

## **THE LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN**

At a hearing of **LICENSING PANEL B** held on **THURSDAY, 16TH APRIL, 2026** at 7.00 pm, which was held remotely via Microsoft Teams.

### **MEMBERS OF THE PANEL PRESENT**

Councillors Steve Adams, Joseph Ball and Patricia Leman.

### **MEMBERS OF THE PANEL ABSENT**

Councillors Lorna Greenwood and Jenny Headlam-Wells

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### **MINUTES**

#### **11. ELECTION OF CHAIR**

As apologies had been received from the Chair of Licensing Panel B, an election of Chair for this meeting only was carried out.

#### **RESOLVED –**

THAT Councillor Joseph Ball be elected Chair of Licensing Panel B for this meeting only

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

#### **RESOLVED –**

THAT the guidance on remote meetings be noted.

#### **2. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lorna Greenwood and Jenny Headlam-Wells. Councillors Joseph Ball and Patricia Leman attended the meeting 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**

There were no such declarations.

**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.

**Supplementary Agenda**

The Chair also announced that a supplementary agenda had been published, which contained documents regarding Agenda Item 7 in respect of the application for Edinboro Castle.

**Late Papers**

The Chair announced that late papers had been received and circulated regarding Agenda Item 7 in respect of the application for Edinboro Castle.

**Agenda Item 9 Withdrawn**

The application listed under Agenda Item 9, Ranya Shisha Vape, was withdrawn ahead of the meeting and would therefore not be considered by the Panel.

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

There was no notification of urgent business.

**6. MINUTES**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the previous meeting.

**RESOLVED –**

That the Minutes for the meeting that took place on 12 February 2026 be agreed and signed as an accurate record.

**7. EDINBORO CASTLE, 57 MORNINGTON TERRACE, LONDON, NW1 7RU**

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Director Supporting Communities detailing an application to vary a premises licence under section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003.

The Licensing Officer took the Panel through the report advising that the premises were currently licensed for the supply of alcohol for consumption on and off the premises which was omitted from the report. The application was to vary the layout of the premises in accordance with the plans submitted by the applicant. All licensable activities, permitted hours and opening hours were to remain as stated in the existing licence.

Lisa Sharkey, representing the applicant, confirmed that there were no amendments to the application.

As the representation from Environmental Health had been withdrawn, the Panel heard from the Interested Parties.

David Auger and Emily Windsor highlighted the points made in their written submissions. They claimed that:

- The reconfigured garden layout would increase noise and reduce sound screening.
- The changes would intensify use of the space, including a more “sports bar”-type environment.
- There was a history of ongoing noise disturbance, which would likely be worsened.
- The application represented a material change in use, and proposed conditions were insufficient to mitigate impact

In response to questions of clarity from the Panel, David Auger said that they had come close to requesting a licence review on a number of occasions regarding concerns residents had about public nuisance caused by the premises and had been told by the Licensing Team that as the premises had applied for a variation, there would be an opportunity for them to comment.

The Applicant’s representative then presented the application.

- The works to the garden were structural in nature, undertaken following professional advice due to subsidence and safety concerns, supported by photographic evidence of cracking and instability.
- The variation was required to standardise the layout following those works and did not increase capacity, licensable area, hours, or activities.
- The application should be considered strictly within the scope of a variation, and not as a proxy for a review of the premises licence.
- The physical changes (including steps and reconfiguration) did not, in themselves, give rise to increased public nuisance.

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- Conditions had been proactively offered to address concerns raised by residents, including management of the garden and dispersal arrangements.
- Additional management measures were in place or proposed, including:
  - increased staff supervision during peak periods
  - implementation of a dispersal policy
  - control of customer movement and behaviour outside the premises
- There would be no amplified sound in the garden, and any entertainment would remain controlled.
- Televisions in the garden would not involve external speakers and therefore would not materially contribute to noise nuisance.

