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Subject: EPT rep - Full variation of premises licence 57-59 Camberwell Road

Dear Licensing,

Southwark's Environmental Protection Team (EPT) have reviewed the premises licence variation application for Tasty African Food, 57-59 Camberwell Road, SE5 0EZ.

The description and reasoning for the application is noted, as follows *"My premises is predominately a Takeaway which operates from Monday to Sunday 0900 until 2300 hours. It is also a restaurant and bar where customers are served afro-fusion dinning and drinks on Wednesday to Sunday. The restaurant is open to the public between 1700 and 2300 hours, Wednesday to Sunday. The restaurant side of the business is ailing because most customers prefer to come out a bit late on Fridays and Saturday and they expect us to open up till 0100 hours. This is the reason we want to vary our licence.."*

The existing premises licence can be found here:

<https://app.southwark.gov.uk/licensing/LicPremisesGrantedDetails.asp?systemkey=876630>

The application seeks the following additional licensable activities:

- Recorded music (indoors) 23:00 – 01:00 Friday & Saturday. *"Recorded music is played indoor in the restaurant at less than 70 decibels (amplified). The restaurant has a built in restrictive sound system used solely for recorded music, it is set at less than 70 decibels. The restaurant will stop to play any music 45 mins before it closes"*
- Late night refreshment (indoors): 23:00 – 01:00 Friday & Saturday. *"The restaurant will serve late night refreshment only on occasional Fridays and Saturdays where bookings are made after 2300. The late night refreshment are mainly small chops i.e., Grilled chicken wings, Spiced plantain gizzard, Beef suya, fried yam and sauce, plantain and sauce etc."*
- Sale of alcohol (on the premises): 23:00 – 01:00 Friday & Saturday.
- Opening hours: 23:00 – 02:00 Friday & Saturday

Section M part d) of the application has been reviewed. The measures outlined to address the prevention of public nuisance licensing objective are as follows: *"As the licensee,*

- *I have made adequate provision to ensure that customers are dispersed quietly and orderly. We have a dispersal policy, which is visible to all customers.*
- *Staff are trained in the process of dispersal.*
- *Staff have awareness of the local environ i.e., nearest train station, local taxi number, nearest bus stops and destinations, etc.*

- The premises is well ventilated using a split unit system such that no nuisance is caused to the neighbours."

EPT stance

EPT have strong concerns that the extension of hours at this premises will lead to public nuisance.

There are many residential properties directly above and adjoining this property.

Southwark's Statement of Licensing Policy 2021-2026 states suggested closing hours for types of premises in table 2. This location of this premises is in a residential area and therefore the policy suggests closing hours of 23:00 on all days. This is already permitted in the existing licence.

Any extension of licensable activities and opening hours would be beyond policy recommendations and there is concern of public nuisance occurring due to noise from patrons inside the premises but also noise from guests when leaving at 02:00 – 02:30 in the morning when sleep disturbance to residents could occur.

The premises at the basement of this property (La Estacion / Southbank Nightclub) has caused considerable public nuisance and witnessed statutory nuisances in years gone by which confirms licensed premises that operate beyond the policy hours in this location can cause significant negative impact to residents.

A recent review of the premises also shows a complaint was made to Southwark's Noise & Nuisance Team at 01:14 on Saturday 25th November 2023 with regards to loud music and noise from the restaurant. EPT have also been informed of alleged operating at the premises beyond permitted opening hours in recent months without required TENs in place. Doing so would mean the DPS is operating in breach of the existing premises licence.

For the reasons outlined above, EPT raise objection to the application and would request the premises licence licensable activities and opening hours remain as existing.

Kind regards


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