



Licensing Committee

Report title: Land adjacent the Albany theatre, Deptford Market Square, Douglas Way, London, SE8 4AG

Date: 25th August 2023

Key decision: No.

Class: Part 1

Ward(s) affected:

Contributors: Safer Communities Service

Outline and recommendations

Determination of Temporary Event Notice Application - After having regard to all the representations heard, Members must take such steps as they consider appropriate to promote the Licensing Objectives.

Timeline of engagement and decision-making

To consider the application for a Temporary Event Notice. The options open to members of the Committee are set out in paragraph 4 below.

<u>Proposal:</u>	Temporary Event Notice (TEN)
<u>Legislation:</u>	Licensing Act 2003
<u>Premises:</u>	Land adjacent the Albany theatre, Deptford Market Square, Douglas Way, London, SE8 4AG
<u>Applicant:</u>	Owen George Baker

The notice was served in accordance with section 100 of the Licensing Act 2003.

1. Notice Content & Objection

1.1 The Temporary Event Notice is for the following activities to take place at the premises from 11:00 - 23:00hrs on 27th August 2023.

1.2 The sale by retail of alcohol for consumption on the premises and the provision

of regulated entertainment in the form of Music and DJ performances for up to 400 people.

- 1.3 The notice was served on responsible authorities on 15th August 2023. An objection was received from the Metropolitan Police on 18th August, within the specified time limit in accordance with section 104 of the Licensing Act 2003.
- 1.4 The objection was received in relation to the prevention of Public Nuisance, Public Safety and the Prevention of Crime and Disorder .
- 1.5 The premises is not currently licenced.

2. Legal and Human Rights Implications

- 2.1 Where an objection notice is received following a Temporary Event Notice a licensing authority is required to hold a hearing. In this case the Licensing Authority is required to consider whether the proposed temporary event will promote the public nuisance licensing objective.
- 2.2 The licensing authority is a public authority under the Human Rights Act 1998. Therefore the Licensing Authority is under a duty to act compatibly with Convention Rights in the exercise of their function. Article 6 (1) of the Convention provides that everyone is entitled to a fair and public hearing within a reasonable time by an independent and impartial hearing established by law.
- 2.3 The right to give a Temporary Event Notice falls within the scope of civil rights and obligations in Article 6 (1) as it relates, in this case, to a Premises Licence holder's right to pursue commercial activity. This right is a qualified right therefore it may be interfered with if it is appropriate to protect the general interest of the community.

3. Equalities Implications

- 3.1 The Equality Act 2010 includes a new public sector equality duty (the equality duty or duties) the duty covers the following nine protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnerships, pregnancy and maternity, race or religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.
- 3.2 In summary the Council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to-
 - eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act
 - advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not
 - foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- 3.3 As with the case with the original separate duties, the new duty continues to be a "have regard duty" and the weight to attach to it is a matter for the committee bearing in mind the relevance and proportionality. It is not an absolute requirement to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity or foster good relations.

4. Determination of objection notice

4.1 After having regard to all the representations heard, Members must take such steps as they consider appropriate to promote the licensing objectives. Therefore the Licensing Committee may;

1. Decide no action is appropriate to promote the licensing objectives therefore the temporary event may go ahead.
2. Impose one or more conditions on the standard temporary event notice if-
 - a. the authority considers it appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives to do so, AND if
 - b. the conditions are also imposed on a premises licence or club premises certificate that has effect in respect of the same premises, or any part of the same premises, as the standard temporary event notice, and
 - c. the conditions would not be inconsistent with the carrying of licensable activities under the standard temporary event notice
3. Issue a counter notice if it considers it is appropriate to promote the licensing objectives, therefore the temporary event may not go ahead.

4.2 There is a right of appeal to the Magistrates Court against a decision either to give a counter notice or to allow the temporary event to go ahead.

<u>Short Title of Document</u>	<u>Background Papers</u> <u>Date</u>	<u>Appendix</u>
<u>Temporary Event Notice</u>		
Notification rec'd	11/08/2023	
Plan of proposed event	15/08/2023	
<u>Metropolitan Police Objection</u>		
Objection rec'd	18/08/2023	

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