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Dear Licensing,

Please find attached the Thames Valley response to the Review Application against Spin Bar

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Spin Bar Application for Review

Licensing Authority,

As a Licensing Officer for Thames Valley Police I have the position that I can speak on behalf of the Chief Constable on Licensing matters.

I have discussed this review application with Inspector Donachy (Wokingham Neighbourhood Policing Inspector) . Sgt Sams (Wokingham Neighbourhood Policing Sgt) has provided his comments. Sgt Sams has worked this area for three years and is fully aware of the history and past problems arising in Alexander Court. Inspector Donachy has policed the Wokingham area for () years and also very aware of the issues in this area and has had discussions with the applicant in the past.

Firstly the Licence does not have any condition on it in relation to '*It shouldn't cause any disturbance to the local residents*' as this in TVP's view would be unenforceable, and not proportionate.

Secondly – current operational hours (until 03.30 hrs Fri/ Sat/Sun) doesn't in itself provoke ant-social behaviour, people provoke and carry out antisocial behaviour not premises - the fact that people drink is not anti social – people getting drunk is not in itself anti social there are many people each week in this state who just go home quietly. We do agree that screaming and shouting is antisocial but not necessarily law breaking, however we do agree that fighting is both unacceptable, its antisocial and it is against the Law and where persons are found committing this offence then they are dealt with accordingly. We also agree that the noise aspect of this is if alcohol is involved is both anti social and against the law and again Officers will deal with this accordingly.

Thames Valley Police have worked with the management of the Spin Bar and the Council and they have made over the years improvement in the situation specifically towards noise reduction emanating from the premises, also staff are supposedly now there to encourage persons to leave the area quietly and quickly and then staff pick up litter – this has been witnessed on occasion by Police.

Regarding if you like the dispersal of customers at the end of the evening those Police on duty endeavour to manage this as they can as well as covering the Local Policing Area with the low numbers of Officers on duty.

I have done some research and found the following aspects of the policing of the NTE;-

Jobs recorded on our Command and Control system; these are calls into our control room requesting Police Service;

All numbers relates to records from 01/01/2015 – 31/12/2015.

Comand and Control;

I set the search for 'Alexandra Court' this takes Aleandra House into account as well.

There were 17 calls for service;- 11 calls by Police (5 requesting ambulance, 3 for a van for prisoners & 3 regarding disorder/assaults/Fight in progress
2 calls from the applicant;- 1 x xs noise & 1 x fight in progress
There were 4 other calls
If we split these 17 calls down into a time aspect;
Before 00.00 = 3
00.00– 01.29 = 5 (this could be Gig house closing)
01.30 – 02.39 = 2
02.30 = 03.30 = 7 (this is likely to be Spin Bar)

Now we'll look at Reported Crime – for this I have targeted Alexandra House only (this includes SPIN CLUB as well)

Of the 490 crimes reported in Wokingham Area between the dates mentioned above 32 were listed in AH which is 6.5% of the total which in real terms is a lot of Police Time.
Of these 32 offences; Assaults x 9, Drunk and Disorderly x 12, Drugs x 8 and others x3
I will comment further on these later. (please see table at end of report for further details of these 32 incidents.

Thames Valley Police are aware of the issues within the Night Time Economy throughout the Force and runs 'Operation Nightsafe' in all big Towns. In Wokingham as part of this Operation an entire shift strength is dedicated to Wokingham Town and its night time economy. That is at very most 6 officers. However as venues close throughout the town it falls on Alexander Court being the last remaining venues open. It is to be noted that Officers are not deployed specifically to this area but will 'pay passing attention' and will deal with incidents of law breaking should they arise in a proportionate and justifiable way and to that end there have been a number of arrests for Drunk and Disorderly and assaults as persons have been ejected or left from places like the Spin Bar or the Gig House and their behaviour has deteriorated. This could happen any where in Town at any time of the evening should an incident arise and is not specific to Alexander Court or the Elms Road area.

It is the responsibility of the particular customer to behave in a fashion that is acceptable to the general populace and to some extent that behaviour may not be 'law breaking' and therefore not the responsibility of the Police or the venue from whence they came.

However if you look at the above statistics All the 32 reported offences occurred at the weekend - it almost means that at the end of every Friday and Saturday night the chances are that there are 6 officers 'baby sitting' these premises which should really police themselves.

