

THAMES VALLEY POLICE

Division/Station : Licensing Milton Keynes

From : Gemma McCormack
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To : Licensing
Milton Keynes Council

Ref : Temporary Event Notice Rhodees Lounge

Date : 8th January 2025

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Subject :

Objection Notice

As licensing officer for Thames Valley Police, I am authorised to submit an objection notice in respect to a temporary event notice submitted under the Licensing Act 2003 on behalf of the Chief Constable as a responsible authority. I hereby submit an objection notice in relation to a temporary event notice submitted for the premises Rhodees Lounge & Bar, 22 Cambridge Street, Bletchley to allow for the sale of alcohol, provision of regulated entertainment and provision of late night refreshment between the hours of 23:00 and 03:00 on Saturday 18th January 2025 as I am satisfied that allowing the premises to be used in accordance with the temporary event notice would undermine the licensing objective of prevention of crime and disorder and prevention of public nuisance.

There is a query over which premises the event is intended to be at. 22 Cambridge Street is a residential house, however the notification refers to it being a bar and lounge.

The notification describes the event of as a community activist celebration, specifying a minimum of 2 door staff will employed which may be increased as per its risk assessment.

I have emailed the notifier and requested confirmation to the location, as well information as to what the event will involve, what door staff company has been employed and if I could have site of the risk assessment. I have not at this point received a response.

Due to the lack of information provided it is quite difficult to assess if there are adequate measures in place to ensure the licensing objectives are being suitably promoted. I do note that the notifier does not hold a personal licence, indicating that she does not have a history in running late night licensed venues. However the late ending of the event, places the event into a period of increased risk of crime and disorder.

In short the premises location is undetermined, potentially not suitably located for a late night music based event, and there is too little information provided on how risks attached to late night drinking venues will be managed. Therefore for the premises to be used in accordance with with the temporary event notice, I am satisfied that this would undermine the licensing objectives.

Gemma McCormack
Licensing Officer – Thames Valley Police