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**RE: OBJECTION NOTICE TO ROUTE 66, 17, COMMERCIAL STREET, MAESTEG, CF34 9DF**

**RE: APPLICATION TO VARY A PREMISES LICENCE UNDER SECTION 34 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 REPRESENTATIONS**

The South Wales Police refer to the above application and inform Bridgend County Borough Council Licensing Authority that there are police objections in respect to the variation of the premises license and the conditions that form part of it as set out in the Operating Schedule.

This application is made on behalf of the Chief Officer of Police that the current application contains NO workable conditions that will promote the four licensing objectives for the extension of hours requested. In fact the application is blank in many places showing that no preventative measures have been considered, especially the promotion of the prevention of crime and disorder. Where the operating schedule has been endorsed with conditions those offered are repetitive and unenforceable. They do not promote any of the licensing objectives.

This premises is already subject to a premises licence BCBCLP 491 and has been closed for some time after operating as a café. The application has asked for an additional licensable activity, that being, 'the performance of dance'. Predominately it is asking for a significant increase in hours for all of the licensable activities. The schedule has not considered the location of the premises or of residential properties near by, or even the existing oversaturation of late night licensed premises within this area of Maesteg.

Neither has the application considered eradicating conditions that are already included as conditions on the existing premises licence that are out of date or even contradict how the premises will run. South Wales Police are therefore objecting to this current application as it does not promote the licensing objectives or see how the grant of it would not add negatively to the existing cumulative impact of late night premises within the locality.

**The Operating Schedule**

The operating schedule is a part of the variation that details how the individual premise will operate and what activities are proposed. In this part of the document, the applicant should include a general description of the style and character of the variation to the existing premises.

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The operating schedule is then translated into lawful orders on how the premise will operate. This schedule shows the application is for a night club and contains no conditions offered within this application to warrant the safe execution of a night club business, just that door staff will be on duty from 22.00 hours. There is no depth of description of how many door staff will be operating, where their responsibilities will lie and what areas of the premises they will operate in. The application is also extending the downstairs area to be licensed including and outside decked area for persons to smoke outside on.

This outside area has been marked on the plans as the decking and final exit; however no conditions included on how this will be utilised safely as it also operates as a fire exit. It also does not cater for excluding persons gaining entry to the premises from this area, or how in fact this area will adhere to the current licensing objectives under Annex 2:-

#### **A. Public Safety conditions**

2. Ensure that the means of escape in the event of fire or other emergency are always kept clear.

#### **B. The prevention of public nuisance conditions**

1. To ensure that noise from amplified music does not have an adverse impact on those living or working in the vicinity of the premises e.g. closing windows and doors.

5. To ensure that any refuse is stored and disposed of appropriately.

6. To be mindful of those who live and work in the vicinity when disposing of empty bottles or when deliveries are being made.

Where no representation are made, then the Licensing Authority officials, undertake a simple administrative process to replicate the proposals contained in the operating schedule in the form of clear and enforceable licence conditions.

#### **Sale of alcohol hours and licensable activity**

South Wales Police believe that the following restrictions must be applied to reduce any potential crime and disorder and promote the public safety objectives at the premises.

The application asks for the sale of alcohol until 03.00 am Wednesday to Sunday and an increase in hours 14 day prior and post to Christmas day.

1. The sale of alcohol will be Monday to Saturday 10.00 – 01.30. Sunday 00.30 with an additional hour to be granted on Bank Holiday Sundays.

2. The seasonal variations for an extra hour for British summer time should be approved.

3. The 14 extra days to trade before and after Christmas do not support the licensing objectives and should not be granted.

4. Supply has been applied for on the premises only.

#### **Hours the premises are open to the public**

1. Monday to Saturday 10.00 – 02.00

2. Sunday 10.00 – 01.00 with an additional hour to be granted on Bank Holiday Sundays.

3. The seasonal variations for an extra hour for British summer time should be approved.

4. The 14 extra days to trade before and after Christmas do not support the licensing objectives and should not be granted.

The premises should also be granted with the following additional conditions:-

#### **Prevention of crime and disorder**

19. Two members of door staff will be employed from 22.00 hours until closure every Friday and Saturday. Two members of door staff will also be employed on the premises on any evening prior to a Bank holiday.

20. Two further members of door staff will be employed from 23.00 hours until closure every Friday and Saturday night. Two further members of door staff will be employed from 23.00 hours every evening prior to a Bank holiday until closure.

21. One member of door staff will remain downstairs at the premises to monitor the smoking area for noise and capacity levels and to prevent entry.

22. No smoking will be permitted outside the front of the premises at any time.

The following conditions that current exist on the premises licence will be amended to the following:-

**General – All four licensing objectives**

1. The risk assessment will be written, readily available and produced on request by authorised officers.

**Prevention of crime and disorder**

13. No fluids / alcohol will be consumed in the designated smoking area of the premises after 23.00 hours.
14. Any persons found in possession of illegal drugs will be reported to the police immediately.
16. The premises licence holder will operate a drugs search policy. Notices on entry will be displayed. A refusal will result in no entry.

**Public safety**

9. No glass will be allowed outside the premises, including the designated smoking area at any time.

South Wales Police has met with the applicant and discussed the proposals and the necessity to comply with the licensing objectives. There are currently 19 other licensed premises within this street alone in this sector and another late night premises will only add to this existing saturation of late night venues. This objection notice has therefore been amended to represent a fair, necessary and proportionate step to maximise the prevention of crime and disorder with this application and to support the licensing objectives of public safety.

Yours sincerely,



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