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Licensing Officer
Regulatory Services
Civic Centre

Reference: 15

Your Reference:

Date: 26 October 2015

Dear Licensing Officer

RE Bar 163 Field End Road Eastcote HA5 1QL
Full review following Expedited Review under Section 53a Licensing Act 2003

With reference to the expedited review held on 13 October 2015, and subsequent full review consultation. I am writing to you as the officer duly authorised to make representations on behalf of the Licensing Authority.

Further to the fatal stabbing which occurred at the above premises, during the early hours of Sunday 11 October 2015. I have assessed the representation supplied by the Metropolitan Police in response to this consultation, along with the information supplied by the Police for the expedited review. In addition I have spoken with the Councils Licensing Officers to gather further information regarding the history of the premises.

The Licensing Authority is concerned that there has been an incident of such a serious nature but note that there has been no previous history of serious violence associated with this premises. There have been minor issues in relation to compliance with licensing conditions which have been resolved informally with premises management, in line with the Council's enforcement policy. One of these matters related to training in the operation of the CCTV which was subsequently addressed prior to 11 October. It is noted that the CCTV was in full operation on the evening of the incident.

The licence holder applied to vary the licence in August 2015 in order to extend the hours of operation. Representations were received from residents in relation to anti-social behaviour when patrons left the premises, and also from noise nuisance emanating from the premises. No concerns about crime and disorder were raised. This variation application was not granted by the Licensing Sub-Committee on 16 September 2015.

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The witness statement from PC Emly Mitchell maintains that, on the evidence available at the time, this was a one off incident and there is no suggestion that the management had lost control.

I would like to make a representation to the Licensing Sub-Committee on the Crime Prevention licensing objective in that the Licensing Authority supports the conditions proposed by the Metropolitan Police in their representation to this full review. It is considered that this is a proportional response to the incident and will promote the licensing objective of Crime Prevention, providing a more stringent search regime, broader CCTV coverage within the premises, thus assisting in the prevention of a similar incident.

I will be present at the hearing to deliver my representation and also to answer any questions from the Licensing Sub-Committee.

Yours faithfully



Claire Freeman
Regulatory Services Manager

