

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

HELD AT 1.00 P.M. ON THURSDAY, 25 MAY 2023

ONLINE 'VIRTUAL' MEETING - [HTTPS://TOWERHAMLETS.PUBLIC-I.TV/CORE/PORTAL/HOME](https://towerhamlets.public-i.tv/core/portal/home)

Members Present in Person:

Members In Attendance Virtually:

Councillor Gulam Kibria
Choudhury
Councillor Ahmodul Kabir
Councillor Rebaka Sultana

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2. RULES OF PROCEDURE

The rules of procedure were noted

3. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

4. APPLICATION FOR A TEMPORARY EVENT NOTICE FOR AUTUMN STREET STUDIOS, UNIT 3, 39 AUTUMN STREET, LONDON E3 2TT

The Licensing Enforcement Lawyer wanted to clarify with Mr Hunt, that he had confirmed his attendance, but he did not wish to participate at the hearing, Mr Rakhim Hunte confirmed this.

The Licensing Enforcement Lawyer explained to Mr Hunte that if he didn't participate then the sub-committee would not be able to ask questions and may well affect his position. It would be almost like that this application is going to be heard in his absence, if there are points being made with Mr Hunte, was happy to answer any questions that the sub-committee may have.

Applicant

This is an application for a counter-notice by the Environmental Health Service. The temporary event notice was given for an event on the 16th and 17th of June at Unit 3 Autumn St. Studios for an event accommodating up to 200 people and permitting the sale by retail of alcohol and the provision of regulated and entertainment from 22:00 hours to 04:00 hours the following morning.

The objection from environmental health was very much concerned about the number of patrons, the risk of noise nuisance both from the premises and as people dispersed, the risk of people loitering in the area after the event, particularly if they had been drinking, and the lack of transportation in the area at that sort of time of the morning. They didn't consider the premises itself to be suitable for an event of that nature and for that many people.

The Sub-Committee noted the premises had a previous history of noise complaints. The Sub-Committee is also aware that since then the licence came to an end in 2019, there has been considerably more residential development springing up in the area, which clearly impacted upon the risk of public nuisance.

The Sub Committee took account of the fact that there had been a previous TEN, but that was for 50 people and ended at 02:00 hours. It was a very different event to what was being proposed here. The risk of public nuisance from this event was obviously far greater.

The Sub-Committee also noted the limited options in terms of public transport at the time that this event would finish. The first bus after 04:00 hours was around an hour or so later. The nearest tube station is 15 to 18 minutes' walk away. Thus, the Sub-Committee considered that there was a real risk that, as those people using those forms of public transport dispersed through the borough, that there would be a public nuisance.

Similarly, with taxis and Ubers, the Sub-Committee considered that there was a real risk of noise from engines, car doors slamming, and other associated noise.

Premises Licence Holder

The Premises Licence Holder addressed the sub-committee that they wouldn't have expected 100 guests to attend, it was just the capacity they were seeking, everyone would be leaving and Staggering, no one would necessarily be staying till the review time because they were caught off alcohol sales about half an hour before hand and security personnel are recommended one person to every 100 guests.

There would be a welfare officer within the team, which will make it three members, along with poetic media staff to assist all patrons leaving and ensuring they're leaving the area quietly as they have done in the past from the venue when it was running as a licenced club.

In terms of the noise complaints, which have been from the area previously, that was during the pandemic time and closed the venue, which was used illegally but not used by us, who had the club licence premises about for eight years prior to COVID and it was a four-year period up until now.

Decision

The Sub-Committee concluded that there would be an impact on public nuisance were the event to proceed. The decision of the Sub-Committee is therefore to issue a counter-notice.

5. EXTENSION OF DECISION DEADLINE: LICENSING ACT 2003

The Griff In SU, The Garrod Building Turner Street E1 2AD	20 th June
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The meeting ended at 2.00 p.m.

Chair, Councillor Ana Miah
Licensing Sub Committee