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Miss Bina Patel  
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**Temporary Event Notice (TEN) APPLICATION - Tea House Theatre, 139 Vauxhall Walk, London SE11 5HL**

Dear Miss Patel,

I am a Police Constable employed in the role of Licensing Officer for the Metropolitan Police Service, Lambeth Borough. I am authorized by a delegation given by the Commissioner to act on her behalf in all matters pertaining to the Licensing Act 2003.

The Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) objects to an application made by **Henry Nicholls Iggulden** on **13/07/2021** for a **Temporary Event Notice**.

The MPS does not believe that the application sufficiently demonstrates how the licensing objectives will be promoted in relation to the following;

- Prevention of crime and disorder
- The prevention of public nuisance
- Public safety

The applicant requests the following activities:

**SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL**

**REGULATED ENTERTAINMENT**

## **1200 – 0000 Hours**

The applicant has submitted a TEN for Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2021, and is requesting the supply of alcohol and regulated entertainment between the hours of 1200 and 0000. The application states that they wish to have a live band playing music on the roof of the premises and that they want to sell alcohol to patrons, as per their licence guidance, but they wish for their patrons to consume the alcohol in the nearby Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens park area whilst listening and watching the live band playing on the roof.

The MPS have numerous concerns about the effect this event would have on the local community with regards to public nuisance. The MPS are already aware that the premises have already been subject to residential complaints regarding noise nuisance coming from the premises. Having a live band playing music from the roof of the premises with patrons gathered in the park drinking alcohol is likely to create more noise nuisance and have a negative impact on the nearby residents.

The application fails to demonstrate how the premises will manage noise created from the band, potential littering created from patrons watching the music in the park and also controlling numbers of patrons in attendance ensuring that it does not exceed the permitted 499 for a TEN. I sent an email to the applicant on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021, and I enquired as to how they would manage the number of patrons at the event given it is an open park and it is likely to attract a lot of passing business. I also stated that I would expect the event would operate with plastic cups for patrons consuming alcohol but I have received no response from the applicant and the application does not state how these issues would be managed.

It is the belief of the MPS that this event has the potential to escalate into something far bigger than the premises can manage which could lead to a potential public order situation on public land. I am aware that Police have had to attend the premises previously when a particular reading became quite hostile resulting in public order officers being deployed in the area and on that occasion it was noted by a sergeant in attendance that the premises failed to provide CCTV upon request.

The MPS is concerned that the applicant has failed to provide any additional information on how the event would be managed and therefore can only conclude that the applicant is underprepared for the event and the potential magnitude of the event.

The MPS respectfully recommends that the TEN should not be granted for all of the reasons stated above.

Yours sincerely,

**Dave Watson – PC 1959AS**

**MPS CENTRAL SOUTH BOCU**

## **Neighbourhood Policing - LICENSING & NIGHT TIME ECONOMY**

Miss Bina Patel  
Licensing Manager  
London Borough of Lambeth

16<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Miss Patel,

My name is Oladayo Bello, I am employed by London Borough of Lambeth as a Public Protection Officer within Public Protection and Regulatory Services (PPARS)  
I write on behalf of the London Borough of Lambeth Public Protection Team in objection to an application made for a Temporary Event Notice.:

**Temporary Event Notice (TEN) APPLICATION - Tea House Theatre, 139 Vauxhall Walk, London SE11 5HL**

The Public Protection Team are entering a formal representation against this TEN application on the grounds of the following licensing objectives:

- The prevention of public nuisance.
- The prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety

**Summary**

The applicant has requested in the application, supply of alcohol and regulated entertainment between 1200 – 0000 Hours on Friday 20th August 2021

The application requests having a live band playing music on the roof of the premises, while supplying alcohol to their patrons, as per their licence guidance. The application also requests that their patrons be permitted to consume the alcohol in the nearby Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens park area whilst listening and watching the live band playing on the roof.

**The prevention of public nuisance**

Tea House Theatre has come to the attention of public protection on several occasions and has a history of mostly noise nuisance complaints from members of the public. Public Protection therefore have concerns about the effect this event would have on the local community with regards to noise nuisance. Having a live band playing music from the roof of the premises with patrons gathered in the park drinking alcohol is likely to create more noise nuisance and have a negative impact on the nearby residents. Further public nuisance is the potential littering which may be created from patrons watching the music in the park. I detail some of the previously reported complaints as follows:

- 09.09.2020 1730hours (Uniform Ref: 20/08234/NCINST)  
Resident complaint - Once again, the Tea House theatre have amplified live band outside their venue blasting out music so loud that all the local residents have to close their windows. Even still with that, I had to disconnect from a work call as I couldn't

hear my colleagues. I called the Tea House Theatre but they do not answer their phone (presumably because they cannot hear it ringing).

- 10.09.2020 (Uniform Ref: 20/08223/NHMISC)  
Resident reporting Live music outside tea house theatre. Is excessively loud. We are over 300 metres away and noise is excessive here. Has been going for over an hour. Informal letter sent by Public Protection Noise Officer
- 01.06.2020 (Uniform Ref: 20/04449/NCDOM)  
Large noisy group outside premises, reported by Resident  
Noise and Threatening behaviour  
Resident reports: On 22 March (during the Covid-19 lockdown and in contravention to the relevant regulations) Harry Iggulden, owner of the Tea House Theatre, and between 10 to 15 others had a loud party outside his premises and below the bedroom windows of 4 of the residential flats in Darley House. The party started in the mid-afternoon and lasted until around 4am preventing us from sleeping for most of the night. This involved the group drinking, shouting, loud singing, swearing, abusive and intimidating behaviour. The group did not maintain social distancing. When asked politely to keep the noise down as the party was disturbing local residents, the group responded with jeers and the noise continued. It is part of a wider pattern of anti-social noise and behaviour emanating from the Tea House Theatre (most prominently from its owner, Harry) which, we suspect, demonstrates a history of persistent breach of the Tea House Theatre's licence terms.
- (Uniform Ref: 20/04341/EPA90) S34 Duty of Care Notice served 28.05.2020 by Environmental Enforcement Officer regarding Litter.
- (Uniform Ref: 19/06565/NCLAM)  
Loud music complaint by resident  
The Tea House theatre appears to be hosting some sort of loud party. There is a group of people.

### **Public safety/ The prevention of crime and disorder**

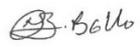
The application has not addressed how the event will be managed to control the number of patrons in attendance ensuring that it does not exceed the permitted 499 for a TEN. This may lead to issues of Public safety and Crime and Disorder

### **Conclusion**

With a long history of noise nuisance complaints regarding Tea House Theatre and the failure of the applicant to provide any additional information on how the event would be managed responsibly and safely to promote the licensing objectives, the public protection team In order to continue to fulfil and promote the licensing objectives as a responsible authority, concludes that the applicant is not adequately prepared for the event and the potential magnitude of the event, and may put the licensing objectives at risk.

Public Protection therefore recommends that the TEN should not be granted for all the reasons stated above.

Sincerely,



Oladayo Bello  
Public Protection Officer