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Date: 10th June 2019

Police Objection to the Temporary Event Notice for 'Bollywood dancing – Mezzanine floor'

Police Representations for;

Crystal Club, Mezzanine Floor, 1 Popin Building, South Way, Wembley HA9 0HF

I certify that I have considered the notices shown above and I wish to make representations that the use of the premises for the temporary event would undermine the crime prevention initiative, for the reasons indicated below.

Officer:	Damien Smith 253NW
NW CU	Brent Licensing

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.

Three Temporary Event Notices have been given under section 100 Licensing Act 2003 by

Mr KUPPASAMY KIRUPAKARAN for sale by retail of alcohol, provision of late night refreshments and regulated entertainment for a Bollywood dance event from 0300hrs to 0400hours on 22nd/23rd/24th thus extending closing time until 0430 hours and extending last entry by 1 hour to 0200 hours.

Police are formally making representations to the notice under section 104 Licensing Act 2003. The Police objection is primarily concerned with the crime and disorder licensing objective.

The applicant would like to cease licensable activities at 0400 hours; this would affect the closing time closing at 0430 hours at the earliest.

Police are currently investigating an allegation of assault that occurred at the venue in May 2019, all be it a separate area of the building it is still in the control of the applicant.

There was a similar application earlier this month for 'Bollywood dancing' and Police made representations in good faith based on the application content and additional information provided by the applicant.

On the 7th June 2019 I sent an email to the applicant requesting further information and have since not heard from the applicant. The applicant was sent a message / text on his mobile phone and still as of 11.25 hours on 10th June 2019 I have not had any reply from the applicant.

Police requested further information and clarity on answers provided that would ordinarily facilitate a decision based on accurate information provided.

On this application, there appear to be inaccuracies and these cause me concern. The premise concerned has previously over the years failed to maintain confidence or control and in December 2018 several TENS were applied for and refused. Back then, Police requested further information and there was a distinct lack of communication from the applicant. Based on the Police not being provided any answers to the recent request there appears to be further support for me to object to this application.

Police requested that the applicant provide the following information as well as complete an additional information form:

- 1. How many attendees were there at your last event?
- 2. Can you provide a copy of your SIA and Incident log for that event/ all 3 dates?
- 3. Please confirm how many attendees were in fact ID Scanned?
- 4. Please confirm CCTV is in full working condition and viewing is available upon request?
- 5. There is a similar question on attached but for clarity how many attendees including staff are you catering for or will be in attendance?
- 6. Can you confirm NO Incidents have occurred at all the premises within Unit 1 since 2017 as recorded on your application?

Police believe the answers to the above would assist in accurately being able to make any representations regarding the application. This application indicates only 30 people will be on the premises. This application indicates the applicant uses their own discretion to scan attendees, Police believe this is too broad and open to too broad an interpretation of use. The applicant has written on the application that nothing has happened at the venue since 2017. As stated above the police are currently investigating an allegation from May 2019.

Police are of the opinion that the applicant should operate to his licence conditions as imposed by the licencing committee in 2018.

Licensable activity until 0300 hours, last entry at 0100 hours and an ID scanner shall be utilised at the premises to check all customers who wish to gain entry to the premises. The persons once checked for concealed weapons or drugs shall be required to present appropriate proof of identification. The information collected shall include photo ID, the person's name, address and date of birth shall be added to the database. Any person refusing to allow their data to be added to the database shall be refused entry. Appropriate ID shall be a valid passport or a driving licence (photo card)

Police request these TEN's be rejected.

Yours sincerely

PS Damien Smith 253NW

Licensing Sergeant

Brent Police Licensing Team