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Representations to reject New Premises License Application at Channel Lounge, 775 High Road, Tottenham, London N17 8AH

Dear Licensing Team,

This application is submitted on behalf of a premises called CHANNEL LOUNGE, 775 High Road, Tottenham, London N17 8AH, Located in on High Road N17 nearly opposite the Tottenham Hoppers stadium, which is a known area for antisocial behaviour, crime and disorder. This Premises is a ground floor, high street building, with flats above and bus stop directly on the front.

I write on behalf of the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police. I wish to reject the application for a new premises license for Channel Lounge, 775 High Road, Tottenham N17 8AH on the grounds of Prevention of Crime and Disorder as well as Public Safety.

The above mentioned premises has previously applied for a New Premises Licence, requesting similar operating hours. This application was refused by the committee back in November 2021.

A new application was submitted in December 2021.

On the 9th January 2022 an incident with a number of serious injuries, took place within CHANNEL LOUNGE, before spilling on to the High Road, n17.

Channel Lounge was identified as a crime scene buy an independent witnesses, whereby two (2) victims have been assaulted and seriously injured whilst inside the premises. Police have attended the venue and two (2) suspects were arrested within the premises, who had attempted to evade police by obstructing the kitchen door. Persons that were within the premises were not forthcoming. This incident accrued in the early hours of the morning at 04:49AM, and injuries were very serious.

The investigation is still ongoing therefore I will not be able to provide further information at this time. (2800642/22).

In relation to the incident on the 9th January 2022 the following founding's have raised serious concerns over public safety as well as prevention of crime and disorder:

Firstly Channel lounge was operating without a licence, and this incident could have been avoided if Chanel Lounge was following guidance from The Licencing Act 2003.

According to the witnesses an incident started within Chanel lounge, where a number of patrons ware involved in a physical alteration resulting in number of serious injuries.

Chanel lounge employees did not act appropriately during the incident that is because when the incident accrued no-one working within the Channel lounge called for police or an ambulance and provided no First Aid to the injured parties resulting in increased risk to life. Upon police arrival persons present within the Channel Lounge did not assist police with information relating to the two (2) suspects hiding/ found and arrested in the kitchen area of the location. Also there were evidence showing that personal within Chanel lounge (unknown at this stage whether it was an employee or a customer) have/attempted to conceal vital evidence, by cleaning up the floors.

As stated above presently Channel Lounge do not hold a licence, therefore on the night of the incident (09/01/2021) Channel lounge should not be open for the public.

I would like to clarify that there was a TEN in place for the night of the incident, the TEN was approved only to 04:00am. The incident accrued 04:49 am, where the venue should no longer be open to the public. Therefore as the venue do not have a licence, and have exceeded the approved hours, not recording the incident, and not calling for assistance. This clearly demonstrate that venue (personnel working that evening) have no regards to the rules and conditions impose on them as a licenced (currently unlicensed) premises.

There are evidence that Channel Lounge was providing licensable activities to the public, during the night of the incident and before then. Below is advertised to the public operational hours for Chanel Lounge:

Address: 775 High Rd, London N17 8AH

Hours:

Friday	10am–3am
Saturday	10am–3am
Sunday	10am–1am
Monday	10am–1am
Tuesday	10am–1am
Wednesday	10am–1am
Thursday	10am–1am

Clearly demonstrating that Channel Lounge is still operating, and providing services to the public without approved, and appropriate licence.

Licencing Act 2003 states that Licensable activities are:

Licensable activities

1.13 For the purposes of the 2003 Act, the following are licensable activities:

- The sale by retail of alcohol;
- The supply of alcohol by or on behalf of a club to, or to the order of, a member of the club;
- The provision of regulated entertainment; and
- The provision of late night refreshment.

Further explanation of these terms is provided in Chapter 3.

The above activities not only need a licence, but even if Channel Lounge did not supply/sale alcohol, the premises advertise on the internet with the below review:

Google reviews



Carl Ridler

1 review

2 months ago

Just enjoyed a takeaway from here and can highly recommend. Had the mixed platter of vegetarian dishes and it was delicious. And non-vegetarians would also enjoy the veggie dishes. Everything you would expect of Ethiopian food: dishes with yellow lentils and brown lentils cooked in different ways, green beans, spinach, potatoes etc. and comes with rolls of injera bread. Lots of different flavours and textures to enjoy with this meal. Excellent value for money too. There are a few of tables and chairs if you want to eat in and the place serves beer and coffee too.

Following the Licencing Act 2003 this demonstrates that CHANNEL LOUNGE provides licensable activities include sale of alcohol, and later night refreshments – as they operate past 23:00 and supply food (hot food) to the public, without appropriate licence.

Due to this police believes that this application should be rejected.

Chanel Lounge have demonstrated clearly not upholding to the licencing objectives, by not having the licence, not calling police when an incident accrued within the premises, not assisting the injured parties, not providing all information to the police upon request, potentially assisting an offender, as well as tampering with evidence.

Taken under consideration recent incident where patrons of CHANNEL LOUNGE have been seriously injured and other patrons/employees have been obstructing police investigation and potentially tampering with evidence, police believes that granting the licence would be not appropriate and would lead to increase in the number of incidence with serious injuries relating to the premises and the area where the premises is located.

I reserve the right to provide further information to support this representation if requiered.

Regards,

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North Area Licencing Officer.

