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Report of Colin Perrins

**Head of Trading Standards and Commercial** 

Originating Officer: Jackie Randall

**Principal Licensing Officer** 

Title Licensing Act 2003

Application for a Premises Licence for Café de London, 507 Hackney Road, London E2 9ED

Ward affected

**Bethnal Green North** 

## 1.0 **Summary**

Applicant:

Café de London Limited

Name and

Café de London Address of Premises: 507 Hackney Road

London E2 9ED

Licence sought:

**Licensing Act 2003** 

The sale of alcohol

**Provision of Late Night Refreshment** 

Objectors: **Environmental Health** 

## 2.0 Recommendations

That the Licensing Committee considers the application and objections 2.1 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

File Only

Jackie Randall 020 7364 5109

### 3.0 Background

- 3.1 This is an application for a premises licence for Café de London, 507 Hackney Road, London E2 9ED.
- 3.2 A copy of the application is enclosed as **Appendix 1**. The applicant has described the nature of the application as follows: The sale of alcohol Provision of late night refreshment (the supply of hot food and hot drink)
- 3.3 The hours open to the public was omitted from the application however the applicant clarified the hours for these and the hours for the sale of alcohol. The letter is attached in **Appendix 2**.
- 3.4 The hours that have been applied for are as follows:-

### Sale of Alcohol (on sales only)

Monday to Friday from 18:00 hrs to 03:00 hrs the following day Saturday and Sunday from 12:00 hrs to 03:00 hrs the following day

## The Provision of Late Night Refreshment:

Monday to Sunday until 03:00 hrs the following day

## Hours premises is open to the public:

Monday to Sunday from 07:00 to 03:00 hrs the following day

- 3.5 Members may wish to note that in relation to the sale of alcohol and late night refreshment this is the same as when the premises close to the public. It is difficult to see how the licence holder will ensure that the licence conditions are met. The problem, of course, is that if sales continue until the last minute the premises cannot be emptied on time. Members are advised to consider a break between the end of the regulated activities and the time the premises closes to the public.
- 3.6 A map showing the relevant premises is included as **Appendix 3**.

## 4.0 Licensing Policy and Government Advice

- 4.1 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 7<sup>th</sup> January 2008.
- 4.2 Relevant Sections of the policy are brought to the attention of Members within the Licensing Officers report.
- 4.3 The Government Minister, the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport has issued Guidance under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003. This is available on the Government's website, <a href="https://www.culture.gov.uk">www.culture.gov.uk</a>. It

- will also be available at the hearing. It was substantially revised on the 28 June 2007.
- 4.4 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.

### 5.0 Objections

5.1 This hearing is required by the Licensing Act 2003, because relevant representations have been made by the following responsible authorities:

Environmental Health (See Appendix 4)

- 5.2 The application was required to be advertised in a local newspaper and by a blue poster. Only objections 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
- 5.3 Essentially, the regulatory Authority oppose the application because the applicant has not explained how within the context of longer hours they will meet the licensing objectives, particularly: the prevention of public nuisance
- 5.4 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.

## 6.0 Licensing Officer Comments

- 6.1 The Licensing Section is not a responsible authority and therefore has no ability to make any relevant representations. The following therefore 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.
- 6.2 Guidance issued under section 182 of the licensing Act 2003
  - As stated in the guidance it is "provided for licensing authorities carrying out this their functions." It is a key mechanism for promoting

best practice, ensuring consistent application and promoting fairness (1.6).

Also "so long as the guidance has been properly and carefully understood and considered, licensing authorities may depart from it if they have reason to do so." When doing so licensing authorities will need to give full reasons for their actions (1.7).

