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Subject: RE: [External]: TEN - Red Leaf Village, 28 - 32 High Street, West Bromwich, B70 6JT [Standard TEN]

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West Midlands Police object to the attached Temporary Event Notice. A call was made to the applicant, Mr Singh to enquire what the event was given that it is a substantial increase in hours for 300 people and given it is operating under a TEN, only conditions currently attached to the Premises Licence can be added.

On speaking to Mr Singh he stated this was a private booking, there would be 6 door staff and that it was an event for elderly people. West Midlands Police have been made aware of advertisements circulating which is at complete odds with the details Mr Singh has given. Promotional posters for the event show it will include DJ's from London and Birmingham and with tickets available to buy online including coaches from Brixton, Tottenham and Manchester.

On emailing Mr Singh about the advertisements he then stated he was aware tickets were being sold online and that he got confused about which event, despite the fact he was told we were telephoning in relation to the TEN applied for. Mr Singh then stated in an email if we confirmed what we wanted he would sort this out. Mr Singh has provided the name of the organiser but West Midlands Police have asked for more detailed information.

Of concern, Mr Singh stated he would get the event the organiser to provide a risk assessment which he has been advised despite the organiser being able to provide a risk assessment, given this is an externally promoted event which Mr Singh has no control over how or where it is promoted, we would expect him to have conducted checks on the DJ's/artists, know full details of the security providers and have done his own risk assessment for any events as a responsible Premises Licence Holder.

Mr Singh then put us in touch with the manager of the venue called Beauty who said they would get full details of those performing, the door staff and security company at which point we asked if the line-up was finalised and what if it was to change and was advised that the line up may change. WMP have also queried how the venue would ensure that the maximum occupancy given on the TEN would not be breached given tickets are being sold online and was advised that the event would have no more than 300 to 320 people at which point we advised that the maximum can be no more than 300 people which also includes staff, organisers, etc. and so if they sold 300 tickets and then had staff, organisers on site, they would be in breach of the TEN. We were then advised it would be no more than 280 people.

The information provided so far is not clear, West Midlands Police have little confidence in the information given as it seems to change constantly. West Midlands Police remain concerned that as the event would operate under a TEN, no enforceable conditions can be added and so any assurances made are simply that and not enforceable. West Midlands Police are concerned that the venue has taken a booking for what it states is a private party but in reality is an externally promoted event that the venue has little information about. Venues holding externally promoted events and requesting permission for such late events, are expected to have carried out their own due diligence checks when taking the booking and to be able to provide such information when applying for a TEN.

West Midlands Police contend that the promotion are the licensing objectives being undermined by the TEN in its current format and on the information supplied.



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