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Subject: Application for a premises licence – Venue 121, Broad Street, Dagenham RM10 9HP

Dear Licensing Team,

On behalf of the Commissioner for Police of the Metropolis I wish to make a representation against the application for a premises licence at Venue 121, Broad Street, Dagenham, RM10 9HP

The application is made in order to obtain a premises licence for the purpose of using the following licensable activities;

Regulated Entertainment
&
Late Night Refreshment

I make these representations under the principle licensing objectives of;

- Prevention of Public Nuisance
- Protection of Children from harm

As part of my role as the Police Licensing Officer I reviewed the application submitted by the applicant Venue 121 Ltd.

At the time of writing I still am not aware as to who will be running the premises as the application and email address is specific to the venue and not individuals.

This application has asked for the licensable activities mentioned above and operating hours, to take place from 11:00am until 02:00am (late night refreshment from 23:00pm until 02:00am).

The application also states that they don't intend to host activities after 00:00am (midnight). In which case Police are confused as to why the applicant is seeking 02:00am terminal hour.

Police object to this application as it is felt this venue is not suitable to host activities until the early hour of 02:00am.

Police licensing received the application on 20/10/2022.

An email was sent to the applicant from Police Licensing highlighting the concerns in relation to the late operating hours, as there has been multiple complaints about this venue having previously caused disturbances in relation to music and noise.

Police received a reply from the applicant acknowledging the concerns and stating they have put colour CCTV in place, which didn't address the concern in relation to music and noise. They mentioned that they had put many measures in place to respect local residents but did not mention what these measures were.

A further email was sent to ask for clarification.

The response stated the venue would seek advice from Licensing as to how to reduce noise leaving the building. This is not something the Licensing department would deal with.

Applicant stated the following;

“We will NOT be reducing the hours we have applied for. And neither can we base our whole business around historical policing issues or issues caused by previous users of the site.”

Unfortunately Police WILL base their representation on historical Policing issues caused by this premises, regardless of who has taken control of the venue. This is due to the fact that previous issues provide the evidence of the disturbances caused to local residents.

Should there have been some form of soundproofing exercise conducted by the venue alongside the residents to confirm they would not be disturbed then Police may have felt more confident in this application.

However, since this application has been in the consultation period, there has been a call to Police from residents complaining about the noise on **20/11/2022 at 04:40am** (CAD 1448/20NOV22) stating the below messages;

“Blasting music drunk people shouting swearing. 4am on a Sunday morning please do something about this venue. People are on the rooftop at back and music is blasting indoors”

“Woken me and my child at 4am on a Sunday my child is unwell and this is not fair. We shouldn't have to put up with this but no one deals with them please help”

This would suggest the venue are also currently holding events which they are not permitted to do so.

This is not something which local residents should be subjected to and this call to Police was a literal call for help.

There is a concern that this would become a regular problem and complaint.

This is not the only incident which the venue has had, there have been multiple complaints over the years in relation to music and noise. There has also been an Unlicensed Music Event (UME) which previously took place at this venue. Albeit under different management, the above call to Police was only 2 days ago and therefore highlights these issues are legitimate causes for concern about the continuation of this behaviour.

This venue is not suitable to host events until 02:00am and certainly not regulated entertainment.

Police have tried to engage with the applicant, who refused to amend their hours. Unsure as to why they feel it is necessary to have regulated entertainment till such a late hours with residents living in such close proximity.

Police feel this application in its current state, will cause a detrimental effect to the licensing objective of Public Nuisance and therefore should be refused.

Police are in support of the Environmental Protection Officers representation against this application.

It would be advisable that the applicant works alongside the Environmental Protection Officer with their recommendations and in conjunction with local residents to establish if there can be some form of agreement when it comes to regulated entertainment, with some form of noise limiting and control.

Due to children being effected by the issues, previous & current, are the grounds for Police Licensing to object under the prevention of public nuisance and protection of children from harm objectives.

I object on the grounds of the above.

Regards,



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