

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE D

TUESDAY 3 MARCH 2026

<b>Councillors Present:</b>	Cllr Richard Lufkin in the Chair
	Cllr Sharon Patrick and Cllr Anya Sizer
<b>Officers in Attendance:</b>	Amanda Nauth, Licensing Lawyer Gareth Sykes, Governance Officer Suba Sriramana, Principal Licensing Officer (acting)
<b>Also in Attendance:</b>	<p><u>Agenda item 6: Application for a Betting (other than track) Premises Licence: Jenningsbet, 157 Stoke Newington High Street, London N16 0NY</u></p> <p><u>Applicant:</u></p> <p>Solicitor - Andrew Woods Applicant - Peter Jowett</p> <p><u>Agenda Item 7: Temporary Event Notice: Counter Notice: Sevente, 283 Hackney Road, London, E2 8NA</u></p> <p><u>Applicant</u></p> <p>Environmental Protection, Khadine Jackson</p> <p><u>Premises Licence User</u></p> <p>Higgo Andrew</p> <p><u>Agenda Item 7: Temporary Event Notice: Counter Notice: (Basement) 75 Kingsland High Street, London E8 2PB</u></p> <p><u>Applicant</u></p> <p>Environmental Protection, Khadine Jackson</p> <p><u>Premises Licence User</u></p> <p>James Alexandrou Miss LJ Williams</p>

### 1 Election of Chair

- 1.1 Councillor Richard Lufkin was elected as the Chair of the meeting.

## **2 Apologies for Absence**

2.1 None.

## **3 Declarations of Interest - Members to declare as appropriate**

3.1 None.

## **4 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

4.1 No minutes were submitted for consideration at the meeting.

## **5 Licensing Sub-Committee Hearing Procedure**

5.1 The meeting participants noted the hearing procedure.

## **6 Application for a Betting (other than track) Premises Licence: Jenningsbet, 157 Stoke Newington High Street, London N16 0NY**

6.1 The Principal Licencing Officer (Acting) introduced an application for a Betting (other than track) for a premises licence Application Jenningsbet, 157 Stoke Newington High Street, London N16 0NY. An observation had been received from the Licencing Authority and representations had been received from four other persons.

6.2 During a discussion on the application a number of points were raised including the following;

- Sub-Committee members raised concerns about the application due to increased addiction and three existing gambling premises within 800 meters. The Legal Officer advised that limited weight could be given to cumulative impact, as it relates more to the Licensing Act 2003 than the Gambling Act;
- The applicant's Solicitor confirmed that Jennings Bet would liaise with local police regarding Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and with other local services on issues like preventing children from congregating near the premises.

6.3 In closing, the applicant's Solicitor reiterated his client's commitment to being a responsible operator who would always promote the licensing objectives and local policy.

### **The decision**

The Licensing Sub-Committee in considering this decision from the information presented to it within the report and at the hearing has determined that having regard to the promotion of all the licensing objectives in accordance with the Gambling Act 2005:

- 2 Preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder or being used to support crime
- 3 Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way

- 4 Protecting children and other vulnerable people from being harmed or exploited by gambling.

The application for a premises licence has been approved in accordance with the relevant codes of practice, the guidance issued by the Gambling Commission, the licensing objectives and the Council's Statement of Gambling Policy.

### **Reasons for the decision**

The application for the premises licence has been approved, as members of the Licensing Sub-Committee were satisfied that the licensing objectives would not be undermined.

The Sub-Committee took into consideration that there were no representations from the Responsible Authorities including the Metropolitan Police and that the Licensing Authority only made an observation.

The Sub-Committee took into consideration that there were four interested parties who made written representations due to their concerns about the number of betting shops in the area, the impact on the area and concerns about anti-social behaviour.

The Sub-Committee heard the Applicant's representative make representations that the Applicant is a very experienced operator and has been in the industry for 25 years with a number of premises nationwide. They provide staff training and regularly review their procedures and policies. The last review took place in 2025.