- 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." (1.10)
- Conditions may not be imposed for the purpose other than the licensing objectives.
- Necessary conditions should emerge from a risk assessment by the applicant, which should then be reflected in the operating schedule (10.7).
- The Licensing Authority may only impose such conditions as are necessary for meeting the licensing objectives.
- It is Government policy that facilities for people and performers with disabilities should be provided at places of entertainment. (S. 10.24).
- ❖ The Government has stated "there is no general presumption in favour of lengthening licensing hours and the four licensing objectives should be paramount at all times. Where there are objections to an application and the committee believes that changing the licensing hours would undermine the licensing objectives, they may reject the application or grant it with appropriate conditions and/or different hours from those requested." (10.20)
- 6.3 The Licensing Act 2003 permits children of any age to be on the premises providing they are accompanied by an adult. It is not necessary to make this a condition.
- 6.4 In all cases the Members should make their decision on the civil burden of proof, that is "the balance of probability."
- 6.5 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.
- 6.6 The Government has advised that "In the context of preventing public nuisance it is again essential that conditions are focused on measures within the direct control of the licence holder. Conditions relating to public nuisance caused by anti-social behaviour of customers once they

- are beyond the control of the licence holder or premises management cannot be justified and will not serve the licensing objectives." (2.38)
- 6.7 The Council's licensing Policy generally expects applicants to address the licensing objectives and discuss how to do this with the relevant responsible authorities.
- 6.8 Members will find advice on the issues relating to conduct on the premises and egress as follows:

Appendix 5 Licensing Officer comments on Noise While The

Premise Is In Use

Appendix 6 Licensing Officer comments on Egress Problems

Appendix 7 Planning

Appendix 8 Licensing Policy relating to hours of trading

### 7.0 Exemptions

- 7.1 There are a number of statutory exemptions from the operation of the Licensing Act 2003, and Members need to bear these in mind.
- 7.2 Acts of religious worship, wherever performed are not licensable.
- 7.3 Section 177, (1) and (2) of the Act provides that where a premises (or club) is licensed for alcohol consumption on the premises and is primarily thus used, and the permitted capacity does not exceed 200, additional conditions relating to the music should only relate to public safety or the prevention of crime (or both). That is they should not relate to any "noise nuisance."
- 7.4 Section 177 (4) provides that where a premises licence (or club) has a capacity of not more than 200 and the only music is unamplified live music between 08 00 hrs and midnight, no additional conditions should be set relating to the music.
- 7.5 Section 177 can be disapplied on a licence review if it is proportionate to do so.

## 8.0 Legal Comments

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

#### 9.0 Finance Comments

9.1 There are no financial implications in this report.

## 10.0 Appendices

A copy of the application. Appendix 1 Applicants letter amending hours Appendix 2 Appendix 3 Maps of the area Representations of Environmental Health Appendix 4 Licensing Officer comments on Noise While The Appendix 5 Premise Is In Use Licensing Officer comments on Egress Problems Appendix 6 Appendix 7 Planning Appendix 8 Licensing Policy relating to hours of trading



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## Application for a premises licence to be granted under the Licensing Act 2003

# PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form. If you are completing this form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary. You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

I/We (Insert name(s) of applicant) FOISAL AHPICE CAFE DE LONDON LTD

apply for a premises licence under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below (the premises) and I/we are making this application to you as the relevant licensing authority in accordance with section 12 of the Licensing Act 2003.

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# Part 2 - Applicant details

Please state whether you are applying for a premises licence as

a)	an individual or individuals*	Please tick yes Please complete section (A)
b)	a person other than an individual *	
	i. as a limited company	please complete section (B)
	ii. as a partnership	please complete section (B)
	iii. as an unincorporated association or	please complete section (B)
	iv. other (for example a statutory corporati	on)
c)	a recognised club	☐ please complete section (B)
d)	a charity	☐ please complete section (B)
e)	the proprietor of an educational establishme	ent
f)	a health service body	☐ please complete section (B)
g)	an individual who is registered under Part 2 the Care Standards Act 2000 (c14) in respec of an independent hospital	of
h)	the chief officer of police of a police force in England and Wales	please complete section (B)
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E-mail address (optional)	ahmedfoisa	185@hotma	
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## B) OTHER APPLICANTS

