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Our ref: LN/00009448

Dear Mr Bahadoor

Re: Licensing Act 2003 – Variation Application
Premises: SN15 17A Station Hill Chippenham SN15 1EQ

The Licensing Authority is in receipt of the application to vary the premises licence LN/9448.

Having considered the application, as the officer delegated to respond on behalf of the Licensing Authority, I consider the proposed variation as written is likely to undermine the licensing objectives: Public Safety, The prevention of Crime and Disorder and the Prevention of Public Nuisance.

The conditions on the current licence were imposed following a Licensing hearing where the sub-committee considered all the evidence presented and the offer made by the applicants representative Mr Paul Shayegan.

The proposed variations to amended the conditions relating to door stewards by reducing the number of stewards and the use of polycarbonate provision on a risk assessment basis is confusing/ vague and does not in my opinion seek to promote the licensing objectives in a venue operating in the late night economy.

The current management team have only been operating the venue for a few weeks following a failed attempt to open the venue in the summer as a night club by a different management team. Whilst the Licensing Authority recognises there has been no incidents linked to the premise in its very limited openings since August 2015, the proposed reduction of door stewards without a substantial period of stability for the premises, sight of a revised management plan taking into account all the changes and proposed amendments to the conditions and sight of the proposed risk assessments for the use of polycarbonate glasses means the Licensing Authority is unable to consider the current variation without stating its concern.

The Licensing Authority understands that the new management team wish to operate the premises in two ways, as a cocktail bar down stairs and a night club upstairs, the current wording of the conditions offers insufficient clarity as to how the premises will be managed to stop

transference of people from one floor to the next and management of glass, and noise from patrons congregating outside the venue The proposed two door stewards on a cocktail night for a premises that could hold 276 patrons on the Ground floor and 45 patrons on Balcony when operated in conjunction with a further door steward allocated to the balcony does not give cover to manage any incidents and the main door.

Licensing Authority as a responsible authority, wish formally to object to the variation, as the current wording of the conditions would make it difficult to ensure compliance/ enforcement and the proposed reduction of door stewards gives rise for concern, however I am aware that Wiltshire Police and the applicant are in discussion, I have seen the proposed re-wording from Wiltshire Police and would support such conditions being imposed.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter please contact me.

Yours Sincerely

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