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Wine Merchants 147 Stanstead Road SE23

Lewisham Police Licensing acknowledge receipt of an application to vary a premises licence for Wine Merchants 147 Stanstead Road SE23.

The applicant is looking to extend the hours of sale of alcohol and also sell super strength beer and cider.

Police would like to object to this application under the following Licensing objectives:

Prevent crime and disorder
Prevent public nuisance

The venue is situated on Stanstead Road which forms part of the busy south circular and is also a red route. The surrounding area is mostly residential.

Crofton Park safer neighbourhood team report there have been issues with street drinking in the vicinity of 147 Stanstead Road as well as street drinkers urinating in the street and taking up residence in an abandoned caravan close by.

On Stanstead Road there is a hostel for those addicted to drugs and alcohol.

The Lewisham Borough statement of licensing policy states that off licences have a high risk of attraction of street drinkers and associated anti-social behaviour and also a model condition of “No super-strength beer, lagers, ciders or spirit mixtures of 5.5% ABV (alcohol by volume) or above shall be sold at the premises, except for premium beers and ciders supplied in glass bottles.

The current licence for this premise has no annex 2 conditions in regard to upholding the licensing objectives.

Police will accept the extension of hours for the sale of alcohol if the following conditions are added to the premises licence.

Annex 2-Conditions consistent with the operating Schedule

1. The premises shall install and maintain a comprehensive CCTV system. All entry and exit points will be covered enabling frontal identification of every person entering in any light condition.
2. The CCTV system shall continually record whilst the premises is open for licensable activities and during all times when customers remain on the premises. All recordings shall be stored for a minimum period of 31 days with date and time stamping.
3. Recordings shall be made available immediately upon the request of Police or authorized officer throughout the preceding 31 day period. The CCTV system should be updated and maintained according to police recommendations.
4. A staff member from the premises who is conversant with the operation of the CCTV system shall be on the premises at all times when the premises are open to the public. This staff member must be able to show a Police or authorized council officer recent data or footage with the absolute minimum of delay when requested.
5. A proof of age scheme, such as Challenge 25, must be operated at the premises where the only acceptable forms of identification are (recognized photographic identification cards, such as a driving license or passport / Holographical marked PASS scheme identification cards) appropriate signage must be displayed.
6. A record shall be kept detailing all refused sales of alcohol. The record should include the date and time of the refused sale and the name of the member of staff who refused the sale. The record shall be available for inspection at the premises by the police or an authorised officer of the Council at all times whilst the premises is open.
7. The premises shall prominently display signage at all entrances informing customers:
- CCTV is in operation throughout this premises and is made available to the police.
8. No noise generated on the premises, or by its associated plant or equipment, shall emanate from the premises nor vibration be transmitted through the structure of the premises which gives rise to a nuisance.

9. Notices shall be prominently displayed at all exits requesting patrons to respect the needs of local residents and businesses and leave the area quietly.
10. All sales of alcohol for consumption off the premises shall be in sealed containers only, and shall not be consumed on the premises.
11. No super-strength beer, lagers, ciders or spirit mixtures of 5.5% ABV (alcohol by volume) or above shall be sold at the premises, except for premium beers and ciders supplied in glass bottles.
12. In the event that a serious assault is committed on the premises (or appears to have been committed) the management will immediately ensure that: (a) The police (and, where appropriate, the London Ambulance Service) are called without delay; (b) All measures that are reasonably practicable are taken to apprehend any suspects pending the arrival of the police; (c) The crime scene is preserved so as to enable a full forensic investigation to be carried out by the police; and (d) Such other measures are taken (as appropriate) to fully protect the safety of all persons present on the premises.
13. All documents of members of staff will be retained for a period of 12 months post termination of employment and will be made available to the police, immigration and/or Licensing officers upon reasonable request.
14. The premises Licence Holder and/or Designated Premises Supervisor shall keep up to date policies and staff training records in relation to the following: Requirements of the challenge 25 scheme, drugs, identification & recognition of drunks, identification recognition and responsibilities of dealing with vulnerable persons and the correct procedures to be followed when refusing service regular training must be provided to all staff at least every six months, a record of the training will be maintained for at least twelve months.
15. An incident log shall be kept at the premises, and made available on request to an authorized Local Authority or Police Officer, 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) Any faults in the CCTV system.
 - f) Any refusal of the sale of alcohol.
 - g) Any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service

Yours sincerely,

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