

GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE - REPRESENTATION

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About the Premises

Application Reference No.	
Name of the Premises	Ohana FL Ltd
Address of the premises including postcode	Summers Quay Units 1-3 Armentieres Square Stalybridge SK15 2AR

Your Representation

Please outline your representation below and continue overleaf. This should describe the likely effect of the grant of the variation on the licensing objectives on and in the vicinity of the premises in question.

Please accept this as formal notification of the Greater Manchester Police objection to the request for a premises license to be granted in relation to the above premises.

The grounds for the objection are

- Prevention of Crime and Disorder
- Public Safety
- Prevention of Public Nuisance.

This premise is situated on the ground floor of Summers Quay which is a luxury development in the heart of Stalybridge Town Centre. The 6 storey building boasts 67 luxury apartments, overlooking the Huddersfield narrow Canal. Unit 1-3 is currently unoccupied and has been since the development was built and opened in 2018.

As with other areas in Tameside, Stalybridge suffers from issues with on street drinking and other alcohol related anti-social behavior. The nearest late night bar venue is situated on High Street, a pedestrianised area which runs behind Summers Quay, which is a short walk away where there are premises which are permitted to sell alcohol until 0200hrs with proportionate conditions including the use of SIA registered door staff to ensure the promotion of the four Licensing Objectives.

I believe there is a distinct possibility that persons attending the other local bars will be drawn to these new premises causing Public Nuisance to the local residents who reside above Unit 1-3, with the intention of consuming more alcohol and as they will already be in a 'party mood'. There is a danger that groups of people will gather near the front of the premises whilst they await their transportation home, be it a bus or a taxi, given that the other local bars are within a pedestrianised area, which I

believe shows a risk to the **Public Safety Licensing Objective..**

This would increase the traffic flow around Armentieres Square and could place customers and pedestrians in danger with vehicles frequenting the location which in turn will certainly cause an added disturbance to the local residents.

The application includes provision of late night refreshment taking place both on and off the premises until 0130hrs. This in itself will cause disturbance to local residents with people coming from far and wide to purchase food and will undoubtedly increase the potential for additional reports of anti-social behaviour and unnecessary additional demand being placed on Police resources.

I do not have any objection to this premises being developed into a restaurant and bar aimed at families and professionals throughout the day and the early evening.

I question the suitability of the location and the requested times to allow the premises to host a range of private hire functions with live bands and similar entertainment in the evening trading hours which are proposed to run into the early hours of the morning as requested up to 0200hrs at weekends and later still with seasonal variations being on day preceding a bank holiday from 1100hrs to 0130hrs. Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve, Boxing Day, 27th & 28th December 1100 to 0200 and Easter Sunday 1100-0130.

Under the prevention of public nuisance Licensing objective the applicant claims that music will be kept at a background level so not to disturb neighbours. And that Perimeter checks for both sound and litter will be kept on site and checked throughout the day and night. I would seek clarity on how this can be achieved with Live Bands being a source of entertainment late at night directly under residential properties.

Under the prevention of crime and disorder Licensing objective the applicant does not mention having SIA registered Door staff in place to offer reassurances to reduce or prevent crime and disorder. If the premise was to limit its supply of alcohol both on and off the premises to midnight, I would be satisfied with the proposed conditions. However, with the last sales of alcohol being after this time and the Hours premises are open to the public being half an hour later I would insist on at least two SIA registered Door staff being booked on duty from 2100hrs on any day when the premises is open to the public after midnight until half an hour after closing. The SIA registered Door staff will be responsible for ensuring that All customers will be asked to leave quietly at all times from 2100hrs and have regard for the local residents. The Customers must be discouraged to loiter upon leaving the venue.

I am aware that PC Sue Morris who is the NBO for this area has also submitted supporting documentation with regards to this Licence Application and I concur with her observations and representation.

I would ask that The Licensing Authority considers the following as key issues in relation to this application:

The applicant falls short in evidencing the steps they intend to take in promoting all four licensing objectives.

The proximity of the premises to local residents

The general character of the surrounding area including crime and anti social behaviour (ASB) levels.

The hours applied for licensable activities should be appropriate with regard to the nature of the location of the premises.

I believe that given that there are currently issues related to youth annoyance, ASB and street related crime in the locality that persons may be drawn to this particular premises and or

location, causing an increased and unnecessary demand on the Local Policing Resources.

The use of SIA Registered Door Staff to assist in reducing crime and disorder and promoting the Licensing Objectives.

Therefore GMP believe that to allow this premises (under the proposed conditions) to open for the desired hours will lead to an increase in Crime and Disorder and alcohol related incidents in the area and will definitely cause greater disturbance to the residents who live in very close proximity to the premises.

We therefore ask that the application is refused.

PC 14627 Martin Thorley