



The Licensing Unit
Floor 3
160 Tooley Street
London
SE1 2QH

Metropolitan Police Service
Licensing Office
Southwark Police Station,
323 Borough High Street,
LONDON,
SE1 1JL

Tel: 020 7232 6756
Email: SouthwarkLicensing@met.police.uk

Our reference: MD21/3379/18

Date: 17th December 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

Re:- Bermondsey street festival, Bermondsey Street, London SE1 3XB

Police are in possession of an application from the above for a time limited new premises licence for one day the 14th September 2019 between 11.00hrs and 19.00hrs. The application describes the area that the activities take place but fails to give details of the activities within the footprint.

The premises are situated on the boundary of the Borough & Bankside Cumulative Impact Zone (CIZ) and are in a designated strategic cultural area under the Southwark council statement of licensing policy. The hours applied for are within that recommended under the policy. The application is for less than 5000 people but estimates for this year's event was that 6000 people attended.

The local neighbourhood police team raised a number of concerns and issues after this year's event with the licensing team, mainly regarding the event management. One of the directors resigned just prior to the event but still attended wearing a shirt bearing the festival details and was clearly involved in the management of the event. He is still shown as an active director of the company and is clearly still involved in the running of the event.

I note within the application under general description that it specifically mentions the footway directly outside 40 Bermondsey Street commonly known as shunt warehouse. A licensing application does not give the organiser permission to block access to premises within the footprint and all business should be allowed to operate without hindrance during the event including access and the use of their premises. Police were called to this location by the management of the event over a dispute over access and an Oyster stall within the boundary of 40 Bermondsey street.

What is also seriously concerning was a report from police who attended the event specifically mentioned that the management of the event threatened to not pay the medical team if they attended a medical emergency at 40 Bermondsey Street, as

they had not contributed to the festival. Had a medical emergency taken place this could have resulted in serious consequences had they followed this instruction. Any person that thinks that this is acceptable should not be involved in such a large complex event. The following taken from an email by the management to the local authority.

“Further, there is the expectation of the MPS that the private medical services that Festival provides at its expense is extended to premises not directly engaging with Festival. Festival has no objection to extending such a courtesy to facilitate those events, however that would be at a cost and an appropriate margin that Directors agree. It is to the authority to put in place such agreements and to ensure payment is received prior to Festival and the TENS being granted.”

During this year’s event, the management expected police to deal with management and organisational disputes that should not have been. This showed a clear lack of organisation and structure and police should not be dealing with such matters. A Police Supervisor left to chair an event management meeting during the day, due to lack of control and management by event organisers, which is clearly unacceptable.

The application also refers to concerns re the council issuing TENS at another event. The applicant should be fully aware that a TEN is a notice given by the premises and not an application to be granted and can only be objected to by Police and the Environmental protection team on certain grounds. The following is from an email to the local authority.

“I cannot engage with sponsors if a council officer is likely to authorise a premises with a TENS licence to undertake an activity not accommodated in the Festival Plan.”

The applicant should be taking into account all business and events within the area and planning appropriately and contacting them as this is not the police or local authority’s responsibility.

The application fails to give detailed numbers for SIA. I would expect at least two SIA on every entrance and exit to the event. Two SIA on any attractions including music stages. Two SIA on all pinch points where crowd flow would cause problems.

It was agreed that road access would be hard barriers to stop unauthorised vehicle access onto the event and stop possible vehicle style terrorist attack but this was not implemented and plastic road works style barriers were used.

We object to the granting of the licence in its current format on the grounds of public nuisance, public safety, crime and disorder. Due to the poor management of the previous event and the current application failing to address these concerns.

The applicant has failed to offer much in the way of conditions as part of the operating schedule, the conditions set out in the operating schedule should be precise and enforceable, as stated in the Section 182 Guidance of the Licensing Act 2003 issued by the Home Office.

If the licence were granted, we would require detailed and enforceable conditions to be supplied by the applicant around the following. SIA numbers and deployment, clear management structure, how numbers within the event is to be managed,

Vehicle access barriers, all entrances to premises within the footprint to be kept clear to allow access and Medical teams should not be restricted to who they treat and be available to all if needed.

Concerns have been raised about the viability of the event by the management, due to increased enforcement around compliance with policies. Unless full security, licensing conditions and other public safety considerations are covered, we would consider it unsafe for the event to proceed.

