

THE LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN

At a hearing of **LICENSING PANEL B** held on **THURSDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER, 2024** at 7.00 pm in Remote meeting via Microsoft Teams. This meeting can be watched live at www.camden.gov.uk/webcast

MEMBERS OF THE PANEL PRESENT

Councillors Steve Adams, Matthew Kirk and Shah Miah

MEMBERS OF THE PANEL ABSENT

Councillors Lorna Greenwood and Jenny Headlam-Wells

ALSO PRESENT

Councillors Jonathan Simpson

The minutes should be read in conjunction with the agenda for the hearing. They are subject to approval and signature at the next hearing of Licensing Panel B and any corrections approved at that hearing will be recorded in those minutes.

MINUTES

1. GUIDANCE ON REMOTE MEETINGS HELD UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003 AND ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

RESOLVED –

THAT the guidance on remote meetings be agreed.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Greenwood and Jenny Headlam-Wells.

Councillors Kirk and Miah were in attendance as substitutes.

3. DECLARATIONS BY MEMBERS OF STATUTORY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS, COMPULSORY REGISTERABLE NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND VOLUNTARY REGISTERABLE NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN MATTERS ON THIS AGENDA

It was noted that Cllr Jonathan Simpson, Chair of the Licensing Committee was in attendance as Ward Councillor for Agenda Item 7. Panel Members confirmed that no

conversations had taken place with Councillor Simpson with the regard to the application.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Webcasting

The Chair announced that the meeting was being broadcast live to the internet and would be capable of repeated viewing and copies of the recording could be made available to those that requested them. Those participating in the meeting were deemed to be consenting to being filmed.

5. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DECIDES TO TAKE AS URGENT

The meeting was notified that there would be an item of urgent business relating to Blue Garden, Basement and Ground Floor, 74 Chancery Lane, London, WC2A 1AA.

REASON FOR URGENCY

An application for a summary review was received from the Metropolitan Police Responsible Authority ("the Police") on 5th November 2024. Under Section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003 the Police can submit a summary review of a premises licence if they believe the premises is associated with serious crime or disorder or both. Within 48 hours of receiving the application, the Licensing Authority must consider whether to take interim steps on the premises licence, pending a full review hearing. Due to these short timescales this item has been put forward as urgent so as to comply with the Licensing Act 2003 and the regulations that accompany it.

6. MINUTES

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meetings held on 25 July 2024 and 29 August 2024.

RESOLVED –

THAT the minutes of the meetings held on 25 July 2024 and 29 August 2024 be approved and signed as a correct record.

7. BIDBOROUGH, CAMDEN TOWN HALL, JUDD STREET, LONDON WC1H 9JE

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Director Supporting Communities detailing an application for a new premises licence under Section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003.

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The Panel considered the late papers that had been submitted by the Applicant and Interested Parties and agreed to accept them.

The Licensing Officer introduced the application and informed the Panel of a correction to the report. Since the report was published it was identified that ten additional valid representations had been received before the deadline but had been omitted from the report in error. Therefore, the number of valid representations received was 208, 160 opposed to the application and 48 in support.

The Panel sought confirmation that all necessary procedural requirements had been met by the applicant. The Licensing Officer confirmed that site notices were displayed, and the application was advertised in a local newspaper and on the Council's website, as required, and was deemed to have been properly advertised.

The applicant, represented by Philip Kolvin KC, reported that amendments had been made to the application, as set out in the supplementary agenda.

The interested parties, represented by Jon McLeod, Simon Burton, Rebecca Spark, and Councillor Jonathan Simpson, summarised their written submissions, as set out in the agenda.

The interested parties responded to questions setting out their views as follows:

- A suite of conditions had been submitted for the applicant and panel to consider. The conditions had been drafted by local residents and were consistent with the premises being operated as a co-working space, therefore the applicant should be agreeable to all of them.
- An ambition of the Town Hall conversion project was to provide a co-working space in the vacant areas of the building, not an extended members club. However, there was concern that the licensing process was being used to subvert this ambition and create an entertainment led space.
- Local residents had observed that conditions were not being adhered to at the Camden Centre, which was also operated by the applicant, therefore there was no confidence that the Bidborough Works premises would be operated correctly.
- For example, there was a condition that stipulated where taxi and Uber collection and drop off was allowed, however, drop off and pick up had taken place away from the designated area, outside the nearby residential building, causing nuisance to residents.
- Residents of a neighbouring property were also concerned about light pollution and noise pollution and would expect conditions to be granted to limit the impact of this, if the application was approved.
- The terrace area on Bidborough Street was also of concern and the interested parties stated that this area should be tightly controlled with time restrictions and that alcohol consumption should not be permitted on the terraces.

