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1. COCKTAILS

**MONEY RUNNER (£9.50)**

Slane Irish Whiskey, Cider Brandy,  
Cynar, Miso Caramel



IF YOU LIKE THIS, TRY THIS...  
TIPPERARY & BOULEVARDIER

**SOLERO (£9.50)**

El Dorado 3yr Old Rum, Agricole Rhum,  
Rum Fire, Pimento Dram, Coconut,  
Mango, Citrus, Whipped Horchata



IF YOU LIKE THIS, TRY THIS...  
HURRICANE OR HOTEL NACIONAL

**CALEDONIAN SLEEPER (£9.50)**

Sesame Washed Dewar's 12yr Old Scotch,  
Apricot, Oat Milk



IF YOU LIKE THIS, TRY THIS...  
ATHOLL BROSE OR BRANDY ALEXANDER

**COOL JERK (£9.50)**

Seven Tails Brandy, Yoghurt Soju, Lavender, Soda



IF YOU LIKE THIS, TRY THIS...  
HORSE'S NECK OR CHAMPS-ÉLYSÉES

**MR. LUCKY (£9.50)**

Bombay Sapphire Gin, Manzanilla Sherry,  
Chinotto Nero, Cantaloupe, Passionfruit, Citrus



IF YOU LIKE THIS, TRY THIS...  
LONDON CALLING OR JAPANESE SLIPPER

**I RECKON (£9.50)**

Evan Williams Bourbon, Pommeau, Demerara,  
Empirical Spirits The Plum I Suppose



IF YOU LIKE THIS, TRY THIS...  
GODFATHER OR ANGEL FACE

**WATERMELON SUGAR (£5.50)**

Coke Black, Taspalla, QuiQuiQui Heral, Watermelon, Pampalla, Grapefruit Aperitif, Agave, Soda



IF YOU LIVE DALL, TEP TWE...  
CALLUS DE BROCOS PINE COQUA

**WICKED PICKET (£5.50)**

43 Below Vodka, Rosalia, SinQuisQuis A La Pisha, Bizar Aperitif, Raspberry



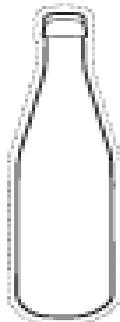
IF YOU LIVE DALL, TEP TWE...  
CLYER GUS DE LUCER COQUA

**3. SHARED**

**TO SHARE... SPANISH HARLEM (£25)**

Pisco, Pampalla, Grapefruit Aperitif, Lemon Soda, Rock Wine

(Serves 4)



NO ONE TO SHARE WITH?  
WE ALSO DO 5 FT TALL GLASS (£8.00)

**3. BUNNY**

**CHEESEBOARD (£11.50)**

Camé, Taleggio, Boursin, My Biscuits, Cheese Jelly, Grapes

**HUMMUS AND BREADSTICKS (£5.00)**

**SICILIAN GORDAL OLIVES (£3.50)**

**DRY ROASTED PEANUTS (£2.00)**

**4. WINE & FIZZ**

**RED**

ROULIN CARUS, MERLOT, LOIRE, 2017  
Glass £5 (175ml)  
Bottle £20

RAI THEO, PETIT CABY, RHONE, 2018  
Bottle £20

**WHITE WINE**

ROULIN CARUS, MUSCADET, LOIRE, 2017  
Glass £5 (175ml)  
Bottle £20

TRAILER, PUEBLO, SOUTH WEST, 2019  
Bottle £20

**ROSE**

CHATEAU FORTVET, ROUCAU, PROVENCE, 2019  
Glass £5 (175ml)  
Bottle £20

**ORANGE**

RAI THEO, ROUL, VDF, RHONE, 2018  
Bottle £20

**FIZZ**

DURANTE, PROSECCO DOC LA SPIRE, VENETO, 2019  
Glass £5  
Bottle £20

**4. BEERS**

BRAYBROOKE KELLER LAGER 4.8% (£5.50)

UMBRELLA LONDON RHUBARB CIDER 4% (£5.50)

UMBRELLA LONDON GINGER BEER 5% (£5.50)

UMBRELLA LONDON WHISKEY FINISHED GINGER BEER 5% (£5.50)

**4. CLASSICS**

**PINA FUMADA (£10.00)**  
QuiQuiQui Heral, Pineapple, Palom, Honey, Citrus



**BAKLAVA (£10.00)**  
Pampalla Better Washed Irish Whiskey, Amaretto, Berry, Honey, Orange Blossom, Stevia



**KNEECAPPER (£10.00)**  
Bis Pato's, Lemon, Honey, Alouche



**Report of Observations at****Liberty Lounge****1A Bell Lane, London, E1 7LA****By****Adrian Studd, Independent Licensing Consultant.****Introduction and summary of conclusions.**

