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Police Representation - Application to Review the Premises Licence for Array 91 Shepherds Hill, Romford, RM3 0NP

Dear Licensing Authority

I acknowledge receipt of an application to review a premises licence, under section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003. The premises concerned is Array 91 Shepherds Hill, Romford RM3 0NP.

On behalf of the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, I have considered this application and wish to make the following representation in support of the review.

Array promotes itself as a "Flashy operation offering international dishes, plus DJ's live acts and a jungle themed cocktail bar". Shisha is also provided.

The premises is located in a densely populated residential area of Harold Wood and has bus stops outside it which serve the 347 bus route which travels to Romford, Upminster and Ockendon. There aren't any shops in the street that would bring people to the location.

The venue is permitted to carry out the following Licensable activities: Supply of Alcohol, Regulated Entertainment and Late Night Refreshments and operates between the following hours:-

Opening Hours

Sunday to Wednesday - 08:00 to 00:30
Thursday to Saturday - 08:00 to 01:30

Regulated Entertainment and the Supply of Alcohol

Sunday to Wednesday - 08:00 to 00:00
Thursday to Saturday - 08:00 to 01:00

Late Night Refreshment

Sunday to Wednesday - 23:00 to 00:00
Thursday to Saturday - 23:00 to 01:00

I have completed checks on police indices and found the following calls to police within the last year.

CAD 7360 on Wednesday 2nd Feb 2022 - 2057 hours

Caller stated the pub does not have a license to have outside music. They have music blaring outside in garden area.

CAD 328 on Saturday 05th Feb 2022 - 0046 hours

Informant stated someone was in his garden and heard someone calling out "hello" and appeared people were looking for him. Informant stated the male jumped over the fence and heard him say something about Joe and that there were a few people looking for him. Police attended and spoke to the male who stated there had been a form of argument/heated discussion at Array down the road and the male thought he was going to get beaten up so ran off into a field and climbed a fence to get away from them.

CAD 394 on Saturday 05th Feb 2022 - 0055 hours

Informant rang and stated there was a male in their back garden who stated someone was after him.

CAD 529 on Saturday 05th Feb 2022 - 0120 hours

Caller asking how long police will be re CAD 328/05FEB22. Informant stated a male had been attacked and his clothes were all ripped.

CAD 500 Wednesday 8th June 2022 - 0206 hours

Caller stating four 4 people were fighting informant and her friend. Police attended the venue and males were trespassing and were asked to leave by the venue. There was a verbal disagreement nothing further.

CAD 8019 on Friday 05th Aug 2022 - 2137 hours

Caller stated people were trying to park on his drive and on the grass from the Shepherd and Dog pub and were harassed. Stated there was a death on the road today and 12 cars were parked blocking access and informant stated this was a regular occurrence. Informant stated this wasn't near the vigil and was to do with customers of Array causing a nuisance.

CAD 5013 on Sunday 09th Oct 2022 - 1655 hours

Caller stated a few males in fast vehicles were racing up and down the road and were coming and going from the restaurant. No registration numbers were obtained of the vehicles involved. Informant described some of the vehicles as expensive and one was black. Also stated the speed they were traveling could cause someone to be killed as this was a residential area.

CAD 5018 on Sunday 09th Oct 2022 - 1656 hours

Caller stating powerful cars were racing up and down the hill and was like a race track. The vehicles included Lamborghinis and some of the vehicles were very small and going too fast. They had been doing this for the past 2-3 hours. Caller stated the vehicles park in Array.

On Wednesday the 20th July 2022, I attended a meeting held at Array. The Local Authority arranged this due to numerous complaints from residents. Present at the meeting were representatives from Public Protection, David Dadds, the father of the owner whose name I can't recall and the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) Mr Bilal Nadir Gul.

The venue were advised at the meeting that numerous complaints had been received from residents in the area including customers parking vehicles in an inconsiderate manner around Phillida Road and excessive noise from the venue. David Dadds stated he would attend and see for himself the situation around the parking of vehicles. Those at the meeting were also advised by the venue that they would look into placing a parking marshall at the junction of Phillida Road and Shepherds Hill to prevent inconsiderate parking by Array customers.

David Dadds stated a dispersal policy for the venue would be written up to assist the venue in the dispersal of customers from the venue. To date I have not seen that policy and I am aware the local authority emailed David Dadds company on at least two occasions. We were assured at this meeting that one would be written up.

The venue also confirmed that all windows and doors to the venue would be kept shut to prevent noise emanating from the venue and stated the windows to the front of the venue were noise cancelling and installed to prevent noise from escaping.

On Thursday 6th October 2022, I met two residents of Phillida Road at Romford Police Station to discuss their concerns around Array. During the meeting I was shown a photograph of what appeared to be two vehicles parked in the street with a female squatting down in front of each front grille of the vehicles and urinating on the road. This photograph has been provided to me. I was also made aware that numerous residents had written letters detailing their experiences of inconsiderate and/or illegal parking and anti-social behaviour including shouting, screaming and music being loudly played from vehicles parked up. A selection of those letters have been given to me.

On Friday 21st October 2022 at around 2230 hours, I attended the venue along with a licensing colleague to observe the issues around anti-social behaviour and parking. There were a number of cars parked in Phillida Road that were parked with two wheels up on the kerb. I did see a number of Havering Council parking enforcement people in Shepherds Hill issuing tickets to vehicles.

I visited the venue and spoke to the DPS Mr Gul and the same male who was at the meeting on the 20th July whose name I can't recall. They were aware of the application to review the venues premises licence and Mr Gul stated he agreed with some of the issues raised, but disputed others. Mr Gul advised me the venue had implemented changes to the business including booking UBER taxis for customers that resided nearby and were advising customers at the point of phone bookings to consider taking public transport or taxis to the venue and if driving to park considerately.

I asked Mr Gul what the situation was with regards to placing a parking marshall at the junction with Phillida Road and Shepherds Hill and whether that occurred as discussed at the meeting on the 20th July. I was advised it was still being looking into and risk assessed as they weren't certain whether it would require two people or one. I did advise Mr Gul that it had been almost three months since the meeting which should have been enough time to look into the implementation of a parking marshall.

In conclusion, the Police at this time do not have confidence that the venue are able to uphold the licensing objective around preventing public nuisance and support this application to review.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Stockman'. The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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