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Subject: RE: Application for the review of a premises licence - Red Sea, 85 Camberwell Road, London, SE5 0EZ (our ref: L1U 855543)

Hi Wesley

Thank you for the copy of the police application for expedited review of Red Sea restaurant.

I wish to make representations on review about this licence (my reference CMU 840715) on the grounds of public safety, and observations on the grounds of public nuisance, and I recommend additional conditions be added to the licence. I have not made representations on the grounds of crime and disorder e.g. cctv and id entry systems, except where crime and disorder considerations also touch on public safety, as the police are better placed to comment on crime and disorder. I have not made representations on the grounds of protection from children from harm, as there appears to be no evidence of any issues in this regard.

Representation on grounds of Public Safety:

The Licensing Policy notes under the heading 'Women's Safety Charter' at paragraphs 211-213 page 54, that women are particularly at risk of harassment in bars and night clubs. Any incidents of harassment carry with them the risk that such incidents may be flashpoints for escalation into violent conduct.

The sub-committee will note from the Police Expedited Review application, that the incident that led to the assault causing wounding, appears to have escalated from an incident of harassment of a woman by a male.

There was also an unproven counter-allegation of an assault with a glass bottle, and the sub committee will note from the police representation, that customers were drinking from bottles, and therefore bottles were available within the premises for use as casual weapons.

The police evidence shows that the injured party had purchased a bottle of whisky to share among 5 people. This arrangement permits free pouring of spirits by the purchaser, and may lead to individuals becoming heavily intoxicated.

There is a further issue that SIA door staff were uncooperative with police in the investigation of the assault.

I would ask the sub committee to add conditions;

1. The company engaged to provide door supervisors (the 'service provider') shall be subject to independent third party auditing to confirm that it complies with BS 7960:2005 Code of Practice in Door Supervision, including incident record keeping, and cooperation with police and other authorised officers. An instruction to SIA staff to cooperate with investigation of any incident by an authorised officer must be explicit in the assignment instructions for these premises from the service provider to the SIA door supervisors.
2. Spirits must not be sold by the bottle, only in single or double measures.
3. After 11 p.m. only polycarbonate or toughened glass drinking vessels shall be available to patrons, and all bottled drinks sold must be decanted into a drinking container before service to the customer, with the exception of bottles of wine served to persons seated in the upstairs restaurant, and who are taking or have ordered a table meal.

I would ask that this last condition is imposed even if licensed hours are cut back, so that in the event a standard TEN is served to extend licensed hours, the conditions on the premises licence can be attached to the TEN.

I would also ask the committee to draw to the licence holder's attention that conditions from the premises licence can only be attached to a standard TEN, and not to a Late TEN, and that they should expect that if they serve a late TEN in future, a counter notice will be served.

I would also ask that the sub committee draw the to licence holders attention the Women's Safety Charter, and paragraphs 211 to 213 of it's parent committee's statement of licensing policy.

Observations on public nuisance:

This premises has held a number of Temporary Events in the past, and these do not appear to have resulted in complaints of noise nuisance or other environmental impacts, and therefore it would not appear to be necessary to impose any further conditions to prevent public nuisance. I would ask that an informative comment is included with the sub-committee's decision, reminding the operator that during any music events they should make routine checks on noise and other environmental impacts the operation may have, so that these can be managed with a view to continuing to avoid any valid complaints being made.

Please let me know if you would like to discuss further

Kind regards

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