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Dear Sir

Re: Application for a Premises Licence under the Licensing Act 2003 - Mitcham News, 25 Upper Green East, Mitcham. CR4 2PE

On 22nd September 2015 an application was received from Mr Navinchandra Patel for a premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003. The application seeks the following:-

Supply of Alcohol	Monday to Saturday 0530-2300
	Sunday 0630-2200

Hours open to the Public	Monday to Saturday 0530-2300
	Sunday 0630-2200

Police wish to make representations to this application on all four of the licensing objectives in that the application fails to address them but more particularly in terms of :-

The Prevention of Crime and Disorder
Public Nuisance

This premise is situated in Mitcham Town Centre which is a busy area and has experienced some issues in terms of anti social behaviour in recent times. There are numerous off licences and retail outlets closeby.

A search of Police crime indices has been conducted covering a 12 month period between 23rd September 2014 and 23rd September 2015. This search has been confined to the post code of the above address and reveals that there have been 18 allegations of crime in the vicinity. These allegations can be broken down as follows:-

8 Theft
1 Burglary
3 Assaults
3 Drugs offences
1 Public Order offence

- 1 Criminal Damage
- 1 Sexual Offence

These premises are untested as they do not currently have a premises licence, it must be stressed that these figures are not in relation to these particular premises but it is a measure of the level of crime in the immediate area.

Street drinking has also been identified as being an issue in Merton to the extent that the entire Borough has been designated as a Controlled Drinking Zone (CDZ). Mitcham Town Centre has suffered more noticeably in terms of the Anti Social Behaviour associated with street drinking. In the past 12 months Mitcham Town centre officers have made 171 seizures of alcohol in and around the area.

Conclusion

These premises will contribute further to issues in this area a number of options are therefore suggested :-

1. Refuse the application
2. Amend the application in terms of the hours permitted for licensable activities as the timings on this application are particularly early

If the licence is granted a number of conditions are suggested:-

3. The premises shall install and maintain a comprehensive CCTV system as per the minimum requirements of a Metropolitan Police Crime Prevention Officer. All entry and exit points will be covered enabling frontal identification of every person entering in any light condition. The CCTV system shall continually record whilst the premises is open for licensable activities and during all times when customers remain on the premises. All recordings shall be stored for a minimum period of 31 days with date and time stamping. Recordings shall be made available immediately upon the request of Police or authorized officer throughout the preceding 31 day period. The CCTV system should be updated and maintained according to police recommendations.
4. A staff member from the premises who is conversant with the operation of the CCTV system shall be on the premises at all times when the premise is open to the public. This staff member must be able to show a Police or authorized council officer recent data or footage with the absolute minimum of delay when requested.
5. No super-strength beer, lagers or ciders of 5.5% ABV (alcohol by volume) or above shall be sold at the premises.
6. A proof of age scheme, such as Challenge (21/25), shall be operated at the premises where the only acceptable forms of identification are (recognised photographic identification cards, such as a driving licence or passport / Holographically marked PASS scheme identification cards).
7. A log shall be kept detailing all refused sales of alcohol. The log should include the date and time of the refused sale and the name of the member of staff who refused the sale. The log shall be available for inspection at the premises by the police or an authorised officer of the Council at all times whilst the premise is open.

8. An incident log shall be kept at the premises, and made available on request to an authorised officer of the Council or the Police, which will record the following:

- (a) all crimes reported to the venue
- (b) all ejections of patrons
- (c) any complaints received
- (d) any incidents of disorder
- (e) any faults in the CCTV system or searching equipment or scanning equipment
- (f) any refusal of the sale of alcohol
- (g) any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service.

9. Outside of the hours authorised for the sale of alcohol, all alcohol within the trading area is to be secured behind locked grills, locked screens or locked cabinet doors so as to prevent access to the alcohol by both customers and staff. (If Hours open to the public differ from the times for the Supply of alcohol)

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Sparham', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Peter Sparham

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