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Our ref WK/202114475

Dear Licensing Team,

RE: Objection to Premises Licence Application – Suya and Lobster – 4 Deptford Broadway, London, SE8 4PA.

On behalf of the Crime, Enforcement and Regulation Service acting as the Licensing Authority, I am writing to object to the application for a Premises Licence made by Suya and Lobster Ltd for the aforementioned premises on the grounds of Public Nuisance.

Prior to the applicant submitting a valid application, they were advised on the 15th June 2021 of the Licensing Authority's latest policy on preferred opening hours and was provide with a copy with a view that the applicant would amend their application accordingly.

The applicant has applied for the following activities:

Alcohol for consumption ON the premises

08:00 – 00:00 Monday – Wednesday
08:00 – 01:00 Thursday
08.00 – 03.00 Friday – Sunday

Recorded & live Music, Late Night Refreshment

23:00 – 00:00 Monday – Wednesday
23:00 – 01.00 Thursday
23.00 – 03.00 Friday – Sunday

The premises is situated within an area classed as a district hub; as such it is the Licensing Authority's view that cessation of licensable activities within bars, pubs and restaurants in such a location should be midnight Sunday – Thursday and 01:00 Friday and Saturday.

For the purpose of clarity I refer to the Lewisham Council's Statement of Licensing Policy 2020 – 2025 points 15.4 – 15.7.

It is our concern that the proposed activity on Friday – Sunday would result in the following issues:

- Noise nuisance upon dispersal of patrons at closing time
- Noise nuisance from use of outside seating and smoking areas
- Some risk of drunkenness and related crime/anti-social behaviour

In addition to this, the CER Service are in receipt of a noise complaint from a local resident about the premises. The complainant reported loud music coming from the premises until 5am during a time they were operating under a Temporary Events Notice. It was also reported that the premises had kept a side door open while amplified music was being provided further exacerbating the reported nuisance.

It is the concern of this Service that should the application be granted in the current form, the premises would impact negatively on the local community and generate more noise reports.

The Crime, Enforcement & Regulation Service therefore makes the following recommendations to the application;

Alcohol for consumption ON the premises
08:00 – 00:00 Sunday – Thursday
08:00 – 01:00 Friday - Saturday

Recorded & live Music, Late Night Refreshment
23:00 – 00:00 Sunday – Thursday
23:00 – 01.00 Friday – Saturday

We would also like to see the addition of the following condition:

1. All sales or supply of alcohol at the premises between the hours of 8am and 12pm shall only be to a person(s) seated, taking a table meal there and for consumption by such a person as ancillary to their meal.

The CER Service is of the view that the above recommendations are proportionate and in line with our Statement of Licensing to mitigate any potential nuisance on the local community and to promote key licensing objectives.

The addition of the extra condition will assist the premises in preventing patrons quickly becoming intoxicated and alleviating any potential issues.

Should you require further information, please let me know.

Kind regards

Lisa Spall
Crime, Enforcement & Regulation Team Manager