

Spice Klub
93-95 Ealing Road
Wembley
HA0 4BN

8 August 2019

**Licensing Representation to the Application for a new Premises Licence for Spice Klub
93-95 Ealing Road, Wembley, HA0 4BN**

I certify that I have considered the application shown above and I wish to make a representation.

An officer of the Licensing Authority, 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 variation to an existing premises licence under section 34 of the Act.

The Licensing Authority representations are primarily concerned with the four licensing objectives;

- the prevention of crime and disorder;
- public safety;
- the prevention of public nuisance; and
- the protection of children from harm.

Reduction of Hours

The premises has been open approximately three months since May 2019. The plans appear to have an additional room which according to the application would be used for guests who are dining but would also be used for those wishing to hire out the venue for functions/parties.

My concerns with the extension in hours is primarily based around the area being that of a residential area. With an additional room and therefore an increase in capacity, it is likely to cause more nuisance to local residents. I understand the premises has sound proofed the basement but there is still the issue of those customers accessing and egressing the premises.

The application and amended application together with the explanation in the email does not appear to clarify exactly what type of premises this will be. On the one hand it appears people will be able to eat and then dance but on the other hand it does not negate the fact that it may be used as more of a club with customers not eating at all. With this in mind and the fact that the entrance to the premises faces

onto a residential road, indicates that it is likely to cause a nuisance to neighbouring residents. The business model for the premises is not clear and there has not been sufficient time (3 months) to determine whether this premises operates successfully without undermining the licensing objectives.

On 12th May 2019, I visited the area at 1.20hrs. Whilst driving down Douglas Road (the side road off Ealing Road where the main premises entrance is), what was most apparent to me, was just how quiet the area was. There wasn't any noise from traffic, passers by or any other premises in the vicinity. Unlike streets such a High Road, Wembley, where even at 1.20hrs, there is a clear difference in an increased level of noise.

The expectation that residents would have to tolerate noise from the access and egress of customers would be both inconsiderate and unfair.

In order to ensure the premises does not undermine the licensing objectives, the following hours are proposed: -

Live Music

Sunday – Thursday 10.00hrs-00.00hrs
Friday – Saturday 10.00hrs-00.30hrs

Recorded Music

Sunday – Thursday 10.00hrs-00.00hrs
Friday – Saturday 10.00hrs-00.30hrs

Performance of Dance

Sunday – Thursday 10.00hrs-00.00hrs
Friday – Saturday 10.00hrs-00.30hrs

Late Night Refreshment

Sunday – Thursday 10.00hrs-00.00hrs
Friday – Saturday 10.00hrs-00.30hrs

Supply of Alcohol

Sunday – Thursday 10.00hrs-00.00hrs
Friday – Saturday 10.00hrs-00.30hrs

Hours Premises are Open to the Public

Sunday – Thursday 10.00hrs-00.30hrs
Friday – Saturday 10.00hrs-01.00hrs

If the premises can demonstrate compliance in terms of not creating a nuisance to residents over a lengthy period of time, the applicant could then reapply to extend the hours of licensable activities in the future. This would therefore be a staggered approach in providing the licensing authority with assurance of the licence holders operation.

In the meanwhile, the applicant may also apply for Temporary Event Notices (TENs) that permit the premises to operate until a later time in order to satisfy the Licensing Authority that they are capable of preventing any nuisance to neighbouring residents.

In order for the Licensing Authority to withdraw this representation, it will be necessary for you to confirm that you accept the above conditions in writing.

Yours sincerely



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Regulatory Services