

Licensing Sub Committee



Tuesday, 1 June 2021 at 5.30 p.m.

Committee Room One - Town Hall Mulberry Place

Supplemental Agenda

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Crispin Place, London E1 6DW**

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Place Directorate Public Realm

Licensing Authority
John Onslow House
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E3 5EQ

Email: Licensing@towerhamlets.gov.uk

27th May 2021

My reference: LIC/135429/CH

Dear Sir/Madam,

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Licensing Act 2003

New premises licence application: Players Social, 1 Crispin Place, London,
E1 6DW

Since submitting my representation on 12th February 2021 it has come to my attention from the police licensing officers that on Saturday 22nd May 2021 at approx. 20:21 hours police were called to Players Social, 1 Crispin Place as a result of a large fight being in progress.

I was informed that the first units on scene were confronted with large scale disorder with 100+ people congregated, some were fighting and others were watching the incident. Officers had to call for further back up. Whilst providing first aid to a male, who had a facial injury, a female police officer was kicked in the face by a suspect and immediately had bottles thrown in her general direction. Urgent assistance was required by the officers who attended.

Both males and females had been involved in the fight and a number were detained by police. The victim is believed to be a member of the security team, who informed police that the large group involved were having a stag event. They were heavily intoxicated and were refused any further drink which had caused them to become hostile. As they were asked to leave they assaulted the security officer.

The police licensing officer attended the venue later that evening and found the venue to be poorly run. The CCTV was not working and COVID regulations

were not being adhered to. Please see the attached police statement from PC Leban.

Although the current Premises Licence does not have a CCTV condition on the licence it is best practice and good management to have an operational CCTV system at all times. In this case it would have helped to see what had occurred and help to identify any culprits involved.

The applicant had applied for a number of TEN's through April and May for '20 bookable seating booths adjacent to the existing licenced area'. The TEN which is scheduled for 27th – 29th May 2021 would be the last TEN that could be applied for the premise as they have used their quota for the year. All of these TENs have been applied for by Ben Hodges for the outside area seating booths which this application wishes to incorporate into the licence.

On Monday 24th May 2021 the Licensing Authority received a police objection to a number of TENs which have again been applied for by Ben Hodges. This time the area to be licenced was described as 'Temporary service area offering a limited menu to complement the existing licensed premises'. These were for 26th-30th May, 2nd - 6th June, 9th – 13th June and the 16th – 20th June. This was for an additional 20 days of TEN's. A particular premise can only have a maximum of 15 Temporary Event Notices, with a maximum of 21 days, per year. Therefore, it appears as if the applicant has tried to apply for double the amount of TENs allowed by describing them as separate areas.

The fact that this group were allowed to consume so much alcohol to the point that they became violent on being refused more alcohol shows a serious lack of control and poor management. If the staff cannot monitor the alcohol levels of customers within the premises there is little chance of correctly supervising the additional seating outside the premises for which this licence application wishes to incorporate.

This serious incident increases my concerns expressed in my representation regarding the large additional numbers of customers this licence will allow and therefore the Licensing Authority feels this application should be refused.

Yours faithfully

A solid black rectangular box used to redact the signature of Corinne Holland.

Corinne Holland
Licensing Officer
(Acting as a Responsible Authority)

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

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Statement of: Barry LEBAN

Age if under 18: over 18

(if over 18 insert 'over 18')

Occupation: Police Constable

This statement (consisting of 2 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Witness Signature:  PC1485CEDate: 25th May 2021

This statement is my best recollection and honest held belief of the incident I dealt with on Saturday 22nd May 2021. I have not viewed mine or any other officers body worn camera footage prior to writing this statement. Statement commenced at 18:01 hours in the licensing office at Shoreditch police station, alone. This statement refers to a licensing visit carried out by myself and PC1810CE GILES at PLAYERS BAR, BRUSHFIELD STREET E1, in relation to an incident at the venue. CAD 6581/22MAY21 refers. We attended the venue due to an earlier call to the bar regarding a fight between drunk patrons and security staff. We had been made aware prior to attending that police had been called to the fight and upon their arrival the group fighting with security staff then turned their anger towards police and assaulted two (2) officers, one of whom was a female who was kicked in the face. When we arrived at the bar, I saw two uniformed officers speaking to an IC1 male, who identified himself as the security manager. The security manager stated that two of his staff had been assaulted by the group and had been seen/treated by London ambulance services who had attended. The security manager stated that the group were initially inside the PLAYERS BAR and that they were drunk and becoming rowdy. He then stated bar staff had told the group that they were not going to be served any more alcohol.

