APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE UNDER SECTION 17 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003

LONDON BOROUGH OF CAME	EN FOR SU	BMISSION TO:	DATE:
	Licensin	g Panel	23 May 2024
REPORT OF:		CONTACT OFFICER:	
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Local Government Act 1972 –	1) The Licensing Act 2003 ("the Act")		
Access to Information -	2) Camden Statement of Licensing Policy 2022-2027 ("the		
Documents used in the	Policy")		
preparation of this report	3) Amended Guidance issued under section 182 of the		
	Licensing Act 2003 (December 2023) ("the Guidance")		
Appendices	Appendix 1) Location map of premises		
	Appendix 2) Application form		
	Appendix 3) Relevant representations		
	Appendix 4) Conditions consistent with the operating schedule		
	Appendix 5) Legal and finance comments		

Signed by:

Jamie Akinola, Director of Public Safety

Date: 10th May 2024

1. Application

- 1.1 This is an application for a new premises licence under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003. **Appendix 2**
- 1.2 The application is for:
 - a) Supply of Alcohol (For consumption on the premises)

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10:00 – 02:00 Monday to Thursday
10:00 – 04:00 Friday and Saturday
12:00 – 00:00 Sunday
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- b) Plays
- c) Films
- d) Live Music
- e) Recorded Music
- f) Performances of Dance
- g) Anything similar to live music, recorded music or performances of dance

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10:00 – 02:00 Monday to Thursday
10:00 – 04:00 Friday and Saturday
12:00 – 00:00 Sunday
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h) Late night refreshment

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23:00 – 02:00 Monday to Thursday
23:00 – 04:00 Friday and Saturday
23:00 – 00:00 Sunday
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i) Opening hours

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08:00 – 02:30 Monday to Thursday
08:00 – 05:00 Friday and Saturday
08:00 – 00:30 Sunday
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j) Seasonal Variations for Opening Hours and Licensable Activities

From the end of permitted hours on New Year's Eve to the start of permitted hours on New Year's Day. An additional hour when British Summertime commences. 04:00hrs on Sundays immediately before Bank Holiday Mondays

Engagement by the Applicant

1.3 The Council offers a voluntary pre-application process which encourages applicants to engage with responsible authorities and local residents prior to submitting their application.

The applicant did engage with the pre-application process. The application takes account of and reflects responses received from this process.

2. Representations

- 2.1 One hundred and seventy-two relevant representations have been received in relation to the application.
- 2.2 Twenty representations oppose the application, and these are from the Police responsible Authority, Licensing responsible authority, Public Health responsible authority, local ward councillor, a Resident Association and fifteen residents.
- 2.3 One hundred and fifty-two representations support the application, and these are from the Night Czar, LGBT Forum, businesses, residents and various organisations.

Appendix 3

3. Policy

Licensing objectives (Chapter Four Page 20 to 35 of the Policy)

- 3.1 The licensing objectives engaged by this application are:
 - a) The Prevention of Crime and Disorder
 - b) The Prevention of Public Nuisance
 - c) Public Safety
 - d) The Protection of Children from Harm

Cumulative Impact Policy Area (Chapter Six- Page 39 to 44 of the Policy)

3.2 The premises is situated in the Seven Dials cumulative impact policy area where there is a presumption to refuse all new or variation applications. The presumption is rebuttable.

Hours policy (Chapter Five- Page 36 to 38 of the Policy)

3.3 The hours policy is engaged by this application in relation to the proposed timings for licensable activities. The framework hours are given in the policy as:

On Sales

Monday to Thursday 10:00 until 23:30 Friday and Saturday 10:00 until midnight 11:00 until 22:30

No sale or supply of alcohol

Monday to Thursday 09:00 until 23:30 Friday and Saturday 09:00 until midnight 09:00 until 22:30

3.4 The times for the framework hours on any given day are not (and should not be regarded as) the "usual" or "normal" working hours for licensable activities in the Borough. Instead, the framework hours serve to identify those cases where the Licensing Authority will pay particular regard to the likely effect on the local neighbourhood of carrying out the proposed licensable activities.

Women's Safety (Appendix One – Page 88 to 89 of the Policy)

3.5 The Council has adopted a set of principles that commit our licensed premises to act in a responsible manner, taking all forms of female harassment seriously and set out the practical steps licensed premises can take to support this.

The principles encourage all licensed premises to consider and implement them in the day to day operation of their premises and include:

- a. Let's Communicate
- b. Supporting Each Other
- c. Training for All

The application does not include these principles.

Premises Policy (Chapter Seven – Page 46 to 67 of the Policy)

- 3.6 The premises policies currently engaged by this application are:
 - a) Pubs and Bars
 - b) Premises Providing Music and Dance and Similar Entertainment
 - c) Premises supplying hot food and drink between 11:00 pm and 05:00 am

d) Theatres, cinemas, qualifying clubs and community premises

4. Secretary of State's Guidance

- 4.1 The relevant parts of the Secretary of State's Guidance ("the Guidance") for this application are:
 - a) Chapter 2 The Licensing Objectives
 - b) Chapter 3 Licensable Activities
 - c) Chapter 8 Applications for Premises Licences
 - d) Chapter 9 Determining Applications
 - e) Chapter 10 Conditions Attached to Premises Licences and Club Premises Certificates.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 To determine the application for a new premises licence under section 18 of the Licensing Act 2003.
- 5.2 Having considered the application, the representation(s) submitted in relation to this application, the legislative provisions, the Statement of Licensing Policy, and the Guidance issued by the Secretary of State, Members have the following options:
 - a) Grant the application in full with such conditions on the licence that are consistent with the operating schedule.
 - b) Grant the application subject to revised conditions that they consider appropriate to promote the licensing objectives.
 - c) Reject the whole or part of the application.
- 5.3 Members may attach additional conditions if they consider it appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives raised in the representations.
- 5.4 Members are reminded that all applications must be considered on their own merits, and that findings on any issues of fact should be on the balance of probability.

6. Conclusion

6.1 Members are required to consider the application in light of all the relevant information, and if approval is given, may attach such conditions appropriate to promote the licensing objectives.