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## Police Representation

### APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE

#### MIK TREATZ 88 BRUCE GROVE N17

Dear Licensing Team,

This application is submitted by Mohamed Ahmed of the above business in regards to a new premises licence application additionally under the name of Mik Treatz Ltd.

This premises licence application is for a restaurant described as follows, "MIK Treatz is a small sweet desserts & confectionary store selling primarily sweet foods and drinks to a loyal customer base. The menu includes a wide range of desserts including Waffles, Milk Cakes, Crepes, Cookie Dough, and more alongside a range of drinks such as sundaes, milkshakes fruit teas and other soft drinks.

The premises are situated on a corner plot within a mainly residential area with retail shops .There are residential properties above the premises and to the rear (on Forest Gardens) and directly opposite, for example number 86 A and B and number 87(with 3 flats ) all five flats front doors are next door to these premises.

The police wish to make representations as we feel if the application is granted the following objectives will be undermined:

- **Prevention of Crime and Disorder**
- **Prevention of public nuisance**

The proposed times and licensable activities applied for are as follows:

<b>Late Night Refreshment</b>	
Monday to Sunday	2300 to <b>0200</b> hours
<b>Hours open to Public</b>	
Monday to Sunday	1200 to <b>0215</b> hours

### Venue

These premises as stated are located within a highly residential area which would if not guarded against and planned for in an adequate operating schedule would lead to public nuisance, Disturbance and associated anti-social behaviour issues in the form of noise nuisance and patron disturbance/Disorder.

We are in receipt of information from the local authority that these premises prior to this application have been operating into the early hours of the mornings but have stated they were not carrying out any licensable activity as they were only selling cold food and drinks to customers .

The premises initially started operating in **July 2021** and came to the attention of The local Authority negatively initially in **January 2022** when a resident made complaints about excessive litter and waste packaging within Forest Gardens with company logos on pointing to these premises .Additionally complaints of youths gathering around the premises in Forest Gardens causing noise nuisance and Anti-social behaviour .The premises were therefore contacted about managing their customers and having regard for the local community .

April 2022 Police have had to attend the premises due to a crowd disorder and anti-social behaviour, all of whom were attending or loitering in the vicinity of the premises having been drawn to it. As a result of this Police safer Neighbourhood Patrol officers engaged with the premises I order to try and problem solve the evolving anti-social behaviour and public nuisance issues and to address continuing complaints from local residents (**November 2022**). .

We are aware that the LA ASB enforcement Team issued a warning letter in **July 2023** regarding the increased noise nuisance, litter and ASB being caused as a result of the premises operating .We note Mr Mustafa the applicant refused to take responsibility for the issues instead stating that the issues were long standing and not as a result of his premises.

The LA has also sent letters reminding Mr Mustapha of his need to have a premises licence if he is carrying out and licensable activity for example late night refreshments .The latest warning was sent **July 2023**.

As a result of interrogating Police Indices we have found that on the **10<sup>th</sup> January 2024** a report from members of the public was filed as follows

A resident has pointed out a pool of blood outside a house in FOREST GARDENS N17.

Reports were made that between 0100-0200hrs **10/01/2024** an altercation involving three males had taken place. One of the males had produced a knife and subsequently stabbed another MALE in the hand. All three males have then proceeded to run away towards the alley that separates FOREST GARDENS with NEWLYN ROAD.

The report further added ,there is escalating ASB taking place on FOREST GARDENS, N17 late at night normally between the hours of 2200-0200hrs and local residents have explained to officers that this has been fuelled by **MIK TREATZ** at the junction of BRUCE GROVE, N17 due to its late opening hours. ASB has continued to surge in the area which is resulting in drug and knife crime.

Drug dealing is said to take place from vehicles parked near the shop with Police trying to stop one vehicle which failed to stop after hitting a pedestrian and colliding with two vehicles 2115hrs - **10/01/2024** (separate incident.)

Residents are said to have raised this matter to local Haringey council members and will be escalating it as a result of increased crime.

There have also been other calls to Police requiring a Police attendance to crime issues such as robbery and disturbances occurring in the near vicinity of these premises and when victims have been questioned they have stated they had been to Mik Treatz prior to the incidents and have intimated that the offenders have frequented the premises prior to the offences.

