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Re:- Rock Island @ Thomas A Beckett 320-322 Old Kent Road SE1 5UE

Dear Sir/Madam

Police are in receipt of a temporary event notice from the above for what is described as a drag queen show during the pride in London 2017 Parade. The intended licensable activities as detailed on the notice are as follows.

Late night Refreshment	23:00 to 02:00
Sale by retail of alcohol.	11:00 to 02:00
The provision of regulated entertainment	11:00 to 02:00
Premises to be open to the public	11:00 to 02:30

On the 1st June 2017 Southwark's Licensing Sub Committee refused an application from the above to vary the premises licence. Amongst others, the variation sought to remove condition 847 of the premises licence which dealt with restricting the sale of alcohol to patrons that were taking table meals and that alcohol would be served ancillary to that table meal.

It also sought to extend the opening hours and the permitted hours for licensable activities until 02:30, similar to those as detailed in the Temporary Event Notice.

Having had regard to all the relevant considerations and the four licensing objectives, the licensing sub committee decided it was appropriate and proportionate to refuse the removal of condition **847** and not to allow the full extent of the additional hours.

In coming to this decision the committee made specific reference to the following comments made by Party G as per the Notice Of Decision issued on the 1st June 2017.

The licensing sub-committee heard from party G, who advised that she spoke on behalf of the residents of Riddle Court. The licence conditions imposed when this licence was granted played a key role in preventing and controlling alcohol related crime and anti-social behaviour, ensuring that alcohol consumption was well managed. The removal of condition 847 would allow non-dining patrons to consume alcohol only. The resident stated that she

had not experienced any problems with the premises since the grant of the licence in January 2017, but there was a prevailing fear that the problems experienced in 2015 would return. Having heard from the responsible authorities, the resident did not have confidence in the management of the premises.

The committee also heard from a number of other responsible authorities and reached their decision having had consideration to all parties and comments.

This Temporary Event Notice would have the effect of removing all the control measures and conditions of the premises licence. It could permit the sale and consumption of alcohol to non-dining patrons and extend the times that alcohol was available. The TEN would circumvent the conditions of the premises licence which were carefully designed to prevent the venue from being anything other than a restaurant style venue.

In my opinion this is highly likely to have a negative impact on the licensing objectives. The conditions already contained within the premises licence in my opinion sufficiently deal with the promotion of the licensing objectives. This can be evidenced by the fact that no complaints have been made by the local residents and there has been little in the way of reported crime associated with the premises.

It is for this reason that I recommend the Licensing sub committee consider the issue of a counter notice.

Another option open to the committee would be to attach all the conditions of the premises licence to the TEN. This would deal with the restaurant style venue but would not deal with the late opening until 0230hrs or the provision of regulated entertainment until 0200hrs, this in my opinion could still have a negative impact on the licensing objectives, in particular the prevention of crime and disorder and the prevention of a public nuisance.

The following is submitted for the consideration of the licensing sub-committee.

Yours Sincerely

Ian Clements PC362MD