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LICENSING ACT 2003

REPRESENTATION IN SUPPORT OF REVIEW APPLICATION La Plaza De Yirda, 487 Seven Sisters Road, London, N15 6EP.

Metropolitan Police Service Representation

I write on behalf of the Metropolitan Police Service in support of the review application submitted by the London Borough of Haringey in respect of the Premises Licence for **La Plaza De Yirda, 487 Seven Sisters Road, London, N15 6EP -** Review application by Haringey Council Noise and Nuisance Service under section 51, Licensing Act 2003.

Representor: PC Adriana Costache, Police Licensing Officer

INTRODUCTION

I submit this representation on behalf of the Metropolitan Police Service, a responsible authority under the Licensing Act 2003, in support of the review application concerning the above premises. The matters raised principally engage the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety and prevention of public nuisance licensing objectives.

This representation is based on the review application and supporting material made available to police at the time of drafting. The incidents described below are attributed to Haringey Council officers. They are not presented as independent police observations unless and until police records or witness evidence establish that position.

GROUNDS AND CHRONOLOGY SET OUT IN THE COUNCIL REVIEW

26 July 2026, approximately 00:05hrs - Council officers report the premises open beyond permitted hours, people inside drinking, audible music and no SIA door supervisor on duty.

15 August 2026, approximately 00:10hrs - Council officers report customers drinking and music playing beyond permitted hours.

29 August 2026, before midnight - Council officers report more than 20 people inside, drinking and with music playing, and no SIA door supervisor on duty.

20 September 2026 - Council officers report alcohol sales beyond permitted hours, no SIA staff and an event continuing while shutters were lowered. The reason for lowering the shutters is not established by the material supplied.

RELEVANT LICENCE RESTRICTIONS

The council review states that alcohol is authorised Sunday to Thursday 11:00–22:30 and Friday and Saturday 11:00–23:30; opening hours are Sunday to Thursday 10:00–23:00 and Friday and Saturday 10:00–00:00. It also identifies a condition requiring at least two SIA-approved door supervisors from 20:00 until closure, with one remaining outside for 30 minutes after closure or until dispersal. The review further describes alcohol sales as on-sales ancillary to a seated meal and a prohibition on operating as a bar. These restrictions must be checked against the certified premises licence and any later variations before submission.

The absence of door supervisors, if proved when the condition applied, is material to the prevention of crime and disorder and public safety. Repeated operation beyond permitted hours, if established, is also relevant to management control and the prevention of public nuisance. The fact that people were drinking does not, without more, prove an unlawful sale of alcohol at that time.

TEMPORARY EVENT NOTICE - BREACHES

A Temporary Event Notice was submitted by Bienvenido Arias Fortunato for an event stated to involve the Dominican community for 28/08/2026 to 30/08/2026 with proposed hours of 19:00–03:00 and a maximum attendance of 50. The TEN-copy supplied appears to select regulated entertainment, and a late notice, but does not visibly select the sale of alcohol or late-night refreshments Police ask that the original TEN, the dates and the resulting legal status be verified. Police rejected on that occasion the LATE TEN as we could not impose conditions. Moreover, there was no mention of SIAs or no mention of how they are going to uphold the licensing objectives. I was informed by the Council that on the early hours of the morning of SATURDAY 29th of AUGUST 2026 - La Plaza de Yirda was visited by the night duty Council officers and the shutters were down to appear closed with 20 people inside drinking with loud music, also no SIA. The venue breached the conditions against our decision not to grant the TEN.

POLICE POSITION AND LICENSING OBJECTIVES

The Metropolitan Police are concerned that the frequency of the reported incidents, if substantiated, indicates an ongoing failure to operate within the permissions and safeguards of the licence. In particular, the repeated reported absence of required door supervisors and apparent late operation warrant scrutiny of the premises management and the ability of the licence holder to secure future compliance.

The police support the review proceeding to a hearing and invite the sub-committee to consider the council's contemporaneous inspection notes, notices and records of any warnings. Police visited the premises on FRIDAY 16th OCTOBER 2026 after approx. 20.00hrs and conducted a full premises licence check. Upon licence checks, licensing officer found lots of breaches they are included on ANNEX 1 – redacted which is a courtesy email sent to Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS)/ Premises Licence Holder (PLH) on 21

October 2026 at 15.14hrs. As a result of police's checks DPS/PLH had been served with a warning letter namely - Notification of alleged offences under the Licensing Act 2003 namely Section 136 (1) Carrying or attempting to carry on licensable activity on or from any premises otherwise and in accordance with an authorization or knowingly allowing a licensable activity to be carried on & a Section 19 Closure Notice has been issued on that occasion. Moreover, DPS/PLH was asked/ advised to put up immediately for minor variation as the layout has now changed and they need a new plan.

Following the visit on FRIDAY 16th OCTOBER 2026, the licensing officer conducted another visit on FRIDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2026 at approximately 14.34hrs. The licensing officer observed that not all the breaches have been corrected and also a new breach as in the premises selling alcohol after the permitted hours. Despite of the management previously stating that all the breaches have been corrected, this was not the case. All the remaining breaches plus the new breach are include onto ANNEX 2 - redacted which is a courtesy email sent to the Manager and CC'd the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS)/ Premises Licence Holder (PLH) in the same day 6th NOVEMBER 2026 at 18.45hrs. As a result of police's checks the manager (as per the DPS/PLH's instructions) had been served with Section 19 Closure Notice – THE SECOND ONE. Moreover, the manager was asked if they put up for minor variation (as the layout has changed and they need a new plan). The manager answered "NO" because their licensing consultant told them that he is going to apply for a new licence application, and he also mentioned that the licensing consultant wants to ask the removal of the DPS.

REQUESTED OUTCOME

The council seeks revocation. The police recognise that revocation is available under section 52 of the Licensing Act 2003, but the outcome must be appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives and supported by evidence. Subject to verification of the repeated breaches, prior warnings and failure of lesser interventions, the police consider revocation a measure the sub-committee should seriously consider. If that threshold is not demonstrated, the committee should assess whether suspension, removal of licensable activities or enforceable conditions would adequately address the established risks.

The police reserve the right to provide further relevant evidence within the applicable procedure, subject to disclosure and fairness to the parties. This representation does not assert that any criminal offence has been proved.

The Metropolitan Police support this review on the grounds that the operation of the premises is undermining the licensing objectives of:

- Prevention of Crime and Disorder;
- Public Safety; and
- Prevention of Public Nuisance.

Whilst some issues were subsequently addressed following police intervention, the Metropolitan Police remain concerned that these failings still exist and are indicative of weaknesses in management control.

The Metropolitan Police invite the Licensing Sub-Committee to carefully consider whether the current Premises Licence Holder and management arrangements are capable of promoting the licensing objectives and whether it is appropriate and proportionate to modify the licence conditions, remove licensable activities, suspend the licence or revoke the licence in order to promote the licensing objectives.

Should any evidence be required it will be provided.

Kind regards,

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