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To: Manchester City Council
Licensing Unit
Manchester Town Hall Extension
Lloyd Street
Manchester

To: [REDACTED]
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27th September 2022

Dear Madam

Please accept this letter as formal notification that Greater Manchester Police wish to object, under Section 104(2) of the Licensing Act 2003, to the **TEMPORARY EVENT NOTICE** detailed below, as we are satisfied that granting the application under these circumstances would undermine the Licensing Objectives.

PREMISES NAME:	RAG Gallery
ADDRESS:	577-579 Wilbraham Road Manchester
DATE OF EVENT:	21/10/22 – 22/10/22
TIME OF EVENT:	1800 – 0400 hrs

GMP objects to the grant of this Temporary Event Notice on the grounds of the Prevention of Crime and Disorder, the Prevention of Public Nuisance and Public Safety.

The application is seeking to use an old bank building to hold a music event for 10 hours with up to 499 people in attendance.

There is no detail whatsoever within the application to show how these numbers will be managed, what security will be in place, how the customers will be dispersed at the end of the night, what welfare provision there will be and how the disruption caused to local residents will be minimised.

A recent event held at this same location recently drew noise and litter complaints from local residents and the local councillors have raised the issue with GMP.

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To allow this event to take place could cause an unnecessary level of disturbance to the local residents and would therefore impinge on their quality of life.

As such we ask that this TEN application is refused.

Signed:.....PC 17659 Isherwood..... (rank/pin/name)

Date/Time 27th September 2022 0940 hrs

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Licensing & Out of Hours Compliance Team - Objection

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Premise Details	
Application Ref No	280551
Name of Premises	RAG Gallery
Address	577-579 Wilbraham Road, Manchester, M21 9AH

Representation

Outline your representation regarding the above application below. This representation should describe the likely effect of the grant of the licence/certificate on the licensing objectives and on the vicinity of the premises.

The Licensing and Out of Hours Team (LOOH) have assessed the likely impact of this Temporary Event Notice taking into account a number of factors, including the nature of the area, the current environment, hours applied for and any potential risk that the Temporary Event could lead to issues of crime and disorder, public nuisance and public safety.

This Temporary Event Notice is for regulated entertainment only for a 'Art Exhibition and Music Event' from 1800 on 21st October 2022 until 0400 on 22nd October 2022. There is a maximum of 499 people expected to be on the premises at the time.

The premises is the former HSBC Bank premises situated on the corner of Barlow Moor Road and Wilbraham in Chorlton. It's prominent location is in close proximity to numerous residential properties on Wilbraham Road and there are further residential properties to the rear on Silverwood Avenue and Brundretts Road.

The applicant has held 3 events at the premises by way of Temporary Event Notices. All 3 have been for a similar terminal hour and for similar described events.

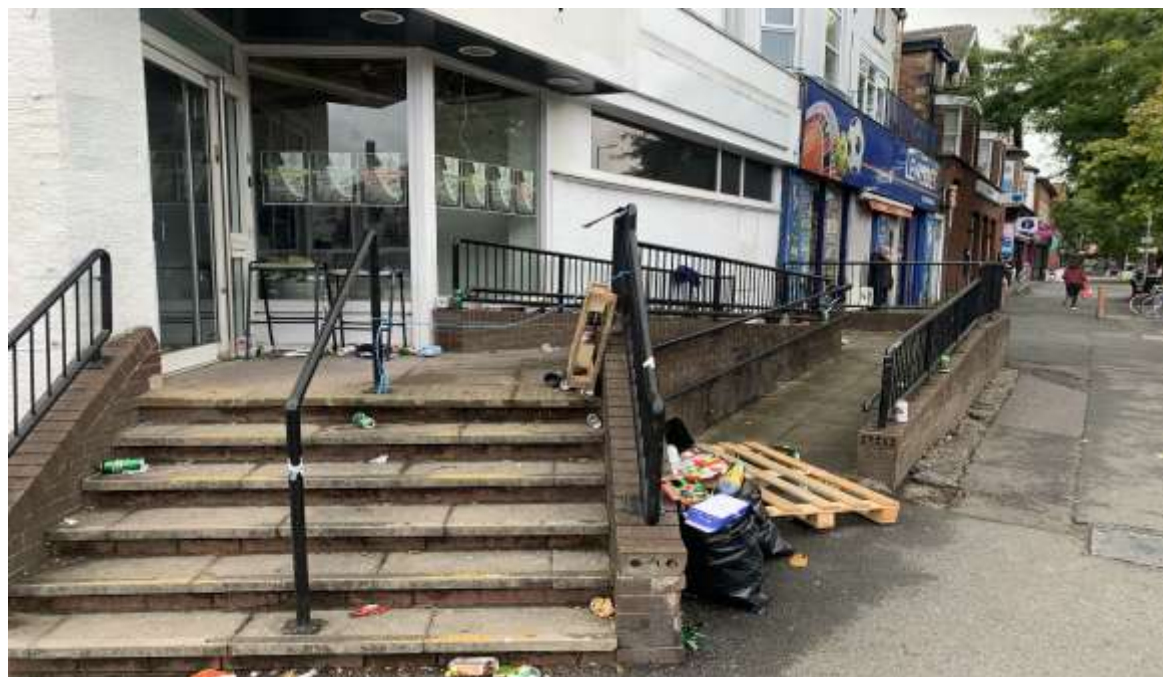
The first event was 24th June 2022. When officers monitored on the night it was noted there was approx. 30 patrons in the rear external area and the area didn't appear to be managed. On 28th June 2022 a complaint was made by a local resident reporting noise nuisance, trespass, drug use and damage to neighbouring properties.

A second event was held on 19th August 2022. Upon review of the Temporary Event Notice contact was made with the applicant to discuss the concerns identified from the previous event. The applicant provided reassurances that changes had been made to the management of event and as such no objection was made. On 22nd August 2022 following the event a complaint was made by

another local resident. The resident reported loud noise, violence and indecent exposure. Officers were unable to monitor on the night due to incidents throughout Manchester.

A third event was then held on 17th September 2022. Proactive monitoring of the event was carried out as a high priority given the reports following previous events. The Licensing & Out of Hours Officers who attended noted what they believed to be a major health and safety risk with approximately 30-40 patrons positioned on the corner of Wilbraham Road and Barlow Moor Road. The pavement area was fully blocked, and Officers struggled to negotiate through due to the sheer volume of patrons. Patrons were openly drinking from cans of alcohol and there was a male shouting through a megaphone and playing siren noise. As a result of their immediate concerns Officers attempted to engage with the person in charge however there was no obvious SIA/management present and patrons were unwilling to assist.

Following the event, several reports were made to Licensing & Out of Hours. This ranged from management of the external area to also litter in the surrounding area the day following the event. The below images were provided by local residents which highlighted the waste the following day.





Given the terminal hour requested and the issues previously reported it is of great concern the applicant has provided no detail as to how they intend to ensure there are no further issues and to comply with the four key objectives of The Licensing Act 2003 but specifically the Prevention of Public Nuisance.

Licensing and Out of Hours have concerns that the applicant is unable to manage the event without risk of further issues specifically the risk of harm to pedestrians and/or road users through a failure to manage the external area, waste being dropped in the vicinity of the premises without suitable measures in place to prevent this occurring and also the risk of noise nuisance from the event itself along with the dispersal of 499 people at 0400am.

We therefore object to this Temporary Event Notice.

Recommendation: Objection