

WATFORD LICENSING AUTHORITY
Licensing Act 2003.

REPRESENTATION FORM FROM RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES

Responsible Authority (please delete as applicable):
Police - On behalf of The Chief Constable

Your Name	Jo Tomkins
Job Title	Licence Enforcement Officer
Postal and email address	Community Safety Unit, Watford Police Station, Watford, Herts WD17 1DD
Contact telephone number	01923 472938

Name of the premises you are making a representation about	Oceana
Address of the premises you are making a representation about	127 The Parade, Watford WD17 1NA

<i>Which of the four licensing Objectives does your representation relate to?</i>	<i>Yes Or No</i>	<i>Please detail the evidence supporting your representation. Or the reason for your representation. Please use separate sheets if necessary</i>
To prevent crime and disorder Public Safety To prevent public nuisance	Yes	<p>An application for a Temporary Event Notice has been received for Sunday 21st Dec 2014 (effectively Saturday night in Sunday morning) for Oceana Nightclub.</p> <p>The hours requested are 03:00 to 06:00 to allow 30 minutes drinking up time for 'Disco only, includes any relevant entrance/exit points', closing at 06:30.</p> <p>The law relating to TENS applications means that the number of people in the venue is limited to 499 persons. The disco capacity is 555, however the TEN supersedes this and the capacity stands at 499.</p> <p>This application falls far beyond what would normally be considered acceptable and is outside of the Licencing Objectives for the Council.</p> <p>An extension such as this is unusual in our eyes, and if widely advertised it may possibly attract a greater number of customers to the club. Therefore, causing a knock on effect to controlling the dispersal of the increased members of the public from The Town Centre.</p> <p>Hertfordshire Constabulary currently provide considerable police resources to preventing crime and disorder in the town centre on Friday and Saturday evenings as well as specific events and some Mondays and an extension would mean we have to</p>

		<p>provide additional resources to manage those exiting the club.</p> <p>It should be noted that as other venues are shut the management of persons leaving the area are directly related to Oceana. There would therefore be a considerable impact on policing dedicated to managing persons exiting one venue in the Town Centre.</p> <p>We also have to consider services which support the Night Time Economy (NTE). Good dispersal from an NTE is vital to prevent disorder.</p> <p>The limited transports options on a Sunday morning would potentially hinder the dispersal of persons away from the Town Centre and there are concerns that ASB and crime and disorder could increase. Taxis offer a reduced service after 5am which may cause a potential problem in relation to dispersal from Oceana and them congregating in the area.</p> <p>If this was granted it would set a dangerous precedence during the Christmas period further impacting on crime and disorder should further applications be made or other venues should they decide to make similar applications.</p> <p>In summary we feel if this were to be granted it would be detrimental to policing in Watford and the community in its entirety.</p> <p>This therefore raises strong concerns of how this would impact the wider community in terms of increased Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Disorder.</p> <p>The Constabulary have concerns regarding this application and accordingly on behalf of the Chief Constable I represent against it.</p>
To protect children from harm	No	

<p>Suggested conditions that could be added to the licence to remedy your representation or other suggestions you would like the Licensing Sub Committee to take into account. Please use separate sheets where necessary and refer to checklist.</p>	
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Signed: J. Tomkins

Date: 13/11/14

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