And that they should leave the venue. The group then began to physically attack staff and throw plants pulled from the pots outside PLAYERS BAR. Security staff then arrived and the group then turned their attention towards them and ultimately on police upon their arrival. PC1810CE GILES and I then entered PLAYERS BAR to speak to the duty manager regarding the incident. As we stepped inside the venue, immediately to our right were three (3) males, who were standing without masks. PC1810CE GILES identified herself as a police officer and told the males that they should be seated. To our left were two (2) shuffle boards several females were around these shuffle boards and none were wearing masks. There were several members of staff behind the extensive bar area. Some were wearing masks, none were covering their mouth and or nose. Others had no mask on at all. A male clearing tables was walking between patrons with no face covering and several members of public were either entering or leaving the venue, without a face covering. A short time after our arrival, I noticed that staff began to adorn face coverings correctly, I believe that this was due to the initial staff contact had then informed the other staff that licensing officers were seated in the venue waiting to speak to the duty manager. A female joined us and introduced herself as the manager and gave her name as Sam CORNWELL. Our observations of the breaches and lack of management of staff and patrons in relation to COVID 19 regulations were shared with Sam CORNWELL. When Sam CORNWELL was asked questions in relation to the premises licence being available and the licence conditions, Sam CORNWELL did not

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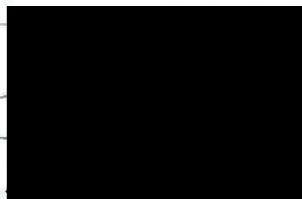
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know where it was or any of the conditions and had to contact a colleague to have it sent to her phone. When Sam CORNWELL was asked if the CCTV had captured the group inside the venue. Sam CORNWELL stated that the CCTV was not working and was due to be installed on Monday. It appears that although the staff at the venue had made the correct decision not to serve the group any more alcohol due to their drunken demeanour. They had failed to recognise signs when members of the group were becoming inebriated to the point that it boiled over into violence. I believe that this was exacerbated by no security staff at the venue who are trained to observe and deal with conflict management at an early stage. There was a lack of control at the venue in relation to alcohol being served to customers who were in a drunken state. Staff and patrons not adhering to government legislation in regards to protecting themselves and customers during the COVID 19 pandemic. Statement terminated at 18:48 hours.



