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To: Mills, Dorcas
Cc: Tear, Jayne; Newman, Paul; Deidda, Clizia; SouthwarkLicensing@met.police.uk
Subject: RE: Premise Licence Application -Doodle Bar, 60 Druid Street, London SE1 - variation application
Importance: High

Dear Dorcas

You may be aware from your file that my firm was originally instructed by Doodle Bar when they first applied for their premises licence and subsequently when they applied to vary their licence to increase their hours.

Vincent Barbe has contacted me and I have met him on site to discuss the application that he submitted. He has asked that my firm represent Doodle Bar moving forward with this application.

From my reading of the objections it appears that representations have been received from the EHO, police and public health and the local authority but there are no representations from any residents or residents associations. It also appears that the concern raised by the statutory authorities relates to increase in capacity and not in relation to the other parts of the application. In this regard therefore I only propose to address you about the capacity element in the hope that an agreement can be reached and a hearing avoided.

When the premises licence was first granted there was no capacity on the licence. It was accepted that the capacity would be 700-800 however most of the premises wasn't being used at the time so clearly the actual capacity would be considerably less as it was only for the front part immediately next to Druid Street. That licence was granted until 10.30pm.

Shortly afterwards an application to vary the licence to increase the hours until 1am at weekends and midnight for the rest of the week was submitted and granted by the committee. It was at this stage the capacity of 250 was agreed. This was agreed in effect for the front part as the back section was still unusable.

I fully appreciate the concerns raised about the increase in capacity but I think it has been (inadvertently) poorly worded in the application. A better way of dealing with the issue is, in my opinion, to confirm the capacity of 250 but that capacity takes effect after 10.30pm (as of course was the original intention). The rear part of the premises will not be operational everyday but rather for certain events – those events include all of what was listed in the original application – they have not been able to do most of these to date as the space simply wasn't ready. To be clear those events would include: food markets, gallery space, street food restaurant, pop ups and exhibition space as well as private events e.g. wedding receptions (they have one coming up in June for which they will be applying for a TEN)

If therefore the application was amended so that rather than seeking to delete the condition it is tweaked to read:

"After 10.30pm the number of persons permitted in the premises at any one time (excluding staff) shall not exceed 250 persons"

This course would mirror what was originally granted by the local authority when the licence was first granted.

I look forward to hearing from you.

With kind regards
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