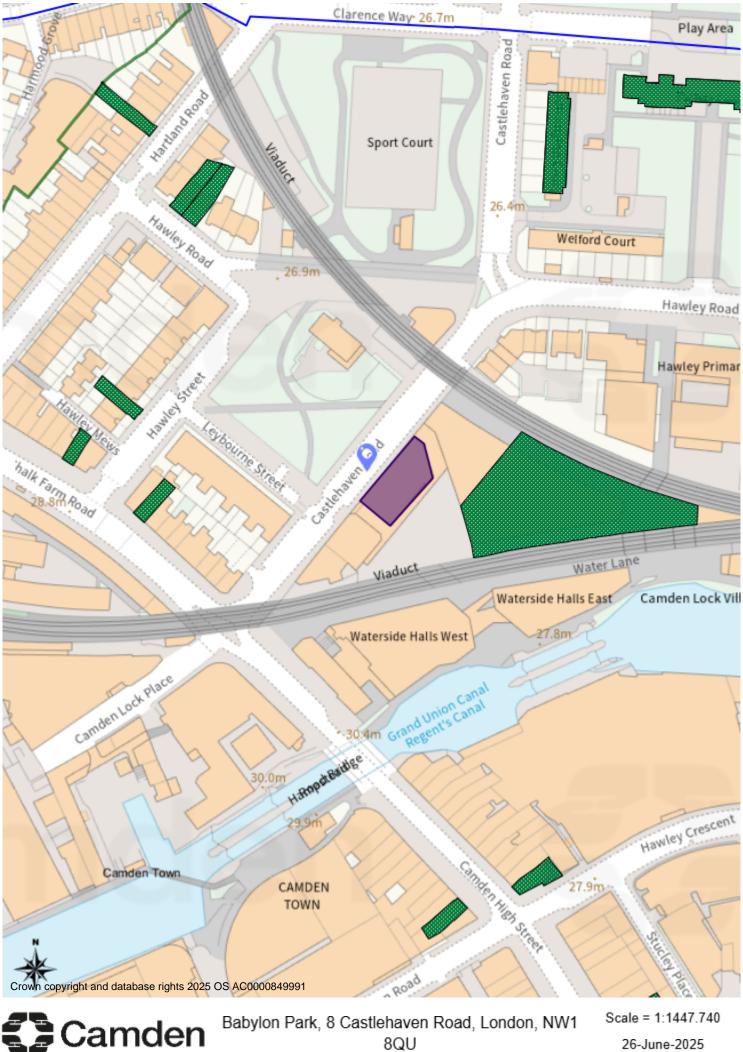
Appendix 1



Babylon Park, 8 Castlehaven Road, London, NW1 8QU

26-June-2025



Application for full variations to a licensed premises - Ref no. 128541

Are you able to return the existing premises licence or club certificate?	Yes
What do you want to vary?	Premises licence : PREM-LIC\106057
Who is making the variation?	An authorised agent
Agent details	
First name	Jon
Last name	Wallsgrove
Name of business (optional)	Mr
Address	
Email address	
Telephone number	
Correspondence details	
Who should we correspond with in regards to this application?	Agent
What type of variation are you applying for?	Full variation
What is the non-domestic rateable value (NDRV) of the premises?	125001
Will the variations mean the premises is used exclusively or primarily to sell or supply alcohol?	No



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Will the variations change the expected attendance?	No
When do you want the variations to take effect?	As soon as possible
What changes do you want to make?	Amend conditions
Amended conditions	Amendment type : Remove Condition Number : 36
	Amendment type : Remove Condition Number : 37
	Amendment type : Remove Condition Number : 39
	Amendment type : Remove Condition Number : 41
	Amendment type : Remove Condition Number : 42
Will any of the changes made give rise to concerns in respect of children?	No
The prevention of crime and disorder	No
Public safety	No
The prevention of public nuisance	No
The prevention of children from harm	No



Application for full variations to a licensed premises - Ref no. 128541

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London Borough of Camden, 5 Pancras Square, London N1C 4AG

Premises Licence

London Borough of Camden Licensing Authority

Premises licence number PREM-LIC\106057

Part 1 – Premises details

Postal address of premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description

BABYLON PARK 8 Castlehaven Road London NW1 8QU Telephone number N/A

Where the licence is time limited the dates N/A

Licensable activities authorised by the licence		
(a) Play:	Yes	
(b) Films:	Yes	
(e) Live Music:	Yes	
(f) Recorded Music:	Yes	
(h) Anything of a similar description	Yes	
to that falling within (e), (f) or (g):		
Supply of Alcohol	Yes	

The times the licence authorises the carrying out of licensable activities	
(a) Play:	
Monday to Sunday	10:00 – 23:00
(b) Films:	
Monday to Sunday	10:00 – 23:00
(e) Live Music:	
Monday to Sunday	10:00 – 23:00
(f) Recorded Music:	
Monday to Sunday	10:00 – 23:00