The Following is submitted for your consideration.

Yours Sincerely

PC Graham White 288MD

Licensing Officer
Southwark Police Licensing Unit

MEMO: Environmental Protection Team

To Regen.licensing; **Date** 17/12/2018 **Ref** CMU 891035
Copies ██████████
From Ken Andrews **Telephone** 020 7525 4258 **Fax** 020 7525 5728
Email ken.andrews@southwark.gov.uk

TEN's application Representation-Bermondsey Street Festival-

The Environmental Protection Responsible Authority (EPRA) Team have considered a TEN's application for the above address and would like to make representation under the prevention of public nuisance licensing objectives.

The event is a street festival held for last few years.

The applicant proposed to carry on licensable activities on 14/9/2019 to 14/9/2019, involving plays, films, live music, recorded music, performances of dances, all outdoors from 11:00 - 19:30. Event also include the sale of alcohol on the premises 11:00 - 19:30.

The event has a potential to cause a public nuisance unless all the above activities are managed with noise control and patrons management. The applicant should submit a management plan to show how these activities can be control to reduce the noise impact on existing environment so as not to cause a Statutory or /and public nuisance.

Taking the above into consideration, EPRA recommends that Licensing rejects this TEN's application.

However, should the committee decides not to reject this application, EPT will recommend that the applicant provide details of how they intend to control noise and prevent the occurrence of a public nuisance

Ken Andrews - Principal Environmental Health Officer

MEMO: Licensing Unit

To	Licensing Unit	Date	17 December 2018	
Copies				
From	Jayne Tear	Telephone	020 7525 0396	Fax
Email	jayne.tear@southwark.gov.uk			

Subject Re: Bermondsey Street Festival, Bermondsey Street and adjacent parks/streets, London, SE1 3XB - Application to for a premises licence

I write with regards to the above application for a premises licence submitted by Bermondsey Street Festival Community Interest Company under the Licensing Act 2003, which seeks the following licensable activities:

Time limited from 14.09.2019 to 14.09.2019

On Saturday 14.09.2019

- Plays; films, live music, recorded music and performance of dance (all outdoors) from 11:00 to 19:30
- Supply of alcohol (on the premises) from 11:00 to 19:30
- Opening times from 11:00 to 19:30

The premises is described within the application as *'Bermondsey Street north of Abbey Street, Tanner Street west of access to No.9, Lamb Walk east of furthest side to access ramp to White Cube Gallery, Morocco Street from Bermondsey Street to Junction Leathermarket Street, Whites Grounds north of vehicle access to estate. Tyens Gate, Black Swan Yard. The application specifically includes the kerbside and footway directly in front of the gates to the yard of 40 Bermondsey Street, commonly known as Shunt Warehouse together and the highway and footway areas of Black Swan Yard'*

The premises is situated in the Bankside, Borough, London Bridge Strategic Cultural 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.

The operating schedule is lacking as does not adequately address the four licensing objectives.

It is stated within this application that there will be less than 5000 persons attending this event. The event is covering several streets and due to the limited information on the application I ask the applicant to provide information regarding how many patrons are

expected to attend the event and how the numbers will be limited and controlled. Therefore to promote the licensing objectives I ask the applicant to provide the following information:

- An event management plan
- A written dispersal policy (to be conditioned)
- A copy of the lost child and vulnerable policies which have been mentioned within the application but not provided
- An accommodation limit

I reserve the right to comment further on receiving this information.

I therefore submit this representation and welcome any discussion with the applicant

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

To Licensing Date 11th Dec 2018

Copies

From Ian Farrington Telephone 020 7525 0227 Fax 020 7525 5705

Email ian.farrington@southwark.gov.uk

Subject: The Bermondsey Street Festival 2019, -
(Bermondsey Street and Adjacent parks/streets SE1 3XB ID: 46017)
- (licence reference number 865850)

Dear Licencing team, I write in reference to the application made in the name of The **Bermondsey Street Festival Community Interest Company**, for The **Bermondsey Street Festival** proposed for a Time Limited Premises Licence from **14/09/2019 to 14/09/2019**

With the proposal including Plays and films, live music, recorded music, performance of dance, outdoors.

And

Sale of alcohol on the premises 11:00 - 19:30.

Opening hours 11:00 - 19:30

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 5000 persons)

In addition, in order to comply with the licensing objectives, the copy of the application support paperwork seen, contains very limited information as to how this organisation is to promote the licencing objectives.

