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Sent: 22 December 2015 17:10
To: Bahadoor, Roy
Subject: SN15 Licence variation application

Dear Roy Bahadoor

I am writing to you to make a representation in respect of the application for variation of the licence for the SN15 premises at 17a Station Hill. I write as the Wiltshire Councillor for the area in which this building is located.

I hope this e-mail will suffice instead of completing the form. For the most part, my concerns relate equally to each of the three the Licensing objectives - Prevention of crime and disorder; Public safety; the Prevention of public nuisance. I believe that as it stands the application is unclear and poorly worded, such that a grant of a license variation on the basis of the application would be contrary to the objectives listed above. My specific concerns (and objections) are as follows:

1. I understand that the basis of this proposal is an intention to operate the ground floor of the premises from time to time only as a cocktail bar. However that intention is not at all clear in the application, which only refers to the provision of "regulated entertainment" on different levels of the building. I believe that as it stands the application, if approved, would allow the ground floor to be run as a nightclub with only two 'registered door staff' . I object to this as it would surely fail to deliver all three Licensing objectives.
2. As I read it, when only the ground floor is open, the application would also allow the premises to be open with no 'door supervisors' on days other than Fridays and Saturdays. I object to this for the same reasons as above.
3. In the current Licence there are five Door Supervisor conditions a)- e). Presumably it is only those which would be affected by the proposed revised text. It should be made clear that the subsequent 10 bullet point conditions remain in place, with the possible exception of any variation in respect of polycarbonate glasses.
4. The wording proposed for the use of polycarbonate glasses ('on a risk assessed basis') is sufficiently vague to allow any combination of glass and polycarbonate in any part of the building. This is unacceptable in terms of risks of Crime and Disorder and risks to Public Safety. I have checked a number of websites and a wide range of seemingly attractive polycarbonate cocktail glasses is readily available. That being so, I believe the present condition should remain in place.
5. As set out, the proposed changes would also make it considerably more difficult for external verification of compliance, and I object to them those grounds as well.
6. If the intention is to provide for opening the ground floor only as a cocktail bar, then I believe the application needs to be withdrawn and resubmitted with clear, tight and enforceable arrangements for the door staff on those

occasions, set out in such a way that they cannot be circumvented for the use of the ground floor as a nightclub, or to employ a significantly reduced number of door staff for the convenience of the club ownership.

Best regards.

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