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Representations to reject New Premises License Application at Clasic Restaurant, 502-508 High Road, Tottenham, London, N17 9JF.

Dear Licensing Team,

On behalf of the Commissioner of the Metropolis, I wish to make a representation to reject the application of a New Premises License at Clasic Restaurant, 502 – 508 High Road, Tottenham, N17 9JF. This application is submitted on behalf of a Miss Cornelia Cotlogut, which will also show Miss Cotlogut as Designated Premises Supervisor.

The objection notice is submitted under the following licensing objectives;

1. Prevention of Crime & Disorder
2. Prevent Public Nuisance
3. Public Safety

The application for a new premises license is not supported by Police whom also wish to submit a representation to reflect this.

The application is made with regards to a large first floor venue, which trades as a wedding banquet hall and is located off of Tottenham High Road, N17 in the borough of Haringey. The premises is seeking the sale of alcohol by retail, late night refreshment and regulated entertainment by way of live and recorded music.

There have been a number of incidents at the premises whereby the licensing objectives have not been upheld and unauthorised licensable activity has taken place, all of which I believe the applicant to have been aware of.

On Sunday 17th October 2021 at 0800 hours, officers had reason to attend the premises for an unrelated matter and found that a party was still ongoing at the premises. The party appeared to still be taking place from the previous night and amplified music was being played loudly from the premises, causing officers in attendance to request further units to attend to assist due to the unknown risk inside. When officers entered the premises they witnessed alcohol present on tables and being sold from the bar. It was also evident that patrons had been smoking inside the premises. Officers spoke with a Mr Mandache on this

occasion who stated he did not need a license for these activities and that those in attendance were simply there to clean, this however was not the case as witnessed by officers.

On Saturday 6th November 2021 officers from Haringey Local Authority attended the premises and again it was apparent that another event was underway with around 250 people in attendance. Again alcohol was being sold and consumed by those present and smoking was taking place inside the venue. When a Mr Mandache was again spoken to on this occasion he attempted to mislead officers by stating that he had a Temporary Event Notice (TEN) in place, this was untrue.

Following this event, Mr Mandache was spoken to by Haringey Local Authority and whilst doing so appeared to again try to mislead officers by providing them with false details in relation to the spelling of his name and the correct postcode of his address.

On Friday 26th November 2021 Local Authority and Police Officers attended the premises, however were obstructed by security staff at the door from entering the premises.

On Tuesday 18th January 2022 police received a complaint stating that a party had taken place at the premises which had caused disruption on the High Road. This resulted in glass bottles being smashed, public intoxication and loud shouting caused by those coming from the premises.

On Monday 14th January 2022 police officers from safer neighbourhoods attended the premises as they believed a Valentine's Day Event was to take place at the venue. On arrival it was apparent that an event was due to take place, however a Mr Alin Mandache stated to officers that he had a Temporary Event Notice (TEN) in place and produced paperwork. This was not the correct paperwork stating a TEN had been acknowledged and issued. Mr Mandache was warned that the event should not go ahead as it would not be licensed, however it did.

On the evening of this event an incident took place whereby a member of public who had been inside the premises sustained serious GBH injuries. When officers initially attended the premises to carry out enquiries, they were again obstructed by security staff and again by staff inside. It was also apparent that the floors inside the venue had been recently mopped in an attempt to hide any evidence of disorder.

On Monday 28th February police had reason to attend due to a large scale fight taking place at the premises apparently involving knives. On arrival there was a wedding taking place, however no one wished to substantiate any allegations.

On Friday 4th March a wedding was held at the premises, along with regulated entertainment by way of a live singer and music. Mr Mandache was notified of the alleged breaches

The Premises License Holder and Designated Premises Supervisor hold great responsibility, of which had been undermined by unauthorised licensable activity taking place on a number of separate occasions at the premises. This directly undermines the licensing objective of the prevention of crime and disorder, prevention of public nuisance due to the loud amplified music and public safety due to ongoing disturbances spilling out onto the high road.

I do not deem it appropriate for a premises license to be issued to Miss Cotlogut. Miss Cotlogut is shown as the Director of the company and as such it seems there has been no direction about compliance with the law from the head of the company. I believe Miss Cotlogut has been very much aware of Mr Mandache, his actions at the premises and his constant disregard for the licensing objectives, however it appears no action was taken by Miss Cotlogut to have him removed and/or stopped from continuing. I also note that the email address given in Miss Cotloguts application is that of Mr Mandaches, which gives me reason to believe that Mr Mandache will still have involvement in the premises and how it is run. It is in my opinion that the licensing objectives will not be upheld and should a premises license

be issued there will continue to be disorder and disruption caused by this venue. Due to this police reject this application.

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

Regards,



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North Area Licensing Officer