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Dear Licensing Team,

Police have received an Application for a Full Variation at The Royal George Pub, 85, Tanners Hill SE8 4QD.

Police wish to object to this New Application on ground of Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Preservation of Public Safety and Prevention of a Public Nuisance. The Representations are required by 9th June 2023.

On reading the application, police have noticed that comments put on the application form state that existing conditions. On reading the original licence I have found that this Licence has no existing operating conditions written on it. On the application the applicant is clearly not aware of the lack of conditions, as they state that current conditions offered are on the licence and that fact there is none also is pointed out in the application section L when it states "Reasons why I have not enclosed the premises licence or relevant part of premises licence. I am unable to locate it."

Police believe that to uphold licensing objectives for Lewisham that some conditions should be added to the Operating Licence in order to modernise the licence and update it. It is clear that the premises has been in existence for many years and currently does not reflect the times we currently live in. As the Variation states that an increase in operating times and longer hours police wish to see an increase in safeguards put in place.

Current Licensing Objectives require some safeguards to be in place and police feel that these proposals are right and fitting to update the current operating licence to make the licence current and up to date with today's practices.

Any New Licence and Variation should reflect the times we currently live in and are made fit for purpose in order to safeguard the public and the premises and its staff.

Any Full Variation in this application police would wish to see certain conditions to be added in order that police could look to support any application.

Most of the conditions are more than likely already be common practice with the operator and already in place and being used.

The Metropolitan Police wish to support all business and see that as long as conditions are in place to safeguard the Public, as well as staff, and in order to assist in any crime detection, to enable Police to investigate crime and deal with offenders successfully.

The Premises is situated in a largely residential area and quiet side street and as such appears a more local premises for local people. Even so, the need to protect the public sufficiently enough to enjoy what the premises has to offer, but also show that the premises will not impact the community that it intends to serve and have an impact on people and their lives in a negative way.

Police feel that the conditions stated below would achieve a balance in allowing the business to operate and safeguard the local resident's concerns. The Public would expect the Police to have conditions in place to ensure a safe environment, and when the need arise that safeguards are in place to assist to make changes that are needed as and when they arise.

Police wish to support night time economy and the business and feel that as long as safeguards and agreements are in place it would assist in supporting any business and its customers and staff.

Conditions Proposed by Police are –

CCTV

MC01 - CD, PS, CH, PN

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. 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. Recordings shall be made available immediately upon the request of Police or authorized officer throughout the preceding 31 day period.

MC02 - CD, PS, CH, PN

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.

MC04 - CD, PS, CH, PN

The CCTV must cover all areas of the venue that the public have access to. There should be no obstructions to any internal camera that creates areas that are not wholly covered by CCTV, apart from within toilet cubicles and directly covering men's urinals.

MC05 - CD, PN

Any smoking area must be covered by CCTV that is to the same standards as the internal CCTV system.

Age Verification and Protection of Children from Harm

MC11 – CD, CH

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.

MC13 – CD, CH

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.

MC14 – CD, CH

Unaccompanied children are not permitted on the premises.

Signage

MC21 - CD, PS, PN

The premises shall prominently display signage at all entrances informing customers: -

(All persons entering the premise will produce identification),

(CCTV is in operation throughout this premises and is made available to the police.)

(‘Management reserve the right to refuse entry’)

Identification of Offenders or Problem Persons

MC28 - CD, PS, PN

A record book of banned individuals shall be held by Duty Manager and will be made available to Police and Council upon request.

Public nuisance & Outdoor areas

MC33 - PN

No noise generated on the premises, shall emanate from the premises nor vibration be transmitted through the structure of the premises which gives rise to a nuisance.

MC35 - PN

Notices shall be prominently displayed at all exits requesting patrons to respect the needs of local residents and businesses and leave the area quietly.

MC36 - PN

Patrons permitted to temporarily leave and then re-enter the premises, e.g. to smoke, shall be limited to 6 persons at any one time.

MC37 - PN

Notices shall be prominently displayed at any area used for smoking requesting patrons to respect the needs of local residents and use the area quietly.

MC39 – PN, PS

Patrons permitted to temporarily leave and then re-enter the premises, e.g. to smoke, shall not be permitted to take drinks or glass containers with them.

MC44 – PN, PS

The premises licence holder shall ensure that any patrons drinking and/or smoking outside the premises do so in an orderly manner and are supervised by staff so as to ensure that there is no public nuisance or obstruction of the public highway.

Staff Training

MC73 – CD, CH, PN, PS

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.

Staff are to engage in training in Ask Angela and such topics in Vulnerability towards women and girls, as well as drink spiking awareness campaigns.

Recording of Incidents and Visits

MC78 - CD

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) All seizure of drugs or offensive weapons.
- f) Any faults in the CCTV system.
- g) Any refusal of the sale of alcohol.
- h) Any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service.

Any outside area for customers will be closed from 2200hrs onwards and only be used for customers as a smoking area, this area will be limited to having 3 customers at any single time in order to keep noise to a minimum for local residents.

Ashtrays and cigarette bins must be provided to ensure rubbish and smoking debris can be collected and not left to impact the streets outside the premises.

Any customers who are smoking outside, after 2200hrs, will NOT be permitted to take drinks outside with them. The reasoning for this is to prevent customers socialising outside and limits disturbances outside the premises lessening the impact on neighbours.

At the close of business staff will ensure that customers are moved on and encouraged to leave to ensure that customers do not cause noise disturbances outside the premises.

The premises is to have in place a dispersal policy in place to show how they intend to move on customers and this document should be available for inspection on request of Police and Local Authority Enforcement Officers.

In order to protect Licensing Objectives Police will not support any application that cannot put some kind of assurances in place in considering the public and community and its impact in extended its current hours without extra measures in place or being offered.

Police Objection is on the grounds that No Agreement of any operating Conditions are in place between the Applicant and the Police. Although the applicant has offered up existing conditions it is clear the applicant does not know what conditions are in place already, that being none, so in police eyes have offered nothing to mitigate anything extra for a request to open later in hours.

Police believe that conditions attached will probably already be in place and are asking to have the Licence be updated with current protection measures in place in order 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.

Any conditions proposed would support the Licensing Objectives and assist in Crime detection and assist with any possible prosecution in light of any criminal activity.

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

For your consideration

Regards

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