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Subject: RE: Consultation - New premises licence application - First Floor, 516 Old Kent Road

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I have considered this application on behalf of the Environmental Protection Team (Prevention of Public Nuisance Responsible Authority).

The application lists proposed opening hours as 12.00-03.30 Sunday to Wednesday and 12.00-05.30 Thursday to Saturday.

The Licensing Policy for this area states:

- Closing time for Public Houses Wine bars or other drinking establishments is 23:00 hours
- Night Clubs (with sui generis planning classification) are not considered appropriate for this area

Previous premises in this location have a history of complaints of noise and antisocial behaviour, mainly relating to people externally, night time food stalls attracted by the premises, and noise and nuisance from patron's vehicles and parking. These issues are difficult for the premises to directly control but have a significant impact on the local community at the hours proposed. This is one reason the Licensing Policy recommends restrictions on locations suitable for this type of premises.

There are residential housing blocks directly opposite the site. The nature of the wider area is changing rapidly with many more residential properties likely to be constructed in the area in the coming years.

In light of the history of complaints against similar premises at this site and the very large gap between the current Licensing Policy recommended hours and the application hours, I object to this application.

Kind Regards,

Richard

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Date: 31st March 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

Re:- Victory Sports Bar, 516 Old Kent Road, London

Police are in possession of an application from the above for a new premises licence. The previous licence was revoked from a different licence holder after the police submitted a section 53a Review due to a serious violent incident, along with a history of violence and public nuisance associated with the premises.

This application is in the name of a company that lists its address as N1 Bar, 1 Duke street hill and that premises currently hold a premises licence and a director on this application is one of the licence holders for that premises.

N1 Bar, 1 Duke Street Hill has had considerable problems with violence associated to alcohol consumption. In the 18 Months prior to the Lockdown in March 2020, Sixty-one crimes were recorded either inside or immediately outside the venue, nineteen of those where violent crimes. This included 4 serious assaults recorded as Grievous Bodily harm (GBH), 8 assaults recorded as Actual Bodily Harm (ABH) and 1 Sexual assault inside. Prior to this in October 2017 police were called to 20 people fighting outside three of which were stabbed. The licence holder was given the opportunity prior to a section 53a Review being submitted to add a number of conditions to the licence and a meeting was held with the management.

No1 Bar has been constantly monitored by the licensing unit and Night time economy team with consideration to reviewing the licence as the number of violent incidents and intoxicated customers continued. Even during the pandemic an Assault was recorded as GBH on the 7th September 2020 at 00.15hrs at the premises.

The application is for a sports bar which 1 Duke street hill is promoted as but operates a late night operation in line with a typical nightclub music, drinking and dancing and most of the crime reports the victims describe it as a club.

The premises at 516 Old Kent Road is in a designated residential area under the Southwark statement of licensing policy. The policy clearly indicates that nightclubs are not suitable for a residential area. There are a number of large residential blocks nearby which have recently been built subsequent to the previous licences being granted. A number of residents have complained about the premises and submitted representations for the previous review. Opposite there is accommodation for the elderly who I would consider vulnerable residents and may not be aware of the new application or feel concerned at submitting a representation.

The hours are considerably outside what is recommended as 23.00hrs is the latest that a licence should be granted for a bar at this location with all licensable activities stopping at 22.30hrs.

We object in full to the application being granted as I see no material change in the style of operation previously operated and revoked or any meaningful reduction in hours which caused serious public nuisance to residents.

I see no way that a nightclub or late night operation including sports bar can operate again without causing serious disruption to local residents including anti-social behaviour, noise nuisance and disturbance to children living close by even by a responsible operator as the local area has gone through considerable change to a majority residential area over the last few years.

Submitted for your consideration,

Yours Sincerely

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MEMO: Licensing Unit

To Licensing Unit Date 2 April 2021
From Jayne Tear
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Subject Re: Victory Sports Bar, First Floor, 516 Old Kent Road, London, SE1 5BA
 - Application for a premises licence

I write with regards to the above application for a premises licence submitted by N1BAR Limited which seeks the following licensable activities:

- Indoor sporting events on Sunday to Wednesday from 12:00 to 03:00 the following day and on Thursday to Saturday from 12:00 to 05:00 the following day
- Live music (indoors) on Sunday to Wednesday from 12:00 to 03:00 the following day and on Thursday to Saturday from 12:00 to 05:00 the following day
- Recorded music (indoors) on Sunday to Wednesday from 12:00 to 03:00 the following day and on Thursday to Saturday from 12:00 to 05:00 the following day
- Performance of dance (indoors) on Sunday to Wednesday from 12:00 to 03:00 the following day and on Thursday to Saturday from 12:00 to 05:00 the following day
- Anything of a similar description to live music, recorded music and performance of dance on Sunday to Wednesday from 12:00 to 03:00 the following day and on Thursday to Saturday from 12:00 to 05:00 the following day
- Late night refreshment (indoors) on Sunday to Wednesday from 23:00 to 03:00 the following day and on Thursday to Saturday from 23:00 to 05:00 the following day
- Supply of alcohol (on the premises) on Sunday to Wednesday from 12:00 to 03:00 the following day and on Thursday to Saturday from 12:00 to 05:00 the following day
- The opening hours will be on Sunday to Wednesday from 12:00 to 03:30 the following day and on Thursday to Saturday from 12:00 to 05:30 the following day

The premises is described within the application as a '*Sports Bar located on the first floor of commercial premises on Old Kent Road above a nightclub with entrance and external area at ground level. The premises will provide regulated entertainment late night refreshment and sale of alcohol*'

My representation is submitted with regards to promoting the prevention of crime and disorder and the prevention of public nuisance licensing objectives and also has regard to the Southwark Statement of Licensing Policy 2021 – 2026.

This premises was previously known as K-Che and operated as a night club with similar hours and licensable activities being requested within this application. When the premises operated as K-Che the premises impacted on the crime and disorder and public nuisance licensing objectives and was subject to several reviews the most recent was an expedited review which resulted in the premises licence being revoked by the licensing sub-committee in 2020.

The premises is situated in a residential area and under the Southwark Statement of Licensing policy 2021 - 2026 the appropriate closing times in this area for public houses, wine bars or other drinking establishments is 23:00 daily and night clubs (with sui generis planning classification) are not considered appropriate for this area.

This application is seeking opening hours in excess of that which is recommended for a bar/drinking establishment within the policy in this area and the application does not provide any reasons to convince the Licensing sub-committee to divert from the opening hours recommended in the licensing policy.

I recommend to the applicant that the closing times are brought back in line with that which is recommended in the policy for a bar and as such the other licensing activities, allowing half an hour for drinking up time and also that late night refreshment is removed from the operating schedule (as not required if closing times brought back to 23:00) as follows:

- Indoor sporting events on Monday to Sunday from 12:00 to 23:00
- Live music (indoors) on Monday to Sunday from 12:00 to 23:00
- Recorded music (indoors) on Monday to Sunday from 12:00 to 23:00
- Performance of dance (indoors) on Monday to Sunday from 12:00 to 23:00
- Late night refreshment (indoors) to be removed (as not required after 23:00)
- Supply of alcohol (on the premises) on Monday to Sunday from 12:00 to 22:30
- The opening hours will be on Monday to Sunday from 12:00 to 23:00

Furthermore, due to the limited information provided with the application and to promote the licensing objectives I ask the applicant to provide the following information:

- An accommodation limit for the premises (to be conditioned)
- 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>

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