Further it was emphasised that:

- The licensing test under the Licensing Act 2003 was whether the variation would adversely impact the licensing objectives
- The representations made by residents largely related to historic and ongoing issues, rather than the specific impact of the proposed variation

In response to questions from Members, the Applicant's representative clarified:

- The purpose and effect of the physical changes to the garden, including the introduction of steps and revised seating arrangements.
- That capacity was not being increased, and fire safety considerations did not alter the licensed use.
- That management presence would be enhanced during busy periods.
- That dispersal of customers would be actively managed to minimise disturbance.

During Member questioning, the Panel explored whether the premises had appropriate measures in place to support women's safety. The Applicant confirmed that Management staff had undertaken training relating to violence against women and girls, the premises operated initiatives such as "Ask for Angela" and that Safeguarding awareness had been incorporated into staff training and management practices

The Applicant also indicated a willingness to further develop and formalise these measures, including reviewing policies if required by the Panel

David Auger and Emily Windsor made some brief closing remarks.

Lisa Sharkey for the Applicant then made some brief closing remarks.

### **Decision and reasons**

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

In deliberation, the Panel distinguished between the application before it, namely a variation to the layout of the premises, and the wider concerns raised regarding the historical operation of the premises. The Panel noted that, under the Licensing Act

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2003, it must determine the application based on its likely impact on the licensing objectives.

Members welcomed the Applicant's commitment to women's safety measures, including staff training and participation in recognised initiatives, and considered that the promotion of public safety would be supported by formalising these arrangements through conditions.

The Panel observed that the application did not seek to extend hours, increase capacity or introduce new licensable activities, and that there were no Responsible Authorities objections following the agreement of conditions. While the Panel acknowledged the strength of residents' concerns regarding noise and public nuisance, they considered that much of the evidence related to the historical or existing operation of the premises rather than the proposed variation.

The Panel therefore focused on whether the changes to the garden layout would materially increase noise or nuisance. Having considered the submissions and the conditions proposed, the Panel was satisfied that any potential impacts could be appropriately mitigated.

Accordingly, the Panel concluded that there was insufficient evidence that the variation would, in itself, lead to a significant increase in public nuisance, and that the conditions imposed would provide proportionate safeguards. The Panel also noted that a review of the premises licence remains available should concerns persist

**RESOLVED –**

i) THAT the application to vary the premises licence be granted, subject to addition of conditions agreed with the Environmental Health Responsible Authority:

- 1) A CCTV system with recording equipment shall be installed and maintained at the premises. All recordings used in conjunction with CCTV shall:
  - a) Be of evidential quality in all lighting conditions;
  - b) Indicate the correct time and date;
  - c) Be retained for a period of 31 days.

Duty Managers (or sufficient staff) must be trained to use the system and recorded images must be available for inspection and downloading immediately upon reasonable request to officers of the Responsible Authorities as defined by the Licensing Act 2003. All images downloaded from the CCTV system must be provided in a format that can be viewed on readily available equipment without the need for specialist software.

- 2) The use of door staff at the premises shall be considered based upon risk assessment.

- 3) When employed, all door supervisors will correctly display their SIA licence so as to be visible when on duty at the premises.

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- 4) Notices shall be prominently displayed at all exits requesting patrons to respect the needs of local residents and businesses and leave the area quietly.
- 5) A direct telephone number for the Duty Manager at the premises shall be publicly available at all times the premises is open. This telephone number and/or email is to be made available to residents and businesses in the vicinity.
- 6) A Challenge 21 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, or government-approved digital ID.
- 7) An incident log shall be kept at the premises and made available on request to an authorised officer of the 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
  - 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 visit by a relevant authority or emergency service

**External Garden Hours**

- 8) The external garden and seating area shall not be used by customers after 22:00 hours, save for the purpose of access and egress from the premises, and for the smoking detailed in Condition 12 below. After 22:00 hours the area shall be closed to use and physically restricted by means of barriers, roping, or other suitable demarcation.

