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Re:- Londis, 53 Borough High Street, London SE1 1NE

Dear Sir/Madam

Police are in receipt of an application from the above for a Temporary Event Notice (TEN) for Tuesday the 1st January 2019 between 02:00hrs and 08:00hrs.

The Police object to the granting of the Notices because it would undermine the crime and disorder and prevention of public nuisance licensing objectives under of the Licensing Act 2003.

The grounds for the objection are as follows.

The premises has been found to be operating in breach of the current premises licence and in breach of those conditions applied to the licence to promote the above licensing objectives.

On the 14th September 2018 at 20:37hrs police attended to carry out an inspection as officers had previously attended after an allegation of crime and were unable to obtain the CCTV. The CCTV system was checked and found to be only storing the images for 11 days in breach of condition 289 – “The CCTV recordings shall be kept for a minimum period of 31 days and be made available to an authorised officer or Police officer on request, to assist in the course of any investigation.”

A notification of offences form was issued to Mr Shaid Akhtar who is the licence holder and DPS. He refused to sign the form and the officers described him as obstructive whilst being dealt with and accused officers of just trying to catch him out.

On the 20th October 2018 at 22.10hrs, officers from the council and the police attended the premises to carry out an inspection. Whilst in the store two young females entered and were clearly drunk. They were observed selected two cans of strongbow cider 8% ABV and then purchased them at the counter, they were also not challenged over age or asked for identification, This was a clear breach of the challenge 25 condition 343 on the licence. The member of staff was pulled aside and spoken to over the sale and he became argumentative with officers indicating he did not think they were drunk.

This is an offence under Section 141 of the Licensing Act 2003 makes it an offence to sell or attempt to sell alcohol to a person who is drunk, or to allow alcohol to be sold to such a person, on relevant premises. The member of staff has been issued with a fixed penalty notice for the offence.

The Notice is for New Year's Eve and the premises are situated in a very busy area especially at that time of year. Large numbers of people will be in the area having consumed excessive amounts of alcohol, and it is vital that premises do not sell alcohol to intoxicated people as this may have serious consequence and lead to violence and anti-social behaviour.

Police object to the temporary event notice on the grounds crime and disorder as detailed above and that we have no faith in the ability of the applicant or management to promote the licensing objectives.

Yours Sincerely

PC Graham White 288MD

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Southwark Police Licensing Unit