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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,

This application is submitted on behalf of Soffi & Co Ltd by a Mr Alin Mandache and 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.

I write on behalf of the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police. I wish to reject the application for a new premises license at Clasic Restaurant, 502-508 High Road, Tottenham, London N17 9JF on the grounds of the prevention of crime objective.

There have been two (2) recent incidents at the premises whereby the licensing objectives have not been upheld by the applicant, Mr Alin Mandache.

On Sunday 17th October 2021 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 at 0800 hours 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 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 consumed by those present and smoking was taking place inside the venue. When Mr Mandache was 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.

Mr Mandache has since been 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.

The Premises License Holder (PLH) and Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) hold great responsibility, of which had been undermined by unauthorised licensable activity taking place on two (2) separate occasions at the premises. This directly undermines the licensing objective of the prevention of crime and disorder and also prevention of public nuisance due to the loud amplified music.

I do not deem it appropriate for a premises license to be issued or for Mr Mandache to be named as the DPS as he has shown to be unfit and dishonest, and it is in my opinion that he will not uphold the licensing objectives. Due to this police reject this application.

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

Regards,

PC Kayleigh Mitcham 1230NA North Area Licensing Officer