Please provide name and registered address of applicant in full. Where appropriate please give any registered number. In the case of a partnership or other joint venture (other than a body corporate), please give the name and address of each party concerned.

	party concerned.
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PRIVAT	TE LIMITED (CMPANY)
Telephone num	ber, if any
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E-mail (optional)	ahmedfosal85@hatmail.com

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What licensable activities do you intend to carry on from the premises? (Please see sections 1 and 14 of the Licensing Act 2003 and Schedule 1 and 2 to the Licensing Act 2003)

# Provision of regulated entertainment

a) plays (if ticking yes, fill in box A)	Please tick   yes
b) films (if ticking yes, fill in box B)	
c) indoor sporting events (if ticking yes, fill in box C)	
d) boxing or wrestling entertainment (if ticking yes, fill in box D)	
e) live music (if ticking yes, fill in box E)	
f) recorded music (if ticking yes, fill in box F)	
g) performances of dance (if ticking yes, fill in box G)	
h) anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g)	
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i) making music (if ticking yes, fill in box I)	
j) dancing (if ticking yes, fill in box J)	
k) entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (i) or (j)	
(if ticking yes, fill in box K)	
Provision of late night refreshment (if ticking yes, fill in box L)	
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Describe the steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives: a) General - all four licensing objectives (b,c,d,e) (please read guidance note 9)

Objective of opening a case lounge is to promote community conesion by creating a friendly environment for local & non-local people to come and enjoy healthy food, in a safe environment for both adult à children, maintaining adult public safety in terms of food & hygiene, including a safe & nonviolent area.

## b) The prevention of crime and disorder

CCTV Seconty guard if open until late night. Building friendly, close relationship with local community. Holding venue for local community events. in particular for young people. Alcohol prevention / control - limiting alcohol intake of customers. Exercising age requirement for customers buying alcohol. - 'look 18, think 21'

## c) Public safety

Five exits Hygiene control - deaning Safety signs. Quality control of food and nygiene Hazard signs bmoke alarm. First aid staff onsight Fire extinguishers No gaining machines on sight of no access semi or full mudity films for any

## d) The prevention of public nuisance

Meeting environmental health regulations Sound control. Minimising work noise. Working with local council, groups & voluntary organisations and pouce.

Preventing overcrowding by limiting customers allowed into the premise:

## e) The protection of children from harm

keeping sharp & dangerous objects away from children. CCTV constant & throughout - monitoring everything. Training staff in nealth & safety, including No children allowed, during unsociable Designated child-friendly area

## You have completed part 3 of this form. Below is a checklist for your assistance.

#### CHECKLIST:

•	I have made or enclosed payment of the fee	Please tick	yes
•	I have enclosed the plan of the premises		Ø
•	I have sent copies of this application and the plan to responsible authorities where applicable	and others	Ø
•	I have enclosed the consent form completed by the individual I wish to be F Supervisor, if applicable	Premises	Ø
•	I understand that I must now advertise my application		政
•	I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my applica be rejected	tion will	Ø

# Part 4 - Signatures (please read guidance note 10)

IT IS AN OFFENCE, LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE UP TO LEVEL 5 ON THE STANDARD SCALE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS **APPLICATION** 

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Café de London Limited 507 Hackney Road London E2 9ED

Colin Perrins
Licensing Section
Mulberry Place (AH)
PO Box 55739
5 Clove Crescent
London E14 1BY

Tel 07507 559898

Email: ahmedfoisal85@hotmail.com

05 August 2008

Your reference My reference: LSE/COLIN

Dear Mr Perrins,

## Re: 507 Hackney Road, London 9ED Licensing Act 2003

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the opening times for Café de London. I would like to confirm the licensable activities include late night refreshment and the provision of alcohol at the premises, as already stated on the application the opening times for the café are:

Normal opening hours: Monday – Sunday 07.00 to 03.00

Timings for serving Alcohol are as follows: Mon – Fri from 18.00-03.00 Sat – Sun 12.00-03.00

I confirm I have written a separate letter to all the relevant authorities you have provided in your letter and trust this will be sufficient in issuing the licenses applied for. However should you require any further information or have any further instructions please do not hesitate to contact me.

