

Committee: Licensing Sub-Committee	Date 17 November 2020	Classification Unclassified	Report No.	Agenda Item No.
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Report of: David Tolley Head of Environmental Health & Trading Standards	Title: Licensing Act 2003 Application for a Premises Licence for (Mason & Printer) 67 Columbia Road, London E2 7RG
Originating Officer: Mohshin Ali Senior Licensing Officer	Ward affected: Weavers

1.0 Summary

Applicant: **Mason & Painter Ltd**

Name and Address of Premises: **Mason & Painter**
67 Columbia Road
London
E2 7RG

Licence sought: **Licensing Act 2003 – premises licence**

- **The sale by retail of alcohol (On and off sales)**

Representations: **Other Persons (both against and in support)**

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 That the Licensing Committee considers the application and representations then adjudicate accordingly.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT 2000 (Section 97)
LIST OF "BACKGROUND PAPERS" USED IN THE DRAFTING OF THIS REPORT

Brief description of "background paper"

Tick if copy supplied for register

If not supplied, name and telephone number of holder

- Guidance Issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003
- Tower Hamlets Licensing Policy
- File

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3.0 Background

3.1 This is an application for a premises licence for (Mason & Printer) 67 Columbia Road, London E2 7RG.

3.2 The applicant has described the premises as follows:

“Mason & Painter is a vintage store, established in 2013 and located on Columbia Road, east London, home to the famous Sunday Flower Market. The shop forms part of an old upholstery workshop – once part of the booming furniture trade in Shoreditch, dating back to around 1880. Our carefully curated selection of stock mixes French vintage café furniture, homewares, mirrors, paintings and prints with industrial salvage, ceramics and plants.

In 2019 Mason & Painter was voted one of The Shopkeepers Best 10 Vintage & Antique Shops worldwide.

We intend to complement our offering with a selection of quality wines on tap, most of which are organic and vegan. The method is extremely sustainable reducing waste and allowing local customers the option of great quality wines at a reasonable price. We will also supplement the range with a small selection of quality wines by the bottle and craft beers. During the market we will supply an option of alcoholic and non-alcoholic spritz drinks by the glass in a veggie-ware (non plastic) cup and lid. The main trade will be for off trade with the occasional on trade events where the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises shall only apply for private events including wine tasting purposes. There has been a strong following and positive feedback from the local community”

3.3 A copy of the premises licence application form is enclosed as **Appendix 1**.

3.4 The applicant has reduced the times of licensable activities in consultation with the Licensing Authority (RA) as follows:-

The sale by retail of alcohol - On and off sales

- Monday to Thursday, from 15:00 hrs to 20:00 hrs
- Friday, from 15:00 hrs to 21:00 hrs
- Saturday, from 11:00 hrs to 21:00 hrs
- Sunday, from 10:00 hrs to 19:00 hrs

The opening hours of the premises

- Monday to Thursday, from 15:00 hrs to 20:00 hrs
- Friday, from 15:00 hrs to 21:00 hrs
- Saturday, from 11:00 hrs to 21:00 hrs
- Sunday, from 10:00 hrs to 19:00 hrs

4.0 **Location and Nature of the premises**

4.1 The site plan of the venue is included as **Appendix 2**.

4.2 Maps and photos showing the vicinity are included as **Appendix 3**.

4.3 Details of the nearest licensed venues are included as **Appendix 4**.

5.0 **Licensing Policy and Government Advice**

5.1 The Council has adopted a licensing policy and this is available from the Licensing Section, and at the hearing. The revised policy came into effect on the 1st November 2018.

5.2 Relevant Sections of the policy are brought to the attention of Members within the Licensing Officers report.

5.3 The Home Secretary has issued Guidance under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003. This is available on the Government's website, www.homeoffice.gov.uk. It was last revised in April 2018.

5.4 Relevant Sections of this advice are brought to Members attention within the Licensing Officers report. Members should note however, that in some areas Tower Hamlets, after a proper consideration of local circumstances, has not followed the Government's advice, or has developed it further.

