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Dear Sir or Madam,

In regard to the application for a Temporary Event Notice for Autumn St Studios.

The TEN was for an event to be held on Sunday 24th August 2014 at Autumn Street Studios.

The Temporary Event Notice was not granted as a result of an objection from the Metropolitan Police regarding the 4 licensing objectives.

We would like to bring to the committee's attention the following relevant points and respectfully ask that they reconsider the decision to refuse the TEN;

- Autumn Street Studios is a fully licensed premises which runs events of this nature up to eight times per month.
- A TEN was applied in order to extend the hours on Bank Holiday Sunday. The venue does not require TENS for its day to day operation.
- The venue was granted its premises licence in March 2013. Since then the venue has been operated responsibly in accordance with this licence and in close conjunction with all responsible authorities.
- Each event which is hosted at the venue is subjected closely to a risk assessment. In the 18 months we have been operating the venue, we have always found our risk assessments to be an accurate indicator of the nature of the event. This has been reflected in the very low rates of crime and disorder at our venue. The only time we have needed to call police to the venue is when we have pro-actively apprehended and detained persons supplying drugs.
- The event in question is an LGBT night. The LGBT community are associated with very low rates of crime and disorder. The audience profile is also entirely unrelated to the Notting Hill Carnival, and it is reasonable not to expect any increased audience numbers as a result of the carnival being held that weekend.
- However we of course take on board the police's concerns and will schedule our full complement of 7 x SIA accredited guards for an event with a projected attendance of 450 people. We are also prepared to restrict our opening hours from the 08:00AM finish time applied for to our normal operating hours of a 06:00AM finish.

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- Other TENs have been granted in Tower Hamlets on that evening, for the same operating hours. We feel it is not fair to single out this LGBT, low risk event as an event likely to be associated with crime and disorder.

Given the above, and Autumn Street Studios long history of delivering safe, well managed events, we feel that the objection to our application for a Temporary Event Notice is not justified in this instance.

Yours

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