

13 December 2021		ITEM: 4
Licensing Sub-Committee		
DETERMINATION OF OBJECTION TO TEMPORARY EVENT NOTICES		
Report of: Dave Leonard, Licensing Officer		
Wards and communities affected: Brentwood South, Brentwood North	Key Decision: Non-key	
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Date of notice given of exempt or confidential report: not applicable		
Purpose of Report: To determine an objection from Essex Police (Licensing) for a Temporary Event Notice.		

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Licensing Office has received an objection from the Essex Police Senior Licensing Officer, Mr Gary Burke, with regards to a Temporary Event Notice (TEN) submitted in relation to in-house events to be held at Bloc 40, First Floor, 40 High Street, Brentwood CM14 4AJ on Saturday 18 December 2021 & Sunday 19 December 2021. The objection relates to the prevention of crime & disorder licensing objective.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1.1 That the Sub-Committee**
- a) Considers this report and appendices together with any oral submissions at the hearing and determines the application for the objection of a Temporary Event Notice.**

2. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 2.1 Section 104 (2) Licensing Act 2003, allows the Police or Environmental Health to object to a Temporary Event Notice if they believe that allowing the premises to be used in accordance with a Temporary Event Notice will undermine one or more of the licensing objectives.
- 2.2 The licensing objectives are:
- The prevention of crime and disorder
 - Public safety
 - The prevention of public nuisance
 - The protection of children from harm.
- 2.3 The Licensing Department received a Temporary Event Notice on 3 December 2021 from Dadds LLP on behalf of Leonora Dunne for Christmas party events to be held on 18 & 19 December 2021. A copy of the TEN is attached at **Appendix A**
- 2.4 The TEN relates to in-house events to be held at Bloc 40, First Floor, 40 High Street, Brentwood CM14 4AJ on both Saturday 18 December 2021 and Sunday 19 December 2021 from 0001hrs to 0230hrs for the purposes of the sale by retail of alcohol & the provision of regulated entertainment with a close of premises by 0300hrs on both dates. Ms Dunne is the current designated premises supervisor at Bloc 40.
- 2.5 A letter of acknowledgement of the TEN was sent on 6 December 2021 and a copy is attached at **Appendix B**.
- 2.6 On Tuesday 7 December 2021 the Licensing Department received an objection notice from Mr Gary Burke, a Senior Licensing Officer with Essex Police, outlining his objection that the Police are satisfied that the allowing the premises to be used in accordance with the notice would undermine the prevention of crime and disorder licensing objectives.

The reasons for being so satisfied are that, following a recent licensing hearing, a number of conditions were agreed to assist with preventing crime and disorder at the premises. Allowing the event to take place under a TEN would essentially allow the premises to operate outside of the conditions on the premises licence.

This objection is made with a view to getting the conditions listed on the premises licence applied to the TEN for the event. This would satisfy Essex Police that all of the measures that have been put in place following the hearing will remain in effect for the entire event.

Mr Burke goes on to explain that, with regards to the last entry time of 0000hrs (condition 8, Annex 3), this condition was added with the aim of preventing a large influx of potentially intoxicated customers heading to Bloc 40 in the early hours when other premises are closing. This condition also

ensures that any customers that are leaving Bloc 40 at closing time (typically when most incidents occur), have been under the care of the premises for a number of hours & as such, should be less likely to be involved in an incident. Essex Police feels that removing this condition removes one of the ways in which the prevention of crime and disorder objective is upheld.

The objection notice is attached at **Appendix C**.

- 2.7 To assist the Sub-Committee, a copy of the current Bloc 40 premises licence, issued on 8 September 2021, is attached at **Appendix D**.

3. ISSUES, OPTIONS AND ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS:

- 3.1 The committee, after considering the objection application, will need to consider what action, if any, to take in order to ensure that the licensing objectives are complied with.
- 3.2 The power to impose conditions on a TEN is conferred by s106 Licensing Act 2003. This is not a general power to impose conditions and can be exercised only where temporary events are held on premises, or parts of premises, for which a premises licence or Club Premises Certificate is in force and an objection notice is given.
- 3.3 The following options are available to the Licensing Sub-Committee:
- Allow each Temporary Event Notice being determined as applied for;
 - To impose conditions on the TEN being determined as conferred by s106 Licensing Act 2003.
 - To reject the Temporary Event Notice being determined as applied for and issue a Counter Notice, which will prevent the event from going ahead.
- 3.4 The decision made by the Committee will take immediate effect. There is a right of appeal for both the person who has given the TEN and for the relevant person that had submitted the objection notice. However, no appeal may be brought later than 5 working days before the day on which the event period specified in the TEN.
- 3.6 In determining this application for an objection of the Temporary Event Notice by Environmental Health, the Sub-Committee should have regard to the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and to the guidance issued by the Secretary of State under s182 of the Licensing Act 2003.
- 3.7 The Sub-Committee are advised that the hearing is of a quasi-judicial nature and representations from all parties both written and verbal will form part of matters that are to be considered. Findings on issues of fact should be on the balance of probability.
- 3.8 The Sub-Committee are advised that the final decision should be based on the individual merits of the application & findings of fact made at the hearing.

4. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

4.1 These are the options available to the Sub-Committee

5. CONSULTATION (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)

5.1 Copies of both objections have been served on the premises user.

6. IMPACT ON CORPORATE POLICIES, PRIORITIES, PERFORMANCE AND COMMUNITY IMPACT

6.1 The Council has a duty under Section 17 of the Crime & Disorder Act 1998 to do all that it reasonably can to prevent:

(a) crime and disorder in its area (including anti-social behaviour and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment), and;

(b) the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances in its areas.

In considering this duty the Sub-Committee should have due regard to the Licensing Act 2003, the Guidance issued by the Secretary of State under Section 182 of the Act and the Council's own Statement of Licensing Policy.

The Licensing Sub-Committee is of a quasi-judicial nature and whilst the Licensing Committee should ensure equality of treatment for all groups in the granting of licences, due regard should be given to its responsibility to promote the licensing objectives and its duties under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. This includes full consideration of the need to prevent crime and disorder, ensure public safety, the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm. Where it finds that the need to comply with those duties is reasonably inferred, it must determine the application appropriately.

BACKGROUND PAPERS USED IN PREPARING THIS REPORT (include their location and identify whether any are exempt or protected by copyright):

- The Licensing Act 2003
- The Secretary of State's Guidance issued under s. 182 Licensing Act 2003
- Brentwood Borough Council's Statement of Licensing Policy

APPENDICES TO THIS REPORT:

Appendix A - Temporary Event Notice Application (18 & 19 December 2021)

Appendix B - Letter of Acknowledgement

Appendix C - Notice of Objection from Gary Burke (Essex Police Licensing)

Appendix D - Bloc 40 premises licence issued 8 September 2021

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