1. I have been instructed by Robert Botkai, solicitor, of Winkworth Sherwood solicitors who has instructed me to conduct observations at the above premises in connection with the application to increase the alcohol terminal hour by One (1) hour on Thursday to Saturday nights. The premises is small, with a maximum capacity of 60, with 41 seated. It has a small menu of high-end vintage inspired cocktails, a small wine list and bottled beers and serves a selection of small plates as accompaniments.
2. The Liberty lounge has been open since January 2014 and operates in a basement beneath a formal clothes wear shop at the Bell Lane junction with Wentworth Street. It has no external signage and there is no indication that there is a licensed premises in the building. Due to the discrete nature of the premises on more than one occasion I observed individuals and couples walking up and down the road past the entrance before they located it.
3. I conducted observations in the area over Two (2) nights on Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> of August 2022 between 21.00 and 01.00 hours and on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> of August 2022 between 21.00 and 02.00 hours. The area is popular with tourist walking tours and I saw a couple of large groups on both occasions I conducted observations. The streets are mainly retail shops at ground level with residential above. The area is generally quiet, however, there is a steady flow of people walking through from nearby night-time economy areas such as Bishopsgate, there are some late-night licensed premises

such as massage parlours and restaurants in the area and delivery riders waiting for orders or cycling through.

4. Customers I observed at Liberty Lounge were a diverse mix, mainly couples with a few small, mixed sex, groups and in the 30 plus age range. I understand many had booked prior to arrival. Customers arrived and left on foot in couples or small groups over an extended period. There was no waiting outside or queuing for entry and no large dispersal at closing time, just a slow steady dispersal that had negligible impact on the area. Customers made their way away on foot or via uber/mini cab vehicles, I did not see any go to parked vehicles.
5. **In Conclusion, I did not observe any alcohol related noise or anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of the Liberty Lounge from either the Liberty lounge or any other premises nearby. The premises voluntarily engages a door supervisor on the nights that this application covers which is best practice. I would describe the area in the evening and night-time as generally quiet. This was the same across the whole period I observed, including earlier in the evening when customers were arriving, later when the Liberty lounge was closing and after it had closed and all the customers had left the area.**
6. **It is a small premises, serving speciality drinks and small plates of food as an accompaniment and does not attract large groups or the type of young, often all male groups, which are likely to cause noise, nuisance and anti-social behaviour in the vicinity. There is good access to public transport nearby. Due to these factors I consider that this premises does operate in an exceptional manner and that granting the requested hours, outside the core hours, will not negatively add to the cumulative issues within the CIZ.**

#### **Summary of expertise – Adrian Studd.**

7. I retired from the police service on 2nd November 2012 having completed 31 years exemplary service with the Metropolitan Police in London. Between January 2012 and

my retirement, I was employed as the Chief Inspector in charge of licensing for the London Olympic Games 2012. In this role, I headed up a team of officers with responsibility for supervision of licensing compliance at all the Olympic venues, including the Olympic Park. In addition, I was responsible for ensuring that any associated events were properly licensed, sufficiently staffed and operated in accordance with the licensing legislation and best practice in order to ensure the safe and effective delivery of the Olympic Games.

8. In addition to leading my team, I visited and worked with both the Olympic Park management and many other venues, reviewing their policies and procedures and ensuring that the Games were delivered safely and securely. The success of this operation not only protected the reputation of the MPS but provided positive benefits for the profile of the MPS and the United Kingdom. I was awarded an Assistant Commissioners Commendation for this work.
9. Prior to this role, between January 2002 and January 2012, I was employed first as an Inspector and then as a Chief Inspector on the MPS Clubs and Vice Unit (Now SCD9 Serious and Organised crime command). My responsibilities over this period focussed on licensing and included day to day supervision of the licensing team that had a London wide remit to support the Boroughs with licensing activity.
10. Providing both Overt and Covert support for policing problem licensed premises across London, my team worked with premises when licensing issues were identified, to address these problems through the use of action plans in order to raise their standards. Where this failed, I would support the Boroughs with evidence for use at review hearings if required. I devised and implemented the MPS strategy 'Safe and Sound' which seeks to improve the safety of customers at licensed premises by reducing violent and other crime, in particular gun crime and the most serious violence. I also developed the Promoters Forum and risk assessment process, and together these initiatives contributed to an overall reduction in violence in London of 5% and of the most serious violence and gun crime at licensed premises by 20% whilst

I was there.