**Capacity of External Areas**

- 9) The number of persons permitted in the external seating area will be governed by the capacity level stated in the Fire Risk Assessment.

**External Area Management and Dispersal Plan**

- 10) An External Area Management and Dispersal Plan shall be maintained and implemented. The plan shall include measures for supervision, noise control, customer behaviour, dispersal, and the management of smokers, and shall be made available to authorised officers upon request. A copy of the Plan shall be made readily available at the premises for inspection by a police officer and/or an authorised officer of Camden Council.

**Solid Fuel Appliances**

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11) No solid fuel or wood burning appliances, including wood fired or similar equipment, shall be installed or operated in the external areas of the premises.

**Smoking Area Supervision**

12) After 22:00 hours, any customers wishing to smoke shall use the designated smoking area only for that purpose and shall not take drinks with them. The area shall be actively supervised by staff to ensure customers do not congregate, cause nuisance, or create excessive noise.

**Amplified Sound**

13) Except for sound from televisions, acoustic and background music, no amplified sound, including that from speakers, or other audio equipment, shall be played in any external area of the premises at any time. Any internal and external amplified sound shall be controlled so as not to cause nuisance to nearby residents.

ii) THAT the following conditions being added:

- A gradual dispersal of the garden shall take place from 21:00 hours, with staff encouraging customers to move inside or leave quietly.
- All windows and external doors facing directly onto Mornington Terrace shall be kept closed after 21:00 hours, or at any time when regulated entertainment takes place, except for the immediate access and egress of persons.

**8. 7 DAY LOCAL, 67A CAMDEN HIGH STREET, NW1 7JL**

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.

The Licensing Officer introduced the application for a new premises licence. The Panel noted that relevant representations had been received, including from the Metropolitan Police, raising concerns in relation to the prevention of crime and disorder and the prevention of public nuisance.

Osin Daly, representing the applicant, confirmed that there were no amendments to the application.

PC Christopher Malone highlighted the points made in their submission.

Katherine Gemmel of TRACT, an interested party, highlighted the points made in their submission.

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The Applicant's representative then presented the application:

- The Applicant was willing to accept all conditions proposed by the Metropolitan Police.
- They offered to reduce the proposed licensing hours to 10:00 to 22:00.
- Proposed measures to limit the availability and visibility of alcohol, including:
  - restricting the proportion of shelf space used for alcohol display
  - locating chilled alcohol behind the counter
  - ensuring alcohol would not be readily accessible without staff supervision
- These measures were intended to reduce the risk of street drinking and anti-social behaviour.
- Confirmed that issues identified by the Responsible Authorities (including the presence of certain items on the premises) had been rectified and would not recur.
- Explained that previous issues had arisen through a lack of knowledge rather than intention
- Confirmed that they were in the process of obtaining the appropriate personal licence
- Indicated that staff would undertake relevant training to ensure compliance with licensing requirements
- Expressed a willingness to engage positively with Responsible Authorities and the local community.

All parties then made brief closing remarks.

### **Decision and reasons**

In deliberation, the Panel had regard to its duties under the Licensing Act 2003 and the need to promote the licensing objectives. The Panel gave significant weight to the representations of the Metropolitan Police and the concerns raised regarding crime and disorder and public nuisance.

The Panel was not satisfied that the Applicant had demonstrated sufficient understanding of their licensing obligations and responsibilities or that the proposed conditions would adequately mitigate the risks identified. The Panel therefore concluded that granting the licence would undermine the licensing objective of prevention of crime and disorder and the prevention of public nuisance.

### **RESOLVED –**

THAT the application be refused.

### **9. RANYA SHISHA VAPE, 75 CAMDEN HIGH STREET, LONDON, NW1 7JL**

This application had been withdrawn and so was not considered at the meeting

### **10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DECIDES TO TAKE AS**

**URGENT**

There was none.

The hearing ended at 8.45 pm.

**CHAIR**

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**MINUTES END**