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**Date:** 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

**Re:- Africa Centre Summer Festival, London SE1 0BL**

Police are in receipt of an application from the above for a new time limited premises licence.

We object to the granting of the licence in full. The application is for a large scale public event in the street with little detail within the application. The event ran last year with a number of issues and would expect a considerably better application detailing measures to negate the issues.

The event map has little detail as to locations of alcohol sales and other stalls within the area. No detail regarding who will be selling alcohol, no dispersal policy, fire evacuation plan or DPS

The application is for up to 9999 people, which would be considered a significant risk of terrorist attack including vehicle attack. No information or consultation has been done and with it being in the street, some sort of measures will need to be in place to stop such attack

The application contains such minimal details I am unable to assess further. This concerns me that such a large event in the street in central London with what appears so little planning by the applicant and organisers.

Kind Regards

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**Subject:** EPT rep - time limited premises licence application, Africa Centre Summer Festival 2018

Dear Licensing,

Southwark Council's Environmental Protection Team have reviewed the new time limited premises licence application (attached) for the Africa Centre Summer Festival 2018, Great Suffolk Street from junction with Dolben Street to junction with Sturge Street, SE1 0B on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

The activities sought will include "two music stages playing amplified live music, a smaller youth dance stage along with a large selection of African food, drink and textiles available to purchase by street vendors".

The application states there will be 5000 to 9999 persons in attendance.

The licensable activities sought on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2018 are;

- Live music – 12:00 – 22:00 - "There will be 2 musical stages, featuring live performances of amplified live and recorded music, there will also be smaller youth dance stage playing amplified recorded music. A DJ will fill time between performances and there will also be a host on each stage. There will also be other types of performances such as Dance and Spoken Word".
- Recorded music – 13:00 – 22:00 "There will be 2 main stages that will be playing amplified live and recorded music. There will be a smaller youth/dance stage playing recorded music. There will also be indoor amplified music in the Africa Centre buildings".
- Performances of Dance – 13:00 – 22:00 "There will be dance performances from various youth companies on the Dance/youth stage, there will also be dance performances from older performers on the 2 main stages, as well as on ground level."
- Anything similar – 12:00 – 22:00 "There will be various activities taking place throughout the festival, these include spoken word performances, drama, face painting, story telling, mask making, street performances and children's games".
- Supply of alcohol (on the premises) – 13:00 – 22:00.
- Hours open to the public – 13:00 – 22:00

Section M part d) of the application has been reviewed which addresses the prevention of public nuisance licensing objective. The following has been advised:

1. "The presence of security, stewards, Police and community stewards should deter any possible public nuisance activity. The stewards and volunteers will also be vigilant in spotting and reporting and signs of public disturbance or nuisance."
2. "All through fares will be clearly signposted and allow for pedestrians on foot or on bicycle to both attend and travel through the festival route".

**EPT STANCE**

No information within the application form addresses noise. Both live and recorded music are requested for 9-10 continuous hours on the street whereby there are numerous residential properties overlooking the event area. How are noise levels going to be controlled and monitored to ensure no public nuisance will be caused?

EPT raise large concerns with the regards to noise levels as the 2017 event gave rise to noise complaints. Noise team officers visited on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2017 and they spoke with the noise consultant on site who advised the noise officers that “they had breached the noise limit of 65dB several times during the event”. The noise consultant also advised the noise officer “that he thought the requirement for 65dB from nearest was sensitive premises was almost unachievable due to the closeness to the stages.”

A noise level to not exceed 65dB LAeq 15mins was agreed for this event last year by the same applicant who is applying for this years event. This noise level is in line with Southwark’s Outdoor Events Policy and is applied to all relevant outdoor events. It is therefore concerning that this event last year knowingly breached the imposed noise level which subsequently caused noise complaints. After the event EPT requested the noise monitoring results from both the acoustic consultant and the event organiser, but this was not forthcoming. Part of the condition that went on last years event was to allow the council access to the results of the noise monitoring at any time.

