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Dear Sir

Re - Application to Review the Premises Licence - Po Na Na, 82 The Broadway, Wimbledon. SW19 1RU

On 3rd April 2015 an application was received from Mr Paul Iddon to review the premises licence of the above venue. The application relates to the following licensing objectives

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

Police would wish to make the following representations in relation to this venue.

Po Na Na is a small nightclub with a capacity of 220 which includes staff and trades on two floors. It is situated in the busiest location in The Broadway, Wimbledon, in terms of the night time economy. There 22 licensed premises of all types and a mini cab office in the immediate vicinity of the venue, this can result in a heavy footfall at all times of the night and into the early hours of the morning.

There are only 2 other late night "nightclub" type premises in The Broadway area. Po Na Na opens at 2200 and as a result attracts customers who in the majority of cases have already been to another venue, often already having consumed alcohol. This can cause additional issues in terms of the management of the licensing objectives.

A search of police crime reports between 28th April 2014 and 28th April 2015 revealed 25 allegations of crime associated with Po Na Na. These reports can be broken down as follows :-

- 13 Thefts
- 10 Assaults
- 1 Affray
- 1 Drug related offence

Conclusion

From the statistics above it is apparent that Po Na Na is a significant crime generator in the Broadway area of Wimbledon particularly in respect of assault and theft. However, in my experience the management of the premises have always been cooperative and willing to assist wherever possible.

For example, in the period 28th April 2012 to 28th April 2013 there were 38 offences associated with the premises which together with associated issues resulted in the premises being liable to Review. The venue worked with police, changing practices and making investment where appropriate. This resulted in the figure the following year reducing to 17, which although still significant contained no allegations of assault.

It is difficult to conceive of any conditions that will remedy the current situation.

Yours sincerely,

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

Peter Sparham