In view of the above Thames Valley Police would support the application and agree that to prevent the majority of crimes occurring (after 02.30 hrs) then a finish time of serving alcohol should be 02.00 hrs with the Club closing it's doors at 02.30 hrs. Also we would recommend that half the Door staff should be present outside the venue at close to disperse the customers quietly and quickly. Thames Valley Police also suggest that at 01.30 hours the music within the venue should be changed to something more calming to 'bring down' the heightened attitudes of customers.

With regard to the table below I have used certain abbreviations;-

Ass = Assault with Injury

D & D = Drunk and Disorderly

POA = Public Order Act

Poss N C = Possession not Cannabis

Poss C = Possession of Cannabis

Occurrence No.	Day / Date	Time	Offence	Brief explanation
50000110	Thu 01/01/15	03.06	Ass	Issue on dance floor female got broken nose
50022286	Sun 25/01	05.16	POA	Male ejected from spin bar continued to behave disorderly and was arrested
50029083	Sat 31/01	02.44	D&D	Found in a drunken state using foul and abusive language after coming out from Spin Bar
50029092	Sat 31/01	02.54	Poss N C	Seen in toilets of premises with bag containing white powder, detained by staff
50029141	Sat 31/01	04.59	Poss N C	Ejected from Spin bar, was acting strange outside Officers searched found white powder
50029809	Sun 01/02	01.57	Ass	Male headbutted another o/s premises
50029920	Sun 01/02	05.21	Ass	Whilst o/s Spin bar at end of night Male had argument with another male over a woman he was talking to then slapped him across face
50036039	Fri 06/02	23.40	Poss C	Officers smelt cannabis near car spoke with persons inside who were going to Spin Bar and found large bag of cannabis on back seat
50051064	Sun 22/02	03.05	Ass	Offender punched agg'd in face whilst inside premises
50057491	Sat 28/02	04.16	Poss C	Male had been in Spin Bar, Officers were suspicious of his actions and searched him finding Cannabis
50058329	Sun 01/03	05.13	Poss N C	Male was seen acting suspiciously in smoking area, when challenged produced white powder in wrap
50073329	Sun 15/03	02.12	D&D	Was seen kicking fence at Spin, told to go home, drunken state, came back and was arrested
50079757	Sat 21/03	03.00	Ass	Male headbutted another causing injury inside Club
50080636	Sun 22/03	05.00	Poss N C	Male arrested at Spin for assault, found to be in possession of white powder
50086762	Sat 23/03	03.56	Violent Disorder	Male ejected from Spin, met his g/f, she has slapped another and then Male also joined in, all arrested
50106614	Sat 18/04	03.34	D&D	Male ejected from Spin, was aggressive and obstructive towards Police also arrested for Ass in Spin
50106628	Sat 18/04	04.00	D&D	Male in drunken state left Spin and was abusive to officers
50171370	Sun 21/06	03.43	D&D	Ejected from SPIN was abusive towards public and officers
50185649	Sat 04/07	05.29	Ass	Incident within Club, male 1 headbutted female – b/f punched male 1, both arrested
50185652	Sat 04/07	05.29	Ass	See above
50216287	Sat 01/08	04.48	POA	Male ejected from Spin, ran off from officers, later staff reported racial abuse, male arrested had been drinking heavily
50231838	Sun 16/08	02.00	D&D	Male ejected from Spin, became aggressive towards D/S and continually abusive, drunken state
50238387	Sat 22/08	01.52	Poss N C	Male ejected from Spin, had bag with white powder on him
50239352	Sun 23/08	01.58	Ass	Male after consuming 6 pts lager sat o/s Spin slapped agg'd across face
50273192	Sun 27/09	02.13	D&D	Male ejected from Spin, was aggressive and obstructive towards D/S & Police
50286903	Sun 11/10	03.15	D&D	Male ejected from Spin, became argumentative and abusive towards 2 members of public

50307921	Sun 01/11	01.50	D&D	Male ejected from Spin, in drunken state, wanted jacket, spoken to by Police became abusive and aggressive
50329641	Sun 22/11	02.50	Poss N C	Male acting suspiciously in Spin, when searched white powder found in lottery ticket
50336942	Sun 29/11	03.32	D&D	Male found to be drunk o/s club, called officer rude name and assaulted him
50336951	Sun 29/11	02.00	D&D	Male found to be drunk & ejected from Spin food shop, then interfered into another incident Police trying to deal with
50358797	Sun 20/12	03.00	Ass	2 x assaults within Spin where punching and possible bottling taken place

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