

Representation from Thames Valley Police

THAMES VALLEY POLICE

Subject :

Division/Station : Licensing Milton Keynes

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Milton Keynes Council

Ref : Wilton Hall

Date : 7th January 2022 Tel.No.

Representation

As licensing officer for Thames Valley Police, I am authorised to make representation in relation to applications made under the Licensing Act 2005 on behalf of the Chief Constable as a responsible authority.

In respect of the application for a new premises licence for Wilton Hall, Wilton Avenue, Bletchley. I have reviewed the application and am submitting a representation in under the licensing objective of prevention of crime and disorder.

The application is for a licensed events space for a premises in Bletchley, which is mainly surrounded by residential properties. The premises has previously been licensed as a licensed events space, but has been unlicensed for approximately 2 years.

The applicant puts forward conditions in relation CCTV, staff training in relation to under age sales, refusal log, acceptable proof of age and refusal logs. However the applicant does not give information in relation to the types of events the premises will be holding. I have attempted to contact Mr Miah several times during the consultation period in relation to this, but have not had any response.

This lack of engagement has proved problematic, as without further information I am not in a position to assess the application. Multi purpose venues can be difficult to manage, as staff and management can struggle to manage the different clientel bases. Very recently Milton Keynes has seen a multi purpose licensed venue being the site of violent crime. Due to the applicant not engaging with the Police during the consultation period I therefore need to ere on the side of caution and recommend that the licence is not granted due to the lack of information currently provided in relation to the events.

If however the applicant is able to start providing further information in relation to events, risk assessments and security measures then I would be more than willing to reassess.

If you wish to discuss the above with me, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Gemma McCormack