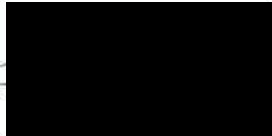
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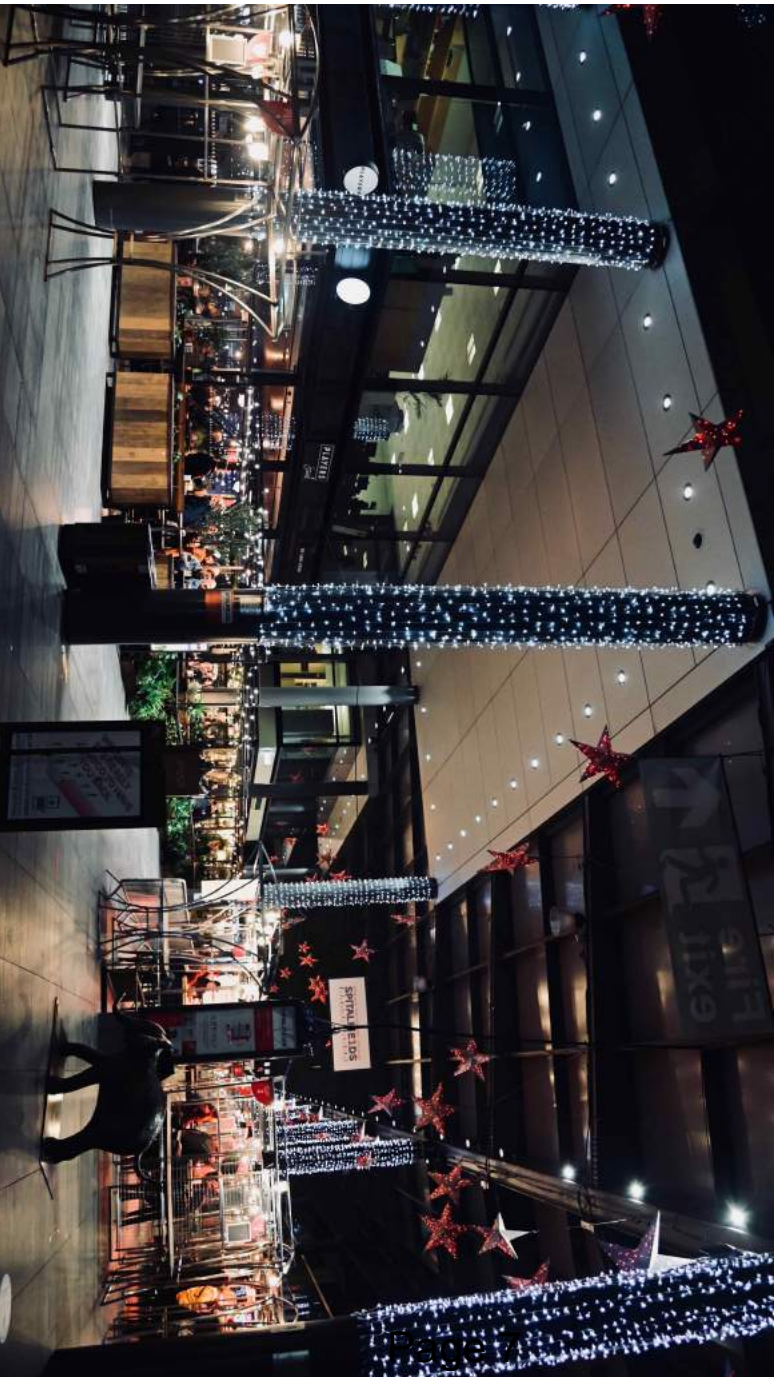
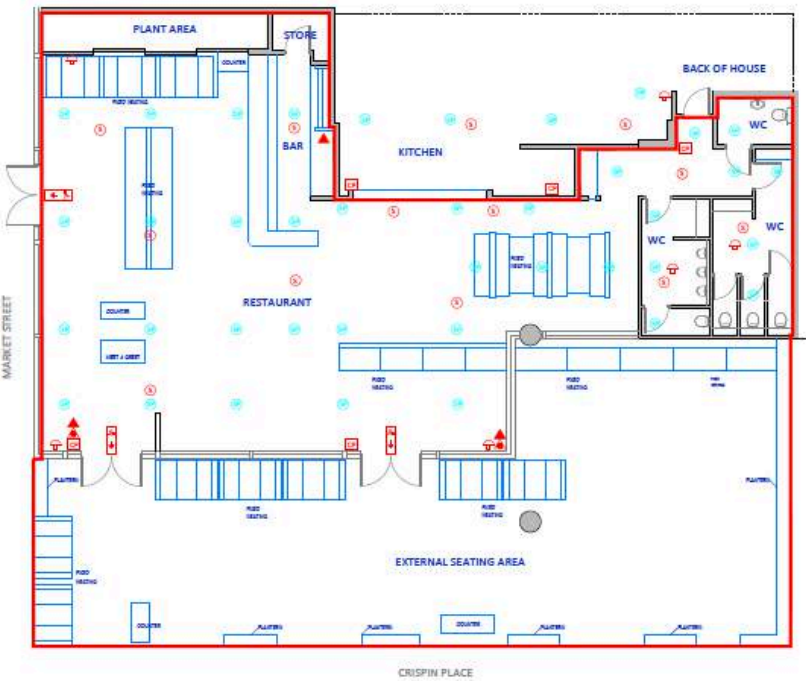
