

From: Nick Murry

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To: Bahadoor, Roy

Subject: Representation in connection with the application for a variation of the licence for the SN15 premises

Dear Mr Bahadoor

I wish to make a representation in connection with the application for a variation of the licence for the SN15 premises, located at 17a Station Hill, in lieu of doing so via the Representation Form.

I object to the application, as it currently stands, which is in my view ambiguously worded and contravenes the following Licencing Objectives:

- a.) Prevention of crime and disorder;
- b.) Public safety; and
- c.) the Prevention of public nuisance.

Put simply, if the intention is to use the ground floor only as a cocktail bar (to which I have no objection *per se*), then the application needs resubmitted with sufficiently clear and enforceable arrangements for the number of door staff required on those occasions. As it stands the proposed arrangements allow for use of the ground floor as a nightclub, and the employment of significantly fewer door staff, which would, in my opinion, financially benefit for the owner at the expense of increased risk to the public. Given the history of these premises, it is in my view essential to make sure that any change in the licence does not permit reductions in staffing when the premises is operating as a nightclub.

Specifically, I object to the application for the following reasons:

- 1) As it stands, the application, which refers to the provision of 'regulated entertainment' on different levels of the building, would allow the ground floor to be run as a nightclub with only two registered door staff. Furthermore, when only the ground floor is open, the application would allow the premises to be open with no door supervisors on days other than Fridays and Saturdays. This would fail to deliver all three of the above cited licensing objectives;
- 2) Under the current Licence there are five Door Supervisor conditions and it is not clear that it is only those which would be affected by the proposed revised text;
- 3) The wording for the proposed use of polycarbonate glasses would allow a combination of glass and polycarbonate in any part of the building, which is unacceptable in terms the risk is poses to Public Safety;
- 4) The proposed changes would also make it more difficult for external verification of compliance, which also increases the risks surrounding Public Safety and Crime and Disorder.

Please do get in touch if you would like further explanation of my objections and concerns.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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