



Internal Memorandum

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Extn	[REDACTED]		
Date	05/06/2015		
SUBJECT	Representations TEN HQ SPORTS BAR 04/07/2015 Case number 15/029013		

Dear Sir or Madame,

Bedfordshire Police wish to make representations in relation to the stated TEN application, on the grounds that it would undermine the Crime and Disorder Licensing Objective.

The proposed location of the TEN is in the centre of Dunstable, on a footpath attached to a large park. This central location is busy with pedestrian traffic throughout the day and is approximately 100 metres away from a children's play area. It is also a busy area at night, due to there being a nightclub and another bar in units adjacent to the proposed location. There is also a theatre next to the proposed location, which has a performance on that date. It is a busy area, with the police receiving in excess of 30 calls in relation to it in 2015 alone. These include reports of nuisance behaviour, assaults, and drug taking; several of which have resulted in arrests and recorded crimes. The concern is that having 400 people drinking on a footpath in such an area would be difficult for the applicant to control and is highly likely to result in further crime and disorder there. There is a further concern that the event taking over this footpath will restrict pedestrian access to the theatre, causing crowding, and would amount to an offence of obstructing a highway.

The proposed event is a large external drinking area with bar attached to the front of the HQ SPORTS BAR. This venue has been the scene of two recent large-scale disorders on 03/01/2015 and 25/03/2015, both of which spilled into the paved area outside. The most recent of these resulted in an assault occasioning grievous bodily harm. These incidents add a further concern that a temporary event attached to this venue, on the paved area immediately outside it, has a high likelihood of resulting in crime and disorder.

On these grounds Bedfordshire Police object to this event taking place in its entirety.

Regards,

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Appendix B