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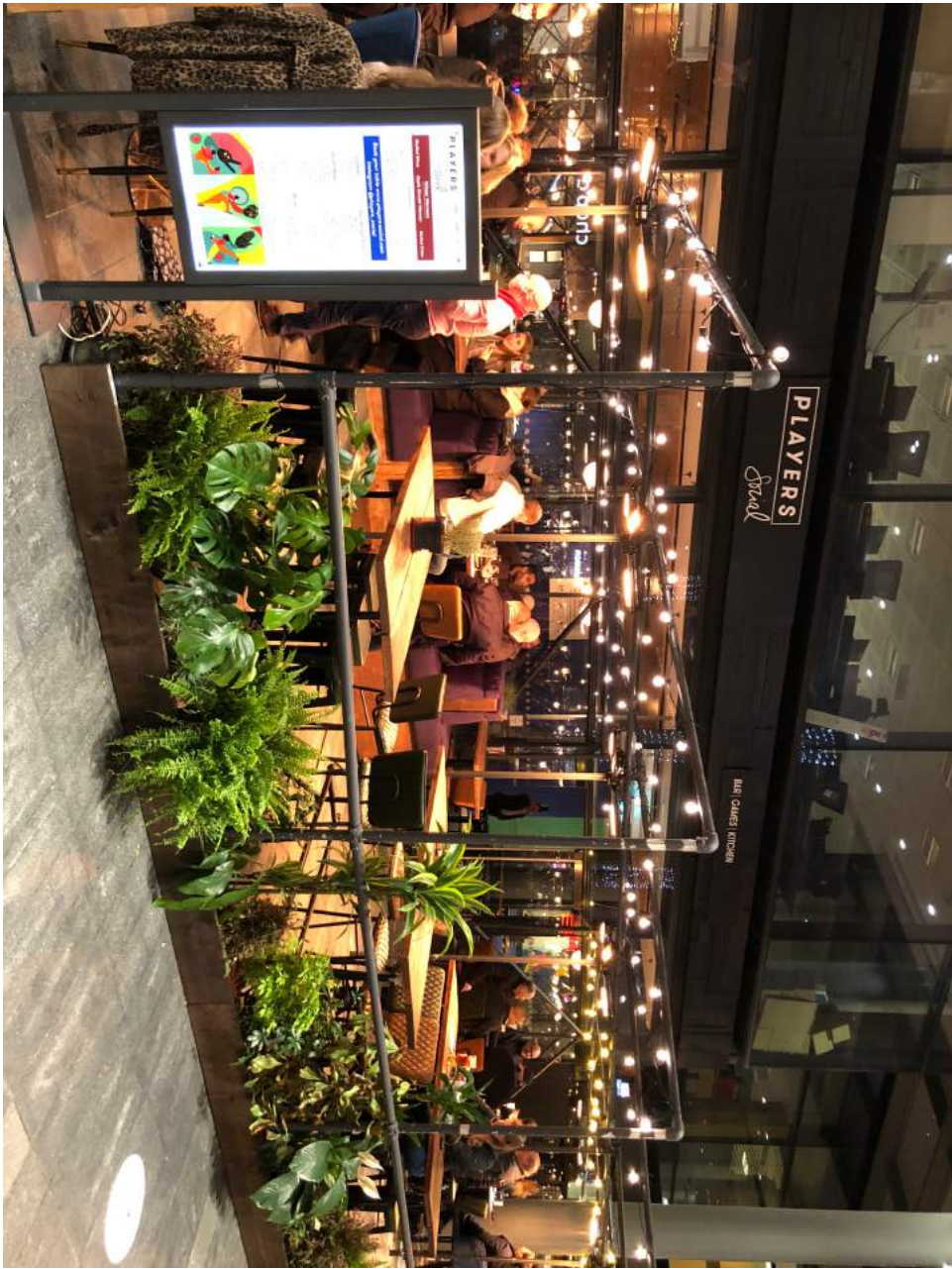
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EXISTING LICENSED TERRACE



