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Further to the Temporary Event Notice for Memoir's for an event on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022 West Midlands Police wish to make representations as we believe the event undermines the following licensing objectives:

Crime and Disorder Public Safety Public Nuisance

During recent months there has been a series of incidents linked to this premise, some of which have occurred whilst a Temporary Event Notice has been in place. We have been in talks with the venue where the police believed "Promotor" nights would no longer be on the agenda for this establishment and they would concentrate on their private banqueting functions which the venue specialises in. When speaking with the owner on Monday, he made no mention of his intention to submit a TEN for this event.

Incidents of note:

20/08/22 03:12 hours: The applicant for this TEN locked himself in his office in fear of his safety and called the police. This was a civil matter over the payment/deposit and minimum spend at the club

23/07/22 02:15 hours: Female carried out of the venue feet first carried out by at least four customers, concern for her safety. This incident resulted in a Partnership Letter being issued to the applicant. This will be provided prior to the hearing

17/04/2022 02:15hours Police Officers called to offence location to reports of disorder. On arrival the injured party has informed that following a heated and drunken argument the offender had headbutted her once to the face causing a cut lip. Offender was arrested for Section 47 Assault. During his interview the suspect stated he was drunk. The offender had been at a 21st birthday party drinking vodka through the night and he described himself as being very drunk and had drunk too much.

19/02/22 02:25 hours Reports of people fighting, Upon arrival a number of people where intoxicated outside the venue. One male was arrested, it is believed this was the father on the female having an 18<sup>th</sup> birthday party at the venue. Whilst at the venue officers witnessed a male outside with blood on this clothing and a nose bleed. This male said he had been assaulted but would not give further details. This incident generated a section 47 assault together with two further Section 47 assaults on a boyfriend and girlfriend who were assaulted by an unknown offender in Memoirs by the toilets

 $12/2/22\ 02:00 - 03:00$  The injured party had been at Memoir's with a group of friends from the Nottingham area. The injured party stated she had been shoved to the floor by an unknown person where she received a facial injury. This occurred between 2am and 3am. From the information given to police the offender had attend the event at memoirs.

12/2/22 03:00 – 03:16 Stabbing of a male in Bradford Place. Injured party and offender are believed to be from Nottingham. Officers believed that the injured party had been at an event in Memoirs where there was intelligence around gang nominals being present. Police Licensing Officer viewed the local authorities CCTV footage where the offender for the stabbing can be seen causing issues at the door of Memoirs where he assaults a female prior to the stabbing. This event was a DJ Promoter event similar to the one being requested under this TEN.

It was also noted by police offices that when carrying out venue checks at Memoirs they were engaging fairly well at the start of the evening however, as more numbers attended they began to be less willing to engage and refused to even provide customer numbers to officers when asked. It was at this time that officers became concerned about the general mood of the patrons and anticipated issues. At 03:16 came in reporting a stabbing

04/12/21 02:45 hours. 2 crimes generated one for violent disorder and one for an with injury, malicious wounding: wounding or inflicting grievous bodily harm. Police officers have been made aware via local link radio that there was a mass disorder ongoing at Memoirs. Upon attendance there have been in excess of 100 people on the street, with several arguments and confrontations breaking out. Broken bottles smashed everywhere with one identified IP with a cut to back of the head. No witnesses have come forward in the matter with all refusing to engage with police. Vehicle registrations noted which related to gang nominal's from outside of West Midlands. It is also recorded on our records at 01:00 hour on the 5<sup>th</sup> the strong smell of cannabis coming from inside of Memoirs, this was overwhelming and could be smelt from inside and outside of the premises.

By allowing these extra hours for this venue to continue trading has the potential to increase the crime and disorder on the town centre. The venue has a record of crime and disorder within the current hours of licensable activity therefore West Midlands Police object to this Temporary Event Notice. Should this application proceed to a hearing full details of the crime and disorder in the town centre will be provided together with the multi-agency measures put in place in a bid to reduce the violence occurring during the night time economy.

Kind regards

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