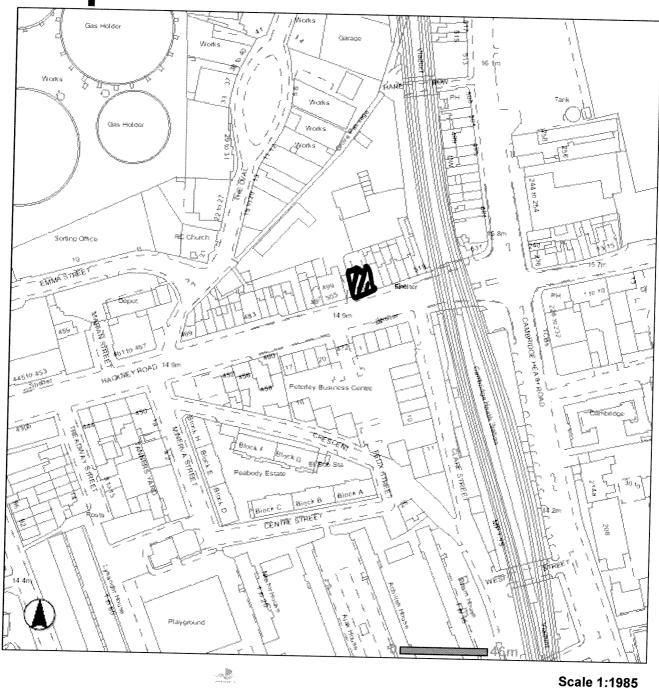
Kind Regards,

Foisal Ahmed

Café de London Limited

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# 507 Hackney Road

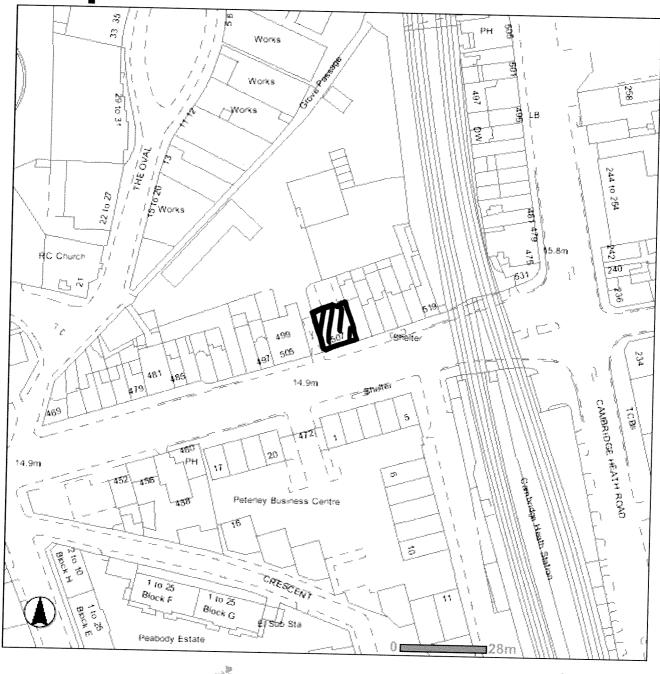
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### Kathy Butler

From:

Sonia Joseph

Sent:

21 August 2008 12:48

To:

Kathy Butler

Subject: FW: Cafe De London, Flare Ref:27388

From: Lamin Tamba

Sent: 21 August 2008 11:24

To: Sonia Joseph

Cc: ahmedfoisal85@hotmail.com

Subject: Cafe De London, Flare Ref:27388

Ahmed.

