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**POLICE OBJECTION NOTICE To a
Temporary Event Notice (TEN)
Section 104 Licensing Act 2003**

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Name of Premises User: Mr Nicholas THOMPSON Thursday 29th April 2021

Address of Premises: PLOTS 34 & 35, J26 TRUCK CAFÉ, SKILLETTS HILL FARM, HONEY LANE, WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX, EN9 3QU

Date (s) required for TEN(s) Saturday 26th June 2021

On the 29th April 2021 Essex Police received the above Notice(s).

The Police are satisfied that the allowing the premises to be used in accordance with the notice(s) would undermine one or more of the licensing objectives.

The licensing objective(s) of relevance to this objection notice are:

- **Leads to Crime & Disorder**
- **Public Nuisance.**
- **Public Safety**

The reasons for being so satisfied are:

Sunday 30th August 2020 at 17:31hrs Police were called to the site to deal with an unlicensed music event. Officers described 100 people present, dancing in the car Park and there were signs of drug abuse. The premises licence allowed licensable



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activities on the premises of J26 Diner between 12 noon and 23:00 Monday to Sunday, for a maximum of 40 customers at any one time.

Having reviewed the Event management documents, I have the following issues:

- The site is still being used by large good vehicles with both pedestrian and vehicles sharing the same entrance & exit point. Large vehicles manoeuvring in close proximity with people under the influence of alcohol at night. Given the number of people expected (450) Essex Police believe this is an unacceptable risk.
- The site is located adjacent to junction 26 of the M25 motorway, the site is not secure and there is a real possibility of people under the influence of alcohol making their way through the back of the site onto the motorway.
- I note the Banks men qualifications and their credentials, however their training and expertise is in directing the operations of cranes or other large vehicles not in a large public event involving 499 people many of which will be under the influence of alcohol.
- In relation to post event considerations, there is none. The event organisers have weighed heavily on taxis getting people away from the event and the number required is quoted as 200 taxis. I have contacted the taxi companies servicing the Waltham abbey Area:

Apollo & Olympic Taxi firm they would have about 7/8 vehicles available on a Saturday night.

Abbey Cars quoted having 5/6 vehicles available.

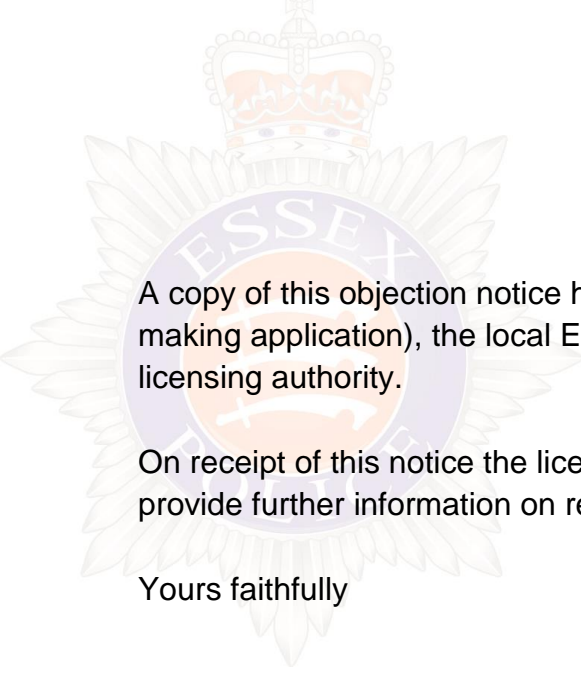
Waltham Cross taxis reported having 10/12 vehicles available.

Far below the expected 200 to service this event.

considerations on how to get 450 people under the influence of alcohol safely away from the venue at 23:00hrs?

- I have reviewed public transport information on the TFL website and the last public bus from this location is at 21:53hrs. With the nearest train stations being Waltham Cross 6kms away, Enfield lock railway station 6kms away and Cheshunt station 5.5kms. Given the public transport links and timings it is unlikely that the local transport system can accommodate this event. Which in turn will translate into 450 people under the influence of alcohol in the vicinity of the venue with no ability to leave the area. Placing additional burden on Police resources and nuisance to the local community.
- I have also reviewed the event management plan and my observations are that this is a framework but lacks detail for example:
 - How many SIA qualified staff will be on duty and timings.
 - Briefing where and when to be held
 - No detail on Fire provision noted.
 - No detail on medical provision.
 - The document although extensive is generic and lacks both depth & detail.
- A SAG meeting was held on Monday 12th April 2021 where many points of concern were raised but have not been adequately addressed to date.
- On 31st March a similar TEN application was made, Essex Police appealed with a licensing hearing was held on Wednesday 14th April 2021 heard all arguments and rejected this application.
- In conclusion it is the view of Essex Police that this is not an appropriate location to host such an event.

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A copy of this objection notice has been served upon the premises user (or agent making application), the local Environmental Health Department and the relevant licensing authority.

On receipt of this notice the licensing authority will issue a 'Counter Notice' and provide further information on related procedures.

Yours faithfully

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