

Stevenage Borough Council

Internal Memorandum

To: Licensing
cc: Emma Rose.
SDU Environmental Health and Licensing8
Date: 25th April 2006

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SDU Environmental Health & Licensing
Our Ref: Envh/Comm/AC
Your Ref:

LICENSING ACT 2003

Re: Conversion/Variation application: Pulse & Vogue. Unit 6, Stevenage Leisure Pk.

This memo confirms that Environmental Health IS making representations on any of the following grounds:

1. The Prevention of Crime and Disorder

Complaint History. NONE.

Comments: -

2. Public Safety

Complaint History: NONE.

Comments: There are two areas of concern in connection with the physical refurbishment of the Unit and I have two reservations on technical /operational matters.

(a) Refurb: - There is inadequate Ladies WC accommodation to "Envy" and the mezzanine VIP area.

Two additional WC's are required in "Envy" and 5 additional WC's are required to the VIP area.

(b) In the case of "Liquid", the proposed changes appear to have reduced the fire escape capacity.

On the matter of Fire Escape provision, the VIP area has been disconnected from the north side Fire Escape, with the consequent loss of an egress capacity of 240 people. In addition, the only fire escape route is down the stairs into the ground-floor ("Liquid"), where because of the re-design of the ground floor fire escape routes, the egress capacity here has been reduced. As drawn, the plans indicate that a combined total of 1490 people (from within "Liquid" and the VIP area) are expected to egress into channels only catering for 720 people.

(c) Tehnical/ Operational: -The request to remove clause 7(a) from the Licence is apparently contradicted by the retention in the application document, of references to maintaining "teen disco's". The purpose of Clause 7(a) is to maintain a safe environment for "Teens" within the building by reducing the occupancy of the building by 20% in comparison with normal adults. Experience has shown that management and door supervisors have difficulties in maintaining control, because teenagers are much more uninhibited than adults, and tend to run about within the building. I wish to see this occupancy control maintained when set against the revised occupancy of the new disco.

(d) The proposed revisions to the occupancy are acceptable, but because the calculation of occupancy is directly related to specific rooms and the respective emergency escape capacity, the occupancies of the individual units must be specified on the Licence.

2. The Prevention of Public Nuisance

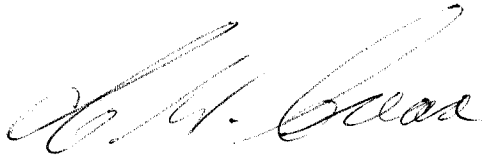
Complaint History. None.

Comments:

3. The Protection of Children from Harm

Complaint History

Comments: NONE.

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