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Dear Licensing Sub-Committee,

I'm writing on behalf of the Metropolitan Police with regards to a premises licence Application submitted by Zhulin Hidden Village 2nd Floor 100-104 Lewisham High Street London, SE13 5JH

The applicant describes the venue as mainly trades in martial arts but they are looking to have events of demonstrations and/or ticketed events on a Friday Saturday and Sunday with hours applied for shown below:

Sale of Alcohol ( for consumption On the premises)

08:00 – 04:00 Friday

08:00 – 04:00 Saturday

08:00 – 04:00 Sunday

Seasonal Variation: 08:00 to 04:00 for Bank Holidays

Live music, Recorded Music and Late Night Refreshment( Indoor)

23:00 – 04:00 Friday

23:00 – 04:00 Saturday

23:00 – 04:00 Sunday

Seasonal Variation : 23:00 to 04:00 for Bank Holiday.

**Summary of Objection**

- The venue has had Temporary Event Notices mainly on weekends which allowed (alcohol, regulated entertainment and late night refreshment until 0300 .)

- The police are aware of noise and anti social behaviour complaints in the local area and that residents have held meetings with the police.
- The finish time is 04:00 every Friday Saturday and Sunday which is likely to impact on residents. They state they plan to have one event a week on differing days but if a licence is granted all three days there is nothing to stop events happening on all three days.
- The application is within a building that already has an operational night time economy venue which has been established for some years.

Police object to this application under the following Licensing Objectives:

- Prevent crime and disorder
- Public safety
- Prevent public nuisance

### Location

The building these venues operate from is in Lewisham High Street by the clock tower close to the entrance to the shopping centre. Patrons of these venues park in and around Albion Way.

### Statement of licensing policy

As per the Borough statement of licensing policy (24.1) there is a strong link between vertical drinking and violent and disorderly behaviour. Longer drinking hours will exacerbate this issue and have an impact on both the immediate vicinity but also police resources in the borough as a whole.

### Public Safety

The applicant has requested the addition of indoor sporting, boxing or wrestling but has given no details of how this will be managed especially as the venue is small. The size of the venue and the use of a boxing/wrestling ring could take up considerable space reduce capacity and lead to crushing and compromise spectator safety.

With no information regarding this activity the police ask for this licensable activity to be removed.

### Prevention of Crime and Disorder

A concern for police is that both of these venues will be in operation at the same time both with a large capacity and both with loud music. Should this venue be permitted to hold a licence it is recommended that their conditions should replicate that of Alpha Lounge as they are similar venues held in the same building but that the finishing times for Zhuin be earlier so that the patrons of both venues are not leaving at the same time. However, even if they do finish at the same time an influx of patrons and also parking will have a detrimental effect on the local residents and local area.

### Prevent public nuisance

Again the police except the venue has used TENs these have been for parties, DJ events and similar which have ended at 3am.

However, police are aware there have been numerous complaints to police regarding noise and associated behaviour regarding the patrons of this venue and police have held meetings with the local residents regarding this venue.

As such the police are recommending that this application is not granted.

### **Conclusion**

After considering the application, conditions offered by the applicant, taking into account the location of the proposed premises and its environs, the Metropolitan Police believe that the proposed premises application will undermine not only the licensing objectives but also greatly affect the local residents.

The applicant has failed to take into account and address the negative impact the extensive proposed hours will have on the licensing objectives.

As such, the Police respectfully request that the Licensing Sub-committee grant the same conditions as Alpha Lounge.

Yours sincerely,

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On behalf of the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police.