Following our conversation the additional information which i requested is confirmed in writing, below:

Directorate of Environment & Culture

To

Licensing

Environmental Health, Environmental

Protection

From

EH/EP North Team

Council Offices

Anchorage House, PO BOX 55739

Reference

**FLARE 27388** 

5 Clove Crescent, London E14 1BY

Extension

6783

Date

19 June 2008

Tel: 020 7364 5007

Fax: 020 7364 6831E-mail:

Regarding

Café de London,

Email:

envhealth.envprotection@towerhamlets.gov.uk

## 507 Hackney Road, London, E2 9ED

This section objects to this application of a premises licence for Café de London, 507 Hackney Road, London, E2 9ED, until further information in relation to the extract ventilation system and its installation details are supplied to us.

#### Public Nuisance

The applicant has not submitted any details of the extract ventilation system for this section to examine in terms of potential public nuisance.

Noise and vibration caused by extract ventilation system could cause public nuisance if unsuitable or improperly installed and maintained. Noise generated from cooling units, e.g. freezers/fridges, chilling units or other machinery could cause also cause disturbance to people in the vicinity

especially when such equipment is improperly installed and maintained.

Full details of concerns raised above need to be supplied to Environmental Health for our perusal. This would enable us to make comments as to whether the proposed operations are capable of causing public nuisance especially to nearby residents.

Mr Lamin Tamba

Environmental Health Enforcement Officer

## Noise while the premise is in use

### General Advice

If they conclude this is a problem Members should consider whether it is possible to carry out suitable and proportionate noise control measures so that noise leakage is prevented. In addition Members may consider that only certain activities are suitable.

The hours of operation also need to be considered (see below).

If Members believe that there is a substantial problem of noise while the premises are in use and it cannot be proportionately address by licensing conditions they should refuse the application.

#### Licensing Policy

The policy recognises that noise nuisance can be an issue, especially if a premises is open late at night. (See Sections 8.1 of the Licensing Policy).

While all applications will be considered on their merits, consideration will be given to imposing stricter conditions in respect of noise control where premises are situated close to local residents. (See Section 12.11).

The Licensing Authority expects the applicant to have addressed all nuisance issues relating to the premises in their operating schedule and to have sought appropriate advice from the Council's Environmental Health Officers. (See Section 8.2 of the Licensing Policy).

The Licensing Authority will consider attaching conditions to prevent nuisance and these may include Conditions drawn from the Model Poll of Conditions relating to Crime and Disorder. (See Appendix 2 Annex D of the Licensing Policy). In particular Members may wish to consider (this list is not exhaustive):

- hours of opening (this needs to be balanced against potential disorder caused by artificially early closing times
- Whether certain parts should close earlier than the rest (for example a "beer garden", or restricted in their use
- Whether or not certain activities should have to close at an early hour, for example live music
- Conditions controlling noise or vibration (for example, noise limiters, keeping doors and windows closed).
- Prominent clear and legible notices at all exits requesting the public to respect the needs of local residents and leave the premises and area quietly
- Conditions controlling the use of explosives, pyrotechnics and fireworks
- Conditions controlling the placing of refuse
- Conditions controlling noxious smells

 Conditions controlling lighting (this needs to be balanced against potential crime prevention benefits)

#### Police Powers

Part 8 of the Licensing Act 2003 enables a senior police officer to close down a premises for up to 24 hrs. a premises causing a nuisance resulting from noise emanating from the premises.

### Guidance Issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003

The Licensing Policy has adopted the recommended Pool of Conditions as permitted (13.20 and Annex D).

The prevention of public nuisance could include low-level nuisance, perhaps affecting a few people living locally as well as major disturbance affecting the whole community (2.33).

Licence conditions should not duplicate other legislation (1.16).

Necessary and appropriate conditions should normally focus on the most sensitive periods (2.36) and may address disturbance as customers enter or leave the premises but it is essential that conditions are focused on measures within the direct control of the licence holder (2.38).

### Other Legislation

The Environmental Protection Act 1990, Part 111 gives Environmental Health Officers the power to deal with statutory nuisances.

The Anti-social Behaviour Act 2003, Sections 40 and 41 give Environmental Health Officers the power of closure up to 24 hours in certain circumstances.

