



APPENDIX 3

**OBJECTION NOTICE TO A TEMPORARY EVENT NOTICE
SECTION 104 LICENSING ACT 2003**

Objection is given under Section 104(2) Licensing Act 2003 to:

Middlesbrough Borough Council Licensing Committee
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Premises User: John Taylor

Premises Address: SOHO, Albert Road, Middlesbrough

Solicitors:

Date and time TEN received:

A Temporary Event Notice has been submitted by the above premises user for Bar SOHO situated on Albert Road, Middlesbrough, TS1 2RU, this notice was received by Cleveland Police at 12:01hrs on the 9th of May 2018. The premises user gave notice and stated that he intended to conduct the sale by retail of alcohol between 03:00hrs and 04 30hrs on Monday the 28th of May 2018

Cleveland Police hereby give notice of objection under Section 104(2) .
Licensing Act 2003 in respect of an application for a Temporary Event Notice made by the above named person in relation to the above premises.
Cleveland Police wish to object to this Temporary Event Notice for the following reasons.

The time period requested is for an extension of an hour and a half after the premises standard opening hours on the Sunday night before the Bank Holiday on the 28th May 2018. This is the second Bank Holiday in May and it is of concern to the Police that a serious incident happened outside Bar Soho on the first Bank Holiday at 03:20 hours when Bar Soho was operating under an identical TEN submitted for that Bank Holiday night.

Following that incident a 17 year old male remains in a critical condition in hospital with a serious head injury. The circumstances of the incident are that a group of 4 males had been drinking in Bar SOHO when they were ejected by door staff for an incident within the venue. Staff at SOHO called the Police

as these males became aggressive with door staff at SOHO. Prior to the Police arrival the males have become involved in an altercation with the 17 year old male who was a passer by and had not been a customer of SOHO. During this altercation the 17 year old male received critical head injuries. The males involved have been arrested and interviewed and 3 have been charged whilst 1 remains under investigation.

Police had visited SOHO prior to this incident as concerns had been raised about the safety of the venue. Bar SOHO is divided into 3 floors and normally only trades in the basement area. Police had been made aware that on Sundays before Bank Holidays the venue is running a promotion called "Gorilla" which had been utilising the ground and first floor areas which were not normally used. Following the Police visit it became apparent that CCTV had been removed from these areas and it was only operating in the basement despite the venue having traded like this over the Easter Bank Holiday. Assurances were given that this would be rectified prior to the venue operating in these areas again.

Police have also had to speak to the applicant about under age persons being in the venue in relation to two incidents, one being a 17 year old promotor offering free drinks to people who attended the venue and another involving a 16 year old girl which made national news.

Following this latest incident over the Bank Holiday weekend it is of concern to the Police that the venue would repeat the event so soon after with a late licence until 04:30hrs. Allowing the event to be repeated so soon risks undermining the Public Safety Objective given that this event has attracted customers willing to engage in such violence.

Signed: P. Higgins

Print name: PS 944 Paul Higgins