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Sent: Wednesday, August 09, 2017 4:19 PM
To: Regen, Licensing
Cc: Public Health Licensing
Subject: RE: Consultation LDO 9.8.2017 Review The Empire 777 Old Kent Road

To whom it may concern:

Re: the Empire, 777 Old Kent Road, London SE15 1NZ

On behalf of the Director of Health and Wellbeing (incorporating the role of Director of Public Health) for Southwark (a responsible authority under the Licensing Act 2003) I wish to make representation in respect of the above.

The representation is made in respect of the following licensing objective(s):

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- Prevention of public nuisance
- Public safety

General Comments

I wish to express my concerns over the alleged persistent failure of the above premise to withhold the licensing objectives, in particular the prevention of public nuisance objective. This premises is located in the vicinity of local residents and allegedly those local residents have been persistently disturbed in the early hours of the morning by patrons from the above premises. Persistent sleep disturbance has substantial detrimental health impacts including, elevated risk of increased blood pressure, heart disease, obesity, anxiety and depression. Not to mention the direct impacts such as low mood, fatigue and work lost productivity the following day.

Recommendations


Public Health fully supports this premises license is reviewed by the licensing sub-committee.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Carolyn Sharpe

on behalf of Professor Kevin Fenton, Director of Health and Wellbeing
(incorporating the role of Director of Public Health)

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8 August 2017

Dear Licensing team,

Supporting application 859547 reviewing the Empire Lounge licence at unit 2, 777 Old Kent road, SE15 1NZ.

The  writes in support of the application to review the licence of the Empire Lounge located at unit 2, 777 Old Kent Road, SE15 1NZ for the concerns stated below.

Our main concerns are that, they, The Empire Lounge, have been negligent in their duty to ensure that their customers leave the premises in a quiet and orderly manner especially in the early hours of the morning at which time local residents would be most likely sleeping. This we believe relates to and breaches conditions 305 of their licence.

The adverse localised impact on our residents in that vicinity, ensure that they would be subject to loss of peaceful enjoyment of their homes especially where majority of them are vulnerable.

Also, the proprietor/s of Empire Lounge have not demonstrated that they have a proactive dispersal policy for their patrons because residents of the Tustin in that vicinity have also been subjected to loud arguments between patrons in one of the car parks on the estate in the early hours of morning. This incident was traced to people leaving the Empire Lounge.

The impact on our limited parking spaces are also hugely felt with their indiscriminate parking leading to residents unable to sometimes get in or out of parking area late at night.

The double parking in that area of Old Kent road, Hillbeck road and Sylvan grove also raise potential hazard of visibility for drivers in that area, which may lead to serious accidents if allowed to continue.

The associated vandalism and anti-social behaviour that arise from the location is another cause for concern. For example, a similar establishment that is at the junction of Ilderton road and Old Kent road is not addressing these issues which is raising anxiety amongst affected residents.

Concerns have also been raised about the disposal of some of their trade waste on our estate.

Overall we are justifiably concerned at the loss of amenity in terms of the nuisance and disturbances happening that is affecting residents adversely.

Although some may view this as minor, this negative impact on our vulnerable neighbours is major and surely the breaches of licensing conditions is also contrary to the high environmental standards of the core strategy and protection of amenity of the Southwark plan.

We hope that you consider our support for the licence review of the Empire Lounge establishment which is purely out of genuine concern and is without prejudice.

Thank you.

[Redacted]

On behalf of the [Redacted]

[Redacted]

From: McArthur, Wesley

Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 7:46 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Application for the review of a premises licence - Empire Lounge, Unit 2, 777 Old Kent Road, London, SE15 1NZ (our ref: L1U 859547)

Importance: High

Dear [REDACTED],

I refer to the representation, a copy of which is attached, submitted by you on behalf of the [REDACTED].

Please note that our guidance to submitting representations (available via:

<http://www.southwark.gov.uk/business/licences/how-to-lodge-a-representation>) states that –

“If representations are being made on behalf of a group (e.g. Tenants and Residents Association) then proof of the group's decision to make the objection must be sent to the Licensing Service along with the objection letter (this could be a document such as minutes from a meeting)...”

Please provide such proof (dated prior to the date of the submission of your representation) of the [REDACTED]'s decision to submit the representation, if you can't, the representation will be considered as having been submitted on your behalf only.

Notwithstanding the above please note that further to any prior information you may have received, or information in public notices in respect of the review application, the hearing to determine the application has been rescheduled to 2 October 2017.

Please find attached a notification of hearing and also guidance to the hearing procedure.

Regards,

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