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(h) Anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g):	
Monday to Sunday Supply of Alcohol (ON):	10:00 – 23:00
Monday to Saturday	10:00 – 23:00
Sunday	11:00 – 22:30

The opening hours of the premises

Monday to Sunday 10:00 – 23:00

Where the licence authorises supplies of alcohol whether these are on and/or off supplies:

ON the premises ONLY

Part 2

Name, (registered) address, telephone number and e-mail (where relevant) of holder of premises licence

Babylon Park UK Play & Entertainment Ltd Office, C1-3 8-10 Castlehaven Road London NW1 8QU

Registered number of holder, for example company number, charity number (where applicable)

12221819

Name, address and telephone number of designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises the supply of alcohol

Mil Gjoni



Personal licence number and issuing authority of personal licence held by designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises the supply of alcohol

For Supporting Communities, on behalf of the Licensing Authority



Date Licence Amended: Date Licence Amended: Date Licence Granted:

21/02/2025 - APP\PREMISES-VARYDPS\126471 11/02/2025 - APP\PREMISES-VARY\ 126521 Date Licence Amended: 15/11/2022 - APP\PREMISES-VARY\111782 Date Licence Amended: 05/10/2022 - APP\PREMISES-VARYDPS\111789 31/08/2021 - APP\PREMISES-NEW\106058



Annex 1 - Mandatory conditions

- 1. The supply of alcohol is prohibited at a time when there is no designated premises supervisor in respect of the premises.
- 2. The supply of alcohol is prohibited at a time when the designated premises supervisor does not hold a personal licence or his/her licence is suspended.
- 3. Every supply of alcohol under the premises licence must be made or authorised by a person who holds a personal licence.
- 4. Where a premises licence includes a condition that at specified times one or more individuals must be at the premises to carry out a security activity, the licence must include a condition that each such individual must –

 (a) be authorised to carry out that activity by a licence granted under the Private Security Industry Act 2001; or
 (b) be entitled to carry out that activity by virtue of section 4 of that Act.
- 5. But nothing in subsection (4) requires such a condition to be imposed -

(a) in respect of premises within paragraph 8(3)(a) of Schedule 2 to the Private Security Industry Act 2001 (c. 12) (premises with premises licences authorising plays or films), or

(b) in respect of premises in relation to -

(i) any occasion mentioned in paragraph 8(3)(b) or (c) of that Schedule (premises being used exclusively by club with club premises certificate, under a temporary event notice authorising plays or films or under a gaming licence), or

(ii) any occasion within paragraph 8(3)(d) of that Schedule (occasions prescribed by regulations under that Act).

6. For the purposes of this section-

(a) "security activity" means an activity to which paragraph 2(1)(a) of that Schedule applies[and which is licensable conduct for the purposes of that Act (see section 3(2) of that Act)], and

(b) paragraph 8(5) of that Schedule (interpretation of references to an occasion) applies as it applies in relation to paragraph 8 of that Schedule.

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7. (1) The responsible person must ensure that staff on relevant premises do not carry out, arrange or participate in any irresponsible promotions in relation to the premises.

(2) In this paragraph, an irresponsible promotion means any one or more of the following activities, or substantially similar activities, carried on for the purpose of encouraging the sale or supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises

(a) games or other activities which require or encourage, or are designed to require or encourage, individuals to

(i) drink a quantity of alcohol within a time limit (other than to drink alcohol sold or supplied on the premises before the cessation of the period in which the responsible person is authorised to sell or supply alcohol), or

(ii) drink as much alcohol as possible (whether within a time limit or otherwise);

(b) provision of unlimited or unspecified quantities of alcohol free or for a fixed or discounted fee to the public or to a group defined by a particular characteristic in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;

(c) provision of free or discounted alcohol or any other thing as a prize to encourage or reward the purchase and consumption of alcohol over a period of 24 hours or less in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;

(d) selling or supplying alcohol in association with promotional posters or flyers on, or in the vicinity of, the premises which can reasonably be considered to condone, encourage or glamorise anti-social behaviour or to refer to the effects of drunkenness in any favourable manner;

(e) dispensing alcohol directly by one person into the mouth of another (other than where that other person is unable to drink without assistance by reason of disability).

- 8. The responsible person must ensure that free potable water is provided on request to customers where it is reasonably available.
- 9. (1) The premises licence holder or club premises certificate holder must ensure that an age verification policy is adopted in respect of the premises in relation to the sale or supply of alcohol.

(2) The designated premises supervisor in relation to the premises licence must ensure that the supply of alcohol at the premises is carried on in accordance with the age verification policy.



(3) The policy must require individuals who appear to the responsible person to be under 18 years of age (or such older age as may be specified in the policy) to produce on request, before being served alcohol, identification bearing their photograph, date of birth and either

(a)a holographic mark, or

(b)an ultraviolet feature.

