

## Appendix C

**Police Objection – SC valid on the grounds of PCD & PPN.**

**From:** Brighton Licensing REDACTED

**Sent:** 19 May 2026 13:21

**To:** EHL Licensing < REDACTED >

**Cc:** EHL Environmental Protection < REDACTED >; Saint James Tavern Ltd < REDACTED >

**Subject:** Temporary Event Notice - Saint James 31/07/26 - 03/08/26 - Police Objection

Dear Brighton & Hove City Council Licensing,

c.c Victoria Bennett - TEN applicant

c.c Environmental Protection, Brighton & Hove City Council

**RE: TEMPORARY EVENT NOTICE (TEN) FOR SAINT JAMES, 16 MADEIRA PLACE, BRIGHTON, EAST SUSSEX, BN2 1TN FOR FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY THROUGH TO MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST 2026.**  
**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 Notice (TEN) on the grounds that by allowing the premises to be used in accordance with the notice, the licensing objectives of prevention of crime & disorder and public nuisance are at risk of being undermined.

The TEN is giving notice of the following:

### **Extended licensable activity hours inside the premises – Ground Floor**

Saturday 01st August 2026 – 01:00 – 02:30 closed by 03:00

Sunday 2nd August 2026 – 01:00 – 03:30 closed by 04:00

Monday 3rd August 2026 – 00:00 – 00:30 closed by 01:00

### **Extended licensable activity hours inside the premises – First Floor**

When this floor is in use at least 1 staff member will be within this area.

Friday 31st July 2026 – 09:00 – Saturday 01st August 2026 - 02:30 closed by 03:00

Saturday 01st August 2026 – 09:00 – Sunday 02nd August 2026 - 03:30 closed by 04:00

Sunday 02nd August 2026 – 09:00 – Monday 03rd August 2026 - 00:30 closed by 01:00

Across both floors on and off sales is permitted ONLY during normal licensable activity timings set within the main premises licence alongside promoting the Licensing Objectives.

**During the extend hours (as listed below), On Sales only is permitted:**

Saturday 01st August 2026 – 01:00 – 02:30 closed by 03:00  
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All Regulated Entertainment will be confined to inside the venue.

Licensable activities:

Sale by retail of alcohol – On & off sales (see restrictions above).  
Regulated Entertainment.  
Lare Night Refreshments.

Premises description: Public House.  
Event description: Brighton & Hove Pride Weekend.

Premises is licensed for retail sale of alcohol on and off sales as follows:

Friday & Saturday 09:00 – 01:00  
Sunday 09:00 – 00:00

This TEN has been submitted following a meeting that was held with the applicant on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026 to talk about this year's Pride event. At that meeting we explained that we were unfortunately unable to support a TEN from the premises for this year's Pride event. The reason for this is due to reoccurring non-compliance to previous TENs during what is the busiest weekend in the city for all the emergency services.

**2025:** Serving so many customers who then emptied into the street. Not assisted by the loud music coming from the venue that made them a focal point. This resulted ultimately in St. James Street being closed on the Saturday.

**2024:** Slow clearing up after the PVP had closed but no major issues.

**2023:** Opened their outside street bar pre permitted hours. Took a long time to clear away at the end of the event. Also had glass bottles outside and customers dancing on their benches.

**2022:** Traded from their outside street bar past permitted hours on both the Saturday and Sunday of Pride despite being reminded of the permitted trading hours during the day on the Saturday.

Due to the previous issues, we have lost faith in the venue being run in a responsible manner as set out within the TEN. The weekend is a very busy time and massive resourcing operation for the police as well as other emergency services and partner agencies. We rely on licensed premises to operate in a responsible way and if extended permissions have been granted by way of a TEN, that the permissions under them are fully adhered to so that the licensing objectives are promoted and important resources not being taken away from other situations to deal with a venue operating outside of its authorisations.

The premises already has generous trading hours until 01:00 on the Friday and Saturday and will still be able to operate until this time under their current licence permissions. Resources though will already need to be secured to ensure they stick

to their day-to-day licence conditions and that music inside the venue, is not audible outside.

The Chief Officer of Sussex Police contends that by permitting this TEN there is a risk of licensing objectives being undermined and so ask for the panel to consider refusing it.