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OPERATION

All guests will be instructed by our hosts to remain seated whilst in the market area. Guests will be allowed to stand whilst playing games.

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All tables will be waiter/table service ensuring people remain at their tables.



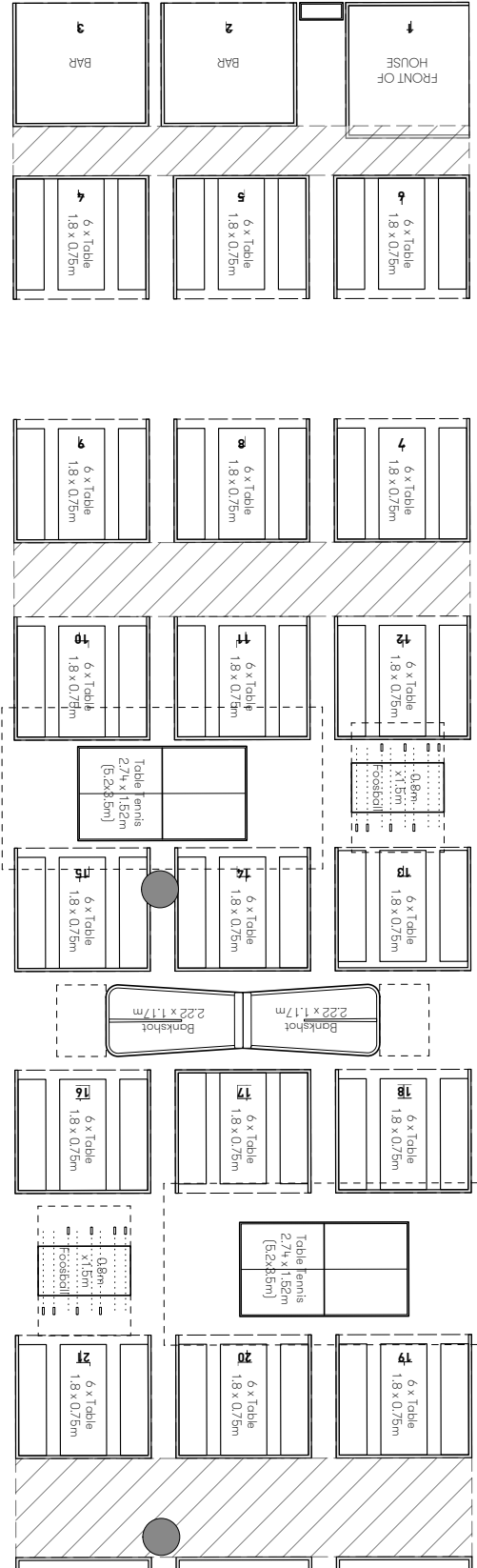
MARKET LAYOUT

(PLAYERS SOCIAL)

CRISPIN PLACE

(BRUSHFIELD ST)