10. The responsible person must ensure that

(a)where any of the following alcoholic drinks is sold or supplied for consumption on the premises (other than alcoholic drinks sold or supplied having been made up in advance ready for sale or supply in a securely closed container) it is available to customers in the following measures

(i)beer or cider: ¹/₂ pint;

(ii)gin, rum, vodka or whisky: 25 ml or 35 ml; and

(iii)still wine in a glass: 125 ml;

(b)these measures are displayed in a menu, price list or other printed material which is available to customers on the premises; and

(c)where a customer does not in relation to a sale of alcohol specify the quantity of alcohol to be sold, the customer is made aware that these measures are available.

- 11. A relevant person shall ensure that no alcohol is sold or supplied for consumption on or off the premises for a price which is less than the permitted price.
- 12. For the purposes of the condition set out in paragraph 11

(a)"duty" is to be construed in accordance with the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979

(b)"permitted price" is the price found by applying the formula—

P = D + (DxV)

where---

(i) P is the permitted price,

(ii)D is the rate of duty chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the duty were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol, and

(iii) V is the rate of value added tax chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the value added tax were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol; —

(c) "relevant person" means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a premises licence

(i)the holder of the premises licence,

(ii) the designated premises supervisor (if any) in respect of such a licence, or



(iii)the personal licence holder who makes or authorises a supply of alcohol under such a licence;

(d) "relevant person" means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a club premises certificate, any member or officer of the club present on the premises in a capacity which enables the member or officer to prevent the supply in question; and

(e)"valued added tax" means value added tax charged in accordance with the Value Added Tax Act 1994.

- 13. Where the permitted price given by Paragraph (b) of 12 above would (apart from this paragraph) not be a whole number of pennies, the price given by that sub-paragraph shall be taken to be the price actually given by that sub-paragraph rounded up to the nearest penny.
- 14. (1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies where the permitted price given by Paragraph (b) of paragraph 2 on a day ("the first day") would be different from the permitted price on the next day ("the second day") as a result of a change to the rate of duty or value added tax.

(2) The permitted price which would apply on the first day applies to sales or supplies of alcohol which take place before the expiry of the period of 14 days beginning on the second day.

Annex 2 - Conditions consistent with the operating schedule

- 15. The premises licence holder shall ensure that CCTV cameras and recorders are installed at the premises
- 16. The CCTV system shall be maintained in good working order and at all times the premises is open to the public
- 17. The medium on which CCTV images are recorded shall be of evidential quality; stored securely; shall be retained for a period of 31 days; and be available for inspection by the police or authorised officers on request.
- 18. When the premises are open for the purposes of licensable activities, a suitably trained member of staff shall be present to assist the police or authorised officers in obtaining the CCTV footage.
- 19. Copies of any CCTV image shall be made available within 48 hours of the request to the police or local authority.
- 20. The facility to transfer the images to a compatible, removable format shall be held on the premises.



- 21. Staff working at the premises shall be trained in the use of CCTV and a log must be kept to verify this.
- 22. Signs must be displayed in the customer areas to advise that CCTV is in operation.
- 23. Means of escape shall be maintained unobstructed, immediately available and clearly identifiable. NB Other statutory obligations will ensure the premises are safe for the public
- 24. 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 nuisance NB Noise attenuation measures are part of the build with a "floating slab" installed to prevent noise/vibration escape
- 25. All staff will receive training in relation to the premises licence and the safeguarding of children on the premises.

Annex 3 - Conditions attached after a hearing by the licensing authority

- 26. The premises licence shall only be valid whilst held by Babylon Park UK Play & Entertainment Ltd and the premises operate as a family entertainment venue.
- 26. Any Beer, lager or Cider sold will be 6% abv or less.
- 27. A proof of age scheme such as challenge 25 shall operate at the premises and all staff shall be trained in its implementation. Only photographic ID such as a British driving licence or a passport shall be treated as acceptable forms of identification.
- 28. Alcoholic and soft drinks shall be served in polycarbonate containers.
- 29. Bottled alcoholic and soft drinks shall be decanted and served in polycarbonate containers.
- 30. All incidents involving drug or psychoactive substances use, drug or psychoactive substances dealing or assaults shall be reported to the police within 24 hours of the incident.



- 31. A Personal Licence Holder shall be fully trained in crime scene management.
- 32. A comprehensive staff training programme is in place that covers the Licensing Act 2003, fire evacuation procedures, critical incident best-practice, crime scene best practice and conflict management. This training must be clearly documented and any training for future staff must also be organised at the appropriate time.
- 33. Training shall be written into a programme and will be made available for inspection by the police or other responsible authority, upon request.
- 34. No persons carrying visibly open or sealed alcohol vessels shall be admitted to the premises at any time that the premises are open for any licensable activity. No patron shall be allowed to leave the premises whilst in the possession of any open or sealed alcohol vessel.
- 35. A sign shall be displayed at the point of sale stating No Proof of Age No Sale.
- 36. Alcohol will only be consumed by persons in the Events Rooms identified on the Annex 4 plan. Consumption of alcohol is not permitted anywhere else on the premises.
- 37. A minimum of one SIA door supervisor will be employed every Friday and Saturday from 2000 until the premises close
- 38. An incident log shall be kept at the premises and made available to an authorised officer or the police which will record:
 - a) All crimes reported to the venue
 - b) All ejections of patrons
 - c) Any complaints received
 - d) Any incidents of disorder or violence
 - e) Any faults on the CCTV system
 - f) Any refusal of the sale of alcohol to include date, time and staff member
 - g) CAD reference numbers when the police are called.
- 39. The sale of alcohol will only be to persons who are attending a prebooked function in one of the Event Rooms identified on the Annex 4 plan and will be ancillary to a substantial meal.
- 40. Police must be called to incidents of violence and/or serious disorder