The applicant is now applying for late terminal hours to carry out late night refreshment as detailed above.

We object to this application and do not support the submitted hours as later hours has in the past caused issues with public nuisance and crime and disorder issues which has majorly impacted the local communities right to quiet enjoyment of their residences .

In line with the Local Authority we suggest the following hours be adopted in place of the submitted hours:

**Late Night refreshment**

Friday & Saturday until 2am – closing at 2:15am

Sunday to Thursday 11pm until midnight

### **Hours open to Public**

Friday & Saturday	12 noon to 2:15 am
Sunday to Thursday	12 noon to Midnight

Additionally we feel that the applicants operating schedule is sparse in content and does not adequately implement conditions that would uphold the licensing objectives, to that end we would suggest the following conditions be adopted and if the licence is granted added to it thus:

1. Prominent, clear and legible notices shall be displayed at all public exits from the premises requesting customers respect the needs of local residents and leave the premises and area quietly. These notices shall be positioned at eye level and in a location where those leaving the premises can read them.
2. All refuse and bottles shall be disposed of in bins quietly so as not to disturb local residents. There shall be no disposal of glass bottles outside between 21:00 and 07:00.
3. The premises licence holder shall ensure that the area immediately outside the premises is kept clean and free from litter including smoking related litter at all material times to the satisfaction of the Licensing Authority.

Patrons are not permitted to loiter outside on the pavement, and that patrons who leave the premises to smoke do so at the front of the premises and not on Forest Road. The maximum numbers of smokers at any one time will be limited to 4 at a time.

4. An incident log shall be kept at the premises, it will be in a hardback durable format handwritten at the time of the incident or as near to as is reasonable and made available on request to the Police or Local Authority, which will record the following:
  - (a) All crimes reported to the venue;
  - (b) All ejections of patrons;
  - (c) Any complaints received;
  - (d) Any incidents of disorder;
  - (e) Seizures of drugs or offensive weapons;
  - (f) Any faults in the CCTV system or searching equipment or scanning equipment;
  - (g) Any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service.
5. Staff shall actively discourage patrons from congregating around the outside of the premises.
6. Alcohol shall not be brought onto the premises by customers.
7. A digital CCTV system shall be installed in the premises complying with the following criteria:
  - (a) Cameras shall be sited to observe the entrance and exit doors both inside and outside and floor areas.

- (b) Cameras on the entrances shall capture full frame shots of the heads and shoulders of all people entering the premises i.e. capable of identification.
- (c) Cameras overlooking floor areas shall be wide angled to give an overview of the premises.
- (d) Be capable of visually confirming the nature of the crime committed.
- (e) Provide a linked record of the date, time, and place of any image.
- (f) Provide good quality images - colour during opening times.
- (g) Operate under existing light levels within and outside the premises.
- (h) Have the recording device located in a secure area or locked cabinet.
- (i) Have a monitor to review images and recorded picture quality.
- (j) Be regularly maintained to ensure continuous quality of image capture and retention.
- (k) Have signage displayed in the customer area to advise that CCTV is in operation.
- (l) Digital images shall be kept for 31 days.
- (m) Police or authorised local authority employees shall have access to images at any reasonable time.
- (n) The equipment shall have a suitable export method, e.g., CD/DVD writer so that the police can make an evidential copy of the data they require. This data should be in the native file format, to ensure that no image quality is lost when making the copy. If this format is non-standard (i.e. manufacturer proprietary) then the manufacturer should supply the replay software to ensure that the video on the CD can be replayed by the police on a standard computer. Copies must be made available to Police or authorised local authority employees on request.

### **In summary**

We the Police **object** to the application on the grounds stated .It is feared that without adequate and detailed safeguards, policies and risk assessments being in place and implemented control of the premises could easily be lost and a risk posed to both patrons and the wider community as a result .Without tighter restrictions on terminal hours issues as highlighted will continue unabated. These premises despite the applicant's protestations to the contrary are a magnet to ASB and Crime and disorder. If the suggested additional conditions were accepted to the operating schedule WE WOULD withdraw this representation.

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

Regards, PC 1277NA Derek Ewart



North Area Licensing Officer