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Miss Bina Patel
Licensing Manager
Lambeth Borough Council

NEW PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATION – 300, STREATHAM HIGH ROAD, SW16 6HG

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 **Mr SOOSAIRAJ AROKIASAMY** on **24TH SEPTEMBER 2021** for a **NEW PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATION, 21/00265/PRMNEW** refers.

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

EVERYDAY: 24 HOURS

The premises currently operates on a licence that was granted in 2018 and is currently permitted to sell alcohol between the hours of 1000 and 2200 and this licence has not been surrendered. The applicant is seeking the sale of alcohol be permitted for 24 hours on a daily basis, these hours are outside London Borough of Lambeth's Statement of Licensing Policy 2019 – 2024.

The location where the premises is situated has historically suffered from crime related incidents and anti-social behaviour (ASB) issues that have had a negative impact on the local community, particularly residents that live in the nearby residential areas. Much of these issues arise from street drinkers that frequent the nearby church grounds and this has led to complaints from residents and business owners to the local policing team about their behaviour with residents often feeling harassed by street drinkers who often use begging as a way of funding their consumption of alcohol. Alcohol being readily available 24 hours a day will only serve to encourage street drinking, begging and low level crime, which will have a negative impact on the local community. Street drinkers themselves are also victims, with irresponsible operators selling to individuals who need medical help. This does not help them or the National Health Service and other agencies who try to help them as well.

The MPS does not believe that the application sufficiently demonstrates the requirement for alcohol to be served for 24 hours and we do not believe the applicant satisfies that the licensing objectives will be promoted if the licence was to be granted. The MPS respectfully recommends that the application is rejected.

Yours sincerely,

Dave Watson – PC 1959AS

MPS CENTRAL SOUTH BOCU

Neighbourhood Policing - LICENSING & NIGHT TIME ECONOMY

Miss Bina Patel
Licensing Manager
London Borough Lambeth

15th November 2021

Dear Ms Patel

I write on behalf of the London Borough of Lambeth Public Protection Team regarding the new license application that has been made 21/00265/PRMNEW - 300 Streatham High Road, London, SW16 6HG by:

Mr SOOSAIRAJ AROKIASAMY
61 CHARLMONT ROAD
LONDON
SW17 9AH

The Public Protection Team request that you accept this as a formal representation against the above-mentioned new license application on the grounds of the following licensing objectives:

- Prevention of Public Nuisance.
- Public Safety

Summary

Public Protection have concerns in relation to issuing a twenty-four hour off sales alcohol license to this premises, this is in contravention to London Borough of Lambeth's Statement of Licensing Policy 2019 – 2024.

Public Protection currently have a Community Partnership Action Plan in place in the Streatham area, we regularly work and meet with multiple business and residential groups within the area, along with the Metropolitan Police.

The partnership carries out regular patrols of the area lead by the feedback and complaints of the local community, most of the work we carry out is directly related to Anti-Social Behavior (ASB), specifically alcohol and drug related.

There are many street population in the area, this includes street drinkers, professional beggars and vulnerable individuals with substance abuse and dependency issues, there are also several services in the area specific to these individuals.

In addition, Public Protection have received complaints in relation to groups of youths congregating outside the current off licenses in the area, some of these groups are believed to have gang connections with the associated criminality also being reported.

Many of the ASB complaints we receive include but are not exclusive to:

- Intimidating and aggressive drunken behavior
- Street urination and defecation
- Theft from shops
- Begging
- Drug related activities
- Dangerous intoxicated behavior

Conclusion

Public Protection believe the issuing of a 24 hour off-sale license to this premises would feed and aggravate the current alcohol related street issues in the area and become an additional driver for further noise and ASB, we believe it will encourage unlicensed music events, on street drinking and on street youth related ASB.

Public Protection are of the view that this license application has not considered the recommended advice in relation to licensing hours in the Lambeth Licensing Policy, which in this situation are extremely relevant, the applicant has also failed to explain why the twenty-four-hour provision of alcohol is needed.

Public Protection believe that the granting of this license will have a detrimental effect on local communities and are therefor representing against this application.

Yours sincerely



Keith Badrick
Public Protection Officer

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Licensing](#)
Subject: 300 Streatham High Road London SW16 6HG licensed premises. Res Rep 2 - Ahamed jalaudeen
Date: 20 October 2021 14:50:37

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Dear licensing officer,

I am concerned with regards to Costcuttwr Local, 300 Streatham High Road London SW16 6HG licensed premises.

I have objected in the past when this premises applied for license variation application

my objection is based on my concern that this variation may increase the public nuisance for many dwelling nearby, also it will attract vulnerable children's to buy alcohol by not granting them would protect children's from harm including my own child..