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Emillie Edberg (as the Applicant), Ewen Macgregor (Licensing Solicitor), Philip Kolvin (Kings Counsel), and Ned Crowe (Acoustic Consultant) were in attendance on behalf of the applicant.

Philip Kolvin provided an overview of the application and responded to questions as follows:

- The application had included measures and mitigations designed to uphold the licensing objectives.
- None of the responsible authorities had objected to the application.
- The application was for a co-working space and aimed to create a high quality, flexible working space, with modern needs in mind.
- If the space was not operated as a co-working space, it would contravene the proposed licensing conditions, planning permission, and agreements made with the London Borough of Camden. It was not, therefore, in the interest of the applicant to operate the premises as anything other than a co-working space.
- It was proposed that different areas of the premises would have different closing times and capacities, and by closing time only 150 people would be permitted to be in the building.
- A robust noise management plan had been drafted.
- The terraces adjacent to Bidborough Street would not be in use after 19:00hrs in the winter months and 21:00hrs during summer.
- The dining space was on the third floor outlined in purple on the plans included within the supplementary agenda.
- Kitchen windows would remain closed at all times, to minimise noise disturbance.
- If the applicant had intended to open a party or club venue the application would be different and the floor plans, which had areas for working including desks and meeting rooms, would be different.
- The acoustic report did not account for the external doors opening and closing and letting sound escape, however the terrace was accessed from a set of doors down a corridor and there was no direct access to terraces from areas where regulated entertainment was intended to take place.
- A sound management plan could be commissioned by the applicant, which could require mitigating measures, such as acoustic curtains, to be put in place.
- An alcohol licence was applied for as those working in the space might be having evening meetings or meeting co-workers, therefore an licence would be needed to accommodate working, networking and socialising.
- All the people using the space would be approved members, and if someone did cause a disturbance and behaved inappropriately, they would have their membership revoked.
- The space is large but not all areas would be licensed for licensable activity.
- The applicant was agreeable to a condition that stated all blinds and curtains would need to be drawn after a certain time.
- The applicant agreed that time restrictions could be in place with regard to use of the Bidborough Street entrance and had set out proposals in the supplementary agenda.

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- However, the applicant did not agree that this entrance should not be in use after 18:00hrs due to the alternative exit having no lift access and it was not envisioned that large numbers of people would be leaving at once, therefore minimising the potential for disturbance.
- Vehicle hire services, such as Uber are able to geofence pick up points for certain venues, so the applicant would be agreeable to a condition that required a designated drop off/collection point.
- The applicant had drafted a delivery plan, and it was reported that deliveries would usually be made before 08:00hrs and that the deliveries would be made by small vans, with deliveries taking place no more than twice a day. There would be articulated vans or lorries servicing the premises.
- The applicant was able to request electric vans for deliveries as well, so would be agreeable to a condition stipulating this to minimise pollution and disturbance to residents.
- A specialist waste removal service would service the premises, including glass disposal, and it had been agreed that collections would not take place between 22:00hrs and 08:00hrs, which could be added as a condition.
- The applicant was agreeable to a condition that requires blinds to be down at times, but requiring electronic blinds was considered excessive.
- In terms of regulated entertainment, a usage presentation has been provided, and the intention was to make sure different activities were included in the scope of the application so that the applicant had the flexibility to hold a range of events from film screenings to lectures and talks to acoustic music performances. There would not be large scale music events or concerts, which could not be accommodated at the premises in any event.
- A condition prohibiting alcohol consumption on the external terrace areas was considered unreasonable, however the application would agree to a condition that the terraces can only be in use for alcohol consumption once the appropriate privacy barriers have been installed.
- Members would be permitted to bring up to three guests, if members wanted to bring more guests than this prebooking would be required. Appropriate measures would be in place to ensure that members were not abusing this system.
- There would be no 'walk ins' to the premises. It would be open to members, guests and those attending prebooked events only.
- The applicant would be open to agreeing to a condition that stated if residents could hear music being played on the terrace, they could contact a phone number provided by the applicant to get the music turned down to an agreeable level.

The interested parties and applicant made some closing remarks.

