

GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE

Tuesday 21st November 2023

Greater Manchester Police are providing the following information in order to assist the Planning Officer in their assessment of the retrospective application, DC/089538, regarding 8 Vernon Street, Stockport, SK1 1TY.

The application concerns the change of use from café/restaurant to a drinking establishment.

In order, from most-to-least recent, Greater Manchester Police have either received the following reports, or have had cause to visit the premise on the following dates/times. A summary of the reason for the report or visit has also been provided. This list is not exhaustive.

- a. 18/11/2023 – 04:09hrs – Premise requesting assistance from Police re an aggressive male who was refused re-entry to the premise before becoming verbally aggressive toward door staff. After the close of the premise, the male began to kick at the door. He was subsequently arrested.
- b. 05/11/2023 – 03:28hrs – Police assistance requested regarding two separate assault allegations against the same member of the premise's own door-team, which both occurred immediately outside to the front of the premise. One member of the door team was arrested by Police, with two separate victims identifying themselves.
The Licensee has worked with Police to develop conditions which seek to mitigate or negate further/repeat issues.
This is currently under investigation.
- c. 21/10/2023 – 03:57hrs – Police received a report that a member of door staff at the premise had been assaulted after intervening in an altercation between a male and a female at closing time. This occurred inside the premise. The member of door staff was hit over the head with an empty glass vessel, causing a cut. A window belonging to the premise was also smashed. Offenders made off prior to Police arrival.
This is currently under investigation.
- d. 01/10/2023 – 04:09hrs – Police received a report from Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council CCTV of multiple persons fighting at the front of the premise. This was crimed as an Affray, with one arrest made by Police; all other offenders had made off prior to Police arrival.
- e. 25/02/2023 – 03:35hrs – Police received a report from Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council CCTV of two persons fighting immediately outside the premise. Police arrived and other persons were now present due to the bar closing, however the fighting was confined to two people and had calmed down. Neither male involved in the fighting wished to make any complaint against the other.
- f. 18/02/2023 – 01:15hrs – Male assaulted outside premise, after leaving for a cigarette and witnessing, and intervening in, an argument between an unknown male and unknown female.
The male was struck to the head and briefly lost consciousness. He was taken to hospital for treatment.

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Naturally, the above incidents (in particular those which occurred outside the premise) would have generated noise which could reasonably have impacted upon nearby residents.

Those which occurred inside the premise may have generated noise from officers attending using lights and sirens.

Further to the above, between September 2023 and October 2023 the Area Policing Team received a number of noise and anti-social behaviour complaints regarding the premise.

As such, two officers from the team worked Friday 27th and Saturday 28th October 2023, between the hours of 19:00-05:00, in order to ascertain whether the premise was creating demand in terms of criminality.

The officers noted that there was little evidence of criminality or disorder over the weekend, but did make the following comments with regards to noise;

"The main issues we found with the venue was the noise levels, people loitering around nearby after leaving or after it had closed and the volume of taxis on Shawcross Fold picking people up and hanging around.

Most of the noise seemed to be generated from people loitering and not moving on from the premises rather than music inside, but when the smoking area was full that generated a lot of noise as well.

...you could argue that these people were not directly outside or in Notion creating noise but you could say that they wouldn't be there at that hour if Notion wasn't open as the noise was created by their customers".

With Regards,

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