- 41. No alcoholic shots to be provided
- 42. A minimum of one SIA door supervisor shall be employed at the premises whenever alcohol is sold until 30 minutes after the sale of alcohol ceases to ensure all patrons are dispersed peacefully from the area.

Annex 4 - Plans



London Borough of Camden, 5 Pancras Square, London N1C 4AG

Premises Licence Summary

London Borough of Camden Licensing Authority

Premises licence number PREM-LIC\106057

Part 1 – Premises details

Postal address of premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description

BABYLON PARK 8 Castlehaven Road London NW1 8QU Telephone number N/A

Where the licence is time limited the dates N/A

Licensable activities authorised by the licence	
(a) Play:	Yes
(b) Films:	Yes
(e) Live Music:	Yes
(f) Recorded Music:	Yes
(h) Anything of a similar description to	Yes
that falling within (e), (f) or (g):	
Supply of Alcohol	Yes

The times the licence authorises the carrying out of licensable activities	
(a) Play:	
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(h) Anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g):	
Monday to Sunday Supply of Alcohol (ON):	10:00 – 23:00
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The opening hours of the premises

Monday to Sunday 10:00 – 23:00

Where the licence authorises supplies of alcohol whether these are on and/or off supplies:

ON the premises ONLY

Part 2

Name, (registered) address of holder of premises licence

Babylon Park UK Play & Entertainment Ltd Office, C1-3 8-10 Castlehaven Road London NW1 8QU

Registered number of holder, for example company number, charity number (where applicable)

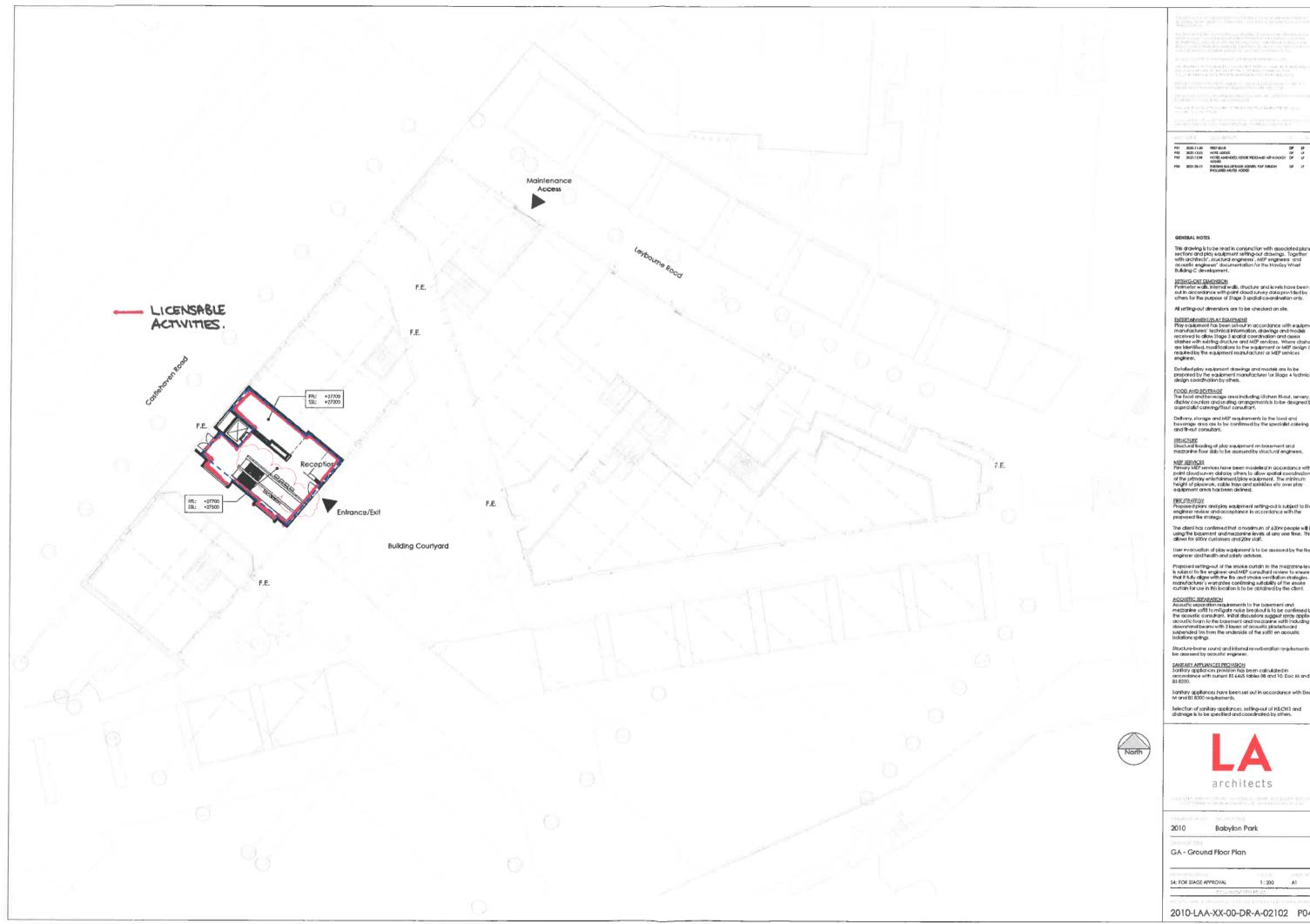
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Name of designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises the supply of alcohol