## **Access and Egress problems**

#### Such as:

Disturbance from patrons arriving/leaving the premises on foot Disturbance from patrons arriving/leaving the premises by car Lack of adequate car parking facilities

Close proximity to residential properties

#### Comment

The above have been grouped together as egress problems. Of course the particular facts will be different for each alleged problem.

#### General Advice

In considering concerns relating to disturbance from egress, Members need to be satisfied that the premises under consideration has been identified as the source of the actual or potential disturbance. If they are satisfied that this is a problem, then proportionate conditions should be considered.

The hours of operation also need to be considered.

If Members believe that there is a substantial problem concerning egress and it cannot be proportionately addressed by licensing conditions, they should refuse the application.

#### **Licensing Policy**

The policy recognises that noise nuisance can be an issue, especially if a premises is open late at night. (See Sections 8.1 of the Licensing Policy).

The Licensing Authority expects the applicant to have addressed all nuisance issues relating to the premises in their operating schedule and to have sought appropriate advice from the Council's Environmental Health Officers. (See Section 8.2 of the Licensing Policy).

However, while all applications will be considered on their merits, consideration will be given to imposing stricter conditions in respect of noise control where premises are situated close to local residents. (**See Section 12.10**)

The Licensing Authority will consider attaching conditions to prevent nuisance and these may include Conditions drawn from the Model Poll of Conditions relating to the prevention of Public Nuisance. (See Appendix 2 Annex G of the Licensing Policy). In particular Members may wish to consider (this list is not exhaustive):

- hours of opening (this needs to be balanced against potential disorder caused by artificially early closing times
- Whether certain parts should close earlier than the rest (for example a "beer garden", or restricted in their use

- Whether or not certain activities should have to close at an early hour, for example live music
- Conditions controlling noise or vibration (for example, noise limiters, keeping doors and windows closed).
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## Guidance Issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003

The pool of conditions, adopted by the council is recommended (Annex G). The prevention of public nuisance could include low-level nuisance, perhaps affecting a few people living locally as well as major disturbance affecting the whole community. (2.33).

Licence conditions should not duplicate other legislation (1.16).

Necessary and appropriate conditions should normally focus on the most sensitive periods and may address disturbance as customers enter or leave the premises (2.36) but it is essential that conditions are focused on measures within the direct control of the licence holder" (2.38).

In certain circumstances conditions relating to noise in the immediate vicinity of the premises may also prove necessary to address any disturbance anticipated as customers enter and leave (2.36).

However, it is essential that conditions are focused on measures within the direct control of the licence holder. Conditions relating to behaviour once they are beyond the control of the licence holder cannot be justified. (2.38)

## **Planning**

An application for a Premises Licence can be made in respect of a premises even where the premises does not have relevant Planning Permission. That application has to be considered and Members can only refuse the application where the application itself does not promote one of more of the Licensing Objectives. Members cannot refuse just because there is no planning permission. Where a Premises Licence is granted and which exceeds what is allowed by the Planning Permission and that Premises then operates in breach of planning then the operator would be liable to enforcement by Planning.

## Licensing Policy relating to hours of trading

All applications have to be considered on their own merits.

The Council has however adopted a set of framework hours as follows

Sunday to Thursday 06 00 hrs to 23 30 hrs Friday and Saturday 06 00 hrs to midnight

(see 12.8 Of the licensing policy)

In considering the applicability of frame work hours to any particular application regard should be had to the following

- Location
- Proposed hours of regulated activities, and the proposed hours the premises are open to the public
- The adequacy of the applicants proposals to deal with issues of crime and disorder and public nuisance
- Previous history
- Access to public transport
- Proximity to other licensed premises, and their hours

(see 12.8 of the licensing policy)

Subject to any representations to the contrary in individual cases the following premises are not generally considered to contribute to late night anti-social behaviour and will therefore generally have greater freedom

- Theatres
- Cinemas
- Premises with club premises certificates
- Premises licensed for off sales only