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East Sussex Licensing Team

14th December 2021

Senior Licensing Officer
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Environment & Place
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Hastings,
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Dear Mr Scrase,

RE; TEMPORARY EVENT NOTICE (TEN) x 3 for Flames Grill, 19 Havelock Road Hastings East Sussex. TN34 1BP. 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'S on the grounds of the licensing objectives of prevention of crime and disorder, public nuisance and public safety not being promoted.

We received 1 Late TEN on Friday 10th December 2021 for 25th December 2021. We also received 2 further TEN'S on Monday 13th December for 27th December 2021 and 1st January 2022. All the TEN'S seeks to licence late night refreshments between the hours of 0300-0500.

Sussex Police has seen an increase in violence 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 to see if we had enough evidence to support the continuation of the Cumulative Impact Policy (CIP) which is currently under consultation. The results highlighted there was very much a need to continue with the CIP and therefore we fully support its continuation. Our records show that Havelock Road is within the Hastings Cumulative Impact Policy.

The Castle Ward has the fourth 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.

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Sussex Police reviewed the premises licence for this premises in December 2019 and the hearing took place on 13th February 2020. On 13th February 2020 the Licensing Sub Committee made a decision to impose a number of conditions on to the premises licence and to reduce the operating hours by one hour meaning they had to close from 0300hrs. The premises appealed the decision and the matter was due in court on 9th December 2021. On the 8th December 2021, a settlement was reached and the Local authority allowed the reduction of hours SIA needed to be at the premises. The agreement was to allow SIA to be at the premises from 2300hrs as opposed to 2100hrs.

The premises does not sell alcohol but we have proven in the past they suffer from those who are intoxicated leaving nearby premises. Being allowed to increase their hours at such a busy time of the year, we believe will only increase the risk of crime and disorder and public safety for not only the public but also for the staff.

Allowing premises to increase the operational hours 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.

Yours sincerely,



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