50m to nearest residents

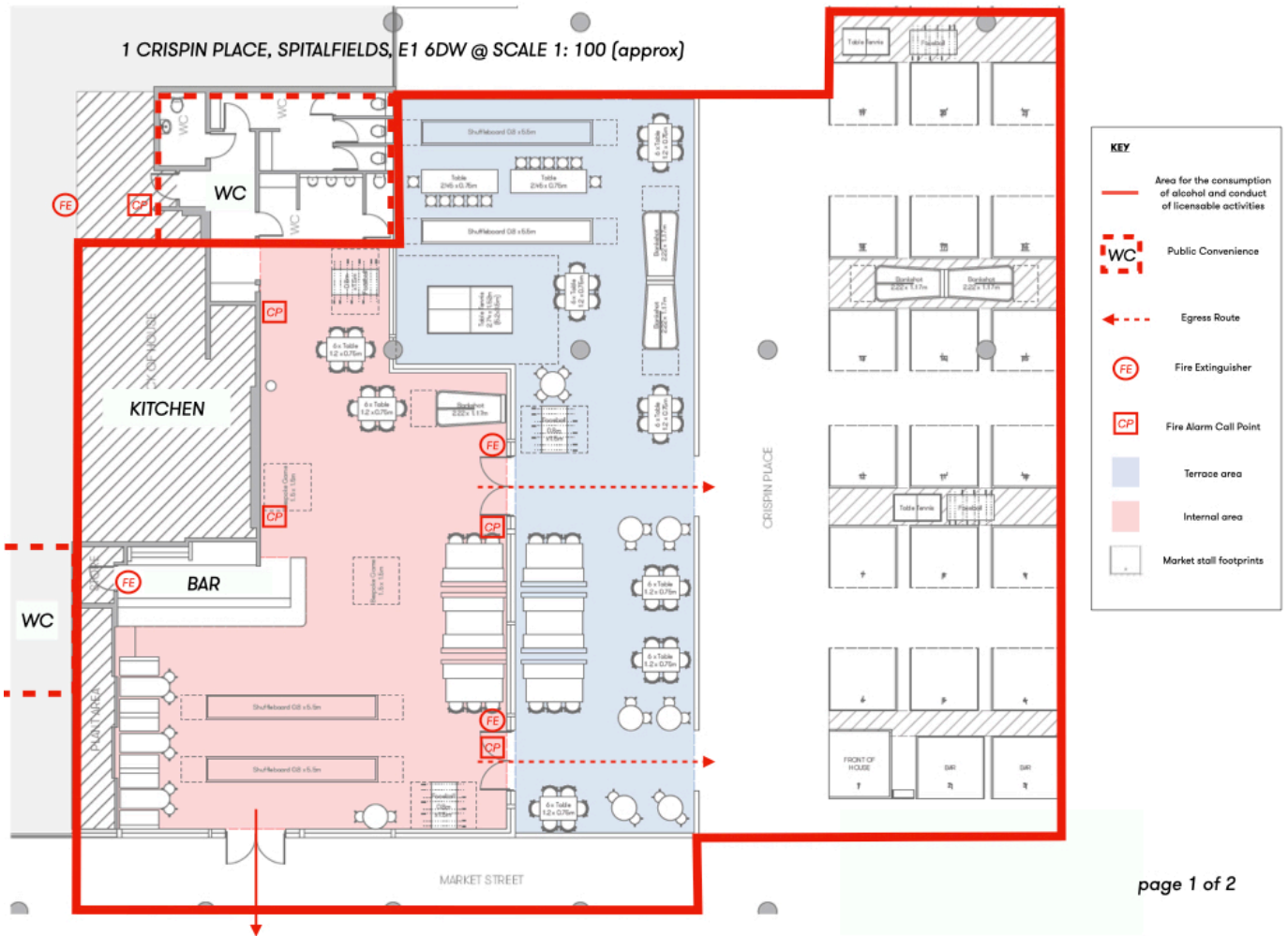


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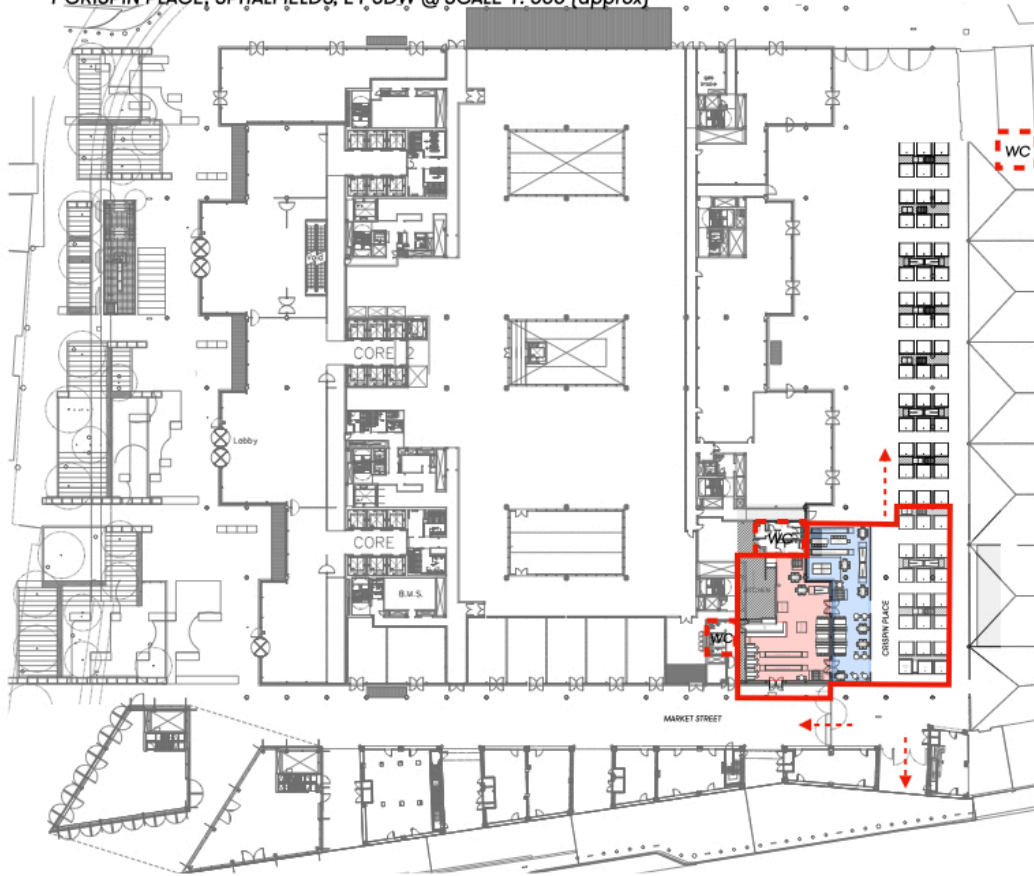
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MAX OCCUPANCY: 114

