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East Sussex Licensing Team

13th December 2021

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

Dear Mr Scrase,

RE; TEMPORARY EVENT NOTICE (TEN) FOR DRAGON BAR, 71 GEORGE STREET, HASTINGS, TN34 3EE
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 Friday 10th December 2021. The TEN seeks to licence the sale by retail of alcohol, supply of alcohol by or on behalf of a club, the provision of regulated entertainment and late night refreshments between the hours of 2330 – 0200 for the public and 2330 – 0400 for staff and family on the 1st January 2022.

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 which is currently under consultation.

Our records show that George Street, is within the Hastings Cumulative Impact Policy, this TENS application does not provide any information on how this policy will be achieved and as such undermines the licensing objectives of prevention of crime and disorder, public nuisance and public safety not being promoted. Recent crime data shows that George Street, has the highest crime rate within Old Hasting ward, with this premises being within the hot zone.

The application also implies that there will be illegal trading from 0200 – 0400 where members of the public will be excluded from the premises for a family / staff celebration.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'T. Tombling', written in a cursive style.

Insp Tombling
Licensing Inspector
East Sussex

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