6.0 **Representations**

6.1 All representations have to meet basic legal and administrative requirements. If they fail to do so they cannot be accepted. When rejected the person sending in the representation must be written to, and an explanation for rejection given in writing

6.2 A responsible authority or other person can make a representation. There are two tests for other persons and only one for a responsible authority. The two tests are contained in Section 18 of the Act.

6.3 All representations must be "about the likely effect of the grant of the premises licence on the promotion of the licensing objectives." Likely means something that will probably happen, i.e. on balance more likely than not.

6.4 Representations by responsible authorities do not have to meet the second test of not being vexatious and frivolous. Other persons have to meet this test.

6.5 The Home Office recommends that in borderline cases, the benefit of the doubt should be given to the interested party making the representation.

6.6 Section 182 Advice by the Home Office concerning relevant, vexatious and frivolous representations is attached as **Appendix 5**.

- 6.7 All the representations in this report have been considered by the relevant officer (Team Leader Licensing & Safety) and determined to have met the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003.
- 6.8 This hearing is required by the Licensing Act 2003, because a relevant representation against the premises have been made by the following:

Other persons (objectors)	Appendix
Adrian Heathfield	6
Alastair McPhee	7
Carol Budd	8
Christopher Want	9
Catherine Yass	10
Duncan Campbell	11
Julia Kuttner	12
Kate Evans	13
Kristin Perers	14
Linda Wilkinson	15
Nikki Collins	16
Nick Fiveash	17
Tanja van Oudtshoorn	18
Tony Tedore	19
William Taylor	20

- 6.9 In addition, relevant representation in support of the premises have been made by the following:

Other persons (supporters)	Appendix
John Moore	21
Jennifer Sheridan	22
Nick Bryan-Kinns	23
Ross Hutchison	24

- 6.10 All of the responsible authorities have been consulted about this application. They are as follows:
- The Licensing Authority
 - The Metropolitan Police
 - London Fire Brigade
 - Planning
 - Health and Safety
 - Environmental Health Noise Team
 - Trading Standards
 - Child Protection
 - Public Health
 - Home Secretary (Home Office Immigration Enforcement)

- 6.11 In addition the application was required to be advertised in a local newspaper and by a blue poster. Only representations that relate to the following licensing objectives are relevant:
- the prevention of crime and disorder
 - public safety
 - the prevention of public nuisance
 - the protection of children from harm
- 6.12 Essentially, the relevant parties oppose the application because in their opinion, the applicant has not explained how within the context of the application they will meet the licensing objective of the prevention of public nuisance and the prevention of crime and disorder.
- 6.13 There are strict time limits to any representations. The time limits are contained in The Licensing Act 2003 (Premises licences and club premises certificates) Regulations 2005.
- 6.14 The applicant has offered measures in the operating schedule of the application that address the promotion of the Licensing Objectives. If there were no representations, the Licensing Authority would grant the licence, with conditions consistent with the operating schedule, which are relevant, proportionate and enforceable. Members are asked to consider the schedule and incorporate any conditions as necessary to address the licensing objectives.

7.0 Conditions consistent with Operating Schedule (as offered)

- 7.1 *Clear and legible notices will be prominently displayed to remind customers to leave quietly and have regard to our neighbours.*
- 7.2 *The licensee and staff will ask persons who appear to be under the age of 25 for photographic ID such as proof of age cards, the Connexions Card and Citizen Card, photographic driving licence or passport, an official identity card issued by HM Forces or by an EU country, bearing the photograph and date of birth of bearer.*
- 7.3 *All staff will be trained for UNDERAGE SALES PREVENTION regularly.*
- 7.4 *A register of refused sales shall be kept and maintained on the premises.*

8.0 Conditions in consultation with the Responsible Authorities

- 8.1 Conditions agreed with the Licensing Authority (acting as a responsible authority). Please see **Appendix 25**:
- 8.1..1. *All sales of alcohol for consumption off the premises shall be in properly sealed containers only (not in any vessel for immediate consumption)*
- 8.1..2. *Wine on tap can only be sold by 75cl bottles as a minimum.*

8.1..3. *The bottles used for the refills are the licence holder's own Costolatas 75cl*

8.1..4. *Opening hours will be reduced to the following
Monday to Thursday 3pm to 8pm (Friday to 9pm)
Saturday 11am to 9pm
Sunday 10am to 7pm*

