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**Objection to T.E.N. reference 1184429 –
Smoddy Sharp, 33/33a Dartmouth Road, Forest Hill, London, SE23 3HN**

Dear Mr. Grant,

Police Licensing would like to object outright to the recent T.E.N. submitted by Marie Robertson on Thursday 24th February 2022, Ref. 1184429 under primarily the Prevention of Crime and Disorder licensing objective. The application is for the premises to be open for the 45th birthday and members' only event from 2000 hours on Saturday 12th March 2022 until 0300 hours on Saturday 13th March 2022.

I thank the applicant for measures they have already identified within their application, though we initially have the following outstanding concerns following our visit to the premises on Friday 25th February 2022 and discussion with Rohan Spencer (Personal Licence Holder):

On our visit we went through the Licensing conditions which the Designated Premises Supervisor agreed to have and found that there were several breaches. Firstly, was that there was no working CCTV. After some time the CCTV monitor was eventually turned on and there were images of some of the areas on the screen however Mr. Spencer was unable to show and previously recorded footage. The condition on their licence states that "All recordings shall be stored for a minimum of 31 days with the date and time stamping. Recordings shall be made available immediately upon request of Police or authorized officer throughout the preceding 31 day period."

Secondly, there was no incident book / log at the premises. Mr Spencer stated that the last time that he saw it was in December 2021. The condition on the licence regarding the incident book states: "An incident log shall be kept at the premises, and made available on request to an authorised officer of the Council or the Police."

Additionally, there were no notices showing where the smoking area is and to respect the needs of the local residents

Crime and Disorder- Without working CCTV and an Incident Log there is the likelihood that any incidents which occur in the premises are going to pass without any way of any footage being gathered that could detect crime. Also a consideration is Public Safety for anyone attending the premises.

I must add that the original application was for the times listed in my first paragraph and the number of people expected to attend was two-hundred (200). A second application was sent out with a reduced number of attendees of sixty (60). There is also a condition for the rear outside area which states that it should not be used after 2130 hours I suspect due to possible noise complaints from local residents.

As a result of the breaches I completed and handed to Mr. Spencer a 'Notification of alleged offences' form and 'Closure notice – Section 19' form.

Police licensing acknowledge that all options are open to committee, but the application for this T.E.N. in its current form cannot be supported by Police. Police licensing would strongly recommend that this application be denied, but should the applicant wish to reapply Police licensing would be happy to assist in the preparation.

Yours sincerely,

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