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Police Representation

APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE – Q VIBES, 428 WEST GREEN ROAD, TOTTENHAM, LONDON N15 3PU

Dear Licensing Team,

I am a Police licensing officer I write on behalf of the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police. I would like to object to the recently submitted application made by Janeth Wright for a new premises licence at the location shown above.

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

- 1. Prevention of Crime and Disorder**
- 2. Prevention of Public Nuisance**
- 3. Public Safety**
- 4. Protection of Children From Harm**

The applicant has described the business as, "The Premises are a ground floor space composed of a seating area, bar, kitchen, toilets and rear outside space. The location is the Second building from the corner of West Green road and Carlingford Road". The business type has not been stated e.g. Bar /Restaurant, Night club etc.

The applicant has requested the following licensable activities and Timings:

Regulated Entertainment: Live Music

Thursday to Saturday	1600 to 0100 hours
Sunday	1800 to 2300 hours

Recorded Music

Monday to Wednesday	1800 to 0000 hours
Thursday to Sunday	1800 to 0200 hours

Performance of Dance

Friday to Saturday	1800 to 0200 hours
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Late Night Refreshment

Monday to Wednesday	2300 to 0000 hours
Thursday to Saturday	2300 to 0200 hours

Sale of Alcohol

Monday	1200 to 2300 hours
Tuesday to Wednesday	1200 to 2330 hours
Thursday to Saturday	1200 to 0130 hours
Sunday	1200 to 2230 hours

Supply of alcohol **ON** the premises.

Hours open to Public

Monday to Wednesday	1800 to 0000 hours
Thursday to Saturday	1800 to 0200 hours
Sunday	1800 to 2300 hours

We do not agree to the requested timings.

The premises are situated on West Green Road junction of Carlingford Road within a parade of shops with residential premises above, and opposite the location.



As there are several residential properties above and opposite the location police believe this would affect resident's right to peaceful enjoyment of their homes as patrons are highly likely to congregate outside the venue smoking and engaging in anti-social behaviour such as shouting and engaging in behaviour associated with intoxication on what will be weekday Thursdays going in to early Friday mornings until 0200 hours and Sundays going in to Monday mornings till 0200 hours. Police feel this would have a knock on effect to the resident's quality of life and with the later licensable activity taking place a risk to crime and disorder and public safety.

The applicant has requested to have live music on Sundays till 2300 hours and the closing times of the premises are also at 2300 hours. All licensable activities must cease 30 minutes prior to premises closing.

The applicant has requested recorded music Thursday to Sunday till 0200 hours but hours open to the public on Sundays are till 2300 hours. It is unclear and confusing what the applicant is applying for.

The late terminal time will go in to Friday's mornings and residents who will be working will have disrupted sleep.

Background.

Company House shows that Janeth WRIGHT was the director of the company Q vibes LTD NUMBER 12742649 since 2020. Company Dissolved on 19/12/2023.

Company house shows Janeth WRIGHT re-opened again as the director of Q Vibes LTD company number 15423491 incorporated on 18/01/2024.

We the police object to this application in entirety.

A search of police indices have revealed the following

21/07/2024

0648 several calls were made to police reporting a male armed with a gun and a disturbance at a club on west green road. Callers stated that 3 males tried to get in the club and another male was walking round with a gun. Officers arrived on scene and spoke to the victim who stated that he was inside Q vibes and three males entered and became argumentative trying to fight with people inside the club. The three males then followed and chased the victim up the street with the other males shouting SHOOT HIM.

On this occasion the victim managed to escape with no injuries and called the police.

A search was conducted and a suspect was arrested. When Police viewed CCTV they could see the suspect was clearly holding a firearm. Suspect was charged with possession of offensive weapon.

21/01/2024

3 calls were made Cad 1216/1176/1500 starting at 04:53 hours from someone inside the club. The informant was believed to be the manager who requested police assistance reporting that the male that assaulted him was at the address now and was armed but no firearm was seen.

Male stated to operators and threatened to sort this out himself if officers don't come. Male was rude and abusive to operator saying "fuck off bitch".

14/01/2024

00:01 to 0300 hours a victim (the same caller from the incident from the 21/01/2024) reported that they were attacked by a drug dealer at the location. Victim also stated that the suspect had walked in the bar with several **young girls** that looked like they were on drugs. One of the girls then said to the victim that she can get them any girl that they wanted. Victim was not prepared to engage with officers there for case was closed.

The Protection of children from harm objective is therefore a concern to police along with violence against women and girls (VAWG) a subject that is foremost within the Met Police strategy.

10/12/2023

03:30 hours the local authority visited the premises. Although the lights were on and faint music heard at street level the door was locked LA could not gain entry. A female came to the window and was shown I.D but she did not open the door.

As evidenced by the above incidents and dates the premises have been open from January 2024 with no premises licence having been in force. It is fair to say that it is unknown if there was any licensable activity taking place within these dates. The fact however cannot be ignored that the premises appear to be a magnet for serious crime, Crimes that allegedly involve firearms and violence. Incidents that pose a real threat to the safety of the patrons and wider community. Incidents in fact that had the premises been acting under a premises licence would have been the catalyst for an expedited review with interim measures.

The same negligent operating practices and failures will continue if these premises were granted a premises licence.

The Licensing Act 2003 sets out four key objectives: the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, the prevention of public nuisance, and the protection of children from harm. It is imperative that license holders adhere to these objectives to ensure a safe and lawful environment.

The premises license holder has failed previously to uphold the licensing conditions which subsequently resulted in them dissolving the company which meant their premises licence no longer existed. They then curiously re registered with a limited company using the same trading name of another "Q Vibes LTD" at the same address only one month after the dissolution of the previous company.

We therefore hold no confidence in either of the named person's ability or willingness to engage in a lawful manner and we request the application be rejected in entirety.

In summary

We the Police **object** to the application in entirety 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 in the form of crime and disorder, public safety and other associated alcohol related issues. It is the responsibility of the Licensing Sub Committee for ensuring that the licensing objectives are upheld .One of the objectives is Public safety .In its decisions ,the subcommittee must consider how an application or the operation of a licenced premises might impact the safety of the public .This includes assessing risks related to prevention of crime and disorder. Whilst the subcommittee are at liberty to impose conditions on licences that mitigate identified risks in order to ensure operators maintain safe environments for both staff and patrons it is salient that they consider reports and recommendations from responsible authorities like the Police in making decisions.

Case law R (on the application of Hillingdon V .The secretary of state For the Home Department (2004) EWHC 350 9Admin) refers:

This case involved the challenge to the decision of a licensing authority to grant a premises licence .The court reaffirmed that representations from the Police are legitimate and Significant in addressing potential disorder and public safety concerns. It stressed that evidence of past incidents, particularly violent acts associated with a premises, plays a critical role in the assessment of a licence application or review.

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

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