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State whether access to the premises by children is restricted or prohibited

N/A



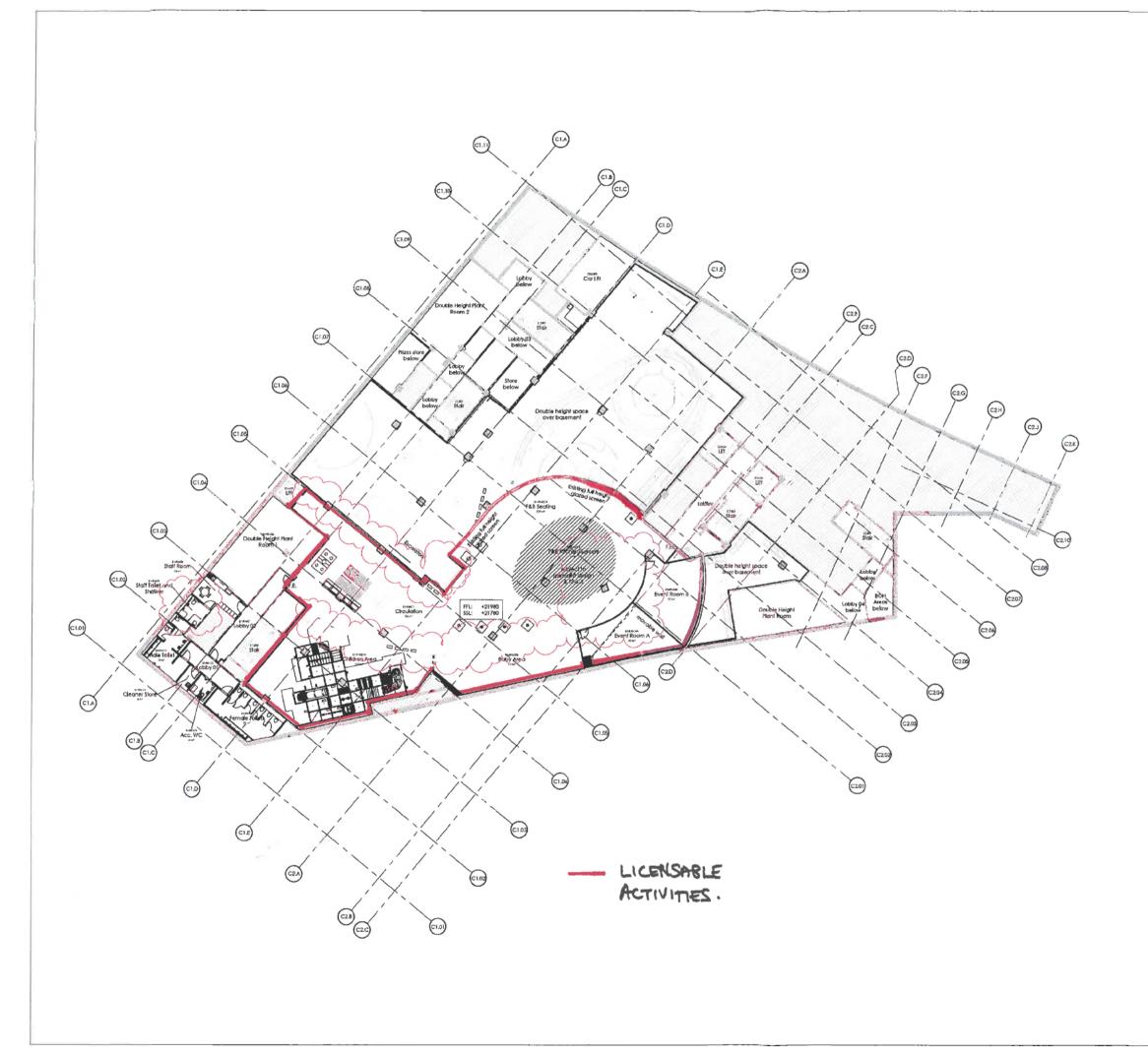
Appendix 3

This drawing is to be read in conjunction with associated plaza, sections and play equipment setting-out drawings. Together with achitectif, sturchard engineers. MEP engineers and acoustic engineers' documentation for the Howley What Building C development. SETING-OUT DIMENSION Perimeter walks internal walks structure and levels have been set out in accordance with point cloud survey data provided by others for the purpose of Stage 3 spatial co-ordination only. All setting-out dimensions are to be checked on site. The sentequeue carefunctions are to be checked on site. ENERTIANMENTIPLAY EQUIPMENT May realignment has been selved in accordance with easignment rear have a selved in accordance with easignment rear have a basis of the selved in accordance and the careful of the daily at the selved and the selved and careful of the selved in a selved and the selved as realized by the easignment or MEP design are readined by the easignment or MEP design are readined by the easignment manufacturer or MEP services engineer. Dotalled play equipment drawings and models are to be prepared by the equipment manufacturer for Stage 4 technical design coardination by others. FOCID AND BEVERAGE The food and beverage area inducting Litchen B-out, servery, display coursels and sealing arrangements is to be designed by aspecialist catering/flout consultant. Delivery, storage and MEP requirements to the food and beverage area are to be confirmed by the specialist catering and fit-out consultant. <u>STRUCTURE</u> Structural leading of play equipment on basement and mezzanine floor slab to be assessed by structural engineers, MEP SEVICES Primary MEP services have been modelled in accordance with point doubt unver datatay offens to allow gotial coordination of the primary entertainment/play eavignment. The minimum height of pipowork, coble trays and sprikkes etc over play agrigment areas has been defined. <u>PRESTRATEON</u> Proposed plans and play equipment setting-out is subject to fire engineer review and acceptance in accordance with the proposed life strategy. The client has confirmed that a maximum of 620m people will be using the basement and mezzenine levels of any one time. This allows for 600m customers and 20m staff. User evocuation of play equipment is to be assessed by the fire engineer and health and safety