

Engagement Meeting of 8th November 2017 at International House, Canterbury Crescent, London SW9 7QE

Habesha Restaurant 256-258 Brixton Road (Prem2161)

Present:-

Adedotun Ajao	(AA) Security Owner
Tewodros Mesmar	(TM) DPS
Esther Jones	(EJ) Licensing
Ola Owojori	(OO) Licensing
Russell Taylor	(RT) Community Safety
Joe Farrelley	(JF) Police

OO – Confirmed that the meeting was scheduled following complaints from resident and breaches of conditions which may have led to a review, but the premises management was given the opportunity to address the concerns raised and for the Authorities to assist them in doing so if required.

RS – confirmed that Community Safety were concerned with Anti-Social Behaviour, dispersal of patrons from the premises and possible increase in complaints

JF – confirmed they believe the premises is ran as a night club with £15 entry fee. He confirmed that CCTV evidence showed no meal served to customer and alcohol continued to be sold without food

EJ – reiterated concerns from the Police and confirmed three of the licensing objectives were not been promoted. She confirmed their current operation may have an impact on the successful variation to the premises licence to remove condition 25 and confirmed that a review will be considered if the licence conditions are not adhered to.

TM – read a prepared statement in response to the concerns raised and he was advised that the statement should have been sent prior to the meeting for consideration.

RT – commented on the significant number of patrons on the pavement who were not dispersed by the door supervisor from the CCTV footage.

JF – reiterated that the CCTV footage doesn't show a restaurant kind of operation.

AA - requested guidance on how to operate in accordance with the premises licence.

OO – explained the operation as restaurant –

Annex C

No admission levy, food to be main business and alcohol and entertainment to be ancillary, well lit premises, patrons should be dining and served by waiter/waitress and trading name should reflect the new name.

TM – confirmed that food is always available to customers as they arrive from 6-10pm and customers were provided with alcohol well after they have finished their meals. Apologised that the trading name had remained as BXT Frat House as the name change had been given less priority.

OO – commented that the old name may have attracted old BXT patrons and confirmed that the frontage of the premises was not dedicated as the smoking area on the premises licence as stated by TM and the rear of the premises could be considered as a smoking area if appropriate.

TM & AA - confirmed that the rear of the premises is well lit and supervised

EJ – commented that the rear of the premises may not be appropriate due to nearby residential properties.

RT - reiterated the need to operate as a restaurant.

AA - confirmed that they now understand what is expected in accordance with their premises licence and would like to move on.

JF – believe the premises was operating as BXT as TENS applied for were for events that BXT had previously held.

TM - confirmed their clientele and music are different from BXT, albeit not perfect, but what they have achieved should be credited. Sought assistance for setting noise limiter

RT - confirmed that assistance could be given once the equipment is available and it should be noted that the level as a restaurant would be lower than as a night club.

OO – recapped the issues that had been of concerns to the authorities which includes, breach of conditions, trading name, admission fee, loud music and noise emanation, dispersal and rubbish on the pavement.

Reiterated measures to be taken to ensure compliance as;
no admission fee, alcohol to be ancillary to meals, TENS may be sought when premises is to be used for events, limit the number of patrons smoking at any one time, no drinks to be allowed when with patrons smoking

TM – confirmed that they had bins for the premises and he is concerned of their premises been associated with littering in the area as most of the rubbish are household item and takeaway food containers

RT – confirmed that littering in the area had improved of recent.