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Dear Licensing Team,

Police have received an Application for a New Application at The Firkin Brewery, 15 Whitburn Road, SE13 7UQ.

Police wish to object to this New Application on ground of Prevention of Public Nuisance, Prevention of Crime and Disorder and Protection of Public Safety. The New Application was submitted to me on 27/04/2022, and I have been informed that Representations need to be in by 25th May 2022.

I sent a proposed draft of Licensing Conditions to the applicant to read through and on not hearing any reply I sent a follow up e-mail and both have now been ignored, so no agreement has been put in place between the Applicant and Police.

The applicant Mr Didier Autard has never been back in touch since our conversation face to face during a visit. He was e-mailed, twice and has never been back in touch. I have proposed conditions to Mr Autard and no conditions have been agreed.

Therefore, Police wish to Object to the Application in order to uphold licensing Objectives.

Police not having heard any reply back formally in writing in an agreement with the new Proposals means that there is NO agreement in place and therefore Consider that the applicant has NOT agreeing to proposals offered.

It is the Consideration of the Metropolitan Police that every effort has been made to contact, discuss and agree operating conditions for the Licence in line with upholding Licensing Objectives for the borough.

Police now wish to Object to this premises opening and without proper controls around operating procedures in place and it is believed that would leave sales of Alcohol being delivered to the Public without any controls in place and that would be unacceptable.

In order to protect Licensing Objective Police will not support any application that cannot put some kind of assurances in place in considering the public and community in which it's based and working from.

The Applicant has failed to agree terms at a time when the applicant is expected to engage with all authorities in relations to its operating procedures.

Police Objection is on the grounds of No Agreement being in place between the Applicant and the Police, due to a lack of a reply from the applicant.

The Failing of the applicant to engage and even reply to basic communications of Telephone calls and e-mails, show that they cannot be serious in opening up a line of communication with any authorities in order to sort out any possible future running problems it may come across.

I have concerns that a premises will open up and therefore have No restrictions on its operating conditions and therefore would give Police serious concerns over upholding any Licensing Objectives for the Borough.

Any premises to be open and serving Alcohol to the public requires control and agreed terms in which to supply Alcohol to the public in a responsible way. This is what the Public would expect and deserve and measures are put in place in order to protect the public and staff alike when a business is operating.

In the possibility that any Crime being committed in the premises it would also prevent any detection or evidence for any form of Prosecution in the light of any criminal activity.

There would also be protection of staff and members of the public to consider with this too.

I object on grounds of Crime and Disorder, Prevention of Public Nuisance and Protection of Public Safety.

For your consideration

Regards

Simon Butler

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