EPT therefore have serious noise concerns for this years event when music stages are again to be positioned very close to residential properties and no information with regards to noise is included in the application?

In addition to this, what are the timescales for set up and de-rigging of stages / event equipment. If done late at night and early in the morning then this too could lead to public noise nuisance.

There are also discrepancies with regards to the hours sought for licensable activities and the opening hours. Live music and the ‘anything similar’ category are sought from 12:00, yet the opening hours for the event is from 13:00? Please can the applicant address this.

Is there any PR / notification to residents planned? If so how will be it be distributed to ensure all relevant residences receive copies?

Are there additional refuse and extra toilet provisions provided also? If not an adequate amount of both provided then the inevitable consequences can also lead to a public nuisance.

In summary, EPT **raise objection** to this time limited premises licence application. The application has not adequately addressed the prevention of public nuisance licensing objective, furthermore has included no information on how music and noise levels will be controlled and monitored. Further information as requested above is required before EPT are able to begin to appropriately assess this application.

Kind regards,

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# MEMO: Licensing Unit

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Subject Re: The Africa Centre Limited, Great Suffolk Street from junction with Dolben Street to junction with Sturge Street, London, SE1 0BL - Application to for a premises licence

I write with regards to the above application for a premises licence submitted by The Africa Centre Limited under the Licensing Act 2003, which seeks the following licensable activities:

## **Time limited from 17.08.2018 to 19.08.2018**

### **On Saturday 18.08.2018**

- Live music (indoors and outdoors) on Saturday from 12:00 to 22:00
- Recorded music (indoors and outdoors) on Saturday from 13:00 to 22:00
- Performance of dance (outdoors) from on Saturday 13:00 to 22:00
- Anything of a similar description to live music, recorded music and performance of dance (indoors and outdoors) on Saturday from 12:00 to 22:00
- Supply of alcohol (on the premises) from 13:00 to 22:00
- Opening times from 13:00 to 22:00

The premises is described within the application as '*We wish to conduct our activities on Great Suffolk Street. To be specific, from the junction with Dolben Street (north of junction with Union Street) down to the junction of Sturge Street. Also utilising the 5 - a side football pitch located at Moonraker point as a children's area and family chill out zone. The activities will include two music stages playing amplified live music, a smaller youth dance stage along with a large selection of African food, drink and textiles available for purchase by street vendors*'

The premises is situated in the Bankside and Borough District Town Centre Area and also falls within the Borough and Bankside CIP Area

My representation is based on the Southwark Statement of Licensing policy 2016 – 2020 and relates to the licensing objectives for the prevention of crime and disorder, the prevention of public nuisance, protection of public safety and the protection of children from harm licensing objectives.

This application is confusing and there are contradictions throughout. I asked the applicant to clarify the following:

- The application states that the is event is time limited from 17.08.2018 which is on a Friday to 19.08.2018 which is on a Sunday yet no licensable activities have been requested for those days. All of the licensable activities requested are on a Saturday which would be 18.08.2018; therefore this application should only be time limited for 18.08.2018.

- The opening hours requested are from 13:00 to 22:00, yet the licensable activities such as live music and anything of a similar description to live music, recorded music and performance of dance are requested to start from 12:00.
- The plan submitted with this application does not show where '*.....the supply of alcohol available for purchase by street vendors*' shall be located nor does the operating schedule address how the applicant intends to control the prevention of sale of alcohol to persons under the age of 18 or to persons that may be overly intoxicated.

It is stated within this application that there could be between 5000 to 9999 persons attending this event. The operating schedule is completely inadequate for an event of this size as the applicant has failed to address any of the licensing objectives and due to the limited information provided I recommend that the application is refused or an appropriate operating schedule is provided which should include an event management plan with risk assessments.

Should the applicant submit a '*full and proper application*', I reserve the right to comment further on receiving this information.

