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Date: 22nd December 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: The Umbrella Project Basement 1 Cathedral Street SE1 9DE

Police are in possession of an application from the above for a new premises licence for the sale of alcohol on the premises, live & recorded music and late night refreshment.

The general opening hours and hours for the provision of other licensable activities are as follows.

Open to the public

Mon-Thu 1100 to 0030
Fri-Sat 1100 to 0130
Sun 1100 to 2300

All licensable activities as shown above to cease 30 minutes before closing time.

The applicant describes the premises as a Bar, therefore the following applies to this particular premises.

This premise is situated within the Bankside, Borough, London Bridge Strategic Cultural and Bankside and Borough District Town Centre Area and under the Southwark Statement of Licensing Policy 2021 – 2026 the appropriate closing times for public houses, wine bars or other drinking establishments on Sunday to Thursday is 23:00 hours and for Friday and Saturday is 00:00 hours.

The premises also falls within the cumulative impact area (CIA) for Borough and Bankside. Under the Southwark Statement of Licensing Policy 2021 - 2026 the local CIA applies to night clubs, public houses & bars, restaurants & cafes, off-licences, supermarkets, convenience stores and similar premises.

Therefore under 131 of the policy there is a rebuttable presumption that applications for new premises licences that are likely to add to the existing cumulative impact will normally be refused or subject to certain limitations. In such circumstances, it is for the applicant to demonstrate that the application will not, if granted, further contribute to the negative local cumulative impact on any one or more of the licensing objectives.

The applicant has offered a number of clear and concise control measures within the application and Police agree that these should be included as conditions on the premises licence if it were to be granted. However the applicant appears not to have addressed the rebuttable presumption that new applications within the CIA will normally be refused or demonstrate that this new premises is unlikely to add to the existing cumulative impact.

One such example of premises that might be accepted are those which close before midnight and with a relatively small capacity.

To promote the prevention of crime and disorder and prevention of public nuisance licensing objectives I urge the applicant to consider bringing the opening times and the times permitted for licensable activities in line with those recommended by Southwark's statement of licensing policy.

Submitted for your consideration.
Yours Sincerely

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MEMO: Licensing Unit

To Licensing Unit Date 16 December 2021
From Jayne Tear
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Subject Re: The Umbrella Project, Basement 1 Cathedral Street, London, SE1 9DE
- Application for a premises licence.

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

- Live music (indoors) on Monday to Thursday from 23:00 to 00:00, and on Friday and Saturday from 23:00 to 01:00 the following day
- Recorded music (indoors) on Monday to Thursday from 23:00 to 00:00, and on Friday and Saturday from 23:00 to 01:00 the following day
- Late night refreshment (indoors) on Monday to Saturday from 23:00 to 00:00
- Supply of alcohol (on the premises) on Monday to Thursday from 11:00 to 00:00, on Friday and Saturday from 11:00 to 01:00 the following day, and on Sunday from 11:00 to 22:30
- Overall opening times shall be on Monday to Thursday from 11:00 to 00:30 the following day, on Friday and Saturday from 11:00 to 01:30 the following day, and on Sunday from 11:00 to 23:00

Non standards timings:

- The premises may remain open for all licensable activities from the terminal hour for those activities on New Year's Eve through to the commencement time for those activities on New Year's Day

The premises is described within the application as 'A bar'.

My representation is based on the Southwark Statement of Licensing Policy 2021 – 2026 and relates to the licensing objectives for the prevention of crime and disorder and the prevention of public nuisance.

This premise is situated within the Bankside, Borough, London Bridge Strategic Cultural and Bankside and Borough District Town Centre Area and under the Southwark Statement of Licensing Policy 2021 – 2026 the appropriate closing times for public houses, wine bars or other drinking establishments on Sunday to Thursday is 23:00 hours and for Friday and Saturday is 00:00 hours.

The premises also falls within the cumulative impact area (CIA) for Borough and Bankside. Under the Southwark Statement of Licensing Policy 2021 - 2026 the local CIA applies to night clubs, public houses & bars, restaurants & cafes, off-licences, supermarkets, convenience stores and similar premises.

Section six of the policy (from page 34) deals with Southwark's local cumulative impact policies. This premises sits in the Borough and Bankside policy area as defined in paragraph 149 of the policy and this premises falls into the class of premises in 150 of the policy. Therefore under 131 of the policy there is a rebuttable presumption that applications for new premises licences that are likely to add to the existing cumulative impact will normally be refused or subject to certain limitations. In such circumstances, it is for the applicant to demonstrate that the application will not, if granted, further contribute to the negative local cumulative impact on any one or more of the licensing objectives.

The applicant has not addressed the presumption to refuse this application within the operating schedule. I would recommend refusal of this application unless the applicant can demonstrate that the premises will not be contributing to crime and disorder and public nuisance within the policy area. The following may assist the applicant in this rebuttal.

The hours applied for within this application are in excess of that which is recommended as appropriate within the licensing policy for a bar in this area. Therefore to promote the licensing objectives I ask the applicant to consider bringing the opening hours applied for in line with that which is appropriate for a bar in this area in the licensing policy and to amend the licensable activities as such, allowing half an hour drinking up time (for on sales) as follows:

- Overall opening times shall be on Sunday to Thursday to cease at 23:00 and on Friday and Saturday to cease at 00:00
- Supply of alcohol (on the premises) on Sunday to Thursday to cease at 22:30 and on Friday and Saturday to cease at 23:30
- Late night refreshment (indoors and outdoors) on Sunday to Thursday to be removed and on Friday and Saturday to cease at 00:00
- Live music (indoors) on Monday to Thursday to be removed and on Friday and Saturday to cease at 00:00
- Recorded music (indoors) on Monday to Thursday to be removed and on Friday and Saturday to cease at 00:00

Furthermore this area has a lot of residential properties and the application has not addressed the dispersal of patrons into the area and how the impact of patrons leaving the premises late at night could be reduced. Therefore due to the limited information available within the application and to promote the licensing objectives I also ask the applicant to provide the following:

- A written dispersal policy for the premises (to be conditioned)

I may submit further comments once all of the information is received.

I therefore submit this representation and welcome any discussion with the applicant. Southwark's Statement of Licensing Policy 2021 – 2026 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 Licensing Authority as a Responsible Authority