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Subject: Objections to temporary event notice - Super Pizza, 6 Batchelor St, Chatham, Kent  
Attachments:

Good afternoon

Please find attached Kent Police objections regarding a temporary event notice for Super Pizza, 6 Batchelor Street in Chatham ME44BJ.

Super Pizza is described within the temporary event notice as a “take away pizza delivery shop” and is located within Chatham town centre. The premises is currently licenced to offer the facility of late night refreshment Sunday to Thursday, 2300 to 0100 hours and Friday to Saturday, 2300 to 0200 hours. The current premises licence has conditions in relation to CCTV and operating hours in relation to planning. There is currently planning consent for this premises for Sunday- Thursday 1100-0100 and Friday-Saturday 1100-0200 hours.

The temporary event notice was submitted to Medway council on 1<sup>st</sup> December however was invalid due to the TEN having too many hours, however clarification was given on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023 by the applicant regarding hours to be open as follows:

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2023 from 0100-0500 hours, Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December 2023 from 0100-0500 hours, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> December 2023 from 0200-0500 hours, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2023 from 0200-0500 hours, Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 from 0100-0500 hours, Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 from 0100-0500 hours, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 from 0100-0500 hours.

Previously a full premises licence variation was received by Kent police on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023 for this premises to allow the premises to open with the same timings within the temporary event notice, which in essence to allow the premises to open 24 hours a day, if the applicant wanted to.

Both Kent police via PC Hunt 11044 and Environmental Protection submitted representations in relation to this full variation, which were then heard in a licensing hearing on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023, which as a result the variation application was refused. Kent police representations for this variation related to prevent of crime and disorder and public nuisance which are mirrored in these objections and despite the applicant for this temporary event notice being the same applicant for the full variation, there has been no acknowledgement within the temporary event notice of measures to reduce risk and mitigate police concerns, in relation for the extended hours.

Therefore Kent Police are opposed to this temporary event notice, which relates to two licensing objectives:-

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- The prevention of public nuisance

The period between 27<sup>th</sup> December to 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 will no doubt have licensed premises opening later than normal and the central location of this premises would allow customers intoxicated from other licensed

premises, attending Super Pizza, leading to incidents of crime/disorder, noise nuisance and antisocial behaviour as well as the associated issue of littering within the area of this premises.

Since the licensing hearing, Kent police have not been made aware of any incidents linked to this premises, however a recent incident nearby resulted in a person being knocked out, after being assaulted, resulting in injuries consistent with grievous bodily harm. If this premises was to open later to the extended hours within the temporary event notice, Kent police are concerned that a similar incident of this nature will occur when intoxicated customers are congregating inside or outside the premises.

PC Hunt made mention within his representation of a nearby nightclub that can open until 0430 hours daily and it comes as no surprise that this nightclub is opening on extra nights during this period, which I suspect will increase the footfall within the area of Super Pizza, thereby giving a reason why this premises wants to stay open however this will allow customers to attend after the nightclub closes, bringing issues of crime/disorder and public nuisance.

On review of the temporary event notice submitted by the applicant, there has been no recognition of the potential issues raised by PC Hunt previously and safety measures that could be put in place to reduce any issues relating to crime & disorder or public nuisance, such as employing SIA door supervisors at the premises or ensuring that the premises operates as delivery only despite the description of “take away pizza delivery shop” within the temporary event notice.

The applicant also appears to want to contravene planning legislation as well as there does not appear to have been any planning consent granted to extend the opening hours, with reference to section 7.7 within Revised Guidance issued under S.182 Licensing Act 2003 “A TEN does not relieve the premises user from any requirements under planning law for appropriate planning permission where it is required.”

As a result of reviewing this temporary event notice, Kent police object to this temporary event notice.

Kind regards

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