Yours sincerely,

**REDACTED**

Licensing & NPT Sergeant  
Brighton & Hove Division  
Sussex Police



**REDACTED**

Police Licensing Officer  
Level 4 PALO Qualification

**Brighton & Hove Licensing  
John Street, Brighton.**

**Telephone: REDACTED Mobile: REDACTED**

**Environmental Protection Objection – SC valid on the grounds of PPN & PS.**

Licensing Manager  
Brighton and Hove City Council  
(via email)

Date: 21st May 2026  
Our Ref: REDACTED  
Contact: REDACTED  
Phone: REDACTED  
Fax:  
Email: REDACTED

Dear Sir

**Formal Representation for a Temporary Event Notice ( TEN) at Saint James Tavern, 16 Madeira Place, Brighton, BN2 1TN**

**Licensing Act 2003**

**Complaint Reference: 2026/00751/EPTEN/EH**

I write to formally place a representation in terms of the application for a temporary event notice (TEN) at Saint James Tavern, 16 Madeira Place, Brighton, BN2 1TN.

Ms Victoria Bennett, the applicant has requested a TEN for Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>, Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2026 (which is the weekend of Pride) to:

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Min SIA registered door staff as follows:

Friday 31st July 2026

2 x security from 21:00 to close

Saturday 01st August 2026

3 x security from 17:00 to close

Sunday 02nd August 2026

2 x security from 14:00 until 22:00

This Representation is made for this application for 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2026 on the grounds of “**prevention of public nuisance**” and “**Public Safety**”, two of the four licensing objectives within the Licensing Act 2003.

As you can see above the application is to extend the opening hours of the pub from the 1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> August 2026.

In August 2022 over the weekend of Pride complaints were received about noise from people outside in the early hours of Monday morning.

On 19/4/23 during a pre-Pride visit with Police and Council Licensing a strong warning was given verbally about not going over the times, ensuring they are not causing a noise nuisance (people).

During Pride weekend 2023 – Environmental Protection, Police and Council licensing had to visit the venue on more than one occasion because of breaches of licensing and also noise.

In April 2024 at a pre-pride visit with Police and Council licensing and EP a serious conversation was had with the DPS and her partner about the incidents that happened the previous year and not to repeat them.

Pride 2024 – Noise complaints were received about the loud music that was coming from the pub after the event ceased into the early hours. The DPS was written to.

Prior to Pride 2025, an on-site meeting took place involving the premises licence holders, Licensing, Police Licensing and Environmental Protection to discuss arrangements. It was made clear at this meeting, that there was no PVP event in St James's Street, therefore no permission for any outside activities. Re-iterated no music or speakers outside at all. Advice given on what they can and can't do and made it clear about no music outside.

A Temporary Event Notice was, however granted to allow extended hours for activities inside the premises only.

During Pride weekend, a number of visits were carried out by partner agencies following public safety concerns relating to large numbers of people drinking outside the premises on a road that remained open to traffic. Requests were made to reduce external noise levels to help manage these risks. Where compliance was not achieved, Environmental Protection issued a Community Protection Warning. A temporary road closure was implemented solely in response to safety concerns. On the Sunday evening multi agency visits made again to the pub to reduce the level of noise which was audible in the vicinity causing crowds and blocking the main Pride Street Party exit which needed to be kept clear.

As previously mentioned this is the weekend of Pride the busiest event for the City with many thousands of people coming into the St James's Street area for the celebrations and this area will be extremely busy all day long. Over the last few years the Saint James Tavern has taken up a lot of emergency services and Council officer time by causing a public nuisance during these weekends.

The Environmental Protection team, Police licensing and Council licensing team spend a considerable amount of time each year carrying out joint visits to all licensed

premises not only in the St James's Street area but throughout the City leading up to Pride giving the same advise to licensed premises around noise/speakers and music outside and other licensing concerns so everyone is clear on what the expectations are around these issues over the weekend.

Having regard to the above incidents responded to by the local authority and the Police during these previous Prides the Council has no confidence in the management and running of this pub with extended hours and the use of DJ's and loud music and that this event will be a repeat of the previous years. I am concerned that public nuisance will result and public safety will be at risk.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss the matter further.

Yours sincerely

**REDACTED**

Environmental Protection Officer

