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Subject:

TVP Application Response - Premises Licence for Medicine Events CIC, Wasing Park,

Aldermaston, RG7 4NG: OBJECTION

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On 08/01/2020, we received a Premises Licence application relating to Medicine Events CIC, Wasing Park, Aldermaston, RG7 4NG

Festival focusing on physical, mental, environmental and social health.

Based on the supplied information, the Thames Valley Police response is: *** OBJECTION ***

Details of the objection and our rationale will be sent shortly by the Licensing Officer, who will also notify the applicant if appropriate.

Summary- Request for Licensable activities 24/7 during event gives cause for concern with respect to all 4 Licensing Objectives. These concerns have been raised both at the draft stage and during this consultation period. No satisfactory agreement has been reached at this stage.

Thanks

Gary Clarke Licensing Officer Bracknell, Wokingham and West Berkshire



THAMES VALLEY POLICE

Division/Station: Bracknell Police Station, Licensing Department.

From: C9203 Gary Clarke

To: West Berkshire Borough Council.

Ref: Medicine Events CIC.

Date: 17/02/2020

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Objection

To whom it may concern

I C9203 Gary Clarke on behalf of the Chief Officer of Thames Valley Police wish to formally object to the proposed application for a premises licence submitted by Licensing Lawyers on behalf of Medicine Events CIC in relation to land at Wasing Park.

The proposal before the sub-committee is in relation to an event that will run from Thursday 27th August 2020 through to Monday 31st August 2020. The application request a number of Licensable activities to run throughout the whole event. I believe the application in its curreny format will undermine the four licensing objectives with specific regard to that of Public Nuisance.

Wasing Park itself has its own Premises Licence No 020004, and restrictions were placed on the Licence in August 2015, following noise complaints from the venue. As a result of this licensable activities outdoors finish at 22:00 with the exception of Late Night Refreshment which is licensed to 03:30. This is my primary reason for objecting to the proposed licence as it stands, and this representation is to support that of West Berkshire Borough Council.

The applicant sent in a draft consultation document which I received on the 6th September 2019. I returned the draft application via West Berkshire Borough Council requesting clarification on the licensing hours being sought. I did not receive any adjustment to the hours requested and therefore advised that Thames Valley Police would have serious concerns around the proposals as set out, and that consideration needed to be given to the hours of licensable activities.

Thames Valley Police received this application on the 8th January 2020 with the consultation period running to 3rd February 2020. The noticeable amendment to that of the draft, was that the request for Alcohol had been removed, however this not an alcohol free event. This was highlighted by the applicant in his letter dated 3rd January 2020, which also stated that Independent Traders with catering vans may apply for a TEN at a later date for this purpose. The Event Management Plan submitted on the 29th January 2020, 3 working prior to the end of the consultation period stated the alcohol allowance per person will be 3 bottles of wine, 12 cans of 440ml beer/lager/cider, and 1 bottle of spirit. It should also be noted that the venue itself has bars open to 03:30. Whilst discussing the application with the Council I was told of a website for the event (medicinefestival.com) on the 24th January. This gave some details of the events to be held during the event, and under music there was reference to early mornings raves. This has since been removed.

Having spoken to the Event co ordinator at Wasing Park, Josh Dugdale, I emailed the applicant as his understanding of the timings for the licensable event was completely different. The next communication was the receipt of the EMP.

I emailed West Berkshire Borough Council on the 31st January to confirm Thames Valley Police, will object to the Licence application, in its current format, for all the reasons and concerns raised above.

Following notification of our objections the applicant submitted revised timings on the 5th February 2020, some 2 days after the expiry of the consultation period.

Thames Valley Police would object to any licensable activity going on outdoors after 23:00, with the exception of late night refreshment. Thames Valley Police consider outdoors to mean any event being held other than inside a building constructed of bricks and mortar.