advisors. Proposed setting-out of the smoke cutcle to the mezzenine level is ubject to the engineer and MEE consultant review to ensure that it fully dignee with the level and timoke versibilition strategies. A manufacture's warrantee confirming suitability of the smake cutchin for use in this location is to be obtained by the client. Accustic separation Accustic separation requirements to the basement and metaraine scaling on might be observed by the observed part the accustic consultant. Initial discussions suggest prory applied accustic form to the basement and mezaratine softil including downtrand beams with 2 loyer of accustic plastetocard supported in from the underside of the softil on accustic isolations splings. Structure-borne sound and internal reverberation requirements to be assessed by acoustic engineer. SANIFARY APPLIANCES PROVISION Sanifary applicances provision has been calculated in accordance with sument 85 6465 tables 08 and 10, Doc M and 85 8500. Sanitary appliances have been set out in occordance with Doc. M and BS 8300 requirements. Selection of sanilary appliances, setting-out of H&CWS and drainage is to be specified and coordinated by others. architects Babylon Park GA - Ground Floor Plan 54: FOR STAGE APPROVAL 1:200 A1 2010-LAA-XX-00-DR-A-02102 P04

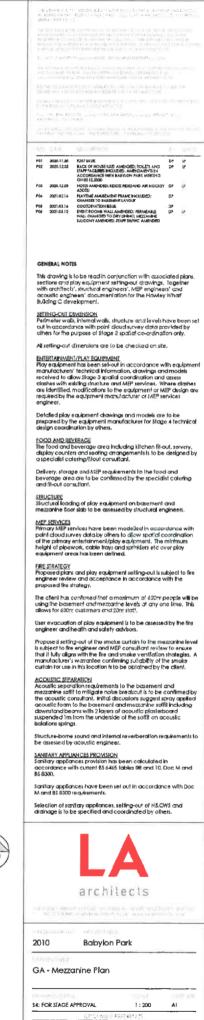








Appendix 3



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TOTAL POLICING

Camden Licensing Authority

Town Hall Extension Argyle St London

WC1H 8EQ

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Telephone:

Email:

Your ref: NEW\128541

Dear Sir/Madam

RE: Application NEW\ 128541

Babylon Park, 8 Castlehaven Road, NW1 8QU

With reference to the above Application, the **Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) wishes to <u>make a</u> <u>Representation.</u>**

The MPS believe that this application poses a risk and will undermine the licensing objectives, primarily the prevention of crime and disorder.

The above venue is in relation to play and entertainment venue filled with rides, games and advertises family fun for all ages.

This venue currently sits within the CIZ, an area of Camden Town that has been identified to suffer from a disproportionate level of crime due to the density of licensed venues.

Main Request:

The applicant has requested the removal of the following conditions:

36. Alcohol will only be consumed by persons in the Events Rooms identified on the Annex 4 plan. Consumption of alcohol is not permitted anywhere else on the premises.

