

Tower Hamlets Application for a premises licence Licensing Act 2003

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You can save the form at any t	ime and resume it later. You do not need to be	logged in when you resume.		
System reference	Not Currently In Use	This is the unique reference for this application generated by the system.		
Your reference	Cafe Brera	You can put what you want here to help you track applications if you make lots of them. It is passed to the authority.		
Are you an agent acting on be	half of the applicant?	Put "no" if you are applying on your own behalf or on behalf of a business you own or work for.		
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Applicant Details				
* First name	Alexandru	]		
* Family name	Dina	]		
* E-mail		]		
Main telephone number		Include country code.		
Other telephone number				
🛛 Indicate here if you wou	Id prefer not to be contacted by telephone			
Are you:				
<ul> <li>Applying as a business of</li> </ul>	or organisation, including as a sole trader	A sole trader is a business owned by one		
<ul> <li>Applying as an individual</li> </ul>		person without any special legal structure. Applying as an individual means you are applying so you can be employed, or for some other personal reason, such as following a hobby.		
Applicant Business				
Is your business registered in the UK with Companies House?		Note: completing the Applicant Business section is optional in this form.		
Registration number	12869065			
Business name	REPUBLIKS LTD	If your business is registered, use its   registered name.		
VAT number -	none	Put "none" if you are not registered for VAT.		
Legal status Private Limited Company		]		

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Your position in the business	General Manager	
Home country	United Kingdom	The country where the headquarters of your business is located.
Registered Address		Address registered with Companies House.
Building number or name		
District	London	
City or town	London	
County or administrative area	London	
Country	United Kingdom	
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PREMISES DETAILS		
	ply for a premises licence under section 17 of th he premises) and I/we are making this applicati of the Licensing Act 2003.	
Premises Address		
Are you able to provide a posta	al address, OS map reference or description of t	he premises?
Address	preference O Description	
Postal Address Of Premises		
Building number or name	31	
Street	Westferry Circus	
District	Canary Riverside	
City or town	London	
County or administrative area	Canary Wharf	
Postcode	E14 8RR	
Country	United Kingdom	
Further Details		
Telephone number		
Non-domestic rateable value of premises (£)		

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	ICATION DETAILS				
In wh	at capacity are you applyi	ng for the premises licence?			
	An individual or individua	als			
$\boxtimes$	A limited company / limit	ted liability partnership			
	A partnership (other than	n limited liability)			
	An unincorporated assoc	iation			
	Other (for example a stat	utory corporation)			
	A recognised club				
	A charity				
	The proprietor of an educ	cational establishment			
	A health service body				
		ed under part 2 of the Care Standards Act n independent hospital in Wales			
	A person who is registered under Chapter 2 of Part 1 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 in respect of the carrying on of a regulated activity (within the meaning of that Part) in an independent hospital in England				
	The chief officer of police of a police force in England and Wales				
Conf	irm The Following				
$\boxtimes$	I am carrying on or proposing to carry on a business which involves the use of the premises for licensable activities				
	I am making the applicat	ion pursuant to a statutory function			
	I am making the application pursuant to a function discharged by virtue of Her Majesty's prerogative				
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NON	INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT	S			
Provide name and registered address of applicant in full. Where appropriate give any registered number. In the case of a partnership or other joint venture (other than a body corporate), give the name and address of each party concerned.					
Non	Individual Applicant's N	ame			
Nam	e	REPUBLIKS LTD			
Deta	Details				
0	stered number (where icable)	12869065			

Description of applicant (for example partnership, company, unincorporated association etc)

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company		
Address		
Building number or name		
District	London	
City or town	London	
County or administrative area	London	
Country	United Kingdom	
Contact Details		
Telephone number		
Other telephone number		
* Date of birth		
	dd mm yyyy	
* Nationality		Documents that demonstrate entitlement to work in the UK
	Add another applicant	]
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OPERATING SCHEDULE		
When do you want the premises licence to start?	29 / 06 / 2023 dd mm yyyy	
If you wish the licence to be valid only for a limited period, when do you want it to end	dd mm yyyy	
Provide a general description of	of the premises	
licensing objectives. Where yo	ses, its general situation and layout and any oth ur application includes off-supplies of alcohol a plies you must include a description of where th	nd you intend to provide a place for
Dining area with capacity 40 p	eople , out side seating close to the river	

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If 5,000 or more people are		
expected to attend the premises at any one time,		
state the number expected to		
attend		
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PROVISION OF PLAYS		
See guidance on regulated entertainment		
Will you be providing plays?		
○ Yes		
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PROVISION OF FILMS		
See guidance on regulated entertainment		
Will you be providing films?		
○ Yes ● No		
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PROVISION OF INDOOR SPORTING EVENTS		
See guidance on regulated entertainment		
Will you be providing indoor sporting events?		
○ Yes ● No		
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PROVISION OF BOXING OR WRESTLING ENTERTAINMENTS		
See guidance on regulated entertainment		
Will you be providing boxing or wrestling entertainments?		
○ Yes		
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PROVISION OF LIVE MUSIC		
See guidance on regulated entertainment		
Will you be providing live music?		
○ Yes ● No		
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PROVISION OF RECORDED MUSIC		
See guidance on regulated entertainment		
Will you be providing recorded music?		
• Yes O No		
Standard Days And Timings		