11. From 2004 until 2008, my role included representing the MPS and ACPO licensing lead both in London and Nationally. In this role, I developed key partnerships with industry, NGOs and Government departments in order to improve the standards at licensed premises. I sat on the BII working party and helped develop the national training for Door Supervisors and worked with the SIA to successfully introduce the new regime within London. I sat on several Government working parties and worked closely with the alcohol harm reduction team on identifying best practice and ensuring this was used both within London and nationally by police and local authorities.
12. I was involved with Best Bar None for several years and successfully helped several boroughs to implement the initiative. I was a trained Purple Flag and Best Bar none assessor and, until my retirement, I sat on the Board for Best Bar None in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea. For the last five years of my service, I was in charge of licensing for the Notting Hill Carnival, the largest street carnival in Europe. During this time, I contributed to a reduction in violence overall at the Carnival and delivered increased seizures of illegal alcohol, reduction of unlicensed alcohol sales and a reduction in alcohol related violence. In addition to the above, I have attended many internal MPS training and qualification courses, and I am trained in conducting health and safety risk assessments and hold the National Certificate for Licensing Practitioners, issued by the British Institute of Inn keeping (BII).
13. Following my retirement, I set up a licensing consultancy to improve standards and provide independent advice for premises requiring a local authority licence. Since then, I have provided evidence gathering services and advice to a broad range of licensed premises on a variety of issues, including crime and disorder, cumulative impact, sexual entertainment, street drinking, rough sleepers, age related products, betting and gaming and planning. This work has involved premises that benefit from licences for activities such as alcohol on and off licences, betting premises licences, SEV licences and late-night refreshment. I have provided expert witness evidence at both local authority and appeal court hearings.

**Observations.**

14. I conducted observations in the area on Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> of August 2022 between 21.00 hours and 01.00 hours and on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> of August 2022 between 21.00 hours and 02.00 hours.
15. On arrival in Bell Lane at 21.00 hours on both nights the vicinity of the premises was quiet with the door supervisor the only indication that there is a licensed premises nearby. The premises is located at the Bell Lane junction with Wentworth Street, there are no signs or other indications that there is a bar in the basement. Due to the discrete nature of the premises on more than one occasion I observed individuals and couples walking up and down the road past the entrance before they located it.
16. Around the premises at street level are mainly shuttered shops, many covered with graffiti and some of which appear closed down or for let. Above these appears to be flats although I saw few residents and few people coming or going to them. The area is on various 'walking tour' tourist routes, and I saw large groups on both nights with leaders talking about Jack the Ripper and similar 'East End' legends.
17. There are other licensed premises in the area that were open during my observations, including two massage parlours close by, The Bell public house and various speciality, mainly quite small restaurants, many of which appeared to use Deliveroo and other delivery services as there were riders waiting in the streets and riding through. A short distance away is the busy Commercial Street that generates road noise through the night and also has busy licensed premises such as The Culpepper public house. Four or Five minutes' walk away is Bishopsgate and Liverpool Street Station.
18. I walked to Bishopsgate a few times during my observations, it is a busy late night economy area with many bars, restaurants and takeaway premises in addition to the rail, tfl and road transport hubs. I observed people walking through the Bell Lane area throughout my observations from the Bishopsgate area apparently making their way home to nearby residential areas.

19. On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August I went into the liberty lounge at about 21.30 and met with the assistant manager Paul. The premises is small and was busy but did not appear overly crowded. There was a diverse mix of customers mainly in the 30 plus age range and quite a few couples. The atmosphere was good, and I did not see any signs of drunkenness, large groups, all male groups or disorderly behaviour. Many customers were drinking cocktails and there was evidence of small plates of food being consumed with the drinks.
20. A maximum of Five (5) customers are permitted to smoke outside the premises but I saw very few smokers, no more than a couple at a time, and those that did smoke were quiet and unobtrusive.
21. From about 23.30 hours on both nights the area was quiet with just a few pedestrians walking through and a few vehicles. While there was still background noise from Commercial Street as the ambient noise declined it was possible, in the immediate vicinity of Liberty Lounge, to just hear the music and chatting coming from the basement. The door from the street to the premises is kept open and so it is open directly down the stairs into the basement. I doubt that this noise is audible in any nearby residential premises and a reduction in music volume and/or the addition of some sort of acoustic barrier would prevent this completely.
22. Towards the premises closing time, 24.00 on Thursday night and 01.00 hours on Saturday night, I observed a steady egress of customers. Most left in couples or small groups and either made their way away on foot or waited outside a short while for ubers/minicabs. I did not observe excessive noise, any anti-social behaviour or any drunkenness from customers leaving.
23. On a couple of occasions it was possible to hear the voices of customers, waiting outside the premises for their transport, above the ambient background noise. They were only talking and laughing outside the premises for a short while, but I did not observe the door supervisor intervene, which I consider would be enough to ensure that they kept their voices down.