37. A minimum of one SIA door supervisor will be employed every Friday and Saturday from 2000 until the premises close

39. The sale of alcohol will only be to persons who are attending a prebooked function in one of the Event Rooms identified on the Annex 4 plan and will be ancillary to a substantial meal.

41. No alcoholic shots to be provided

42. A minimum of one SIA door supervisor shall be employed at the premises whenever alcohol is sold until 30 minutes after the sale of alcohol ceases to ensure all patrons are dispersed peacefully from the area.

The applicant has not suggested that these conditions be reworked in any way, just that they are removed in their entirety.

The MPS believe that the removal of these conditions will go against what this venue and licence was originally intended to be.

It would mean that this licence becomes more of an alcohol lead establishment, with the additional suggestion to remove SIA it would become a much riskier style of venue and it will likely add to the crime statistics in the area.

From 2024 up until now there is only 1 crime report known to be recorded against this venue, and the MPS believe that this is a testament to the current operation and a good example of how essential these types of condition are when promoting the licensing objectives, in this instance the *prevention of crime and disorder*.

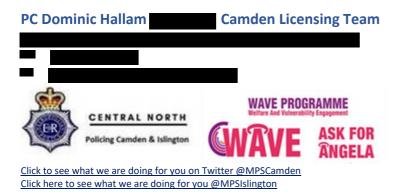
Any hearing held as a result of this letter of representation may be provided with up to date and more in depth statistics.

Conclusion:

The MPS believe that these conditions are essential in maintaining a safe venue, any attempt to disrupt the current schedule is likely to result in an increase in crime being generated due to the increase in alcohol consumption and a lack of security presence.

The MPS recommend and request that this application is rejected in its entirety.

Yours sincerely,



Appendix 4

Date: Application Reference: Direct Phone Number: Contact: E-mail: 14/06/2025

APP\PREM-VARY/128541

Steven Dormer

Please quote our reference in any correspondence

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Licensing Act 2003 – SECTION 34 RE: Babylon Park 8 Castlehaven Road NW1 8QU

LICENSING AUTHORITY REPRESENTATION

This representation is made by the Licensing Authority, and it relates to the following: -

Cumulative Impact Area

The Premises and Summary of Application

The application by John Gaunt & Partners to vary the premises licence for Babylon Park PREM-LIC\106057. The application seeks to remove the following conditions.

36. Alcohol will only be consumed by persons in the Events Rooms identified on the Annex 4 plan. Consumption of alcohol is not permitted anywhere else on the premises.

37. A minimum of one SIA door supervisor will be employed every Friday and Saturday from 2000 until the premises close

39. The sale of alcohol will only be to persons who are attending a prebooked function in one of the Event Rooms identified on the Annex 4 plan and will be ancillary to a substantial meal.

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42. A minimum of one SIA door supervisor shall be employed at the premises whenever alcohol is sold until 30 minutes after the sale of alcohol ceases to ensure all patrons are dispersed peacefully from the area.

Volunteered conditions in the operating schedule.

Framework Hours – Pages 36 of The Licensing Policy

The application does breach Camden's adopted policy on Framework Hours.

For licences not including the sale or supply of alcohol:

Monday to Thursday 09:00 am until 11:30 pm Friday and Saturday 09:00 am until midnight Sunday 09:00 am until 10:30 pm

Cumulative Impact Areas

The venue is situated in a Cumulative Impact Area of the London Borough of Camden. This is in breach of 6.9 of the adopted policy on Camden Town Cumulative Impact Area.

Conclusion

There are currently 42 conditions on the licence and with some additional measures will uphold the Licensing objectives. The Licensing Authority carried out a Pre App visit to the venue. Supply of alcohol is not the primary use of the venue. The main purpose of the venue is to provide Carnival rides and games for the public.

The Licence Holder may wish to adopt measures to support the Licensing Objectives. Camden is committed to the safety of Women within Licence premises especially within the nighttime economy. Please see below the following measure the venue may wish to adopt.

a. Let's Communicate – Staff need to feel comfortable to speak up and approach colleagues and management about any form of harassment that they may witness or be subjected to themselves and know the processes available to them to express their views and concerns.

b. Supporting Each Other – Ensure that you and your staff are aware of the various support campaigns available such as Ask Angela and that these are clearly displayed around your venue.

c. Training for All – Staff training on how to report any issues, what to say and do should they witness or be subject to harassment and how to identify harassment and those who may be vulnerable, make them aware of your internal policies.

Staff should be familiar with local public transport links and last times for buses, tubes and trains.

The licensee should provide information on public transport on any website and promotional literature to enable customers to plan their journey home

The venue however is situated in a Cumulative Impact Area. A representation is required to be submitted by the Licensing Authority.

It would be down to the elected members should they wish to depart from two policy considerations on Cumulative Impact on the granting of this licence application.

