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Ref: DLR /B.3-121

Thursday, 11th May 2017

OBJECTION NOTICE

Legal Services Department
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Bridgend County Borough Council
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Notification under section 100 of the Licensing Act 2003 for Temporary Event Notice 35 Market Street, Bridgend. CF31 1LJ.

Extension of hours for the Bank Holiday weekend from 0300am on Sunday 28th May 2017 until 0500am on Sunday 28th May 2017 and 0200am on Monday 29th May 2017 until 0400am on Monday 29th May 2017.

For the sale by retail of alcohol and the provision of regulated entertainment. To supply alcohol 'on the premises only', with a 30 minute wind down period of alcohol sales included for 400 persons.

I refer to the above application receipt is acknowledged and I would inform you that there are police objections in respect of this matter.

Application is made on behalf of the Chief Officer of Police, to object to this temporary event notice (TEN) as it is believed that the event would undermine the licensing objectives relating to the prevention of crime and disorder, public nuisance and public safety as set out in the Act. The amended TEN was served on SWP on 9th May 2017 altering the original application that was signed as the 5th May 2017.

The premise is situated in the "saturation area" which is subject of Bridgend County Borough Council's "Statement of Licensing Policy" and the saturation policy was specifically created due to the unacceptably high levels of crime, anti-social behaviour and alcohol related public disorder within Bridgend town centre.

This is the third Temporary Event Notification from the applicant, the first being a Late TEN which was refused, the second TEN having been granted for Bank Holiday weekend covering the 29th April 2017 and this application being the third.

The second event which SWP offered no objections to went ahead however, unfortunately a violent incident was recorded in the early hours of the morning. This incident reports a male having been ejected from the premises who was then located by Police as he made allegations of criminality at the premise. He also alleged that he had been assaulted inside the premises (occurrence 1700155002 date 01.5.2017 time 0300hrs) refers.

Under the licensing objective of Prevention of Crime and Disorder no call was made by the premises to SWP therefore the allegation of assault has now proved difficult to establish.

This male was then left on Market Street at about 0300hrs in the morning in an area which contains residential properties against the Licensing Objectives to Prevent Public Nuisance as staff showed no duty of care to this man, it was the timely arrival of Police who located him

This premises is next door to the Eden Club which is run and owned by the same family and it appears that persons locally are also referring to the new premises as Eden and it is often difficult to differentiate which premise is being referred to as the signage upon this premise also reads Eden. We therefore have two separate premises which are next to each other both owned and run by the same family and both premises are called Eden.

On the same night to this second TENS, a Domestic Violence assault was reported whereby the female victim was thrown to the ground by a male aggressor (occurrence 1700164300) refers.

Victims have stated that they had just left Eden Club prior to the assault taking place.

Having assaulted his partner the male then turned his aggression and assaulted his partners female friend by grabbing her around the throat and forcing her against a wall (occurrence 1700164480) refers.

Both of these assaults took place near to the premises location and again no call or staff intervention was made which may assisted in helping to Prevent this Crime & Disorder taking place.

It is still unclear which premises is being referred to, this incident resulted in the arrest of the Male person who was clearly drunk, aggressive and disorderly, he was restrained by Police Officers upon his arrest and interviewed a number of hours later due to the level of his intoxication.

The new premises is now operating under the existing Premises License and there are two conditions on the Operating Schedule which cause concern.

Annex 2 - Conditions Consistent with the Operating Schedule

General – All four licensing objectives:-

8. No admission/re-admission to be permitted after 0020 hours on Sundays.

So in effect no persons could enter the premises from 0020hrs until 0300hrs on Sunday 28th May & 0020hrs until 0200hrs on Monday 29th May and this would certainly have a negative impact on Preventing Crime and Disorder due to the high volume of customers queueing to access the premises.

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2) The licensed premises are structurally adapted and are bona fide used or intended to be used for the purpose of providing music and dancing and substantial refreshment to which the sale of intoxicating liquor **is ancillary**.

It is believed that the sale of alcohol is not ancillary to substantial refreshments, music and dancing at this premise.

Allowing the event to go ahead will increase the calls to the emergency services, due to alcohol consumption during a Bank Holiday period that will already be stretching police resources far and wide. That the operation of such a premises with such additional hours, will only increase the level of crimes in the area.

Therefore SWP cannot support this notification and believe that a hearing is necessary and proportionate.

Yours faithfully,

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PC 3643 David Rees

