

Committee : Licensing Sub-Committee	Date 01 June 2021	Classification Unclassified	Report No.	Agenda Item No.
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Report of: David Tolley Head of Environmental Health & Trading Standards Originating Officer: Mohshin Ali Senior Licensing Officer	Title: Licensing Act 2003 Application for a Premises Licence for (Stop N Shop) 59 Commercial Street, London E1 6BD Ward affected: Spitalfields and Banglatown
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1.0 Summary

Applicant: **Adam Ramsey**

Name and **Stop N Shop**

Address of Premises: **59 Commercial Street**
London
E1 6BD

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

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

Representations: **Licensing Authority (RA)**
Environmental Protection

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"

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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 (Stop N Shop) 59 Commercial Street, London E1 6BD.
- 3.2 The applicant has described the premises as “Shop”.
- 3.3 A copy of the premises licence application form is enclosed as **Appendix 1**.
- 3.4 The licensable activities and timings that have been applied for are as follows:

The sale by retail of alcohol – (off sales only)

- *Monday to Sunday, from 08:00 hrs to 23:30 hrs*

The opening hours of the premises

- *Monday to Thursday, from 08:00 hrs to 00:00 hrs (midnight)*
- *Friday and Saturday, from 08:00 hrs to 04:00 hrs the following day*
- *Sunday, from 08:00 hrs to 08:00 hrs (midnight)*

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

- Licensing Authority acting as a Responsible Authority (See **Appendix 5**).
- Environmental Protection Team (See **Appendix 6**).

6.2 All of the responsible authorities have been consulted about this application. They are as follows:

- The Licensing Authority
- The Metropolitan Police
- The LFEPA (the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority).
- Planning
- Health and Safety
- Environmental Protection (Noise)
- Trading Standards
- Child Protection
- Public Health
- Home Secretary (Home Office Immigration Enforcement)

6.3 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

6.4 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 crime and disorder and the prevention of public nuisance.

6.5 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.

6.6 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.

- 6.7 The applicant has responded to the representations made by the responsible authorities and the responses is included in **Appendix 7**.
- 7.0 **Conditions consistent with Operating Schedule (offered by the applicant)**
- 7.1 *CCTV shall be installed to Home Office Guidance standards and maintained in a good working condition and recordings shall be kept for 31 days and shall be made available to police and authorised Officers the Council.*
- a) *The CCTV system shall be capable of obtaining clear facial recognition images and a clear head and shoulders image of every person entering or leaving the premises. Suitable signage re the use of CCTV must be displayed.*
- b) *A CCTV camera shall be installed to cover the entrance to the premises and further cameras to cover the entire servery area and till.*
- 7.2 *A member of staff shall always be present on the premises whilst they are open who is capable operating the CCTV system and able to facilitate immediate viewing of CCTV footage upon the request of the Police and Authorised Officer of the Licensing Authority.*
- 7.3 *A "Challenge 25" policy shall be adopted and adhered to at all times.*
- 7.4 *A sign stating "No proof of age -- No sale" shall be displayed at the point of sale.*
- 7.5 *Any staff directly involved in selling alcohol for retail to consumers, staff who provide training and all managers will undergo regular training (every 12 months) of Licensing Act 2003 legislation. This will be documented and signed for by the*
- 7.6 *Designated Premises Supervisor and the member of staff receiving the training. This training log shall be kept on the premises and made available for inspection by police and relevant authorities upon request.*
- 7.7 *Outside of the hours authorised for the sale of alcohol, all alcohol within the trading area is to be secured behind locked grills, locked screens or locked cabinet doors so as to prevent access to the alcohol by customers or staff.*
- LICENSING OFFICER COMMENTS:** Members should decide whether the following condition should be included in the licence or not.
- 7.8 *Door Supervisors and Security Staff to be Licensed by the SIA (Only if required)*

7.9 *A notice asking Customers to leave quietly from the premises shall be displayed by the exit/entrance.*

LICENSING OFFICER COMMENTS: Members should change “Brent Council” to “Tower Hamlets Council” in the following condition.

7.10 *A single incident log shall be kept at the premises, and made available for inspection on request to an authorised officer of Brent Council or the Police, which will record the following:*

- a) all crimes reported to the venue*
- b) all ejections of patrons*
- c) any complaints received*
- d) any incidents of disorder*
- e) all seizures of drugs or offensive weapons*
- f) any faults in the CCTV system*
- g) any refusal of the sale of alcohol including "Off Deliveries/sales of alcohol"*
- h) any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service.*

7.11 *No high strength beers, lagers, and ciders above 5.5% ABV shall be stocked or sold at the premises.*

7.12 *No miniatures (5cl or 50ml) to be sold.*

7.13 *A clear and unobstructed view into the premises shall be maintained at all times.*

7.14 *Invoices are to be produced to Police, a member of an appropriate authority or council officers upon request to evidence payment of duty on goods.*

7.15 *All deliveries shall take place during the normal working day (i.e. 09:00 to 18:00 daily).*

7.16 *A lockable safe with deposit slot and anti-fishing mechanisms must be used at the counter till area in order to prevent crime.*

7.17 *A suitable intruder alarm and panic button shall be fitted and maintained.*

- 7.18 *A personal licence holder shall be present on the premises and supervise the sale of alcohol throughout the permitted hours for the sale of alcohol.*
- 7.19 *An electronic till prompt should be used for all alcohol sales.*
- 7.20 *Challenge 25 -- if the driver considers the recipient of alcohol appears under 25, recognised photographic identification to be requested before any alcohol is given to the recipient.*
- 7.21 *At the time the order is placed, a declaration will be required from the person placing the order that the person is over "18 years of age".*
- 7.22 *Alcohol shall only be delivered to a residential or business address and not to a public place.*
- 7.23 *The Minimum age of delivery drivers will be 18.*
- 7.24 *A minimum of two members of staff shall be present throughout the permitted hours for the sale of alcohol.*

8.0 Conditions in consultation with the Responsible Authorities

None

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 8 - 14** 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 application
Appendix 2	Site Plan
Appendix 3	Maps of the surrounding area
Appendix 4	Other licensed venues in the area
Appendix 5	Representation of Licensing Authority (RA)
Appendix 6	Representation of EH Noise Team
Appendix 7	Applicant's response
Appendix 8	Licensing Officer comments on noise while the premise is in use
Appendix 9	Licensing Officer comments on access/egress Problems
Appendix 10	Licensing Officer comments on crime and disorder on the premises
Appendix 11	Licensing Officer comments on crime and disorder from patrons leaving the premises
Appendix 12	Planning
Appendix 13	Licensing Policy relating to hours of trading
Appendix 14	Tower Hamlets Cumulative Impact Zone