

THAMES VALLEY POLICE

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Subject :

Studio 15 Nightclub, 15a Goswell Hill, Windsor – Premises Licence Variation application

I wish to inform you that Thames Valley Police object to the variation application to extend the sale of alcohol, Live Music, Recorded music, performances of dance and anything of a similar description and the Provision of late night refreshment from 02.30am to 03.00am on a Friday and Saturday evening. They are currently licensed until 02.30am with a last entry time of 01.30am.

The closure at 02.30hrs allows police to effectively control the dispersal of persons inside balancing our resourcing capabilities at that time.

The proposal to extend the license to 03.00hrs and the subsequent retention of persons inside for that period would be detrimental to the way the police resources could operate, reducing the effectiveness of our response, not only to this premise but all other surrounding licensed premises and our duty of care to patrons inside.

Currently, we are able to split officer numbers between the two main hot spot areas, Goswell Hill and William Street, with a view that full strength of numbers convene from 03.00hrs, in order to control the dispersal and disorder in William Street. If an extension of trading hours was granted, this inhibits our ability to effectively do this, as officers will have to remain much longer in Goswell Hill.

The time difference between closing times in Goswell Hill and William Street, allows effective dispersal in Goswell Hill with enough time for officers to reduce Anti social behaviour and general crime and disorder.

This area of town, especially around the lower half of the Hill, by the taxi marshals is where crowds are dispersed to, is particularly residential. There is strong opposition from residents towards licensed premises due to the detrimental impact on their lives, in terms of the noise and general ASB crowds cause late at night.

An extension of trading hours would further impact this as it would take longer and longer to disperse, protracting the amount of time residents are enduring the noise. Due to the current deployment of officers, we can effectively control this in order to help minimise the impact. With an extension of license, police resources would struggle to deliver the same standard of service, having far wider reaching consequence for local residents.

I note in their application, it is stated that door staff will continue to assist police in dispersal and to also lessen noise, whilst this is welcomed, the majority of the noise is not caused by people leaving the premise, it is the wider problem of the same clients creating flash points of noise and disorder at the taxi ranks which is mostly controlled by police, some distance from Studio 15, negating this point.

An extension of hours would also increase levels of intoxication, having further consequences for when members of the public leave the premises. This would potentially be increasing the possibility of violent related behaviour . In terms of it

allowing a more controlled exit, I do not see how this could occur, as people would not be leaving any more gradually; if they have the ability to stay and consume further alcohol they will do so.

I do not believe that this application is being made with the prevention of crime and disorder at its core, in primary terms, this is a revenue generator and will have a direct impact on not only the level of intoxication of people in the vicinity but will compromise and stretch police resourcing and capabilities.

I have detailed relevant incidents linked to Studio 15 since January:

25th January 2015 at 01:30, Assault with injury, Niche report refers: 43150022786
1st February 2015 at 02:40, Affray, URN 190 01/02/15 refers
7th February 2015 at 00:35, Drunk & Disorderly, Niche report refers: 43150036112
15th February 2015 at 01:45, Assault with injury, Niche report refers: 43150044100
15th February 2015 at 01:47, Assault with injury, Niche report refers: 43150044098
28th February 2015 at 00:30, Drunk & Disorderly, URN 84 28/02/15 refers
28th February 2015 at 01:30, Drunk & Disorderly, GEN 40 submitted
28th February 2015 at 02:00, Intoxication, GEN 40 submitted
28th February 2015 at 02:45, Intoxication, GEN 40 submitted
5th March 2015, Meeting to discuss recent GEN 40's
14th March 2015 at 02:30, Sexual assault Niche report refers: 43150072631
26th April 2015 at 01:20, Drunk & Disorderly, Niche report refers: 43150114845
16th May 2015 at 00:40, underage and assault with injury, Niche report refers:
43150134865
3rd June 2015, Visit to discuss recent intelligence of 16 year old in premise
28th June 2015 at 01:50, Intoxication, URN 207 28/06/15 refers
9th July 2015 at 02:14, Criminal damage and vehicle interference, Niche Reports
refer: 43150191100 & 43150191112
12th July 2015 at 02:00, Drunk & Disorderly, GEN 40 submitted
12th July 2015 at 02:23, Drunk & Disorderly x 5 and Criminal damage, URN 200
26/07/15 refers
29th August 2015 at 02:15, Intoxication, GEN 40 submitted
20th September 2015 at 02:00, Drunk & Disorderly, GEN 40 submitted
20th September 2015 at 02:48, Drunk & Disorderly, Niche report refers:
43150266468
21st September 2015, Meeting to discuss negative report re CCTV
25th September 2015 at 23:50, Licence Check, reluctance by DPS, GEN 40
submitted
26th September 2015 at 02:00, Intoxication, GEN 40 submitted
24th October 2015 at 02:10, Drunk & Disorderly, GEN 40 refers
25th October 2015 at 01:30, Disorder, GEN 40 refers
1st November 2015 at 00:15, Public order, Niche report refers: 431503307881
1st November 2015 at 00:30, concern regarding door staff, GEN 40 refers
1st November 2015 at 02:30, Intoxication, Niche report refers: 43150308317
4th November 2015, Meeting with DPS regarding recent reports of intoxication levels
22nd November 2015 at 02:42, Assault with injury, Niche report refers: 43150329675
28th November 2015 at 00:38, Intoxication, GEN 40 submitted

To extend the hours at the premises would in the view of Thames Valley Police undermine the crime and disorder, public nuisance and public safety licensing objectives.

