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Ref: WK/276830 – Cactus Ray, Full Variation

FAO Lindsey Heppenstall

With regards to the above application received on Friday 3rd February 2023, I can confirm that Lancashire Constabulary do wish to make representations based upon the Licensing Objective, The Prevention of Crime & Disorder.

Lancashire Constabulary holds 3 separate reports since June 2022 alleging under-age drinking, rowdy behaviour at the premise going unchallenged, drug use and the premises operating beyond it's authorised hours.

Lancashire Constabulary also holds two separate documented visits since July 2022 outlining non-compliance of the current Premises Licence Conditions in July 2022 and unauthorised alcohol sales in December 2022. The visit in July 2022 saw the premises with a Closure Notice under Section 19 of the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 which was cancelled on 14th August 2022. The visit in December 2022 showed the premises open with customers inside beyond the licensable hours and footage showed transaction being made after this time, given a recent report alleging drug at the premises I administered cocaine wipes, in particular one tables gave indication of strong, recent cocaine presence.

Between January and February 2023, the premises has seen a number of TEN's applied for to extend the Licensable Hours which saw no objection by Lancashire Constabulary, the rationale for this response was that the licensed hospitality sector traditionally sees a downturn in trade during the Winter months and as such the potential for disorder is much lower.

I spoke with the Licence Holder as part of the full variation application and explained my rationale and that I would request conditions around door supervision moving forward should the premises open until 01:45hrs as a means to prevent any potential Crime & Disorder. The Licence Holder was not receptive to this.

Given this, Lancashire Constabulary believe that should the premises be permitted an extension in opening hours that without door supervision conditions it could have a negative impact on the Licensing Objectives.

Regards


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