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Dear Licensing Team,

I have received a Temporary Events Notice on 04/05/2022 for an event to be held on 2nd to 6th June 2022, during Jubilee Weekend from 1200hrs into 2300hrs, at The Fox and Firkin Pub, 316 Lewisham High Street, SE13 6JZ.

I wish to object to this TEN on grounds of Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Preservation of Public Safety and Prevention of Noise Nuisance.

This is a Licenced Premises that in recent months has been highlighted to Police Licensing team for a number of reasons along with the Local Authority Noise Nuisance and Licensing team.

Police have reason to attend the premises recently having been asked by the Local Authority Officers when attending in relation to Noise nuisance during March of 2022. While investigating this matter it has been highlighted that the Premises has had considerable extensions to its outside area, whereby it appears to have been taking over land to the rear garden area and currently shown as 3 times bigger than its Licensable area shown on its plans.

22/03/2022 -

Police Licensing attended to look at the licensable area after attending with Local Authority officers on the 22nd March 2022.

That visit highlighted the issues of a garden 3 times the size of the plan on its current operating licence and the management having built a large Marquee and purpose built Bar inside the marquee in the garden. This Bar and Marquee does NOT show on the plans for the Premises and as such does not come under the Licensable area permitted on its licence.

At the time the manager, [REDACTED] was explained that they had acquired a huge extra piece of land and had built the Bar and Marquee and selling Alcohol on land that

was not licenced to sell Alcohol, thus without applying for a Variation to the Premises Licence that was required. Pc Butler issued a section 19 Closure Notice on this date and advised that a Full Variation to the Premises Licence was required and until then the Section 19 Closure would remain in place. No Variation has been submitted since advice given.

16/04/2022 –

On the 16th April 2022 Police received reports that a GBH Serious Assault had taken place in the rear of garden of the premises on Cad 5086/16APR22 Crime ref 3209332/22.

Police attended this when a male was asked to stop smoking and blowing over food being prepared in the rear garden unit. This resulted in the suspect smashing a glass into the face of a member of staff who was preparing the food. This member of staff required medical assistance and Hospital treatment. Police investigating this report asked to view cctv at the premises and were told it was currently NOT working and was due for replacement. Due to this matter taking place and the lack of cctv, no suspect has been able to be identified in this case and staff have also declined to assist with any prosecution. This gives police serious concerns in upholding licensing objectives for the borough. Officers that followed up the incident from Police Licensing team were told that new cctv was being planned and not yet installed or paid for, again this was supposed to take place after a Variation should have already been submitted for the Section 19 that was issued 3 weeks earlier.

Other Supporting Incidents found that give concerns over upholding the licensing objectives under Crime and disorder and Prevention of Public Nuisance –

Cad 7252/05MAR22 – Report by a male stating that 4-5 people were causing a disturbance trying to force there way inside having been refused entry.

Cad 7208/05MAR22 – Report from a female stating that a drunk female was causing a nuisance and refusing to leave when requested by staff to do so who was with a dog.

Cad 7527/05MAR22 – Report by a male stating that a male was threatening to stab security staff.

Cad 7450/05MAR22 – Reports of Anti-Social behaviour noise nuisance being called to police.

On top of these Police Complaints I have received concerns from members of Local Authority, Crime Enforcement Team that there is ongoing investigations into noise complaints being investigated and currently running. The main concern coming from the Officer dealing appears to be supportive of the noise nuisance complaints being reported to Police regarding disruptions to the community.

This Objection is therefore submitted to prevent further Crime and Disorder and Prevention of Public Nuisance in line with the Boroughs Licensing Objectives.

Police would have serious concerns around permitting this Temporary Event Notice being granted and allowing this event to take place.

Police are concerned that the Brewery and Management have not addressed matters that have been raised in previous visits. Police feel that allowing this event to go ahead would increase more complaints and issues within the local community that are already taking place.

Public and staff members have already been involved in being Assaulted in a premises that stated that it will address matters such as updating its operations and currently have Failed to upgrade its Licence variation and show signs of reducing the number of complaints its receiving and make this premises a safe place for its customers to socialise.

Police are also aware that this application was submitted incorrectly, at first stating that the location was 15 Whitburn Road SE13, which is an unrelated address in order to not highlight it as the Licenced premises at 316 Lewisham High Street SE13 6JZ, where there is currently issues being highlighted. The application was submitted by a Personal Licence Holder, and member of staff/management for this Brewery. It appears to have been seeking permission, via a TEN, on an area currently issued a Closure Notice, stating a different address was being used which was pointed out by Local Authority staff during its application stage.

For your consideration

Regards

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