Deliberation and Reasons

Panel Members confirmed that they had been able to follow and understand the submissions and discussion in relation to the application.

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In deliberation, the Panel considered the representations by the interested parties and the information provided by the applicant and the applicant's representative. The Panel noted that the premises was not situated in a Cumulative Impact Policy Area and was within the council's framework hours except for the provision of late night refreshments.

Some Panel Members noted that there were some positive aspects to the application and were minded to agree the application, subject to conditions to address the concerns raised in the representations.

Other Panel Members expressed concern that some aspects of the application had the potential to cause disturbance to local residents. However, they ultimately agreed that there seemed to be no valid reason to refuse the application after reviewing the supplementary information that the applicant had submitted and listening to the submissions from both the application and the interested parties.

All Panel Members acknowledged the concerns put forward by the local residents and agreed that appropriate mitigations, by way of conditions, should be added to the licence. Panel Members were also reassured that there was the opportunity for review of the licence should the premises not be operating responsibly and according to the conditions.

The Panel discussed use of the Bidborough Street entrance and were in agreement that it should not be used after 21:00hrs, so agreed to amend the proposed conditions to reflect this. The Panel also agreed that the condition regarding the noise management plan should be amended to include that the applicant must consider, in relation to the terrace areas, noise attenuating barriers, music levels, and noise leakage through doors used to access the terraces.

The Panel discussed adding additional conditions and agreed that there should be conditions in place to minimise disturbance to residents in relation to: a) taxi and private hire vehicle drop off and collection; b) waste collection; c) light pollution; and d) deliveries to the premises.

Overall, the Panel were satisfied that, with the amended and additional conditions, the application would uphold the licensing objectives.

Therefore, it was

RESOLVED –

THAT the application for a new premises licence be granted as follows:

a) Supply of Alcohol (For consumption on the premises)

10:00 – 23:30 Monday to Thursday

10:00 – 00:00 Friday and Saturday

11:00 – 22:30 Sunday

b) Late Night Refreshment

23:00 – 01:30 Monday to Saturday

23:00 – 23:30 Sunday

c) Live Music

d) Recorded Music

e) Films

f) Anything similar to live music, recorded music or performances of dance

10:00 – 23:30 Monday to Thursday

10:00 – 00:00 Friday and Saturday

11:00 – 22:30 Sunday

g) Opening Hours

07:00 – 02:00 Monday to Saturday

07:00 – 00:00 Sunday

Subject to the following conditions:

Conditions Consistent with the Operating Schedule

Use of Premises

1. The primary purpose of the premises shall be as a co-working space with ancillary hospitality facilities.
2. Sale for alcohol shall be limited to members of the co-working space and their guests and organisers of, and those attending, events.
3. There will be a receptionist/security or barriers stopping general members of the public from entering the premises.
4. The maximum capacity of the premises shall not exceed the figures set out below:
 - Second Floor: **360**
 - Third Floor: **383**
5. The maximum capacity on the premises, exclusive of staff, after 00:30hrs will be no more than 150.
6. Any changes to the fire risk assessment affecting the capacity of the premises shall be notified to the licensing authority.

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7. No person shall be allowed to leave the premises whilst in the possession of any drinking vessel or open glass bottle, whether empty or containing any beverage.
8. A direct dial telephone number shall be provided to residents that shall be manned during operating hours of the venue. Details of any calls received shall be logged and a note subsequently made of the action taken. Details to be made available upon request to responsible authorities.
9. There must be a period of at least 14 days between the time when a person applies for membership and membership rights being taken up.
10. A list of all guests shall be kept on the premises
11. There will be no consumption of alcohol on the premises outside of licensed hours save for the 30 minutes at the end of permitted hours for sale of alcohol
12. Each floor will have a minimum of one staff member engaged on the premises at all times while operating.

