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Dear Licensing Team,

I have received a Temporary Events Notice for an event planned to take place on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at Rutland Walk Car Park, Rutland Walk, SE6 4LG.

I wish to object to this TEN. The event is planned for the 11<sup>TH</sup> October 2020 and I have concerns around the planning and organisational aspects of this event in conjunction with Risk assessments and Public Safety.

I have researched this location, as I have no prior knowledge or dealings with the location or its event organiser, Mr Leon Haynes, since becoming Police Licensing Officer for Lewisham Borough.

Having read the application and finding that there is No detail in various issues relating to the management of this event in place. I have found whilst researching the Event due to take place, I have found that it is actually been placed on Social media (Everbrite) and inviting public attendance and prior to any formal permission being granted for the event.

Firstly, I must object that anything during the current climate around an ever-changing Covid situation should be applied for without proper planning and permissions being granted is actually irresponsible behaviour and flaunting public safety.

I would therefore, expect to see a comprehensive Risk assessment and intensive plan in place around the event and reflecting the current Government Guidelines to be in place. Covid has been around in general public knowledge for some months and no plan around this has been submitted.

A lack of Social distancing planning and information being submitted around the new 6 grouping levels advised. The organiser needs to plan for various eventualities taking place for this event such as how customers should use toilets and line up for food they wish to purchase and what would happen if all customers get out of their vehicles at the

same time. I see no Stewards or security has been planned in order to control attending customers who may just ignore any rules they get given.

I feel that some kind of Security, stewarding or an event specialist would be essential to the running of this event safely and without such support this event could turn into a Chaotic event. This chaos also leads onto any potential traffic implications for the neighbouring streets and roads surrounding the Venue and needs to be factored into allow its customers to leave safely and orderly and lead to less impact for the local Residents who may be effected by the event taking place. I am mindful of other questions around how many people per vehicle would be permitted?

Having completed my research I also found evidence of previous run ins with the local community and noise levels being excessive and complaints having been logged with the local Authority ,this matter is also not addressed in the plan for this event. This would be a vital requirement to be place and to allow for any future planned events. The need to be supported by the local community is essential for any event taking place and any events management team. Noise control has not been mentioned, and has to be explored after the history between this Premises and the community. No mention of current Government guides or what control is in place to lessen the impact on the area.

I have found that previous events have a potential risk of getting quickly out of control and times of closure being ignored.

I think that with recent Government concerns around public safety and the increase in Covid infections this event needs to be properly risk assessed and allowing this event to take place would be a Risk to public safety with the information presented at this time, which in my opinion would be unsafe.

Under Crime and disorder, the numbers that cannot be controlled would also potentially make this event into an uncontrollable event and potentially would make it a public order issue. The impact on the local community would be a consideration with numbers of Unlicensed Music Events taking place around London already placing a strain on the ability for Police to control numbers when Alcohol is also a major factor.

During the last weekend, Numerous Unlicensed Music events have taken place where starting as small gatherings and swelling in numbers causing serious Disorder for Police to deal with.

Current guideline from Central Government around such gatherings are also a major factor in my decision to Object to this application while trying to control a Pandemic. Social distancing and contingencies have not been explained or put into record for this application process to also show me the event can be safely run and managed.

I object on grounds of Crime and Disorder and Public Safety.

I do believe that in the current climate with balancing Public Health and Safety and Crime and Disorder is my main objection to this event taking place.

For your consideration

Regards

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