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Date 15th March 2022
Our/Lic ref: 1190648

Dear Licensing Team,

RE: Objection to Temporary Event Notice for Flower of Kent Pub – 135 Lewisham Way, New Cross, SE14 6QP.

I am writing to object to the application made for a Temporary Event Notice at the above premises for 25th - 27th March 2022 (1900 – 0300).

The Crime, Enforcement and Regulation (CER) Service has received complaints from local residents with regards to noise nuisance from patrons leaving the premises which causes a disturbance in the area.

On the 10th March 2022 into 11th March 2022, Officers were providing an out of hour's service monitoring compliance and noise nuisance across the Borough of Lewisham. At approx. 00:10 officers were positioned less than 100ft away from the premises on Florence Road with clear visibility of the front entrance.

During this time the premises was operating under a TEN to facilitate a birthday party till 0100hrs. Upon arrival, officers immediately observed the presence of bass from within the vehicle. As a means of locating exactly where the bass was coming from, I walked up to and past the premises to confirm that the bass was a result of the music being played from within the premises.

While on site, officers observed the recurrent congregation of patrons outside, talking loudly with no staff from the premises in place to manage this.

From 0100hrs when the premises ceased licensable activity, officers again observed patrons leaving the premises loudly with some congregating outside till 0127hrs. During this time, officers observed one of the managers from the premises being present and socially interacting with patrons.

I am aware that the premises has been regularly visited in the past with regards to concerns over the management of noise nuisance and have been repeatedly advised by CER officer Frank Olaniran on best practices to prevent further concerns. My observations on the night did not alleviate concerns on best practicable measures from the measures.

The premises is currently licenced to provide recorded music and alcohol till 0200hrs every Friday and Saturday. It is my view that these hours are sufficient for the premises and that permitting this TEN would potentially cause a public nuisance as patrons disperse from 0300, as observed on the 11th March 2022.

The CER Service acting as the Licensing Authority is therefore of the view that the premises was not implementing enough measures to safeguard key licencing objectives namely; the prevention of public nuisance.

In light of the concerns and observations raised above, I am of the view that the TEN to extend licensable activity for the dates covering the 24th March 2022 to 27th March 2022, should not be granted as a means of preventing any further nuisance to local residents and safeguard key licencing objectives.

Should you require further information, please let me know.

I am willing to attend and present this objection in person at a Licensing Committee should this be required.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Phillips". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dash at the end.

Steve Phillips
Crime, Enforcement & Regulation Officer