

Dear Mr Howell,

I act on behalf of the Chief Officer of Police Mr Edens, he has delegated responsibility and authorised me to act on his behalf with regard to representations made by Northamptonshire Police to Licensing Authorities across the county of Northamptonshire.

I am objecting to the grant of the Premises Licences for the two above locations on the licensing objective of the Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Public Safety, and the Protection of Children from Harm.

- 1) The premises wishes to sell alcohol until 05:00am at weekends and close the premises at 05:00am, both these times conflict a sale could be made at 04:55am and then the premises is closed to the public at 05:00am.
- 2) The operating schedule is too vague for Northamptonshire Police to properly assess whether the Licensing Objectives will be promoted, this is even more so exacerbated by the fact that the venue wishes to trade to the early hours. Northamptonshire Police have experience that licensed premises that trade to the early hours are more at risk of undermining the Licensing Objectives unless a robust operating schedule which is adhered to is in place, which in Northamptonshire Police's opinion is not.
- 3) Northamptonshire Police have concerns in relation to how the capacity of both premises will be maintained, a system whereby patrons to the basement club can gain access from the upstairs bar but also patrons can gain access from the street, this would seriously put at risk capacity limit monitoring. In addition to this patrons would have to leave the premises to smoke if desired, this again would add to more capacity monitoring problems, customers would be 'clicked' in by door staff not only entering the club from an internal entrance but also from an external entrance, customers could then leave to go outside to smoke and then re-enter. I have concerns that at any time it would be difficult to ascertain the correct capacity for each bar posing a risk not only to C&D but also to public safety.
- 4) Northamptonshire Police hold the honest held belief that for safety reasons the entrance to both premises requires to be kept separate from each other, this way capacities for both venues can be monitored correctly.
- 5) A proper queuing system will be required to be put in place outside the Emporio Nightclub which has residential properties in the vicinity, this may cause public nuisance issues.
- 6) Northamptonshire Police would require a detailed and robust security risk assessment, detailing for example the number of Door Supervisors required, evacuation procedures from both venues, ejection and search policies as a minimum. At the time of the visit 11/07/2017 these were not available , a security provider had not yet been identified.

Although Northamptonshire Police are of the opinion that certain concerns raised can be dealt with by conditions, that are adhered to, Northamptonshire Police also have concerns with regards to capacities being maintained, which can potentially lead to C&D issues in addition to Public Safety issues.

It is for the above reasons Northamptonshire Police are objecting and are of the opinion that these should be raised and resolved before the Licensing Committee at a Hearing.

Regards

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