

Police Objection – Bees Knees

Please consider this correspondence the police objection to the application for a Temporary Event Notice by XXXX for the Bees Knees, Hargreaves Street, Burnley for 1000-1200 on Sunday, 13th November 2022.

The reason for this is that we believe that it would undermine certain licensing objectives – namely the prevention of crime and disorder and public safety.

XXXX has requested the TEN for the day of a high-profile local football fixture between Burnley FC and Blackburn Rovers FC. Kick-off time is 12.30pm. This has been categorised as a High Risk Fixture and is the only anticipated High Risk Fixture in Burnley this season. In previous fixtures between the two clubs, a ‘bubble’ operation has been in effect that saw Blackburn fans being bussed directly to Turf Moor. This is the first time in years that Blackburn supporters have been allowed to make their own travel arrangements to travel to Burnley.

As such, there is a large policing operation to mitigate the risk of football-related violence – including alcohol-related violence.

It is safe to say that the TEN has been applied for to allow football supporters to drink alcohol at the venue prior to the game.

There is no support from the police to extend existing hours for the sale of alcohol for such a risky fixture when, in effect, it will allow people to drink for a longer period prior to the game.

I will notify the applicant of my objection.

Kind regards

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