WILTSHIRE POLICE



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Your ref

Our ref SN15 Variation/Obj

Reply contact name is Martin O'Neill

Dear Mr. Bahadoor,

Re: Application for Variation to a Premises Licence – SN15 17a, Station Hill, Chippenham SN15 1EQ.

We are in receipt of an application for a Variation to the Premises Licence to be granted under the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003.

Wiltshire Police, as a responsible authority, have considered the application, the operating schedule and the previous licensing history of the premises.

The premise has historically been the subject of numerous incidents of crime and disorder, both within the premise and in the vicinity, culminating in the current Premise Licence, being granted in December 2014.

The licensing history of the premises is extensive and Police concerns are documented through the various hearings, culminating in a Variation Hearing in January 2016. At that time the applicants were a new management team, with very limited opportunity to provide any demonstrable compliance with the Licencing Objectives.

Regrettably, it was brought to Police attention, on 15th August 2016, that the Designated Premise Supervisor (DPS), a key component of that management team, had left his post as DPS on 31st July 2016. Thereby, leaving the premises trading without a DPS for a period of two weeks. Upon confirming the veracity of this information, Police immediately communicated this fact to TLT LLP, the solicitors representing the applicants, SN15, who took action to correct this position.

During the consultation period, for this application, Wiltshire Police have communicated with TLT LLP in relation to opening a consultation on the proposed revised set of Conditions, which the applicants are believed to be considering. Wiltshire Police are currently awaiting a response form TLT LLP and their clients.

Therefore, this being the case, Wiltshire Police find that there are still relevant concerns regarding the ability of the current management team to fully promote the licensing objectives, in particular the prevention of crime and disorder.

Additionally, at this point in time, police have concerns that public safety may be compromised by the Variation of the Premises Licence, currently being sought by SN15, primarily seeking the reduction and on occasion removal, of the Door Supervisor Condition, together with the amendment of the Polycarbonate Condition, moving to a risk assessment basis.

Police object to the variation of the grant of the premises licence on the grounds that the application, as proposed, would undermine the licensing objectives - the prevention of crime and disorder and public safety.

Yours sincerely

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