It is my understanding that this organisation has previously run events and therefore I would have expected it to have a clear indication of how it would achieve promotion of the licencing objectives. Although limited risk assessment documentation has been submitted there is a lack of detail and some clear omissions.

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. 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.

**Ian Farrington –
Principal Enforcement Officer**

Ian Farrington - Principal Enforcement Officer (Health and Safety)

Postal address:Community Safety & Enforcement, Floor 3, Hub 1, PO Box 64529, London SE1P 5LX

Office Address (for meetings and deliveries), 160 Tooley Street, London, SE1 2QH

From: Moore, Ray

Sent: Monday, December 17, 2018 3:24 PM

To: Regen, Licensing; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; Alcohol@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk; Qau Safeguarding; Costin, Holly; DIP Team; FireSafetyRegulationSE@london-fire.gov.uk (FSR-AdminSupport@london-fire.gov.uk); Graham White; Highwayslicensing; Moore, Ray; Planning.Enquiries; Public Health Licensing; Reg Env Protection; Reg Health and Safety; Sharpe, Carolyn; southwark.repro@pbms.co.uk; Taylor, Dan; Tear, Jayne; West Team diary

Subject: License Application 865860 - Bermondsey Street Festival Community Interest Company

As a Responsible Authority under The Licensing Act, Trading Standards are in receipt of an application from "Bermondsey Street Festival Community Interest Company" for a time limited Premises Licence for the area marked out in the accompanying map and respond accordingly under the Licensing Objectives.

A total of less than 5,000 are expected to attend time limited event for 14th September 2019 with requested hours for the sale of alcohol to be 11:00 hrs to 19:00 hrs. There is no attached operating schedule but there is a risk assessment. In neither the risk assessment nor in the section addressing how the licensing conditions are met is there any mention as to how the community interest company would seek to prevent under age drinking. Trading Standards ask that the following conditions are added to the premises license.

- A. That a challenge 25 scheme shall be maintained at the premises requiring that staff selling alcohol request that any customer who looks under 25 years old, and who is attempting to purchase alcohol, provides valid photographic identification proving that the customer is at least 18 years old. Valid photographic identification is composed of a driving licence, passport, UK armed services ID card and any Proof of Age Standards Scheme (PASS) accredited card such as the Proof of Age London (PAL) card.
- B. That all staff involved in the sale of alcohol shall be trained in the prevention of sales of alcohol to underage persons, and the challenge 25 scheme in operation at the premises. A record of such training shall be kept / be accessible at the premises at all times and be made immediately available for inspection at the premises to council or police officers on request. The training record shall include the trainee's name (in block capitals), the trainer's name (in block capitals), the signature of the trainee, the signature of the trainer, the date(s) of training and a declaration that the training has been received.
- C. That clearly legible signs shall be prominently displayed where they can easily be seen and read by customers stating to the effect that a challenge 25 policy is in operation at the premises, that customers may be asked to provide proof of age and stating what the acceptable forms of proof of age are. Such signage shall be displayed in all areas where alcohol is displayed for sale. The signage shall be kept free from obstructions at all times.

- D. That a register of refused sales of alcohol shall be maintained in order to demonstrate effective operation of the challenge 25 policy. The register shall be clearly and legibly marked on the front cover as a register of refused sales, with the address of the premises and with the name and address of the licence holder. The register shall be kept / be accessible at the premises at all times. On a monthly basis, the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) shall check the register to ensure it is being properly completed. The DPS shall sign and date the register to that effect and where appropriate take corrective action in a timely manner if the register is not being completed correctly. The register shall be made immediately available for inspection at the premises to council or police officers on request

Ray MOORE

Principal Trading Standards Enforcement Officer

Southwark Council | Environment & Leisure| Regulatory Services

Post: 3rd Floor Hub 2, PO Box 64529 | London SE1P 5LX

Direct line 020 7525 0816 | Fax 020 7525 5735 | Call Centre 020 7525 2000

www.southwark.gov.uk/TradingStandards

Need proof of age? Visit www.southwark.gov.uk/pal

Need advice on consumer issues? Visit Citizens Advice via www.direct.gov.uk/consumer



<http://www.southwark.gov.uk/business/trading-standards-and-food-safety/illegal-tobacco-e-cigarettes-and-shisha>

Please consider the environment - do you really need to print this email?