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Dear Sir

**Re:- Application for a Premises Licence under the Licensing Act 2003 – Old
Frizzle 74-78 The Broadway SW19 1RQ**

On 19th April 2016 an application was received from Poppleston Allen Solicitors for a variation to a premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003.

The application can be summarised as follows:-

To amend the start times for licensable activities and the opening hours on Sundays to 1000hrs.

To amend the start times for the sale of alcohol and the opening times on Fridays and Saturdays to 0900hrs.

To amend the terminal times for recorded music, performance of dance, entertainment of a similar description to a performance of live music, any playing of recorded music or a performance of dance, the supply of alcohol to 0100hrs on Fridays and Saturdays.

To amend the closing time of the premises on Fridays and Saturdays to 0130hrs.

To permit the sale of alcohol for consumption on and off the premises.

To amend, delete and add conditions as detailed in the application lodged with the licensing department.

To amend and delete the non-standard timings as detailed in the application lodged with the licensing department.

Police wish to make representations to this application on two of the four licensing objectives namely:-

**The Prevention of Crime and Disorder
Public Nuisance**

This premises is situated on a busy high street in close proximity to other residential accommodation in the local area. The Broadway is the focal point for the borough's night time economy and as such already has numerous venues open late and selling alcohol.

The Local Policing Team (LPT) covering this ward have been consulted on this application and make the observation that there are issues in relation to street drinking in this area, alcohol related crime and anti social behaviour. There have been thirty-three (33) reported incidents of anti social behaviour in the last 12 months with thirteen (13) being alcohol related.

A search of crime indices has been carried out which revealed that in the year from 13th May 2015 to 13th May 2016 there were thirty-seven (37) crimes associated with the postcode SW19 1RQ. The majority of these offences are theft related but there were also twelve (12) assaults, five (5) public order offences and one (1) drugs offence. In fifteen (15) of these offences the victim, suspect or both had been drinking.

Four (4) assaults and one (1) theft can be directly linked to the Old Frizzle.

To give an indication of crime in the area there have been five hundred and twelve (512) crimes on the Broadway in same 12 month period. Of these, fifty-five (55) were assaults, eleven (11) public order, five (5) sexual assaults and six (6) drugs offences.

The Old Frizzle is situated within a Cumulative Impact Zone and although the applicant has explained in detail how they intend to promote the licensing objectives it is felt that an extension to the licensed hours will add to these figures.

Conclusion

The premises can be said to be a responsible operator. However it is still felt that additional issues will arise if an extension to the licensable hours is granted. I therefore suggest the following:

1. Refuse the proposed variations asking for an extension to licensable hours and the additional hour for international sporting events.

If the licence is granted with or without the extension to hours a number of conditions are suggested:-

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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).

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. The sale and supply of alcohol shall only be as ancillary to a meal being taken at the restaurant.

8. Door staff to be on duty from 2000hrs to closing on Friday and Saturday nights.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'TP', is written over a faint, illegible stamp or watermark.

Tristan Paoli