The Sub-Committee took into account that this premises had previously operated as a Ladbrokes until 2024. The Applicant's representative contended that the number of betting shops in the area was not relevant to the licensing objectives.

The Sub-Committee heard that the Applicant take their responsibilities under the Gambling Act 2005 extremely seriously, and have in place all necessary staff training and policies and procedures to ensure that the licensing objectives are not undermined. The Applicant's representative contended that none of the representations refer to any evidence that this particular premises has been the cause of crime and disorder. The Applicant's representative highlighted that no enforcement action has been brought against the Applicant. The Applicant would not allow loitering at the premises. If there was any issue the matter would be reported to the Gambling Commission. The Applicant agreed to work with the Police to prevent crime and disorder in the area.

The Sub-Committee having considered the representations from the Applicant's representative and the written representations of the Interested Parties, and having considered the statutory requirement under section 153 Gambling Act 2005 they felt satisfied that all the requirements were met. They felt that the Applicant demonstrated they were a responsible and an experienced operator who would uphold the licensing objectives. They also felt that the proposed conditions on the licence would mitigate any negative impact which the application would have on the area.

The Sub-Committee took into consideration that the cumulative impact could not be taken into account under the Gambling Act 2005. The Sub-Committee noted that the cumulative impact is relevant to licences under the Licensing Act 2003.

Having taken all of the above factors into consideration the Sub-Committee was satisfied that the licensing objectives would not be undermined by granting this application.

## **Public Informative**

The Licensing Sub-Committee was concerned about the number of bookmakers in the area.

### **7 Temporary Event Notices - Standing Item**

The meeting participants noted the hearing procedure type E for this section of the hearing.

Temporary Event Notice: Counter Notice: Sevente, 283 Hackney Road, London, E2 8NA

- 7.1 The Principal Licensing Officer introduced an Environmental Protection objection to a Temporary Event Notice (TEN) for an event at 283 Hackney Road (21/03/2026 23:00 to 22/03/2026 01:30). The Environmental Health Officer cited multiple sustained noise complaints, four statutory nuisances, a successful prosecution last December, and ongoing recent complaints (Jan 9th). They opposed the TEN until noise issues were resolved, noting no proof of promised insulation. The applicant attributed noise to sound leakage in a dilapidated building, not exceeding decibel limits, and claimed to have spent £25,000 on acoustic panelling pre-empting a court order. They disputed the Jan 9th complaint as the venue was closed, and expressed difficulty agreeing on clear decibel limits with Environmental Protection.
- 7.2 One complaint was recorded on January 9, 2026, though an Environmental Protection officer was unable to visit and confirm it.
- 7.3 The applicant confirmed the soundproofing work included acoustic panels and a new sound system plugged into a decibel meter. They added that they had never been asked to submit documentation for the work to Environmental Protection, despite having invoices, photos, and a report from the London Soundproofing Company.
- 7.4 The Environmental Protection officer explained that soundproofing a ceiling sometimes helped, but flanking transmission through the walls remains a problem in adjoining residential properties, emphasising that the sound insulation must be installed correctly. The Sub-Committee members concluded that the committee needed proof or reassurance that the work was effective, urging the applicant and Environmental Protection to work together, as the necessary proof was currently absent

7.5 In closing, the applicant expressed willingness to collaborate and to reach a resolution. They suggested they could forgo the current TEN if it meant establishing a working relationship with Environmental Protection.

### **The decision**

The Licensing Sub-Committee, in considering this decision from the information presented to it within the report and at the hearing, has determined that having regard to the promotion of the licensing objectives:

- 5 The prevention of crime and disorder;
- 6 Public safety;
- 7 Prevention of public nuisance; and
- 8 The protection of children from harm

And in particular upon consideration of the objection notice given by the Environmental Protection Service is satisfied that the proposed events would undermine the licensing objectives. Therefore, the Sub-Committee has served a counter notice.

