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Dear Sir/Madam

**Re:- Mr Rafael Valencia, 176-178 Old Kent Road SE15TY**

Police are in possession of a temporary event notice from Mr Rafael Valencia in relation to an event at 176-178 Old Kent Road. The event is to be held between the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> June 2021, with a terminal hour of 2am on the Fri, Sat, and 23.45 Sunday nights.

This premises is currently unlicensed but appears to be an events venue for hire. On the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020 during lockdown the venue was entered by Police and a wedding reception was taking place with 200 persons reported inside. This was in contravention to the then Health Protection (Coronavirus, Local COVID-19 Alert Level) (High) (England) Regulations 2020. Two fixed penalty notices each for £10,000 were issued.

The premises is owned by Tuls Investments, the Director of this company is a Mr Jayesh Patel. Mr Patel also owns the Euro Traveller Hotels at 192-202 Old Kent Road and 18 Amelia Street premises was the subject of a review application.

The review was submitted on the grounds of the prevention of crime and disorder, public nuisance and public safety. In summary the premises were found on a number of occasions to be operating in contravention of the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Local COVID-19 Alert Level) (High) (England) Regulations 2020 (SI 2020 No 1104).

The basement of the hotel was being run as a nightclub by a male by the name of Rafael Valencia, the applicant for this temporary event notice, other persons present at the time of the contraventions includes a male by the name of Jonathan Giraldo. Mr Giraldo has also recently applied for a TEN at 18 Amelia Street. This has been objected to by Police on the grounds of the prevention of crime and disorder.

Through lengthy discussions, the application for the review of the premises licence was conciliated. It was agreed by the premises licence holder that the above two named persons would no longer be running events in the basement and that they has been removed. It was also agreed that the basement would not be used for such events, a condition was added to the premises licence that the basement would be for hotel guests and for restaurant purposes only.

I object to this Temporary Event Notice on the grounds of the prevention of crime and disorder, public nuisance and public safety.

The applicant took a leading role in the running of events in contravention of the Health Protection coronavirus regulations, putting the safety and health of the staff and members of the public at significant risk.

Submitted for consideration.

Yours Sincerely

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