Yours sincerely



Steven Dormer - Licensing Officer

Section 1: Background comments of the Borough Solicitor

- 1.1 The purpose of Camden's Statement of Licensing Policy is to make it clear to applicants that wider considerations will be taken into account when determining applications. It is intended to guide the Licensing Panel when considering licence applications. However, the Licensing Panel must always consider each application on its own merits and allow exceptions to the normal policy where the circumstances of the application justify allowing an exception. The burden is on the applicant to show that they comply with the policy.
- 1.2 Members should only address those matters that have formed the subject matter of relevant representations. Matters that arise that are not the subject of relevant representations fall outside the function that the Panel is exercising when it holds a hearing
- 1.3 Members must determine, having regard for the evidence, whether granting the application for a premises licence will impact adversely on the policy criteria listed in paragraph 3 of this report.
- 1.4 In accordance with the provisions of Part 1 of Schedule 5 of the Act, where a Licensing Authority rejects in whole or in part, an application for a new premises licence, the applicant may appeal against the decision, to a magistrate's court within 21 days of being notified of the decision.
- 1.5 Similarly, where a person who made relevant representations in relation to the application contends that the licence ought not to have been granted, or that different or additional conditions should have been imposed on the licence, he may appeal against the decision to a magistrate's court within 21 days of being notified of the decision.
- 1.6 **The Human Rights Act 1998** incorporates the key articles of the European Convention on Human Rights into domestic law. Decisions on licensing matters are actions of a public authority and must be compatible with Convention rights. Consequently, Members of the Panel must be aware of the rights contained in the Convention (particularly those set out below) when making licensing decisions.

(a) Article 6: Right to a fair trial

In the determination of his civil rights and obligations, everyone is entitled to a fair and public hearing within a reasonable time by an independent and impartial tribunal established by law.

(b) Article 8: Right to respect for private and family life

Everyone has a right to respect for his or her private life, his home and correspondence.

(c) Article 1 of the First Protocol: Protection of property

Every natural or legal person is entitled to the peaceful enjoyment of his possessions, including a licence. No one shall be deprived of his possession except in the public interest and subject to the conditions provided for by law and by the general principles of international law.

(d) Article 10: Freedom of Expression

Everyone has the right to freedom of expression. This right shall include freedom to hold opinions and to receive and impart information and ideas without interference by public authority and regardless of frontiers. This Article shall not prevent States from requiring the licensing of broadcasting, television or cinema enterprises.

The exercise of these freedoms since it carries with it duties and responsibilities may be subject to such formalities, conditions, restrictions or penalties as are prescribed by law and are necessary in a democratic society, in the interests of national security, territorial integrity or public safety, for the prevention of disorder or crime, for the protection of health and morals, for the protection of the reputation or rights of others, for preventing the disclosure of information received in confidence, or for maintaining the authority and impartiality of the judiciary.

(e) Article 14: Prohibition of discrimination

The enjoyment of the rights and freedoms set forth in this Convention shall be secured without discrimination on any ground such as sex, race, colour, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, association with a national minority, property, birth, or other status.

1.7 When formulating policy local authorities must have regard to the **Equality Act 2010**. The Act provides protection from discrimination in respect of certain protected characteristics, namely: age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or beliefs and sex and sexual orientation. It places the Council under a legal duty to have due regard to the advancement of equality in the exercise of its powers including licensing powers. Members of the panel must be mindful of this duty when determining all licensing applications.

The section 149 Public Sector Equality Duty

- (1) A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to—
- (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;
- (b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
- (c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

(2) A person who is not a public authority but who exercises public functions must, in the exercise of those functions, have due regard to the matters mentioned in subsection (1).

(3) Having due regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to—

(a) remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;

(b) take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;

(c) encourage persons who share a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

(4) The steps involved in meeting the needs of disabled persons that are different from the needs of persons who are not disabled include, in particular, steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities.

(5) Having due regard to the need to foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to—

- (a) tackle prejudice, and
- (b) promote understanding.

(6) Compliance with the duties in this section may involve treating some persons more favourably than others; but that is not to be taken as permitting conduct that would otherwise be prohibited by or under this Act.

- 1.8 In determining any application, the Council must comply with the public sector equality duty in s.149 of the 2010 Act. This is a duty to have regard to the need to achieve the statutory goals of s.149, rather than to achieve a particular result. The s149 duty sits alongside and does not override statutory requirements in relation to determining licensing applications, including the duty to consider all evidence on its merits and the legislative criteria listed at paragraphs 3 & 4.
- 1.9 When members have before them representations or other material on issues relevant to s149, even outside the scope of "standard" licensing considerations such material must still be specifically assessed in the context of s149. However, because s149 creates a requirement to "have regard" the fact a matter raised is relevant to s149 will not automatically translate into a reason for refusing an application that would be sustainable in any subsequent appeal, given the legal requirement to determine applications in compliance with licensing legislation.

Section 2: Financial Comments

2.1 Following consideration there are no financial implications concerning this application. The Executive Director Corporate Services has been consulted in the preparation of this report and has no further comments to add.