1 CRISPIN PLACE, SPITALFIELDS, E1 6DW @ SCALE 1: 100 (approx)



1 CRISPIN PLACE, SPITALFIELDS, E1 6DW @ SCALE 1: 500 (approx)



KEY

- Area for the consumption of alcohol and conduct of licensable activities
- - - WC Public Convenience
- - - ← Egress Route

1 Spitalfields Market Plan
Scale 1:500

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18th May 2021

The Licensing team, London Borough of Tower Hamlets
John Onslow House
1 Ewart Place
London
E3 5EQ

Ref: Premises Licence Application 1 Crispin Place, Spitalfields, E1 6DW.

I am writing in support of the application for a premises licence for one of our newest tenants, Players Social at Bishops Square.

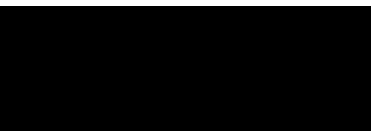
Their new premises licence has been applied for with our blessing in order to further uphold the licensing objectives.

The additional seating area will help reduce the amount of people drinking in street and market area having purchased drinks from supermarkets. This will help with the prevention of public nuisance.

Additional security and cctv offered as part of the application will help reduce crime & disorder by encouraging people to drink and enjoy themselves in a controlled environment. This will also help with public safety and the protection of children from harm.

The operation which includes the sale of food & drink is based around the concept of gaming while socialising in a pleasant and safe environment.

Since opening earlier this year, we have had no issues with the operator and what we like most is that the owners of the business are here everyday running the business themselves.





Jason Dervin
Spitalfields Estate Director



This page accompanies the Temporary Event Notice for:

Premises: 1 Crispin Place
Event Date: 22-24/04/2021
Our Ref: 136929

For completion by the licensing authority


10.Acknowledgement (Please read note18)	
I acknowledge receipt of this temporary event notice.	
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Date	
Name of Officer signing	Kathy Driver, Principal Licensing Officer



This page accompanies the Temporary Event Notice for:

Premises: 1 Crispin PLace
Event Date: 29.04/ 01.05.2021
Our Ref: 136930

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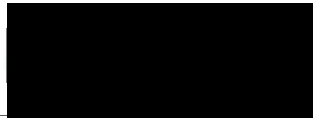
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Premises: 1 Crispin Place

