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

To: [REDACTED]
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12th May 2023

Dear Sir,

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:	Rooftop
ADDRESS:	The Point Building, 173 175 Cheetham Hill Rd, Cheetham Hill, Manchester M8 8LG
DATE OF EVENT:	27/05/2023, 28/05/2023 & 29/05/2023
TIME OF EVENT:	1700 – 0100 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 allow the roof top of the premises premises to host a 3-day beer event from 5pm until 1am each day for up to 480 people.

There is no detail whatsoever within the application to show how these numbers will be managed, whether it is a ticketed event, 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 also no plan has been included with the application.

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Therefore, GMP have concerns as to how the event will be managed and the impact it will have in the surrounding location.

In addition to this In July 2022 the same company YB Island, arranged an unlicensed party at 28 Knowsley Street, Cheetham Hill. Fire Safety Inspectors attended the building and at the time a Prohibition Notice was served to prevent the use of the roof as a place of assembly. Unfortunately, the notice was breached as the party organisers carried on with the planned party on the rooftop and over 400 people are believed to have attended.

GMFRS, GMP and MCC licensing attended at the premises in the early hours and reported that the conditions inside and outside were not safe and the atmosphere did not feel particularly welcoming. They said that the party organisers were extremely evasive, refusing to provide names and mobile numbers etc and then not answering phone numbers in the run-up to the party.

As such we ask that this TEN application is refused.

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

Date/Time 12th May 2023 1715 hrs

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Licensing & Out of Hours Compliance Team - Representation

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Premise Details

Application Ref No	REF288021
Name of Premises	Rooftop, The Point Building
Address	173-175 Cheetham Hill Road, Manchester, M8 8LG

Representation

Outline your representation regarding the above notice below. This representation should describe the likely effect of this temporary event notice 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 (TEN), taking into account a number of factors, including the nature of the area in which the premises is located, the hours applied for and any potential risk that the granting of this TEN could lead to in relation to public nuisance.

We are concerned that the proposed YBIsland "SKYMANI" event will undermine the licensing objectives. The rooftop area which the applicant is intending to use is open to the elements and noise is likely to escape in all directions and cause a nuisance to local residents and businesses.

At a previous rooftop event held by YBIsland under the name "SKYMANI" in 2022, the council received 13 individual noise complaints from local residents during these events. Having recently spoken to the applicant for this new application, there appears to be no plan in place to manage the noise outbreak and so this event, like the previous events of a similar nature, are highly likely to undermine the public nuisance licensing objective.

Having seen first-hand how poorly those "SKYMANI" events in 2022 were managed, we also have serious concerns regarding public safety. At the "SKYMANI" events in July 2022 YBIsland showed little regard for the safety of their guests. They were carrying out unauthorised licensable activity selling alcohol at the events, the rooftop they used was in a state of poor repair with a large amount of refuse on it, the roof had an open lift shaft at one end and had insufficient means of escape in the event of an emergency. Guests and staff members were also observed openly inhaling nitrous oxide cannisters throughout the event.

Greater Manchester Fire Service (GMFRS) were so concerned with the buildings safety, they served a Prohibition Notice preventing the roof being used for these events. Despite this Prohibition Notice being in place, YBIsland

ignored this legal restriction and held their event anyway, thus breaching the Prohibition notice and ultimately putting the lives of all their guests in great danger.

Since the TEN application has been submitted, GMFRS have made contact with the council once again to raise serious concerns to us regarding this event

Taking all of the above into consideration, LOOH strongly object to this temporary event notice.