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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Boulevard Coffee, 224 Old Kent Road, London SE1

Police are in receipt of an application from the above for a variation to the current premises licence. The application seeks to extend the hours on a Friday and Saturday to 02.00hrs.

It should be noted that this premises sits within a residential area as defined by Southwarks statement of licensing policy. The recommended closing time for restaurants and bars in this area is 2300 on each day of the week.

The current licence already has hours outside the recommended hours within the Licensing policy.

The following is from the Southwark statement of licensing policy.

172. Table 2 (following page) provides a guide for Applicants when preparing their operating schedules as to the hours of operation that this Authority might consider appropriate by type of premises and (planning) area classification. These hours are not pre-determined and each application will be considered upon its own merits.

173. However, Applicants for licences incorporating hours that fall outside of the guidance offered are expected to explain fully within their application, the arrangements intended to be put in place to ensure that the premises does not add to cumulative impact, or to disturbance and / or disorder in the area late at night. Applicants who wish to provide licensable activities outside the hours specified should ensure that the operating schedule specifies detailed measures to mitigate against crime, disorder and public nuisance taking into account:

- The location of the premises and the character of the local area;**
- The proposed hours during which the licensable activities are proposed to take place;**
- The adequacy of the proposed control measures intended to promote the licensing objectives;**
- The availability of local public transport;**

□ **The proximity of the premises to other licensed premises of a similar nature and the hours of operation of those premises.**

174. Operating schedules with insufficient detail are more likely to be refused, have limitations in hours applied, or have additional conditions imposed upon them by the Licensing Sub-Committee. The Licensing Authority may impose further limitations in hours upon review of the licence, particularly where the premise is shown to be the focus or cause of nuisance or anti-social behaviour.

The applicant has offered no additional control measures within the operating schedule.

The application as it stands would allow for the sale of alcohol, and regulated entertainment until 0200 each day of the week in a residential area. This is highly likely to have a negative impact on the licensing objectives, in particular the prevention of crime and disorder and public nuisance.

Further detail is required such as the accommodation limit, a breakdown of the proposed use of the premises, before I can fully assess the impact this premises could have on the licensing objectives.

I recommend that this application is refused

Respectfully submitted for consideration

PC Graham White 2288AS

MEMO: Licensing Unit

To Licensing Unit Date 19 May 2022
From Jayne Tear Telephone 020 7525 0396
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Subject Re: Boulevard Coffee Place, 224 Old Kent Road, London, SE1 5UB
 – Application to vary a premises licence

I write with regards to the above application to vary a premises licence submitted J & Matt Limited under the Licensing Act 2003, which seeks to extend the following licensable activities:

- To extend recorded music (indoors) on Friday and Saturday from 00:30 to 02:00
- To extend live music (indoors) on Friday and Saturday from 00:30 to 02:00
- To extend Performance of dance (indoors) on Friday and Saturday from 00:30 to 02:00
- To extend Anything of a similar description to live music; recorded music and performance of dance (indoors) on Friday and Saturday from 00:30 to 02:00
- To extend Late night refreshment (indoors) on Friday and Saturday from 00:30 to 02:00
- To extend Supply of alcohol (on the premises) on Friday and Saturday from 00:30 to 02:00
- Overall opening times shall be on Sunday to Thursday from 08:00 to 00:30 the following day and on Friday and Saturday from 08:00 to 02:30 the following day

The nature of the variation is described within the application as '*The reason for this Variation is to help our business financially. We would like to extend the hours of all our License Activities existent in our License on Fridays and Saturdays*'.

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 2021 – 2026.

The premises was described within the original application for the current premises licence already granted as a '*Café and Bar*'.

The premises is situated in a residential area and under the Southwark Statement of Licensing policy 2021 - 2026 the appropriate closing times for restaurants; cafes, public houses, wine bars or other drinking establishments is 23:00 daily.

This application seeks in excess of the appropriate closing times within the licensing policy 2021 -2026 for this area and the current premises licence already has generous hours in excess of the hours appropriate within the licensing policy. The current licence allows for the following:

- Opening times - Sunday to Thursday 08:00 - 00:30, Friday and Saturday 08:00 - 01:00
- Late night refreshment – Indoors - Sunday to Thursday 23:00 - 00:00, Friday and Saturday 23:00 - 00:30
- Sale by retail of alcohol to be consumed on premises - Sunday to Thursday 11:00 - 00:00, Friday and Saturday 11:00 - 00:30

- Live music; recorded music, performance of dance and entertainment similar to live/recorded music / dance (all Indoors) - Sunday to Thursday 23:00 - 00:00, Friday and Saturday 23:00 - 00:30

This application has not addressed the four licensing objectives within the operating schedule nor has it given any reason to convince the licensing sub-committee to divert further from the hours appropriate for this area. I therefore recommend that this application is refused in order to promote the licensing objectives.

I may submit further supporting evidence before the hearing.

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

Southward'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>

Jayne Tear
Principal Licensing officer
In the capacity of Licensing Authority as a Responsible Authority