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Public Health representation relation to:

APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE – APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE – CHANNEL LOUNGE, 775 HIGH ROAD, TOTTENHAM, LONDON, N17 8AH

Supply of Alcohol

Sunday to Thursday 1000 to 0100 hours

Friday to Saturday 1000 to 0200 hours

Supply of alcohol ON the premises.

Hours open to Public

Sunday to Thursday 1000 to 0100 hours

Friday to Saturday 1000 to 0200 hours

We as a representative of the Director of Public Health act as the responsible authority under the Licensing Act 2003 and would like to make a representation regarding the application for a premises license at: **CHANNEL LOUNGE, 775 HIGH ROAD, TOTTENHAM, LONDON, N17 8AH**

Public Health has specific concerns around the provision of alcohol and its impact on the following licensing objectives:

- Protecting Children from Harm
- Public Safety

Local Context of the Premises

The premises is located on the high road, close to Tottenham Hotspurs (less than 0.1 miles, 1 min walk). White Hart Lane station is 0.2 miles away from the premises (3 min walk).

There are already 11 off-licences and 8 on-licences within the area.

Protecting Children from Harm

There are 2 children centres, 6 primary schools and 2 sixth form/colleges within 0.5 miles of the premises (10 min walk).

Park Lane Children's Centre (0.4 miles)
Pembury House Nursery School and Children's Centre (0.5 miles)
St Francis de Sales Catholic Infant and Junior Schools (0.149 miles)
Brook House Primary School (0.220 miles)
St Paul's and All Hallows CE Infant and Junior Schools (0.260 miles)
Lancasterian Primary School (0.282 miles)
Lea Valley Primary School (0.346 miles)
Risley Avenue Primary School (0.544 miles)
Duke's Aldridge Academy (0.223 miles)
London Academy of Excellence Tottenham (0.093 miles)
Haringey Sixth Form College (0.251 miles)

We are particularly concerned that within the location of the premises there are a high populations of children and young people living in the area, and families and children use Tottenham High Road to walk to and from their schools. The applicant has not demonstrated how they will ensure the alcohol activity within the premises will not spill out onto the high road, to neighbouring businesses and homes, further contributing to existing street drinking and ASB. Stronger public safety measures need to be put in place to prevent public nuisance and harm.

Public Safety

The location at where the premises is located saw **20 alcohol-related ambulance callouts** in April 20-March 2021 and **45 alcohol-related ambulance callouts** in April 2019- March 2020. The numbers are lower than the previous year as businesses were possibly affected by the pandemic.

The LSOA (small geographic area) in which the Channel Lounge is located was **ranked within the first quintile** (of 144 LSOAs that comprise within the borough) for alcohol related ambulance callouts. This suggests the alcohol-related ambulance callouts within this small area is particularly high.

We have viewed the drawing plans of the site and unclear where the licensed areas will be. The Lounge is shown to be in an enclosed area, where shisha is taken. This does not seem to be compliant with the Health Act 2006 and is an offence. We would like clarity from the applicant on this matter.

Recommendations

The premises is in a highly vulnerable area and does not give clarity on the licensed area and lounge. Due to limited information supplied, we are not confident the licensee is already complying to the law and the premises can promote the licensing objectives and therefore, we reject the application.

If this licensing application was granted, we also ask the following to be considered:

It is recommended that at a minimum, these concerns are addressed and inform the committee of additional steps the applicant would take to ensure that public safety is not caused to nearby residents, especially children and young people. If the conditions listed fails to minimise any potential harm to our local residents and there are a number of complaints from residents and schools, we would recommend a revision or revoking of the license.

Please note that the stipulated conditions might (as well) be replicated in the applicants' form, still Public Health wants to ensure that the correct wording is in place.

Public Safety

1. The licensee should join the Responsible Retailers Scheme.
2. No irresponsible sales / promotion of super-strength alcohol (above 6.5% ABV) and single cans (i.e. buy one get one free) OR there shall be no promotional sales of alcohol where alcohol is sold at a price lower than that at which the same or similar alcoholic drinks are sold.
3. Alcohol shall be stored securely, when on premises, at all times.
4. All staff involved in the sale or supply of alcohol shall be trained in the law about the sale of alcohol. This includes conditions on the premise licence, operation of the CCTV system, recognising signs of drunkenness, how to refuse service and the premises duty of care. Training shall be regularly refreshed and at no greater than 6 monthly intervals and shall be logged. Training records shall be made available for inspection upon request by a police officer or an authorised officer of the Council.
5. The premises shall display prominent signage indicating that it is an offence to sell alcohol to anyone who is drunk.
6. Sufficient bins to be provided within the premises.
7. Litter – clearing public area immediately surrounding premise daily if consumption is taking place outside the premises.
8. Legible notices displayed at exits about noise when leaving the premises ('respecting needs of local residents and leaving the area quietly').

Protection of children from harm

9. The refusal log shall record any actions that appear to be needed to protect young people from harm. The log must record all refused sales of alcohol and include the following:
 - a) the identity of the person who refused the sale;
 - b) the date and time of the refusal;
 - c) the alcohol requested and reason for refusal

These conditions are designed to ensure that the licensee takes appropriate steps to promote and uphold all four licensing objectives. We believe that all licensees who are fulfilling their duty to promote the licensing objectives will be already complying with many of these conditions. These are the type of precautions needed to meet Haringey's Statement of Licensing Policy requirement of a high standard of management.

We would request the in terms of good practice and keeping adults safe that the applicant signs up to

Staff training in Welfare And Vulnerability Engagement (WAVE). This has been developed to provide those working in the licensed industry with an awareness of vulnerability, their responsibilities and how to deal with it. WAVE Training aims to increase the skills, knowledge and confidence of those working in licensed premises focusing on identifying vulnerability and making appropriate interventions. More information to sign up. <https://www.safersounds.org.uk/wave>

The safety initiative 'Ask for Angela' is being rolled out to bars, clubs and other licensed businesses across London. People who feel unsafe, vulnerable or threatened can discreetly seek help by approaching staff and asking them for 'Angela'. This code-phrase will indicate to staff that they require help with their situation and a trained member of staff will then look to support and assist them. This might be through reuniting them with a friend, seeing them to a taxi, or by calling venue security and/or the police. Find out more: <https://www.met.police.uk/AskforAngela>

Drink spiking and date rape - drugs has increased and despite the measure you are taking to check and eliminate drugs, we feel strongly that staff and relevant contractors you are using needs further training to look out for the signs and symptoms of people who may have had their drinks spiked or other date rape drugs used and also the possible perpetrators. In terms of addressing the matter directly, the 'Drinkaware' website below offers some helpful information around symptoms, prevention and aftercare. <https://www.drinkaware.co.uk/advice/staying-safe-while-drinking/drink-spiking-and-date-rape-drugs>