### **Reasons for the decision**

The Licensing Sub-Committee took into consideration the objection received from the Environmental Protection Service to the Temporary Event Notice for the period on 21/03/2026 from 23:00 finishing on 22/03/2026 at 01:30.

The Sub-Committee took into account the objection from the Environmental Protection Service on the grounds of prevention of public nuisance. The Sub-Committee took into consideration the Environmental Protection Service previously objected to a Temporary Event Notice on 24/10/2025.

The Sub-Committee took into consideration the Environmental Protection Service has continued to receive complaints from nearby residents alleging disturbances from loud music and patrons outside the premises. The Sub-Committee noted that the latest complaint was received on 09/01/2026 at 01:01. The Environmental Protection Service has previously served an Abatement Notice under section 80 Environmental Protection Act 1990 on the Director(s) of the Company.

The Sub-Committee heard that on 08/11/2025 at 22:29 and on 22/11/2025 at 23:00 Environmental Protection officers allege to have witnessed a breach of the Abatement Notice. A warning letter was sent to the Company Secretary and the Designated Premises Supervisor informing them of the proposed enforcement action.

The Sub-Committee heard that the Environmental Protection Service maintained their objection to this temporary event because of their concern that noise nuisance from the premises would cause further distress to local residents, especially given the history of noise complaints, and the statutory noise nuisance that was witnessed at the premises.

The Sub-Committee heard that the Environmental Protection Service has not received a proposed scheme of works or any data verifying the performance of the insulation. The Sub-Committee took into account that the Environmental Protection Service would like to see evidence of full compliance with the noise conditions listed on the

premises licence. The Sub-Committee noted the Environmental Protection Service has concerns with the addition of regulated entertainment the proposed event could amount to a further statutory noise nuisance which would undermine the licensing objectives.

The Sub-Committee took into consideration the Premises Users representations and measures to prevent noise nuisance.

The Sub-Committee felt that there were no adequate measures in place to protect residents from noise nuisance. The Sub-Committee felt there were no reassurances from the Premises User that the noise problems would not reoccur.

The Sub-Committee felt that this event could not be authorised until the Premises User has installed sound proofing to the satisfaction of the Environmental Protection Service.

The Sub-Committee felt the Environmental Protection Service evidence was very strong. The Sub-Committee therefore considered that allowing this event to take place would undermine the licensing objectives. The Sub-Committee decided that it was necessary and proportionate to issue a counter notice.

Temporary Event Notice: Counter Notice (Basement) 75 Kingsland High Street, London E8 2PB

- 7.6 The Principal Licensing Officer (acting) introduced a counter notice from the Council's Environmental Protection team objecting to a Temporary Event Notice (TEN) for 07/03/2026 (19:00) to 08/03/2026 (03:00) at the premises. The Environmental Protection officer cited two statutory noise nuisances from previous TENs and explained that the premises, an old Victorian-type basement with residential properties above, was physically unsuitable for loud, music-led events without significant acoustic modifications..
- 7.7 The applicant stated the space had been a rehearsal studio for eight years without noise complaints, but conceded late-night amplified DJ music posed a greater acoustic challenge. Acknowledging the need for further technical assessment and mitigation, the applicant withdrew the TEN application for March 7th and 8th. The applicant committed to no further TENs for amplified late-night DJ music until proper mitigation is implemented and all parties agree.
- 7.8 The Sub-Committee Chair commended the applicant for the responsible action of withdrawing the application to focus on resolving the issue with Environmental Health. The Sub-Committee members suggested that when the applicant reapplied for a TEN, they should consider incrementally extending the hours, rather than immediately requesting a 3:00am license to build trust.

**Resolved:**

The premises licence holder formally withdrew their TEN application to address structural noise suitability issues.

**Duration of the meeting:** 2.00pm - 3.06pm

END OF MEETING

Chair of the Licensing Sub-Committee D meeting, Councillor Richard Lufkin.

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