

Dear Licensing Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to address you today.

I am here to respond to the representation made by the Chief Police Officer regarding our Temporary Event Notice (TEN) under the Licensing Act 2003. The concern, as outlined in the letter dated 26th September 2024, suggests that allowing our event to proceed would undermine a licensing objective. I would like to clarify that this event is an invitation-only engagement party, and we have a strong track record of managing similar events without issue.

Our previous TEN, held on 6th May 2024, was successful after we followed the advice of PC Pantelitsa Yianni regarding the finishing time. That event went ahead without any incidents or violations of licensing objectives, and we received no complaints neither from the licensing nor from the public. Since then we had few TENs has been refused and , we had to cancel an events because there wasn't enough time to appeal the refusal. We are serious about our business and believe our proven track record should be considered in this appeal.

We have taken every possible step to ensure that this event complies with the four key licensing objectives:

1. **Prevention of crime and disorder** – We have CCTV, door supervisors, and four SIA-certified security officers to manage entry, exit, and crowd control. No entry will be allowed after midnight to maintain control and prevent disturbances.
2. **Prevention of public nuisance** – We understand the council's concerns about potential noise. Since taking ownership, we've invested in soundproofing the premises to address noise issues. We have strict limits on the number of patrons outside for smoking, and our staff will implement a dispersal policy to ensure attendees leave quietly at the end of the event.
3. **Public safety** – All necessary security measures are in place, with SIA-certified officers managing the crowd and ensuring the safety of all participants.
4. **Protection of children from harm** – We have consistently operated in line with our licensing conditions, even during high-traffic events such as Tottenham Hotspur home games, without encountering any problems.

This event is crucial for us to continue operating, especially in this challenging economic climate. We have cooperated fully with local authorities in the past, and our events have had a positive impact on the community. We respectfully request the committee and the Chief Police Officer reconsider their stance and allow the event to go ahead, including the proposed closing time of 2:30 a.m., which is essential for the cultural significance and enjoyment of our community's celebration.

We are fully committed to ensuring a safe and successful event and are open to discussing any concerns or implementing additional measures if necessary.

I would like to mention that previously I have sent you a **Response to Warning Letter Under Licensing Act 2003**, the police came to my premises took all the video evidence for the alleged dates, but I did not get any reply.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely

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