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The Licensing Technical Support Officers  
Environmental Health, Brighton & Hove City Council  
Bartholomew House, Bartholomew Square  
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**RE: TEMPORARY EVENT NOTICES (TEN) FOR THINGSLICIOUS, 83 PRESTON STREET, BRIGHTON, EAST SUSSEX, BN1 2HG FOR THE 12<sup>TH</sup> TO 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024; 26<sup>TH</sup> TO 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024, AND 2<sup>ND</sup> TO 3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER 2024 under the licensing Act 2003.**

**NOTICE OF OBJECTION under Section 104 (2) of the Licensing Act 2003**

To whom it may concern,

Notice of objection is hereby given on behalf of the Chief Officer of Police for Sussex for the above Temporary Event Notices (TENs) on the grounds of the licensing objectives of prevention of crime and disorder, public nuisance and public safety not being promoted.

The TEN seeks to licence the following from 12<sup>th</sup> October to 13<sup>th</sup> October 2024:

**The sale by retail of alcohol 'OFF' the premises: 00:01 – 02:00**

The TEN seeks to licence the following from 26<sup>th</sup> October to 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024:

**The sale by retail of alcohol 'OFF' the premises: 00:01 – 02:00**

The TEN seeks to licence the following from 2<sup>nd</sup> November to 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024:

**The sale by retail of alcohol 'OFF' the premises: 00:01 – 02:00**

The event on the TEN is described as applying to extend alcohol sales; something which is confirmed by communication with the applicant's licensing consultant.

The premises has permission under the premises licence to sell alcohol until Midnight.

Sussex Police statistics show Preston Street to be an area of concern. This Street is already under scrutiny as it is apart of the Brighton and Hove Statement of Licensing Policy Cumulative Impact Zone, and further to this, within the Policy under Paragraph 3.7 – it states “Applications for TENs at existing licensing premises will not be encouraged where the proposal is simply to extend the existing hours of operation.”

The Sussex Police statistics show that in the last 12 months, within a 0.1 mile radius of this premises there have been 287 crimes, of 68 relate to Violent crimes.

28 of these crimes have occurred between the hours of Midnight to 02:00 and Of the 68 Violent crimes that occurred, they range from the beach to the top of Preston Street.

By allowing alcohol sales in this area for a further 2 hours until 02:00, this will allow persons to purchase alcohol and potentially consume on the beach where in 2023 we saw an increase in Sexual Assaults.

The night-time economy within Brighton & Hove can at times be challenging for all the emergency services. Within Brighton & Hove we are unique in that we have a high number of licensed venues all of which are in very close proximity to each other and Preston Street is full of varying licensed premises from Restaurants, off licences and late night takeaways.

Due to the risks associated with intoxication, the city has several initiatives that support Police and other emergency services in safeguarding the public. These include Beach Patrol and Safe Space. Over the last 12 months, alongside the Council, Police have jointly assisted in funding Night Safety Marshalls who are SIA registered security staff with numerous training under their belts to be able to deal with the challenges they might come across patrolling on foot within the night-time economy at the weekends between 8pm and 4am with the focus on vulnerability. Many of these organisations and persons involved with them are volunteers and operate in their spare time. The fact these safeguarding services are needed and exist goes a long way to prove the negative impact alcohol has within the night-time economy.

With high numbers of persons descending on the city especially at the weekends Sussex Police operate a standalone night-time operation each weekend and at other various peak times throughout the year. This involves dedicated Police resources patrolling the main night-time economy area to free up our night duty officers so they can manage the rest of the city and the demands it has on our service. Having a visible police presence in the area goes some way to assist in reducing criminal incidents occurring, but unfortunately does not stop them in their entirety. Most incidents dealt with have an element of alcohol and drugs linked to them. This is a mix of persons becoming drunk and disorderly, violent and a high number of incidents involve persons who have become a victim of crime such as sexual assaults and robberies due to their own vulnerability after consuming alcohol. Staff at venues and emergency services are also far too often at the end of a drunk person's aggression.

Therefore, the Chief Officer of Police contends that permitting this location to be used in accordance with the notice is likely to undermine the licensing objectives as listed above. For these reasons, we ask that a Counter Notice is issued by the Licensing Authority Committee.



I confirm that a copy of this objection letter has been sent by email to the applicant and every other 'relevant person'.

Yours faithfully,



**Insp Dan Eagle**  
**Brighton & Hove Licensing & Operations**  
**Sussex Police**

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