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East Sussex Licensing

29th 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) x 2 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.

Sussex Police received Two TENS on Monday 29th November 2021. Both TENS seeks to licence the sale by retail of alcohol and the provision of regulated entertainment between the hours of 0300-0500. One is for the 18th and 19th December 2021 and the other for 25th December 2021.

The first TEN for the 18th and 19th Decembers states "no entry or re entry after 0300hrs and conform all our current licence conditions" Mr Foot is the premises licence holder and designated premises supervisor, has not added his usual signature but instead digitally signed it. The TEN was emailed to the relevant authorities by the manager Mr Ric Cowlard, it was not received from Mr Foots email address. Sussex Police tried to ring Mr Foot on both telephone numbers obtained from the TEN application but received no answer. An email has been sent to Mr Foot to check he is aware of this TEN.

The second TEN for 25th December 2021 states "no entry or re entry after 0330am" There is no mention of the premises licence conditions being extended for the duration of the TEN. This TEN application has been physically signed by Mr Foot.

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.

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 these TENs 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 Mr Foot.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'I DT479', with a large, stylized initial 'T' or 'L' to the left.

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Licensing Inspector
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