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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,

This letter is in addition to the letter which I sent on 28th February 2022. I have addressed further concerns about the applied for Temporary Events Notice from Smoddy Sharp, 33/33a Dartmouth Road, Forest Hill, London, SE23 3HN.

Police licensing are objecting to the applied for T.E.N. on the additional grounds of Public Safety and The prevention of Public Nuisance.

Public Safety – The application for the Temporary Event Notice (T.E.N.) was initially for 200 people to attend. This original application was the withdrawn and an application was submitted for a maximum of 60 people. After going to the premises on Friday 25th February 2022 I have concerns that the premises is too small to accommodate this number of people safely. I would say that a safe and more manageable number of people for the space available at the premises would be no more than 40. If for any reason there needed to be an evacuation of this number of people from the premises the only exits would be out of the rear into the small walled garden which is accessed from the basement or by the front door out onto the street. I am concerned that if more than 40 people attend there could be a public health and safety risk.

The prevention of Public Nuisance – The applicant from the premises has stated that the event is for a 45th birthday party. On speaking with Mr. Spencer who works with the applicant, on Friday 25th February 2022, further details of the event were gathered. In addition to the 45th birthday party the evening will also incorporate a 90's nostalgia event with a DJ playing music for members of the Barber Shop. The membership of the Barber Shop is over 1000 and it is quite possible that a far greater number than 60 will be invited or would attend. The premises is located in an area where there are a vast number of residential properties in-between and above

businesses on that road. A condition of their licence states that the rear court yard (Garden) shall only be used by patrons until 21:30 hours. If the premises is allowed to have this T.E.N. I can see the likelihood of the garden being used for smokers after 2130 hours and quite possibly up to the proposed finishing time of the event at 0300 hours. I suspect the outside area has this time limit for the reason of reducing the possibility of noise nuisance to local residents as the premises can be allowed to be open until 2300 hours most days of the week. I am aware that the conditions of the licence would be superseded by the T.E.N. An additional consideration is the area on the street outside of the front of the premises. This could also be used as an additional smoking area. This would cause noise disturbance and public nuisance to the residents who live nearby by way of raised voices and loud music in an otherwise quiet time of the night / morning. This will have a negative impact on the local community.

A further consideration is the reduced availability of parking in the area which is due to the nearby train station and major bus routes causing restrictions. Parking inconsiderately is likely and in turn would Public Nuisance on Dartmouth Road, Bird In Hand Passage and Derby Hill.

Smoddy Sharp is primarily a Barber Shop. The license was originally granted for a business and this is a business that would carry significant risks such as sharps and chemicals. Yes it has the licensable activity of sale by retail of alcohol as part of its business, however to sell alcohol on its premises for the purpose of entertainment is over and above its primary role. Having this event as applied for could cause a precedent of like events at such premises that would set a worrying trend.

I have carried out research on our system and found thirty (30) licensed premises on Dartmouth Road. The Charcoal Grill only provides late night refreshment (LNR) without alcohol until 0300, M.M.M. LNR until 0400 and Three Kings Food and Wine which is a 24hours off-licence. These are the only premises that operate licensable activities at 0300. None of these premises allow customers to remain on the premises having purchased alcohol. Allowing this event to have a terminal time of 0300 hours will cause significant disruption to the local residents as there will be people spilling out on to the street past this time into the early hours. Then there would be car doors being closed and engine noise from those attending.

On Thursday 3rd March 2022 I discovered that the T.E.N. they have asked for is advertised on the internet <https://smoddysharp.co.uk/blog-%2F-events-%2F-offers> and <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/90s-nostalgia-rnb-hip-hop-slow-jams-new-jack-swing-and-much-more-tickets-272033508547> with tickets available to buy for £7 each per person. They are even promoting giving away two (2) free tickets to anyone who follows their Instagram page. From our conversations with Mr. Spencer this was not shared with me at all. And what they have applied for is not the total truth. There is no mention of the 45th Birthday party on the event website and there is no mention of the 90's nostalgia event which is available to be attended by general members of the public and not just members of Smoddy Sharp on the T.E.N. application. During our visit on Friday 25th February Mr Spencer was asked how many people had been invited. He was hesitant and couldn't be sure of the number. He stated that Marie Robertson (DPS) had also sent out invites. When asked how many had replied saying that they could make it he stated ten (10). I suspect that all of the members have been invited, but if only half were able to make it there would be hundreds of people in attendance which would much nearer the original number of people written on the first application. This would swell numbers beyond all sensible limits.

I have also learned that the premises which has been providing an on-site massage services as well as manicures and pedicures on a daily basis, but has no Special Treatments Licence. According to Lewisham council their last Special Treatment Licence expired nearly two (2) years ago. Therefore they have been carrying out these practices illegally without the relevant authority. This is another example of the applicants' credibility and shows a disregard for the Licensing authority.

Yours sincerely,

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