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Your ref – Ten Millwall Forecourt
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Dear Licensing Team,

I have received a Temporary Events Notice on 28th July 2022 for an event to be held on 13th August 2022 on the Millwall café forecourt 1-3 Zampa Road Bermondsey SE16 3LF.

The event is proposed as taking place at the café outside Millwall football stadium, where a van will be parked on the hardstanding outside the café by the seating area and selling alcohol between the hours of 1100am to 1500pm, before the match.

I wish to object to this TEN on the ground of Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Preservation of public safety.

Millwall Football Stadium is a large football stadium with a maximum capacity of 20,000 people. Although it is not anticipated to have that many people at the match on 13th August 2022 there will be several thousand people in attendance and this is managed by a large police presence. The planning of this police presence is managed weeks before a match dependant on who is playing and planned capacity.

Entry and egress routes are carefully monitored to prevent crime and disorder as are the local drinking venues who are already established as supporters choice of drinking venues. These venues already have strict alcohol licences in place and can be managed if they do not adhere to the licensing objectives.

To have this venue placed directly outside MillWall Football stadium will impact on police planning and numbers required to oversee the safety of those in attendance at this match and the wider public.

It is anticipated it will draw crowds to the van and therefore prevent free flow of persons and traffic causing an obstruction. Supporters will linger at the site in groups and clusters making the situation difficult to police. The road next to the proposed site of the van is important to the entry and egress of both coaches taking fans to and

from the ground and to those who have to park at the stadium. Crowds gathered by the van will hinder cars getting away which will add to the potential for public disorder. This also makes the possibility of a road traffic accident more likely.

Once the supporters have gone into the grounds to watch the match the van will remain on site drawing non entrees to the site to drink alcohol therefore causing larger capacity than has been planned for and creating a disturbance to the wider community. The planned hours are 1100am to 1900pm which is a considerable time for people to gather at the venue and become intoxicated which has the possibility of causing a hostile environment when supporters leave the ground after the match.

Millwall football ground has its own licenced bar that supporters are able to use to buy alcohol. This bar is monitored and experienced in dealing with large capacity crowds. It is unknown if the club has been approached by this applicant to gain their thoughts/permissions for this pop up pub to sell drinks to their patrons and possibly cause their patrons to consume more alcohol than they might. This may also lead to aggression within the ground itself. Supporters of opposing teams are monitored in the local venues and this will not be possible with a van parked on the pavement in the open public.

Yours sincerely,

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