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Dear Licensing Department

On behalf of the MPS I hereby give notice of my objection to the application for a Full Variation for the Oregano Leaf at 98 New Cross Road SE14.

I make representations for this Full variation under the prevention of crime and disorder and the prevention of public nuisance licensing objectives.

I am aware that the reason we have this full variation is that officers from Lewisham council had found Oregano Leaf trading outside of their permitted hours on at least two occasions. A decision was made at the time to work with the management and allow them to apply for this variation to address this issue. On the 12th July I attended the premises with officers from Lewisham council and immigration to carry out a visit. Whilst conducting the visit it a male who claimed to be the chef was arrested for immigration offences. I found that the current license was not displayed and the CCTV which is a condition on the current license did not appear to be working.

I believe this shows complete disregard for the License objectives and I have serious concerns allowing this variation to be granted.

I will also be submitting an application to review the current License.

Yours sincerely

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Date: 24th July 2017

Dear Lisa,

Full Variation – Extension of licensable hours (Late Night Refreshment) - Oregano Leaf, 98 New Cross Road, SE14 5BA

Please be aware that on behalf of The Crime, Enforcement and Regulation Service I provide notice of my objection to the proposed full variation of the above stated premises.

Additionally, it has been necessary to object to the full variation enabling the extension of licensable activity in the form of late night refreshment as a consequence of Oregano Leaf, 98 New Cross Road, SE14 5BA in the opinion of the licensing authority failing to safeguard key licensing objectives most notably the prevention of crime and disorder and the prevention of public nuisance.

In response to a complaint received by the aforementioned service on Sunday 21st May 2017, the following measures have been undertaken to ensure compliance with the existing premises licence;

- Monday 22nd May 2017 – CER Officers visited the licensed premises and discussed concerns in relation to alleged trading outside of authorised licensable hours in addition to noise nuisance as a consequence of motor vehicle deliveries until 04:00am Monday – Thursday and 06:00am Friday – Sunday.
- Tuesday 23rd May 2017 – CER Officers provided pre application advice to the above licensed premises as a means of informing the premise of the possibility of extending licensable hours via the use of Temporary Event Notices and/or a premises licence, officers reiterated that further incidents of trading past permitted hours would result in action via s136 of the Licensing Act 2003.
- Tuesday 6th June 2017 – CER Officers visited the premises at approximately 00:20am, twenty minutes after permitted hours and observed the continued provision of late night refreshment.
- Tuesday 27th June 2017 – The Licensing Authority received notification of a full variation application on behalf of Oregano Leaf, 98 New Cross Road, SE14 5BA
- Sunday 2nd July 2017 – CER Officers visited the premises at approximately 01:50am and observed the continued provision of licensable activity past 00:00am.

- Monday 3rd July 2017 – The Premises Licence Holder met with CER Officers as a means of discussing offences observed in relation to s136 of the Licensing Act 2003.

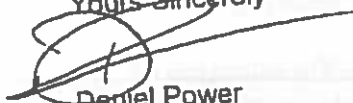
Furthermore, subsequent data protection requests via two separate delivery platforms, JustEat and Hungry House, have confirmed persistent licensable activity after permitted hours since The Crime, Enforcement and Regulation Service have attempted to ensure compliance.

Please be aware that The Crime, Enforcement and Regulation Service also undertook a visit to the premises on Wednesday 12th July 2017 in partnership with Immigration Enforcement and the Metropolitan Police Service, during the visit a gentleman identified as the Chef was arrested for immigration offences.

With the above in mind The Crime, Enforcement and Regulation Service have taken note of Part 11.27 of the Home Office Revised Guidance under S182 of The Licensing Act 2003 in supporting any subsequent review of the premises licence as a consequence the above mentioned criminal activity.

Therefore, details as provided above confirm that the licensed premise has persistently failed to uphold key licensable activity, this is compounded taking into account that the premises is located within an existing Cumulative Impact Zone.

Yours Sincerely



Daniel Power
Crime, Enforcement and Regulation Officer