I would grateful if the licensing team would consider my objection

Thanks
Ahamed jalaudeen

From: [RAM PRASAD](#)
To: [Licensing](#)
Subject: 300 Streatham High Road London SW16 6HG licensed premises. Res Rep 1 - Ramprasad
Date: 19 October 2021 16:34:38

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Date: 19/10/2021

Dear licensing officer,

I am concerned with regards to Costcutter Local, 300 Streatham High Road London SW16 6HG licensed premises.

I live on 300 streatham high road my objection is based on my concern that this variation may increase the public nuisance for many dwelling nearby, including my own..
I am already suffering from Health issue opening 24 hours this would even make me sleepless due to this nuisance...

I would grateful if the licensing team would consider my objection

Ramprasad
300 streatham high road
sw16 6hg

From: [Alexshanthakumar.Thanabalasingam](#)
To: [Licensing](#)
Subject: Costcutter Local, 300 Streatham High Road London SW16 6HG licensed premises. I strongly opposes and object his 24 hours variation application
Date: 23 September 2021 01:17:15

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Dear Sir / Madam,

I am concerned with regards Costcutter Local, 300 Streatham High Road London SW16 6HG licensed premises.

I strongly opposes and object his 24 hours variation application

I also operate a business in this area and noticed that a new owner has very recently taken over the above premises and already trying to open the shop at late hours without licence which already creating public nuisance and by granting 24 hours which would make this area worse...

Under mandatory condition A1 - it states that "No supply of Alcohol may be made at a time when there is no Designated Premises Supervisor in respect of the Premises Li

Also I believe he is in breach of the Operating Condition that does not permit sell of beer, lager or cider above 6% ABV, any cans or bottles of ales, beers, lagers, cider or similar will be sold in a minimum of 4 can, there shall be no sales of spirits in bottle of 35cl or smaller. since this type of alcohol is displayed for access to members of public.

Finally the permitted licensing hours on the Premises Licence are Monday to Thursday plus Sunday 07:00 AM to 11:00 PM and on Thursday & Friday from 07:00 AM to 12:00 midnight.

I have noticed that the premises have been open for trade later than the permitted hours.

I strongly oppose this variation Application

Kind regards
Alex

300 Streatham High Road London SW16 6HG - 21/00265/PRMNEW

As a responsible authority under section 13(4) of the Licensing Act 2003 as amended under the Police and Social Responsibility Act 2011, the Licensing Authority have considered your application in full. The Licensing Authority has concerns in relation to this application and how the premises would promote the following Licensing Objectives:

- Public Nuisance
- Prevention of Crime & Disorder
- Public Safety
- Protection of Children from Harm

New Grant application

The application is seeking.

Sale by Retail of Alcohol (Off)

Monday - Sunday 00:00- 00:00

The applicant is also seeking to open

Hours premises are open to the public

Monday - Sunday 00:00- 00:00

Classification of Area within the policy

According to the current Licensing Policy, Appendix 7 page 51, the premises is located in a major Town Centre. The hours recommended in the policy for an Off licence in this location are 11:00 to 00:00 hours all week.

Major Centres are important shopping and service centres and are characteristic of Inner London. Their attractiveness for retailing is derived from a mix of both comparison and convenience shopping. They usually have more than 50,000m² of retail floor space. With sizeable local catchment areas, many of these centres have enough established cultural and entertainment facilities to keep them busy in the evenings. Areas classed as major centres for the borough are Brixton and Streatham.

According to Appendix 6, page 49 of the policy the potential impact from the premises of this kind includes:

- Street drinking and associated anti-social behaviour
- New applicants are required to demonstrate how their premises will not contribute to street drinking in the area
- Premises more likely to be targeted by underage drinkers

There are street drinking and anti-social behaviour issues in the area. Street drinkers are vulnerable individuals who sometimes engaged in street begging which causes distress to members of the public. The extended hours sought for sale of alcohol has the potential for vulnerable people to be victims of crime or commit crime in the area which may lead to an increase in public nuisance and crime and disorder.

History of the Premises:

There is a current premises licence in place since January 2019. 31 conditions were imposed by consent order 18/01/2019.

The current applicant would like to apply for a new premises licence with a new operating schedule. The current operating schedule has 30 conditions of which the new applicant has utilised only two of those conditions and has offered 9 others. The conditions proposed by the applicants in their application does not go far enough to address my concerns. The applicant has also indicated that the current premises licence Prem2110 will be surrendered once new management take over this is not something the applicant can do. Having checked our records to date (29/09/21), we have not received an application to transfer or any communication indicating surrender of the current premises licence prem2110. The surrendering of the premises licence can only be done by the current premises licence holder Rajeswary Nimal Raj.

Conclusion

The applicant is seeking hours later than those specified in the policy and has not provided any evidence as to why the application will not have a negative impact on the licensing objectives.

It is therefore recommended that the application be refused due to the hours requested being outside the councils Licensing policy because the applicant has failed to provide sufficient evidence to demonstrate that the application would not have a negative impact on the licensing objectives in the area.

Bina Patel
Licensing Manager
29th September 2021