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## East Sussex Licensing

15<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Senior Licensing Officer  
Licensing  
Environment & Place  
Hastings Borough Council  
Muriel Matters House  
Breeds Place  
Hastings,  
TN34 3UY

Dear Mr Bryant,

**RE; TEMPORARY EVENT NOTICE (TEN) FOR FRENCHS, 24 ROBERTSON STREET, HASTINGS, TN34 1HL NOTICE OF OBJECTION under Section 104 (2) of the Licensing Act 2003**

Notice of objection is hereby given on behalf of the Chief Officer of Police for Sussex for the above TEN on the grounds of the licensing objectives of prevention of crime and disorder, public nuisance and public safety not being promoted.

The TEN was received on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021. The TEN seeks to licence the sale by retail of alcohol and the provision of regulated entertainment between the hours of 0300-0500 on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

Sussex Police has seen an increase in the night time economy since lock down was lifted earlier this year. There is also the added concerns of violence against women and girls with an increase in suspected spiking incidents. Recently Sussex Police obtained up to date crime statistics in support of the continuation of the Communitive Impact Policy which is currently under review which this premises falls within.

Our records show that Robertson Street has the highest crime rate compared to any other location within the CIZ. Robertson Street is part of Castle Ward which has the highest public place violence rate in Sussex. Crime is at its highest during the night time economy during week days as well as weekends. Overall we have seen an increase of approximately 49% of public place violent crimes in the Castle Ward.

We have had five calls to this premises since June 2021 relating to drunk and disorderly behaviours and fights resulting in injuries. Our main concern is the increase in night time economy crime in the immediate areas. Allowing premises to increase the hours of alcohol consumption whilst crime rates are so high, would not only add to the increase in crime and disorder but also add pressure to the emergency services.

Therefore, the Chief Officer of Police contends that permitting TEN to be used in accordance with the notice is likely to undermine the licensing objectives of the prevention of crime and disorder, public nuisance and public safety.

I confirm that a copy of this objection letter has been sent by email to the applicant.

Yours sincerely,



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Licensing Inspector  
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