Police would like attached to annex 2 of the premises licence. Police suggest they are proportionate and enforceable:

A comprehensive CCTV shall be installed at the premises to Home Office Guidance (or equivalent) and maintained in good working condition and recordings shall be kept for 31 days and shall be made available to Police and authorised officers upon request.

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.

On large football event days there shall be a minimum of 8 Security industry approved door supervisors of suitable gender mix, to control entrance and order within the premises.

Door supervisors of a suitable gender mix, shall be employed from 2100 hours on any day when the premises are open for the sale of alcohol past midnight.

When door supervisors are employed at the premises, they shall wear clothing that can be clearly and easily identified on CCTV.

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

On large football event days no drinks shall be served in glass containers.

On large football event days customers carrying open or sealed drinking vessels shall not be admitted to the premises.

On large football event days all customers shall be searched for drugs and weapons on entry to the premises.

On large football event days all entrances are to be radio controlled

On large football event days the premises shall cease all licensable activities one hour before the designated kick off time. All customers shall leave the premises. The premises will be permitted to resume licensable activities no later than one hour after full time or earlier with agreement of the Police.

A "Challenge 25" policy shall be adopted and adhered to at all times.

Notices asking customers to leave quietly shall be conspicuously displayed at all exits.

No children shall be permitted on the premises unless accompanied by a responsible adult.

Customers shall not be permitted to take any drink containers outside the premises as defined on the plan submitted to and approved by the Licensing Authority

In addition to those conditions, Police request further clarification around the implementation of on the following proposed conditions:

1. On large football event days steel fencing (approx. 10ft tall) shall be erected around the complete front of the premises.

Police are aware that a wooden fence has is permanently erected on top of the brick wall at the front of the premises. Will this steel fencing be in addition? Could the plans highlight the exact location.

2. The capacity numbers for both internal and external.
 - Police consider the capacity limit conditions to be necessary; however there is no indication within the operating schedule how the numbers would be monitored between internal and external areas. There are 5 doorways from the building to the external area and two entrance/exit areas for the external area.
 - The operating schedule gives no indication to timings of use for the external areas.
 - Police would like to see the operational plans for the use of the car park/non licensable area, when the external licensable area is in use by customers. How will customers and vehicles be segregated?

Seasonal variations:

These are a major consideration when considering the vast increase in capacity at the premises.

Historically Police have never been informed within seven days and agreement not given.

Non-standard timings:

These are a major consideration when considering the vast increase in capacity at the premises.

There are huge number of dates covered within this section of the licence. Historically Police have not been consulted on these extensions and agreement not given.

Yours Sincerely

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