8.1..5. *Licence holder shall reduce the time of sale by the glass only at weekends and until 5pm*

8.1..6. *On-sale of alcohol is only for private events not for walk in customers.*

8.2 Conditions agreed with Met Police (Please see **Appendix 26**):

1. *The premises shall install and maintain a comprehensive CCTV system as per the minimum requirements of the Tower Hamlets Police Licensing Team. All entry and exit points will be covered enabling frontal identification of every person entering in any light condition. The CCTV system shall continually record whilst the premises is open for licensable activities and during all times when customers remain on the premises. All recordings shall be stored for a minimum period of 31 days with date and time stamping. Viewing of recordings shall be made available immediately upon the request of Police or authorised officer throughout the entire 31 day period.*

2. *A staff member from the premises who is conversant with the operation of the CCTV system shall be on the premises at all times when the premises are open. This staff member must be able to provide a Police or authorised council officer copies of recent CCTV images or data with the absolute minimum of delay when requested.*

3. *An incident log shall be kept at the premises, and be available on request to the Police or an authorised officer. It must be completed within 24 hours of any 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 refusal of the sale of alcohol;*
- h) any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service.*

4. *In the event that a serious assault is committed on the premises (or appears to have been committed) the management will immediately ensure that:*

- a) the police (and, where appropriate, the London Ambulance Service) are called without delay;
- b) all measures that are reasonably practicable are taken to apprehend any suspects pending the arrival of the police;
- c) the crime scene is preserved so as to enable a full forensic investigation to be carried out by the police; and
- d) such other measures are taken (as appropriate) to fully protect the safety of all persons present on the premises.

8.3 The Environmental Health Noise Team have commented as follows (Please see **Appendix 27**):

I have no objections to the new premises license application for Mason & Painter 67 Columbia Road, London, ref 130673, following confirmation from the applicant (see email trail) as follows:

1. They don't play music and don't have loudspeakers, record players or radios on the premises and you have assured that no loud noises or music will be played in or outside the shop.

2. All windows and external doors 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.

8.4 Following the representations received, the applicant has responded to the concerns. The applicant's response is included in **Appendix 28**.

9.0 Licensing Officer Comments

9.1 The Business & Planning Act 2020 came into force on Wednesday 22nd July 2020 and provides a temporary permission for businesses that have a premises licence that permits them to sell alcohol in regards to the ability to sell alcohol as an off sale, i.e. for consumption off the premises. The permission will end on 30th September 2021 unless the legislation is changed by the Secretary of State.

It will only apply to businesses that hold a Premises Licence up to 22nd July 2020 and that in the last 3 years preceding 22 July 2020 those licences have NOT:

- had a premises licence application where permission for off sales was refused;
- had a variation of a premises licence seeking permission for off sales refused
- had a variation seeking to exclude off sales permission granted
- had a premises licence varied or modified by a review hearing to exclude off sales.

9.2 The new off-sales permission will permit off-sales to be made at a time when the licensed premises are open for the purposes of selling alcohol for consumption on the premises, subject to a cut off time of 11pm or the

cut off time of the current licensed hours stated on the licence, whichever is earlier. Measures also temporarily suspend existing licence conditions in so far as they are inconsistent with the new off-sales permission. Further Guidance on this can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-temporary-alcohol-licensing-provisions-in-the-business-and-planning-bill>

9.3 The Live Music Act removed licensing requirements for the following:

- amplified live music and recorded music between 8am and 11pm before audiences of no more than 500 people on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on the premises;
- unamplified live music between 8am and 11pm in all venues.
- Further exemptions apply see Section 16.5-16.6 of Section 182 Guidance.

9.4 The following is intended simply to advise Members of the relevant aspects of the Boroughs Licensing Policy, guidance from the Secretary of State, legislation and good practice. Members may depart from the Council's Licensing Policy and/or Government advice, provide they consider it appropriate to do so, and have clear reasons for their decision.

