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Brighton & Hove Licensing Unit

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26th July 2021

The Licensing Technical Support Officers
Environmental Health, Brighton & Hove City Council
Bartholomew House, Bartholomew Square
Brighton, East Sussex
BN1 1JP

RE: LATE TEMPORARY EVENT NOTICE FOR THE CAMELFORD ARMS, 30-31 CAMELFORD STREET, BRIGHTON, EAST SUSSEX, BN2 1TQ FOR 6TH THROUGH TO 9TH AUGUST 2021

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 Late Temporary Event Notice (TEN) on the grounds of the prevention of crime and disorder and public nuisance.

The TEN seeks to licence the sale by retail of alcohol on and off the premises during the following timings:

Sale by Retail of Alcohol

7th August 2021 01:00 – 03:30

8th August 2021 01:00 – 04:00

8th August 2021 23:30 through until 09th August 2021 02:00

The above dates fall on what would have been Brighton & Hove Pride weekend and would have had a large police operation. Now that Pride is cancelled this is no longer the case.

Sussex Police are expecting this to be a very busy weekend due to a number of factors including people still heading to Brighton & Hove that would have been here for Pride, lockdown restrictions being lifted recently and an increase in stay vacations. Due to this we are running a standalone operation which will see an increase in police resources for that weekend but not on the scale we would have seen had Pride been going ahead.

We have also been working with other agency partners over a number weeks to effectively plan for the unknown. This includes looking at medical provisions and seafront management as well as working with various Council departments.

As with any large scale event they come with safeguards and infrastructure such as road closures, medical provisions, added security and toilets. There is a risk that various agencies including emergency services will have to fill that gap if the City sees a large influx of visitors.

We feel that by allowing premises to stay open later this will keep more people within the area longer so slowing down dispersal as well as increasing intoxication levels. These are two factors that risk crime and disorder to occur. By just permitting venues to run as per their current licence and not allowing any additional extensions or relaxation of conditions we are doing all we can to mitigate risks.

With extended hours also comes increased risk of public nuisance. The premises itself acknowledges people are likely to spill out in to the street. With this being a residential street we could see a pull on resources to deal with calls of the highway and footpath being blocked and noise issues.

The location of the premises sits within the Cumulative Impact Area under the Brighton & Hove Statement of Licensing Policy. An area that is recognised as having a high number of licensed premises and the challenges this brings.

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 and 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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