Therefore I submit this representation and ask the licensing sub- committee to refuse the application in its current form.

Southwark's Statement of Licensing Policy 2016 – 2020 can be found on the following link:  
<http://lbs-mapweb-01:9080/connect/Includes/APPIMA/SSOLP1620.pdf>

Jayne Tear  
Principal Licensing officer  
In the capacity of the Licensing Responsible Authority

# MEMO: Health & Safety Unit

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**To** Licensing                      **Date** 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018

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**Subject: The Africa Centre Festival 2018, Great Suffolk Street SE1 0BL -**  
(from Junc With Dolben street to junction with Sturge Street SE1 0BL                      ID: 46833)  
- (licence reference number 863552)

Dear Licencing team, I write in reference to the application made in the name of **The Africa Centre Limited**, for **The Africa Centre Festival 2018, Great Suffolk Street SE1 0BL** for a Time Limited Premises Licence from **17/08/2018 to 19/08/18**

**With Saturday 18/08/18 including Live music, recorded music Indoors, outdoors & performance of dance outdoors between 13:00 - 22:00.**  
**Sale of alcohol on the premises 13:00 - 22:00.**  
**Opening hours 13:00 - 22:00**

I write with concerns regarding the limited information submitted with the application, and in particular the lack of an **Event Management Plan** for the event (Estimated Capacity upto 9999 persons)

In addition, in order to comply with the licensing objectives, the copy of the application support paperwork seen, makes reference to support from Community Wardens and Police as well as volunteers, as integral to the organisations delivery. However the provision of this support is beyond the control of the organisers of this event and no evidence has been seen to demonstrate how this support is to be achieved.

Based on evidence obtained at a similar event delivered by this organisation on 19August 2017 where the organisation failed to provide the coordination needed, I lack confidence that the organisation can provide a coordinated support team involving Community Wardens and Police as well as volunteers, as I believe these three elements will remain outside the managerial control of the applicant.

The submitted paperwork seems to fail to address how the management would deal with public safety. Therefore I have concerns about the organisations commitment and execution of their duties to carry out a full risk assessment and incorporate it into an event management plan.

Based on evidence obtained at a similar event delivered by this organisation on 19August 2017 there were many incidents where the organisation failed to carry out

what they stated as their own policy in their own documentation. In addition the organisation failed to assess a number of public safety risk, and when these were brought to their attention they furthermore failed to respond either timely, effectively, or at all, once a risk had been brought to their attention. \*

There is no clear information as to how the organisers are to handle crowd management.

Furthermore any Evacuation Procedures have not been referenced.

**I would therefore advise** that until such a time as the management carry out a documented risk assessment for crowd management and emergency evacuation, and implement their findings in an event management plan, **the issuing of a licence for this event should not be granted.**

Should the organisation making the application wish to submit any further details as to how they are to comply with the Licencing Objectives, and in particular with the serious issue of protecting Public Safety, I would reserve the right to comment further on receiving this information.

I would strongly recommend that if the organisation were to submit any additional information then they should ensure that it is clear, unambiguous, and truly represents the management controls that they are willing to adhere to on the date of delivery of the event. Any such information should be submitted in a timely manner so that it can be evaluated and should therefore be with this authority a minimum of one month before an event of this size.

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\* Failure To Provide Electrical Safety Certification (Completion Certificate) / Electrical Hazards / Electrical Cables Not Drag Guarded / Unguarded Generators / Trailing Electrical Cables / Failure to Provide Completion Certification for Stages and Barriers / Trip Hazards / Restricted Thoroughfares / Unguarded Hot Surfaces / Insufficient Volunteers / Insufficient Training of Volunteers / Members of Public Not Being Challenged for Carrying Glass / Members of Public Not Being Challenged for Cycling through the site / Members of Public Not Being Challenged for Blocking Exit or Evacuation Routes / Failure to Rectify Issues Identified In Pre Event Check List / Poor Control Room Coordination