Event Date: 20-22.5.2021 Time:17:00- 22:00

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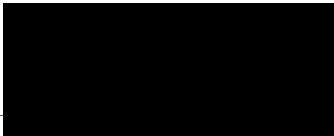
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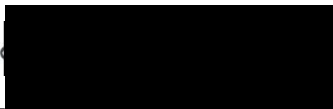
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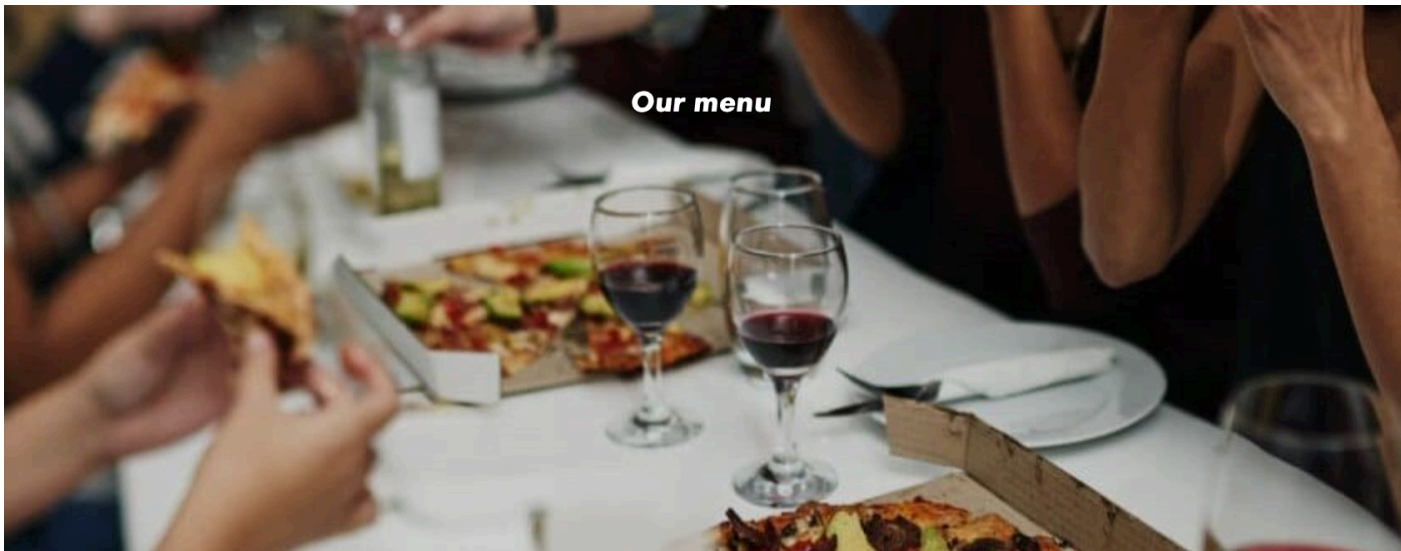
Premises: 1 Crispin Place

Event Date: 13-15.5.2021 Time:17:00- 22:00

Our Ref: 137257

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Our menu

[PIZZA & SIDES](#) [DRINKS & BAR SNACKS](#) [WINE LIST](#)

Pizza

BUFFALO MARGHERITA £9 Tomato, Mozzarella, Fresh Basil (V)	THE VEGAN £11 Tomato, Vegan Mozzarella, Grilled Artichokes, Pesto, Fresh Garlic	PANCETTA £12 Tomato, Mozzarella, Pancetta, Sweet Peppers, Red Onion	THE WHITE PIZZA £9.50 Olive Oil Base, Gorgonzola, Chestnut Mushrooms, Fresh Spinach (V)
SMOKED PEPPERONI £10 Tomato, Mozzarella, Fresh Garlic, Oregano	NDUJA £11 Tomato, Mozzarella, 'Nduja, Fresh Garlic, Oreganos	PARMA £12 Tomato, Mozzarella, Parma Ham, Fresh Rocket, Garlic	GARLIC FLATBREAD £4.50 Olive Oil & Fresh Garlic + Mozzarella £1.50 + Mozzarella & Jalapenos £2
PUTTANESCA £10.50 Tomato, Mozzarella, Beech- Smoked Anchovies, Olives, Capers			

Extras

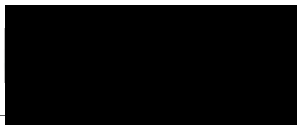
Sauce pots for dipping £1 each the crusts: Aloli / Blue Cheese / BBQ	Upgrade any Pizza to Spicy 'Nduja Base £1.50	Add Olives / Capers / Peppers / Red Onion / Jalapeno £1	Add Pepperoni / Pancetta / Mushrooms £2
			Add Parma Ham / 'Nduja £2.50



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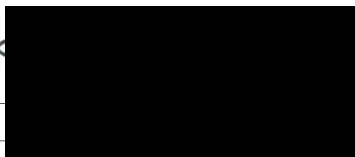
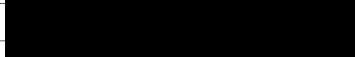
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Event Date: 15-17.4.21

Our Ref: 136928

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