Second Floor

13. The provision of licensable activities in the area highlighted green on the second floor plan shall be limited as follows:

Sale of Alcohol and Regulated Entertainment

Mon–Thu: 12.00 – 23.30

Fri-Sat: 12.00 – 00.00

Sun: 12.00 – 22.30

14. The provision of licensable activities in the area highlighted brown on second floor plan shall be limited as follows:

Sale of Alcohol

Mon–Thu: 12.00 – 23.30

Fri-Sat: 12.00 – 00.00

Sun: 12.00 – 22.30

Late Night Refreshment

Mon–Thu: 23.00 – 00.30

Fri-Sat: 23.00 – 01.00

Sun: 23.00 – 23.30

15. The provision of licensable activities in the area highlighted pink on the second floor plan shall be limited as follows:

Sale of Alcohol and Regulated entertainment

Mon–Thu: 12.00 – 20.00

Fri-Sat: 12.00 – 20.00

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Sun: 12.00 – 20.00

Third Floor

16. The provision of licensable activities in the area highlighted green on the third floor plan shall be limited as follows:

Sale of Alcohol and Regulated Entertainment

Mon–Thu: 12.00 – 23.30

Fri–Sat: 12.00 – 00.00

Sun: 12.00 – 22.30

Late Night Refreshment

Mon–Thu: 23.00 – 01.30

Fri–Sat: 23.00 – 01:30

Sun: 23.00 – 23.30

17. The provision of licensable activities in the area highlighted purple on the third floor plan shall be limited as follows:

Sale of Alcohol and Regulated Entertainment

Mon–Thu: 11.00 – 22.00

Fri–Sat: 11.00 – 23.00

Sun: 11.00 – 22.00

18. The provision of licensable activities in the area highlighted light blue on the third floor plan shall be limited as follows:

Sale of Alcohol

Mon–Thu: 11.00 – 22.00

Fri–Sat: 11.00 – 23.00

Sun: 11.00 – 22.00

Terraces

19. The Bidborough Street terraces will be open between the hours of

16 October to 15 March

Monday to Sunday 09.00 – 19.00

16 March to 15 October

Monday to Sunday 09.00 – 21.00

20. Save for members of staff carrying out their work duties and persons who wish to temporarily use the terraces for the purposes of smoking the terraces on Euston Road will be open between the hours of:

Monday to Thursday 07.00 – 23.30

Friday and Saturday 07.00 – 00.00

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Sunday

07.00 – 22.30

General

21. The premises shall maintain a live premises management plan (the Management Plan) that shall contain all the documents that are required and necessary to operate a safe premises.
22. The Management Plan shall be risk assessed led, reviewed and revised as is necessary, and shared with the licensing authority and authorised officers from the responsible authorities on request.
23. The Management Plan shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - A copy of the premises licence
 - The approved plan
 - Membership and Guests Policy
 - Fire Risk Assessment
 - Electrical installation
 - Emergency electrical installation
 - Fire rated doors
 - Renovation of building to be in line with current building regulations
 - Challenge 25 policy
 - Crowd control, capacity and queue control policy and procedure
 - Refuse storage and collection arrangements.
 - Drugs policy
 - Adverse weather plan
 - Emergency Evacuation policy
 - Facility for disabled visitors to the premises
 - Security arrangements – Inside and immediate vicinity of the premises
 - CCTV Policy
 - Arrangements for vulnerable people and underage visitors
 - Counter-terrorism plan
 - Public liability insurance
 - Noise management plan
 - Neighbourhood Communication Plan
 - Terrace Policy
 - First Aid Policy

Prevention of Crime and Disorder

24. The premises licence holder shall comply with the Management Plan.
25. The premises licence holder shall at the request of the local residents or businesses host, a Community Meeting, at least every quarter.

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26. The Premises shall install and maintain a comprehensive CCTV system as per the minimum requirements of the Police Licensing Team. All entry and exit points will be covered enabling frontal identification of every person entering in any light condition. The CCTV system shall continually record whilst the premises is open and during all times when attendees remain on the premises and will include the external area immediately outside the premises entrance. All recordings shall be stored for a minimum period of 31 days with date and time stamping. Viewing of recordings shall be made available immediately upon the request of authorised Responsible Authority Officers throughout the entire 31-day period.
27. A staff member from the premises who is conversant with the operation of the CCTV system shall be on the premises at all times when the premises are open for Licensable Activities. This staff member must be able to provide authorised Responsible Authority Officers with copies of recent CCTV images or data with the absolute minimum of delay when requested.
28. Subject to Data Protection guidance and legislation, the management of the premises will ensure that key staff are fully trained in the operation of the CCTV and will be able to download selected footage onto a disk/USB Stick for the Police or authorised officers of the Local Authority or UK Border Agency without difficulty, delay or charge.
29. The licensee will ensure that the system is checked every two weeks to ensure that the system is working properly and that the date and time are correct. Any CCTV breakdown or system failure will be notified to the Police and Local Authority immediately & remedied as soon as practicable. Repair records / invoices shall be kept on site for at least 12 months and be readily available to be viewed by all authorised persons upon request.
30. There shall be no consumption of alcohol in areas not covered by CCTV.
31. An incident log shall be kept at the premises and made available on request to an authorised officer of the Camden Council or the Police. It must be completed within 24 hours of the incident and will record the following:
 - a) all crimes reported to the venue;
 - b) all ejections of patrons;
 - c) any complaints received concerning crime and disorder and public nuisance;
 - d) any incidents of disorder;
 - e) all seizures of drugs or offensive weapons;
 - f) any faults in the CCTV system, searching equipment or scanning equipment;
 - g) any refusal of the sale of alcohol including date, time and name of staff member; and
 - h) any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service.

