



Licensing Committee

Report title: The Rutlands, Rutland Walk, SE6 4LG

Date: 6 October 2020

Key decision: No.

Class: Part 1.

Ward(s) affected: Bellingham

Contributors: Community Services – Crime, Enforcement & Regulation Service,
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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.

Proposal: Temporary Event Notice (TEN)

Legislation: Licensing Act 2003

Premises: The Rutlands, Rutland Walk, SE6 4LG

Applicant: Leon Haynes

This matter is required to be heard within a short timescale to meet the statutory requirements. 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 Sale of Alcohol and Regulated Entertainment on 11 October 2020 between 11:00 and 19:00.

- 1.2 The event is described as *'The event will be held in the Rutlands Car Park. Social distance covid 19 rules apply in this event. The audience will be placed in their cars as they watch the performance. The car park area outside is the only area that will be used on the day. The car park will consist of 20 cars with a 2 meters distance for passengers to rest their legs or go for refreshments without being in contact with anyone.'*
- 1.3 The capacity applied for is 90 people.
- 1.4 The notice was received by the Licensing Authority on 15 September 2020 and served on the Metropolitan Police (MPS) and the London Borough of Lewisham Crime, Enforcement and Regulation Service on the 15 September 2020.
- 1.5 Objections were received from P.C Simon Butler of the Metropolitan Police Service within the specified time limit in accordance with section 104 of the Licensing Act 2003 (objections received on the 15 September 2020). The objection received was in relation to the licensing objective of prevention of Crime and Disorder and Public Safety.
- 1.6 Members should note that the Council is requesting that all events over 30 people are reviewed and signed off by the Council's Events Safety Advisory Group (ESAG) due to the current Covid-19 regulations in force. The event is currently scheduled on the next ESAG agenda for 13 October 2020. The applicant has been advised to withdraw their TEN and postpone their event for 11 October 2020 with a view to resubmitting a TEN for the licensable activities for a later date after obtaining sign off from ESAG that event is safe to go ahead.

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 crime prevention and public nuisance licensing objectives.
- 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 prevention of crime and disorder and public nuisance. 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.

Background Papers

<u>Short Title of Document</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Appendix</u>
Temporary Event Notice		
Applications rec'd	15.09.20	
<u>Police Objection</u>		
Objection rec'd	15.09.20	

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