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MONDAY			Give timings in 24 hour clock.
	Start 07:00	End 23:00	(e.g., 16:00) and only give details for the days
	Start	End	of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.
TUESDAY			
	Start 07:00	End 23:00	
	Start	End	
WEDNESDAY			
	Start 07:00	End 23:00	
	Start	End	
THURSDAY			1
	Start 07:00	End 23:00	
	Start	End	
FRIDAY			1
	Start 07:00	End 23:00	
	Start	End	
SATURDAY			
	Start 07:00	End 23:00	
	Start	End	
SUNDAY			
	Start 07:00	End 23:00	
	Start	End	
Will the playing of recor	ded music take place indoo	rs or outdoors or both?	Where taking place in a building or other
	<ul> <li>Outdoors</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Both</li> </ul>	structure tick as appropriate. Indoors may include a tent.
	be authorised, if not already not music will be amplified	-	urther details, for example (but not
Recorded music (not am	nplified)		
State any seasonal varia	itions for playing recorded n	nusic	
-			ays during the summer months.
•	of playing recorded music, m		

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Non-standard timings. Where the premises will be used for the playing of recorded music at different times from those list in the column on the left, list below	ted
For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.	
all the recorded music will play within the standard time mentioned above	
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PROVISION OF PERFORMANCES OF DANCE	
See guidance on regulated entertainment	
Will you be providing performances of dance?	
○ Yes	
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PROVISION OF ANYTHING OF A SIMILAR DESCRIPTION TO LIVE MUSIC, RECORDED MUSIC OR PERFORMANCES OF DANCE	
See guidance on regulated entertainment	
Will you be providing anything similar to live music, recorded music or performances of dance?	
○ Yes ● No	
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LATE NIGHT REFRESHMENT	
Will you be providing late night refreshment?	
○ Yes	
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SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL	
Will you be selling or supplying alcohol?	
Standard Days And Timings	
MONDAY Cius timings in 24 hour slock	
Give timings in 24 hour clock. Start 11:00 End 23:00 (e.g., 16:00) and only give details for the d	ays
Start End End to be used for the activity	S
Start End to be used for the activity.	
Start 11:00 End 23:00	
Start End End	

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WEDNESDAY				
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Start		End		
THURSDAY				
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Start		End		
FRIDAY				
Start	11:00	End 23:00		
Start		End		
SATURDAY				
Start	11:00	End 23:00		
Start		End		
SUNDAY				
Start	11:00	End 23:00		
Start		End		
Will the sale of alcohol be for a	consumption:		If the sale of alcohol is for consumption on	
<ul> <li>On the premises</li> </ul>	O Off the premises •	Both	the premises select on, if the sale of alcohol is for consumption away from the premises select off. If the sale of alcohol is for consumption on the premises and away from the premises select both.	
State any seasonal variations				
For example (but not exclusive	ely) where the activity will occu	ur on additional da	ays during the summer months.	
no seasonal variations				
Non-standard timings. Where the premises will be used for the supply of alcohol at different times from those listed in the column on the left, list below				
For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve. No non-standard timing for the supply of alcohol				
No non-standard timing for th				
State the name and details of licence as premises supervisor	-	to specify on the		

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Name				
First name	Alexandru			
Family name	Dina			
Date of birth	dd mm yyyy			
Enter the contact's address				
Building number or name				
District				
City or town				
County or administrative area				
Country	United Kingdom			
Personal Licence number (if known)				
lssuing licensing authority (if known)				
PROPOSED DESIGNATED PRE	MISES SUPERVISOR CONSENT			
How will the consent form of the supplied to the authority?	ne proposed designated premises supervisor			
	posed designated premises supervisor			
○ As an attachment to this	application			
Reference number for consent form (if known)		If the consent form is already submitted, ask the proposed designated premises supervisor for its 'system reference' or 'your reference'.		
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ADULT ENTERTAINMENT				
Highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, or other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children				
Give information about anything intended to occur at the premises or ancillary to the use of the premises which may give rise to concern in respect of children, regardless of whether you intend children to have access to the premises, for example (but not exclusively) nudity or semi-nudity, films for restricted age groups etc gambling machines etc.				
No adult entertainment				

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HOURS PREMISES ARE	OPEN	TO THE PUBLIC			
Standard Days And Ti	mings				
MONDAY					Give timings in 24 hour clock.
	Start	07:00	End	23:00	(e.g., 16:00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises
	Start		End		to be used for the activity.
TUESDAY					
	Start	07:00	End	23:00	
	Start		End		
WEDNESDAY					
	Start	07:00	End	23:00	
	Start		End		
THURSDAY					
	Start	07:00	End	23:00	
	Start		End		
FRIDAY					
	Start	07:00	End	23:00	
	Start		End		
SATURDAY					
	Start	07:00	End	23:00	
	Start		End		
SUNDAY					
	Start	07:00	End	23:00	
	Start		End		
State any seasonal varia	ations				
For example (but not ex	xclusiv	ely) where the activity will o	occur on a	additional da	ys during the summer months.
none					
Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises to be open to the members and guests at different times from those listed in the column on the left, list below					
For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.					
No non-standard timing					

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### LICENSING OBJECTIVES

Describe the steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives:

a) General - all four licensing objectives (b,c,d,e)

List here steps you will take to promote all four licensing objectives together.