24. It would also assist if customers leaving towards the end of the night were encouraged to call their transport prior to leaving as this would minimise waiting time on the street. Overall I did not consider that the behaviour I observed would cause disturbance or nuisance to residential premises and it caused significantly less noise than, for example, the refuse collection truck that collected refuse in Bell Lane at 01.20 hours on Saturday night.
25. By midnight on Thursday and 01.00 on Saturday the last few customers were drifting away from the premises and the entrance door was closed soon after this. I remained in the area until about 01.00 on Thursday night and 02.00 on Saturday night, it was quiet but still had a small number of pedestrians making their way through the area, presumably from late night premises such as those in Bishopsgate, and a small number of vehicles passing through the area. Overall there was little discernible difference in the area between the premises being open and the premises being closed.

Adrian Studd

Independent Licensing Consultant.

29/08/2022.



**Charlie Geyton**

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**From:** MARK.J.Perry [redacted]  
**Sent:** 29 July 2022 08:34  
**To:** Robert Botkai; Corinne.Hollan [redacted]  
 Simmi.Yesmin [redacted]  
**Cc:** Andrew Sanders; Charlie Geyton  
**Subject:** RE: Premise Licence variation - Liberty Lounge, 1a Bell Lane -ref 149633

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Hi,

Yes I am happy with this, 1 SIA on duty Thursday Friday and Saturday which are the busiest days.

Kind Regards

Mark



PC Mark Perry



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**From:** Robert Botkai [redacted]  
**Sent:** 27 July 2022 12:48  
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**Subject:** RE: Premise Licence variation - Liberty Lounge, 1a Bell Lane -ref 149633

Hi Corinne

The application for the above is to extend the hours Thursday to Saturday. We have taken the opportunity to update the operating schedule.

The existing licence includes no obligation for SIA door supervisors.

The following condition is included in the operating schedule:

- An SIA licensed door supervisor shall be on duty at the premises from 2100 hrs to the close of business and they must correctly display their SIA licence(s) when on duty so as to be visible.

The intention of the applicant is that this condition applies only to the days on which the extended hours are sought. For clarity the condition should read:

- On Thursday Friday and Saturday an SIA licensed door supervisor shall be on duty at the premises from 2100 hrs to the close of business and they must correctly display their SIA licence(s) when on duty so as to be visible.

The police licensing officer has indicated that this was his understanding of the condition.

I will address the Committee at the hearing but please can this email be included in the Committee Report.

Kind regards

Robert

**Robert Botkai**  
Partner



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## Business 1/3



- In line with the economic impact described in the previous section, many businesses hit hard by Covid, with a sudden demand & supply shock
- Impact is highly uneven & varies by sector. Hardest hit are those most difficult to function during lockdown: arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation & food services. Market & street traders hard hit. A few areas (e.g. supermarkets) have seen unprecedented demand
- Buying habits have changed, with a bigger proportion spent online
- Number of people working from home has increased but still relative minority of all UK workers.
- Businesses less hard hit will still have been impacted by higher levels staff absence due to sickness &/or self-isolation



- Pre-Covid, LBTH economy growing.
- Impact of Covid on different sectors echoed locally. Approx. 1,200 retail 935 hospitality & 1,000 arts, leisure, entertainment businesses based in LBTH.
- Feedback that main business challenges are paying monthly rent payments, paying staff wages & reduced customers.
- 11% of London's workers are in the two sectors most badly impacted by Covid (arts, entertainment, recreation; & accommodation & food services activities). These sectors make up 6.9% of the jobs in LBTH, but it is likely that a higher proportion of LBTH residents work in these sectors overall.
- Banking, finance & insurance less hard hit. Over half of LBTH jobs in this sector 2016-19, but third of residents work in this sector.



From 6<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> April 2020 in the UK, 23% of businesses had temporarily closed or paused trading. 60% of those still trading reported a fall in revenues. 44% of firms responding to a fortnightly national survey said their reserves would last for less than six months.

Buying habits have changed. On 22<sup>nd</sup> May in the UK the proportion spent online rose to a new record of 30.7%.

65% of market & street traders responding to national survey say forced to close (NMTF)

In 2017, LBTH accounted for 7% of economic output in London. 17,355 local enterprises based in LBTH in 2019: 36% more than in 2014, faster growth than London & UK. 98% were micro/small businesses of <50 employees.

350 LBTH businesses responded to survey in early May. Top 3 issues: paying rent (61%), staff wages (61%), reduced customer/footfall (74%)

As of 28<sup>th</sup> April, grants totalling £57.6m awarded to 4,052 LBTH businesses (Small Business Grant - £10k per business, Retail Grant Fund - £10-28k per retail, hospitality & leisure business). Grants totalling 5,773 local businesses projected.



