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Good Afternoon,

Please find below objection from Environmental Health as a Responsible Authority under the Licensing Act 2003, in relation to a Temporary Event Notice for the event being held by "Animal Crossing" at Pomona Square, Old Trafford, on 30th August 2020.

The Temporary Event Notice is a process to lessen the red tape around the sale of alcohol and provision of regulated entertainment for small events of less than 500 persons. Commonly, Temporary Event Notices are used by charitable organisations for hosting fundraisers, to sell alcohol at PTA meetings or to extend the hours of an existing licensed premises. The grounds for objection are due to the nature of the event, in that the Temporary Event Notice is entirely unsuitable for consultation of such. Conditions cannot be applied to a Temporary Event Notice. This means that the only amendable aspects are the type of activity and hours. These options do not provide satisfactory measures for promoting the licensing objectives. For this reason, this objection relates to all of the licensing objectives including:

- Public Safety
- Prevention of Public Nuisance
- Prevention of Crime & Disorder
- Protection of Children from Harm

The inability of the Temporary Event Notice to carry legal and enforceable conditions is of particular concern, because the measures proposed by the applicant in their risk assessment are of little value because they would not be enforceable under the Licensing Act. In summary, concerns for objection are noted below:

- The failure to mitigate risk in relation to Covid-19 means that the licensing objectives cannot be met, in particular, the protection of public safety.
- Businesses can host larger groups than 30 in public outdoor spaces, provided they take reasonable steps to mitigate the risk of Coronavirus transmission, in line with Covid-19 secure guidance and including completion of a risk assessment. Any other gathering in an outdoor space must not be any larger than 30 people.
The procedures provided are not in line with Covid-19 secure guidance and the Covid risk assessment does not demonstrate reasonable steps to mitigate the risk of transmission. This includes the size of the intended audience for the event.
- There are also issues with public nuisance and public disorder at the event which would require legal and enforceable measures to be in place to promote the preventative strategies of the organiser.
- The application process for a Temporary Event Notice is not suitable for an event of this scale and nature, as licensing conditions cannot be applied when there is not already an existing Premises Licence in place.

Kind regards,

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