

**LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS**

**RECORD OF THE DECISIONS OF THE LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE**

**HELD AT 6.30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, 28 JULY 2015**

**THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5 CLOVE  
CRESCENT, LONDON, E14 2BG**

**Members Present:**

Councillor Rajib Ahmed (Chair)

Councillor Mahbub Alam (Member)

Councillor Candida Ronald (Member)

**1. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest.

**2. RULES OF PROCEDURE**

The rules of procedure were noted.

**3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S)**

The minutes of the Licensing Sub Committees held on 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 16<sup>th</sup> June and 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015 were agreed.

**4. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**4.1 Application for a New Premises Licence for The Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, 66-68 East Smithfield, London, E1W 1AW.**

The Licensing Objectives

In considering the application, Members were required to consider the same in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003 (as amended), the Licensing Objectives, the Home Office Guidance and the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.

Consideration

Each application must be considered on its own merits and the Chair stated that the Sub Committee had carefully considered all of the evidence before them and had heard representation on behalf of the applicant and the objectors.

Members welcomed the proposed conditions offered by the applicant and noted the conscious effort to help alleviate the concerns of local residents. It was confirmed that these further conditions would be read together with and as part of the operating schedule. Therefore Members decided to grant the application and impose conditions in accordance with the operating schedule to help promote the licensing objectives.

Decision

Accordingly, the Sub-Committee unanimously –

**RESOLVED**

That the application for a New Premises Licence for the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, 66-68 East Smithfield, London E1W 1AW be **GRANTED with conditions.**

Sale of Alcohol (On sales only)

Monday to Sunday from 10:00 hours to 23:00 hours.

Hours the premise is open to the public

Monday to Sunday from 06:00 hours to 20:00 hours.

Conditions

1. The premises will not open to the public save for those invited to attend an event. Those events will be limited to corporate lunches/dinners, meetings, presentations and networking events
2. Attendance at events where there is licensable activity will be limited in capacity to a maximum of 90 people seated or 150 people standing.
3. Where alcohol is served, it will either be served free of charge (most occasions) or as part of an all-inclusive ticket price (less frequent).
4. Attendees at events will be limited to members, associated bodies and invited guests only.
5. The balcony area is expressly excluded from the area where licensable activity is permitted.

6. A dedicated telephone number for a duty manager to be available to local residents.
7. The licence is subject to the submission of suitable plans of the premises compliant and in accordance with regulation 23 of the Licensing Act 2003 (Premises Regulations) 2005. No Licensable activity is permitted until plans have been received and approved by the Licensing Authority.

#### **4.2 Application for a Premises Licence for Shiraz Food and Wine - 178 Hackney Road, London, E2 7QL**

##### The Licensing Objectives

In considering the application, Members were required to consider the same in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003 (as amended), the Licensing Objectives, the Home Office Guidance and the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.

##### Consideration

Each application must be considered on its own merits and the Chair stated that the Sub Committee had carefully considered all of the evidence before them and had heard representation from the applicant and the Metropolitan Police as a responsible authority.

Members gave serious weight to the Police's comments regarding the premises and considered their duties in the prevention of crime and disorder and protecting the public and local residents from crime and anti-social behaviour. Members took note of the residents' complaints but were cautious and mindful that complaints related to a previous licence/licensee and therefore they considered only the extent to which a new licence at the same premises might impact the licensing objectives.

It was noted that the applicant himself demonstrated previous knowledge and experience. However, Members were not convinced that there would be sufficient conditions that could address concerns about anti-social behaviour and public nuisance and the wider impact on the local residents.

Members reached a decision and the decision was unanimous. Members refused the application and advised the applicant to work with responsible authorities to come up with a more robust application specifically with the aim to prevent anti-social behaviour and public nuisance.

##### Decision

Accordingly, the Sub-Committee unanimously –

##### **RESOLVED**

That the application for a New Premises Licence for, Shiraz Food & Wine, 178 Hackney Road, London E2 7QL be **REFUSED**.

**5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT**

There was no other business.

The meeting ended at 9.00 p.m.

Chair, Councillor Rajib Ahmed  
Licensing Sub Committee