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**Application: Habesha, 256-258 Brixton Road, SW9  
24th December 2017**

**4<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

Dear Ola Ojowori,

I write on behalf of the Commissioner of Police for the Metropolis to raise a representation against the grant of the above application on the ground(s) of the following Licensing Objectives; Prevention of Crime & Disorder, Public Safety and Preventing Public Nuisance.

The application in question is a Temporary Event Notice for the above premises. The premises that has applied for this T.E.N was only recently granted a license. It was granted with the expectation that the premises be run as a restaurant and as a completely different venue to BXT Frat House which previously held the license at the address. This was due to serious crime and disorder at that venue as well as nuisance caused to local residents by loud music and noise from patrons leaving in the early hours. In recent weeks, both the MPS and other responsible authorities have visited the venue and have found that the venue has been operating in a manner not to dissimilar from a night club. We have since met with the venue and discussed their future conduct. We feel, however, that the activities proposed in the TEN would undermine that work and the licensing objectives.

As it has been so soon since the license was granted the MPS has not seen any evidence which proves that this premises is capable of hosting such an event without undermining the licensing objectives. It should also be noted that the application itself does not include any valid reassurance that the licensing objectives would be upheld. I therefore respectfully request that this TEN not be granted. We would consider accepting this TEN if the conditions imposed on the premises license were transferred to this TEN.

Yours Sincerely,

Police Constable Joe Farrelly 850LX.

**Memo To: Licensing**

**At: Community Safety**

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**From: Russell Taylor**

**Date: 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

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**Our Ref:**

**Your Ref: TEN 9992**

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**Subject:** Application for Temporary Event, Hebesha, 256-258 Brixton Road SW9 6AQ  
24<sup>th</sup> December 2017 to 25<sup>th</sup> of December 2017. 2200 to 0400

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The Community Safety Team is a responsible authority for the purpose of the Licensing Act 2003. On behalf of Community Safety I object to the application made by Heraney Asres to hold a temporary event between the 24<sup>th</sup> December 2017 to 25<sup>th</sup> of December 2017. 2200 to 0400at 256 to 258 Brixton Road SW9 6AQ. TEN 9992 refers.

This objection is made as we cannot be satisfied that the licensing objectives of Prevention of Public Nuisance would not be undermined.

### **Prevention of Public Nuisance**

There has been a history of anti-social behaviour linked to this premises. Lambeth Council has received complaints about noise coming from the premises and anti-social behaviour caused by customers leaving the premises.

After a event at the location disorder took place amongst customers leavening the venue and an allegation of a serious assault was made. As a result of this a Closure Notice under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 was issued by Community Safety staff.

I am aware that the police have reviewed the licence twice recently due to incidents of crime and disorder. These reviews resulted in the premises licence being revoked.

The business model for the premises has now changed and alcohol can only be supplied with meals.

This application relates to Christmas Eve party finishing at 04:00, which is not in line with the new business model.

Community Safety Officers and Lambeth Police Officers have visited the location and found that it appears to operating in a way similar to a night club.

We have since met with representatives from Habesha and reminded them of their responsibilities. This application to is to operate outside the business model of a restaurant. The premises licence was only recently changed and we are not convinced that the management will be able to control the event without undermining the licencing objectives.

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