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Police representation to the application for a new Premises Licence for Pasha London limited

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.

I am of the opinion that the risk to the Council's objectives can be mitigated by removing the requested variations or attaching conditions to the Licence as shown below. If these conditions were accepted in full **I would** withdraw my representation.

Officer: Damien Smith
Licensing Sergeant 253NW

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, Public nuisance and Public safety.

On Wednesday 26th February 2020 I attended the venue and met with the applicant and Council Licensing Inspector. I was shown around the ground floor first and immediately had concerns with the amount of furniture that was wrapped in a dark material and unsure if this is fire proof. The ground floor layout appeared to maximise a seating plan around small tables. The roof for this area is electronically controlled and can retract. Equally there are shutters around the area that can be fully opened up. Everything on the ground floor was closed during my visit. There were portable heaters that appeared to have a single bar heated by an electrical element. I did not see any fixed radiators as the seats were manufactured up to the walls. The entrance is the only way out of the venue while everything is closed. There is a kitchen that is situated near the stair well and directly below the upstairs lounge area. There is no additional exit in the kitchen. In the kitchen there is a smoke alarm covered in a

plastic bag and tape. This is above the stove area. Equally there is a similar alarm covered in plastic near the under stair area being used to store items.

I was shown upstairs and believe the stairs were clad in floor tiles and are of timber construction. There is a glass partition as you walk up and the steps though steep are approximately 1 metre wide. The stairs do fit into a tight area and you go up some steps before turning back on yourself to gain entry to the lounge above. You exit the stairwell into the upstairs lounge directly above the kitchen area. This lounge reflects the ground floor and all the furniture is wrapped / covered in the same dark material. There are several large flat screens in this lounge. At the rear there are train tracks and the windows open fully. There is no rear garden area. I did not see any fire exit signage.

While upstairs I was shown out onto a balcony area that had seating next to a railing that was wrapped in decorative plastic leaves as a screen. This area was covered by a canopy with PVC clear plastic curtains erected around the sides. The applicant informed me the curtains would be opened when the balcony area is in use. While the shutters between the seating area and internal lounge area are down there appears to be insufficient room to manoeuvre on the balcony as the tables and chairs leave an area estimated to be around a foot wide to pass. The applicant wants to use the balcony area for Shisha. This would be hot ash shisha equipment not the electric alternative. Approximately 35 to 40 feet away from the venue is a residential block of flats/apartments. I have several concerns that the use of shisha would become too complex as at any time it was in use all of the various curtains, shutters, windows would have to be open in order to meet smoking/smoke free legislation. At the time of my visit it was very cold and all windows on the flats were closed. The size of the windows on these apartments is approximately 3 feet high and from the construction you can see they open outwards. I have my concerns that in warmer months any noise generated from the venue will impact upon the residents with windows open.

On speaking to the applicant he thought he had mentioned the shisha use on his application. It was pointed out to him that there was no mention of this on his application. I expressed my concerns re the use of shisha and that the temptation to use the internal areas seemed highly likely. I pointed out that if a licence were granted and any breaches were identified then they would obviously be taken seriously and positive action taken. I also pointed out that there had been a fire at this location before resulting in the whole building being rebuilt. He was aware of this.

I discussed the hours applied for on his application;

Opening times 1600 hours until 0200 hours.

Indoor sporting events 2300 hours until 0200 hours.

Boxing or wrestling entertainment 2300 hours until 0200 hours.

Recorded Music 2300 hours until 0200 hours.

Late night refreshments 2300 hours until 0200 hours.

No Alcohol.

The applicant has elected to notify via section K on his application that No adult services or activities will take place on the premises.

The applicant seemed happy that a half hour period to clean up and stop serving would be more suitable than everything finishing at 0200 hours and agreed to stopping every licensable activity at 0130 hours then close at 0200 hours.

The applicant stated he had a fire risk assessment done at the venue but could not provide me any details of any capacity figures. I reminded him that it would be a low number given there is only one exit.

While at the venue I discussed crime and disorder in the area. This venue is within the North West Command Unit on Kensal Green Ward. I asked if the applicant was from the area and he informed me he wasn't. I asked if he had done any research for the area and he had not. I pointed out that the ward has experienced a high degree of crime and the ward has been at times in the top 10 problematic wards. This seemed to surprise the applicant. I referred the applicant to the Met Police Website where you can enter the post code in the policing district and find the data regarding crime for your area.

I have looked at crime for the area of 0.5 miles of the venues postal code and discovered the following;

There have been 102 offences of violence against the person (23%) of the wards crimes. 69 Anti-social behaviour calls, 64 vehicle crimes such as theft from vehicle, 45 Burglaries, 48 thefts, 27 recorded drug offences, 25 reports of criminal damage, 24 robberies, 16 public order offences and 3 offences where offensive weapons have been recovered.

There is no parking facility at this venue. The road/highway outside is a main road and each road near the venue has parking restrictions for residents and double yellow lines outside of them.

The conditions that Police require to be added to the Premises Licence are listed below:

Good quality CCTV is essential as a deterrent for the prevention of crime and the detection of offenders. It allows for both covert and overt monitoring of the premises. With proper signage, this reassures both staff and clientele, that this is a safe environment where illegal activities are not tolerated.

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.

CCTV cameras shall be installed to cover all entrances. The CCTV system shall be capable of obtaining clear facial recognition images and a clear head and shoulder image of every person entering or leaving the premises.

A notice displaying the opening hours, the type of licensing activity and licence conditions should be clearly displayed and visible to anyone outside the premises.

An incident/refusal book 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 details (including day, date, time, summary of incident) of any of the following:

- all crimes reported to the venue
- all ejections of patrons
- any complaints received
- any faults in the CCTV system
- any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service.

A suitable intruder alarm shall be fitted and maintained.

The following crime prevention measures shall be implemented:

* A lockable safe with deposit slot and anti-fishing mechanisms must be used at the counter till area.

A notice must be displayed by the exit requesting customers leave quietly

Nudity, striptease and other entertainment of an adult nature shall not be permitted

No children shall be admitted unless accompanied by a responsible adult

No licensable activity shall continue after 0130 hours.

Toilets shall be checked every hour for the use of drugs and other illegal activities. A Written log shall be kept and available for inspection by any responsible authority.

Yours Sincerely,

PS Damien Smith 253NW

Licensing Brent Police