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32. A record shall be kept detailing all refused sales of alcohol. The record should include the date and time of the refused sale and the name of the member of staff who refused the sale. The record shall be available for inspection at the premises by the police or an authorised officer of Camden Council at all times whilst the premises is open.
33. The police will be called to all incidents of violence and disorder.
34. If a serious assault or sexual offence is committed on the Premises (or appears to have been committed) the management will immediately ensure that:
 - a) The police (and, where appropriate, the London Ambulance Service) are called without delay;
 - b) All measures that are reasonably practicable are taken to apprehend any suspects where possible pending the arrival of the police;
 - c) The crime scene is preserved to enable a full forensic investigation to be carried out by the police; and
 - d) Such other measures are taken (as appropriate) to fully protect the safety of all persons present on the premises.
35. The licensee shall ensure that staff are trained as appropriate, in respect of relevant licensing law, crime scene best practice and upon the sale of alcohol to those under the influence of alcohol and persons underage.
36. This training is to be clearly documented and signed and any training for future staff must also be organised at the appropriate time.
37. Refresher training shall be carried out every 6 months. Details of training are to be made available for inspection by Police or other Responsible Authorities, upon request.
38. Save as otherwise provided in these conditions, the provision of door security shall be risk assessed.
39. At all times that licensable activities are being provided on the premises there shall be at least one member of staff and one SIA registered member of door security on the ground floor.
40. The minimum number of members of door security on the premises shall increase to two (2) from 20:00hrs.
41. Where door supervisors are employed, a door supervisors register shall be updated on occasions when door supervisors are employed. The Register is to be made available for Inspection by the Police and/or Licensing Authority. Details to show:
 - Full Name.
 - Date of Birth.

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- SIA Registration Number.
 - Date and Hours Worked; and
 - Contact telephone number and email address.
 - A coloured photocopy of each door supervisors' SIA badge shall be taken by the DPS and retained at the premises
42. Door supervisors will be easily identifiable whilst working at entry/exit points and around the exterior of the building.

Prevention of Public Nuisance

43. A noise management policy must be prepared and implemented at the premises, to be agreed with Camden Council and should be periodically reviewed and updated. A copy will always be available to officers on request.
44. The noise management policy must consider the following points, in relation to the Bidborough Street Terraces:
- The effectiveness of noise attenuation of the privacy barriers/ screens;
 - That access to balconies and terraces shall not be permitted directly from those areas where licensable activity is permitted to take place; and
 - To ensure that music any played does not generate a disturbance to neighbouring residents
45. No noise generated on the premises, or by its associated plant or equipment, shall emanate from the premises nor vibration be transmitted through the structure of the premises which gives rise to a public nuisance. All loudspeakers shall be sited and isolated from the structure to prevent noise and vibration public nuisance.
46. External doors and windows on the Bidborough Street side of the premises shall remain closed at all times save for immediate access and egress.
47. External doors and windows on the Euston Road side of the premises shall remain closed during regulated entertainment except for immediate access and egress.
48. Save in the case of disabled access/egress and in the case of an emergency there shall be no access or egress to the Premises from the Bidborough Street entrance after 21:00hrs.
49. Signage shall be displayed in a prominent position on the premises requesting that customers leave quietly.
50. In the event that a public noise nuisance is established from the provision of regulated entertainment the premises licence holder will, in consultation with the EHO, instal a noise management device to prevent persons in the

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neighbourhood from being unreasonably disturbed by noise of music from the premises.

51. Staff will monitor external terraces while they are in use.
52. That screens/planters to a height of no less than 2.1m be installed in the terraces facing on to Bidborough Street.

