

# THAMES VALLEY POLICE

Division/Station : Licensing Milton Keynes

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To : Licensing  
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Ref : Your Ref Tropic Bar Variation

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Subject :

## **Representation**

As licensing officer for Thames Valley Police, I am authorised to make representation in relation to applications made under the Licensing Act 2003 on behalf of the Chief Constable as a responsible authority.

In respect of the application for to vary the premises licence at Tropic Bar, Unit 8 Pioneer Square, Bicester, I have reviewed the application and wish to submit a representation in respect of the licensing objective of prevention of crime and disorder. I have attempted to phone the applicant to discuss but unfortunately have not been able to make contact with them.

The application requests to extend the vary the licensable hours of the premises so that licensable activities do not start until 09:00 (currently 07:00), and cease at midnight on a Sunday (currently 23:00), 01:00 on Mondays to Thursdays (currently 23:00) and 02:00 on Fridays and Saturdays (currently 23:30 for alcohol, 23:45 for recorded music and 00:00 for late night refreshment).

The applicant has not however added any suggestion of methods they will employ to ensure they adequately promote the licensing objective of prevention of crime and disorder.

Due to the late hour that the premises is applying to be open until it is recommended that they should employ door staff to ensure they will be able to deal with any incidents of disorder either from customers within the premises or from those who have left over premises and attempt to gain entry.

The premises itself has previously required police assistance in getting people to leave the premises when they were closed. On 14<sup>th</sup> October 2018 officers were called to remove a male who had pushed other customers and then refused to leave. Officers attended and were able to remove the male from the premises but had to separate him from others once they got outside. The male eventually left the area at 01:21, over an hour after the premises should have been closed.

I therefore request that consideration is given to the terminal hour for licensable activities and opening hours Monday to Thursday is reduced to 00:00 and the following condition is added to the licence:

*The premises licence holder shall employ door supervisors on duty to carry out security duties on Fridays and Saturdays from 22:00 and stay on duty until the premises is closed. The premises licence holder shall have a written risk assessment detailing the number of door supervisors, incorporating advice from Thames Valley Police when given.*

If it is not agreeable for the applicant to the reduction of hours and the addition of the above condition and the licence is granted as applied for then I request the following condition is added to the licence instead for to ensure the applicant is able to promote the licensing objective of prevention of crime and disorder.

*The premises licence holder shall employ door supervisors on duty to carry out security duties for any night where the premises is open later than midnight. Door supervisors shall be on duty from 22:00 on said night and stay on duty until the premises is closed. The premises licence holder*

*shall have a written risk assessment detailing the number of door supervisors, incorporating advice from Thames Valley Police when given.*

If you wish to discuss the above with me, please do not hesitate to contact me. If any further information is required in relation to what I have said, please let me know.

Kind regards  
Gemma McCormack