



APPENDIX B POLICE

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Date: 7th January 2020

Dear Sir/Madam

Re:- The Galaxy 211 Walworth Road SE17 1RL

Police are in possession of an application from the above for a new premises licence 871285. The application describes the premises predominantly as a Karaoke Bar. Providing alcohol and regulated entertainment in privately booked rooms, open to the public until 0530 on each day of the week with the supply of alcohol until 0500 on each day.

The premises is located in a major town centre as defined by Southwark's statement of licensing policy. The recommended closing times for bars and other drinking establishments in this area is midnight on Friday & Saturday and 2300 on all other days.

The premises, although in a defined major town centre is also in close proximity to a number of residential dwellings. The applicant should consider a substantial reduction in the hours applied for and bring it more in line with the recommended policy hours.

My concerns relate to the substantial time allowed for the consumption of alcohol within the premises with the potential of having a negative impact on the prevention of crime and disorder licensing objective. The late finishing time also gives rise for concern in relation to public nuisance, with patrons leaving the premises in the early hours of the morning in close proximity to residential dwellings.

The applicant has provided a number of control measures within the operating schedule with regard to the provision of CCTV inside the premises, and other steps for the promotion of the licensing objectives. These are welcomed and if a premises licence is granted should form conditions on the premises licence.

The overriding concern is the extensive hours of operation of the premises into the early hours of the morning on each day of the week. It is likely that residents will be starting their morning commute to work at the same time potentially intoxicated patrons are leaving a licensed premises.

It on the basis that this premises is likely to have negative impact on the prevention of crime and disorder licensing objective and public nuisance that I object to it in its current form.

Submitted for your consideration.

Yours Sincerely

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MEMO: Licensing Unit

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Subject Re: The Galaxy, 211 Walworth Road, London, SE17 1RL
- Application for a premises licence

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

- Recorded music (indoors) on Monday to Sunday from 23:00 to 05:00 the following day
- Anything of a similar description to live music, recorded music and performance of dance (indoors) on Monday to Sunday from 23:00 to 05:00 the following day
- Late night refreshment (indoors) on Monday to Sunday from 23:00 to 05:00 the following day
- Supply of alcohol (on and off the premises) on Monday to Sunday from 18:30 to 05:00 the following day
- Overall opening times shall be on Monday to Sunday from 16:30 to 05:30 the following day

The premises is described as *'The premises is to trade as a Chinese Karaoke Bar, with the consumption of alcohol for sale both on and off the premises to make use of a small garden area outside the rear of the premises. Regulated entertainment will also be applied for to allow the karaoke entertainment to continue beyond 23:00hours. Late night refreshment will also be applied for to allow the sale of hot food beyond 23:00 hours. The premises will cater for the Chinese people to congregate together, and enjoy music together. This is a different business opportunity catering for the Chinese market in Southwell and surrounding areas'*.

My representation is submitted under the prevention of crime and disorder and the prevention of public nuisance licensing objectives and has regard to the Southwark Statement of Licensing Policy 2019 - 2021

The premises is situated in The Elephant and Castle Major Town Centre Area and under the Southwark Statement of Licensing policy 2019 - 2021 the appropriate closing times for public houses, wine bars or other drinking establishments on Sunday to Thursday is 23:00 hours and on Friday and Saturday 00:00 hours. Closing times for restaurants and cafes on Sunday to Thursday is 00:00 hours and for Friday and Saturday is 01:00 hours.

This application is seeking hours in excess of that which is recommended for a restaurant or bar in this area within the licensing policy.

Therefore to promote the licensing objectives I ask the applicant to consider bringing the closing times in line with the hours as appropriate within the licensing policy and in turn the licensable activities as follows:

If the premises is to operate as a bar:

- Opening times to cease on Sunday to Thursday at 23:00 and on Friday and Saturday at 00:00
- Supply of alcohol (on the premises) to cease on Sunday to Thursday at 22:30 and on Friday and Saturday at 23:30
- Supply of alcohol (off the premises) to cease on Sunday to Thursday at 23:00 and on Friday and Saturday at 00:00
- Recorded music (indoors) to cease on Sunday to Thursday at 23:00 and on Friday and Saturday at 00:00
- To remove late night refreshment from Sunday to Thursday (as not required after 23:00) and to cease on a Friday and Saturday at 00:00

If the premises wishes to operate as a restaurant:

- Opening times to cease on Sunday to Thursday at 00:00 and on Friday and Saturday at 01:00
- Supply of alcohol (on the premises) to cease on Sunday to Thursday at 23:30 and on Friday and Saturday at 00:30
- Supply of alcohol (off the premises) to cease on Sunday to Thursday at 00:00 and on Friday and Saturday at 01:00
- Recorded music (indoors) to cease on Sunday to Thursday at 00:00 and on Friday and Saturday at 01:00
- Late night refreshment to cease on Sunday to Thursday at 00:00 and on Friday and Saturday at 01:00

To avoid any ambiguity as to whether the premises is operating as a restaurant, (if this is the option for hours chosen), I would also propose the following condition to address the licensing objectives and ensure that premises retains its nature as a restaurant:

- Intoxicating liquor shall not be sold or supplied on the premises otherwise than to persons taking a substantial table meal and by consumption of such persons as an ancillary to their meal

Furthermore, due to the limited information on the application form and to promote the licensing objectives I also ask the applicant to provide the following information:

- To provide a written dispersal policy for the premises. (to be conditioned)

And to consider adding the following conditions:

- Any 'off sales' of alcohol shall be provided in sealed containers and taken away from the premises
- That clear legible signage shall be prominently displayed where it can be easily seen and read, requesting that alcohol sold as 'off sales' should not be opened and consumed in the vicinity of the premises

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

Southward's Statement of Licensing Policy 2019 – 2021 can be found on the following link:
<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/business/licences/business-premises-licensing/licensing-and-gambling-act-policy>

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In the capacity of the Licensing Responsible Authority