Public Safety

53. The licensee /DPS will ensure that all staff that are customer facing/engaging at the venue are trained, as appropriate, in respect of Welfare and Vulnerability Engagement and that all new staff attend through this presentation.
54. Refresher training to be conducted every six months. A record will be kept of when the training took place and will be made available for inspection by Police or other responsible authority, upon request.
55. Health and safety risk assessments shall be undertaken, and all staff shall be trained therein.
56. The premises will adopt the Ask Angela (or similar) scheme. All staff will be trained in the process to be adopted when any customer “asks for Angela”. Should the customer “ask for Angela” the matter will be recorded in the incident log.
57. At all times that the premises are open to the public for the provision of licensable activities there shall be at least one member of staff who is First Aid qualified on duty.
58. There shall be an appropriate number of First Aid kits placed throughout the licensed premises with regular checks being conducted by the duty manager to ensure that the kits are in place and properly stocked.
59. The use of first aid supplies will be recorded in the daily duty managers’ report.
60. Regular glass collection shall be undertaken by staff.

Protection of Children from Harm

61. A Challenge 25 proof of age scheme shall be operated at the premises where the only acceptable forms of identification are recognised photographic identification cards, such as a driving licence, passport or proof of age card with the PASS Hologram.
62. Signage advertising the aforementioned proof of age scheme shall be prominently displayed throughout the premises with a particular emphasis on the alcohol display area and service area.

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63. No person under the age of 18 shall be admitted to the premises unless accompanied by an adult
64. When children under the age of 18 are in the premises they will be supervised by a parent or guardian.
65. All Children under the age of 18 must vacate the premises by no later than 23:00 hrs.

Additional Conditions Agreed by the Licensing Panel on 7 November 2024

66. Taxis or private hire vehicles are only permitted to drop off to and collect from the designated pick-up area, which must be located on west of Bidborough Street, away from the entrance to the Queen Alexandra Mansions.
67. Produce deliveries to the premises must only be made by electric vehicles.
68. Curtains and/or blinds on the Bidborough Street façade of the building, opposite the Queen Alexandra Mansions, must be drawn one hour after sunset or at 22:00hrs, whichever is earlier.
69. The emptying of glass bins and the collection of waste shall not be permitted between 22:00hrs and 08:00hrs.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DECIDES TO TAKE AS URGENT

Blue Garden, Basement and Ground Floor, 74 Chancery Lane, London, WC2A 1AA

An application for a summary review was received from the Metropolitan Police Responsible Authority (“the Police”) on 5th November 2024.

Under Section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003 the Police can submit a summary review of a premises licence if they believe the premises is associated with serious crime or disorder or both. Within 48 hours of receiving the application, the Licensing Authority must consider whether to take interim steps on the premises licence, pending a full review hearing.

A request was received from the Metropolitan Police in advance of the meeting that the press and public be excluded from the meeting when this item was considered, as publicity in respect of it could disclose information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

Members agreed to the request and passed the following resolution:

RESOLVED –

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THAT the press and public be excluded from the proceedings of the Licensing Panel on 7 November 2024 during consideration of this item on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, that were members of the public to be present, there would be disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Specifically -

Publicity in respect of item 11 would be likely to lead to the disclosure of information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime by virtue of Category 7 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

Part II

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Director, Supporting Communities regarding an application for a summary review of a premises licence under Section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003.

The Panel heard from the Metropolitan Police, the Applicant for the summary review, and from the Licence Holder and their representative.

The Police and counsel to the Licence Holder made some closing remarks.

Deliberation and Reasons

Panel Members confirmed that they had been able to follow and understand the submissions and discussion in relation to the application.

Having heard from both parties, Members were of the view that it was in the public interest and would uphold the licensing objectives to suspend the premises licence.

Members sought clarification whether the suspension could be for 14 days, due to the financial pressure suspension would cause members of staff working at the premises in the lead up to the festive period. The Legal Adviser to the Panel clarified that the Panel were only able to suspend the licence for up to 28 days as this was the statutory timeframe in which a full review must be scheduled and heard, however the Panel's concern was noted.

Part I

Members returned to public session and the Chair announced the Panel agreed that suspension of the license was necessary in order to uphold the prevention of crime and disorder licensing objective.

Therefore, it was

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RESOLVED –

THAT the licence, in respect of Blue Garden, Basement and Ground Floor, 74 Chancery Lane, London, WC2A 1AA, be suspended pending a full review hearing.

Having adjourned between 21:11 and 21:17, the hearing ended at 10.27 pm.

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MINUTES END