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The Licensing Technical Support Officers

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**RE: TEMPORARY EVENT NOTICE FOR 2 GEORGE STREET, KEMPTOWN, BRIGHTON, EAST SUSSEX,
BN2 1RH FOR 3rd – 5th AUGUST 2018**

NOTICE OF OBJECTION under Section 104 (2) of the Licensing Act 2003

To whom it may concern,

Notice of objection is hereby given on behalf of the Chief Officer of Police for Sussex for the above Temporary Event Notice (TEN) on the grounds of the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety and public nuisance.

The TEN seeks to licence the sale by retail of alcohol (both on and off the premises and the provision of regulated entertainment between the hours of 10:00 – 23:00 on 3rd – 5th August 2018.

The Pride Village Party (PVP) takes place over two days (Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th August) and has a capacity of 42,000 this year. It covers St James's Street and the surrounding roads and is one of the largest annual events in the city. The event is coordinated by the Brighton Pride Organisation, who employ an Event Manager (Jayne Babb) whose role is to organise the PVP event including security, road closures, provision of toilets, street cleaning, public liability insurance, liaison with residents, working with responsible authorities including Brighton & Hove City Council (Licensing, Highways, Environmental Health etc) as well as Fire, Ambulance and Police.

Many licensed premises within the party boundaries and just beyond want to apply for temporary event notices

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to extend their hours inside their premises, and many want to have outside bars to supply alcohol on both days. This is an enormous task and relies on all of the premises in the area both working together as a team and agreeing to adhere to certain voluntary parameters for timings.

There is no official event on the Friday 3rd August and so the street is not closed and is operating as usual.

On Saturday 4th road closures (including St James's Street) with security in place will start at 10:00. There will be free flow of pedestrians until 12:00 and from that point onwards it is a ticketed event requiring a wristband to enter the area. The event does not officially commence until 18:00 but outside bars within the area will be serving between the hours of 16:00 to end by 00:00 with outside music beginning at 18:00.

On Sunday 5th pedestrian access will be restricted to wristband only from 12:00. The event officially runs on Sunday from 15:00 with a finish time of 21:00 with outside bars running between these hours.

This TEN application seeks to have licensable activity on Friday 3rd from 10:00 – 23:00 which is not part of the PVP. The Friday is a normal trading day with no road closures or party. The TEN also seeks to start at 10:00 on Saturday 4th (six hours before the planned coordinated outside bars commence trading and eight hours before music begins). The same has been asked for on Sunday 5th which is five hours before the other coordinated openings.

In previous years a number of shops who do not have an existing premises licence have applied for Temporary Event Notices to sell alcohol during Pride in the St James's Street area to the point where the crime and disorder licensing objective was being undermined. Subsequently for the last five years, Sussex Police have advised premises who do not have an existing premises licence but who want to apply for a TEN to sell alcohol/provide entertainment during Pride, that we will raise an objection to the TEN to enable a Council Licensing Sub Committee to hear the Notice and make a decision. This has worked well in controlling the number of premises who sell alcohol at the event and thereby promoting the licensing objectives and going some way to mitigate risk as such a large scale event.

Sussex Police have further concerns about this TEN application because:

- The TEN offers limited information with no steps as to how the Licensing Objectives will be promoted e.g. Challenge 25, provision of SIA doorstaff, use of plastics etc
- The premises does not have an existing licence to sell alcohol;
- This premises is situated in George Street close to the Junction with St James's Street, which is one of the busiest areas when the PVP is in progress;
- The applicant has not consulted with either Brighton Police Licensing or Jayne Babb from the Pride Village Party organising committee before submitting the application;
- The timings being applied for on the TEN do not match the planned and coordinated hours for the event on any of the 3 days covered;
- The applicant is applying for both on and off sales where the application states 'we want to sell through the front of our shop'. They will therefore be supplying customers who will be congregating on the pavement outside the premises causing a possible pinch point;
- The TEN also mentioned there will be 'Possible DJ's from 10:00 – 23:00' which again will encourage people to congregate in a potentially crowded area at the junction of George Street and St James's Street and look to start up to eight hours before the PVP on Saturday 5th

The Chief Officer of Police contends that permitting the premises to be used in accordance with the notice is likely to lead to crime and disorder, risk to public safety and potentially cause issues with public nuisance. We therefore ask that a Counter Notice is issued by the Licensing Authority Committee to ensure the public are protected from harm and that the licensing objectives are not being undermined.

I confirm that a copy of this objection letter has been sent by email to the applicant and every other 'relevant person'.

Yours faithfully,



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