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69 Deptford High Street SE8 4AA

Lewisham Police Licensing acknowledge receipt of an application for an event in the basement of the above venue.

The event is described as:

The location is a recently refurbished basement beneath 69 Deptford High Street. With access via Comet Place. Until now it has only been used to as storage, but for this event we would like to display photos of the various works carried out with a number of projects. Including the VIY youth project.

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

Prevent crime and disorder
Public safety
Prevent public nuisance
Protect children from harm

After considering the application, conditions offered by the applicant and taking into account the location of the proposed premises and its environs Police licensing feel that the proposed premises needs to be visited in order to establish its suitability.

A previous event was not objected to by police however, it is now noted the applicant has raised both the number of people at the event and extended the hours applied for. In hind sight this event should have been viewed before the first TEN was allowed to go ahead.

The event is to be held in a basement and safety of patrons is a concern. Just because the first event passed without issue may be due to luck. Basements are a hazard due to the entry and egress points and large volumes of people make this more dangerous.

There is also no mention of age groups or if children will be at this event and what measures are put in place to mitigate any harm.

Furthermore this is in the high street where we have had considerable complaints regarding noise and anti social behaviour.

Kind regards

PC Gillian Pearce
Licensing Officer Lewisham