9.5 Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003

- ❖ As stated in the guidance it is “provided to licensing authorities in relation to the carrying out of their functions under the 2003 Act.” It is a key medium for promoting best practice, ensuring consistent application and promoting fairness equal treatment and proportionality (1.7).
- ❖ Also “as long as licensing authorities have properly understood this Guidance, they may depart from it if they have good reason to do so and can provide full reasons. Departure from this Guidance could give rise to an appeal or judicial review, and the reasons given will then be a key consideration for the courts when considering the lawfulness and merits of any decision taken.” Therefore licensing authorities will need to give full reasons for their actions (1.9).
- ❖ Also Members should note “A Licensing Authority may depart from its own policy if the individual circumstances of any case merit such a decision in the interests of the promotion of the licensing objectives.” (1.12)
- ❖ Also, “The licensing authority may not impose any conditions unless its discretion has been exercised following receipt of relevant representations and it is satisfied as a result of a hearing (unless all parties agree a hearing is not necessary) that it is appropriate to impose conditions to promote one or more of the four licensing

objectives.” Therefore, conditions may not be imposed for the purpose other than promoting the licensing objectives and in some cases no additional conditions will be appropriate. (10.8)

- ❖ Necessary conditions should emerge from a risk assessment by the applicant, which should then be reflected in the operating schedule (10.4).
 - ❖ The Guidance states: “Where there are objections to an application to extend the hours during which licensable activities are to be carried on and the licensing authority determines that this would undermine the licensing objectives, it may reject the application or grant it with appropriate conditions and/or different hours from those requested.” (10.14)
 - ❖ Mandatory conditions must be imposed (10.25) and censorship avoided (10.17).
 - ❖ The Guidance states: “It is still permitted to sell alcohol using promotions (as long as they are compatible with any other licensing condition that may be in force), and the relevant person should ensure that the price of the alcohol is not less than the permitted price. Detailed guidance on the use of promotions is given in the guidance document available on the Gov.uk website.” (10.58) Also, “Licensing authorities should not attach standardised blanket conditions promoting fixed prices for alcoholic drinks to premises licences or club licences or club premises certificates in an area.” (10.21)
- 9.6 The Licensing Act 2003 permits children of any age to be on the premises which primarily sells alcohol providing they are accompanied by an adult. It is not necessary to make this a condition.
- 9.7 In all cases the Members should make their decision on the civil burden of proof, that is “the balance of probability.”
- 9.8 In all cases Members should consider whether or not primary legislation is the appropriate method of regulation and should only consider licence conditions when the circumstances in their view are not already adequately covered elsewhere.
- 9.9 The Government has advised that conditions must be tailored to the individual type, location and characteristics of the premises and events concerned. Conditions cannot seek to manage the behaviour of customers once they are beyond the direct management of the licence holder and their staff and standardised conditions should be avoided where they cannot be shown to be appropriate. (1.16/1.17)
- 9.10 The Council’s Licensing Policy generally expects applicants to address the licensing objectives and discuss how to do this with the relevant responsible authorities.

9.11 In **Appendices 29 - 35** Members are given general advice, and also have explanations of the Council's Licensing Policy, Government advice and other legislation relating to the matters previously identified.

10.0 **Legal Comments**

10.1 The Council's legal officer will give advice at the hearing.

11.0 **Finance Comments**

11.1 There are no financial implications in this report.

12.0 Appendices

Appendix 1	A copy of the current application
Appendix 2	Site Plan
Appendix 3	Maps and photos of the surrounding area
Appendix 4	Other licensed venues in the area
Appendix 5	Section 182 Guidance by the Home Office
Appendices 6-20	Representations of against the premises
Appendices 21-24	Representations in support of the premises
Appendix 25	Conditions agreed with Licensing Authority (RA)
Appendix 26	Conditions agreed with Police
Appendix 27	Conditions agreed with EH Noise Team
Appendix 28	Applicant's supporting documents
Appendix 29	Licensing Officer comments on noise while the premise is in use
Appendix 30	Licensing Officer comments on access/egress Problems
Appendix 31	Licensing Officer comments on crime and disorder on the premises
Appendix 32	Licensing Officer comments on crime and disorder from patrons leaving the premises
Appendix 33	Planning
Appendix 34	Licensing Policy relating to hours of trading