The steps will be the following:

- 1. to have full trained staff who would sell alcohol during our designated licensing hours
- 2. to have a CCTV system in place
- 3. to maintain records concerning the supply and the sell of the alcohol
- 4. to have in place Challenge 25 in place

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

1. A state of the art CCTV system in place

- 2. Challenge 25 policy in place
- 3. Keeping an incident log book on the premises

c) Public safety

- 1. Alcohol will be sold only during licensing hours
- 2. Challenge 25 in place
- 3. Refusal of alcohol to individual who appear to be drunk
- 4. Special training staff to dispense alcohol

d) The prevention of public nuisance

- 1. Training staff on how to diffuse any issue
- 2. No alcohol sale to already intoxicated people
- 3. Seek the service of a security company in extreme situations

### e) The protection of children from harm

- 1. No sale of alcohol to any one who is underage
- 2. Check proof of age
- 3. Trainig staff to foresee any problems

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### NOTES ON DEMONSTRATING ENTITLEMENT TO WORK IN THE UK

### Entitlement to work/immigration status for individual applicants and applications from partnerships which are not limited liability partnerships:

A licence may not be held by an individual or an individual in a partnership who is resident in the UK who:

- does not have the right to live and work in the UK; or
- is subject to a condition preventing him or her from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.

Any premises licence issued in respect of an application made on or after 6 April 2017 will become invalid if the holder ceases to be entitled to work in the UK.

Applicants must demonstrate that they have an entitlement to work in the UK and are not subject to a condition preventing them from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity. They do this in one of two ways: 1) by providing with this application copies or scanned copies of the documents listed below (which do not need to be certified), or 2) by providing their 'share code' to enable the licensing authority to carry out a check using the Home Office online right to work checking service (see below).

### Documents which demonstrate entitlement to work in the UK

- An expired or current passport showing the holder, or a person named in the passport as the child of the holder, is A British citizen or a citizen of the UK and Colonies having the right of abode in the UK [please see note below about which sections of the passport to copy].
- An expired or current passport or national identity card showing the holder, or a person named in the passport as the child of the holder, is a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A Registration Certificate or document certifying permanent residence issued by the Home Office to a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A Permanent Residence Card issued by the Home Office to the family member of a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A current Biometric Immigration Document (Biometric Residence Permit) issued by the Home Office to the holder indicating that the person named is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK, or has no time limit on their stay in the UK.
- A **current** passport endorsed to show that the holder is exempt from immigration control, is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK, has the right of abode in the UK, or has no time limit on their stay in the UK.
- A current Immigration Status Document issued by the Home Office to the holder with an endorsement indicating that the named person is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK or has no time limit on their stay in the UK, when produced in combination with an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A birth or adoption certificate issued in the UK, when produced in combination with an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A birth or adoption certificate issued in the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Ireland **when produced in combination** with an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A certificate of registration or naturalisation as a British citizen, **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.

- A current passport endorsed to show that the holder is allowed to stay in the UK and is currently allowed to work and is not subject to a condition preventing the holder from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.
- A current Biometric Immigration Document (Biometric Residence Permit) issued by the Home Office to the holder which indicates that the named person can currently stay in the UK and is allowed to work relation to the carrying on of a licensable activity.
- A current Residence Card issued by the Home Office to a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights or residence.
- A current Immigration Status Document containing a photograph issued by the Home Office to the holder with an endorsement indicating that the named person may stay in the UK, and is allowed to work and is not subject to a condition preventing the holder from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity when produced in combination with an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A Certificate of Application, **less than 6 months old**, issued by the Home Office under regulation 18(3) or 20(2) of the Immigration (European Economic Area) Regulations 2016, to a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights of residence.
- Reasonable evidence that the person has an outstanding application to vary their permission to be in the UK with the Home Office such as the Home Office acknowledgement letter or proof of postage evidence, or reasonable evidence that the person has an appeal or administrative review pending on an immigration decision, such as an appeal or administrative review reference number.
- Reasonable evidence that a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights of residence in exercising treaty rights in the UK including:-
  - evidence of the applicant's own identity such as a passport,
  - evidence of their relationship with the European Economic Area family member e.g. a marriage certificate, civil partnership certificate or birth certificate, and
  - evidence that the European Economic Area national has a right of permanent residence in the UK or is one of the following if they have been in the UK for more than 3 months:
    - (i) working e.g. employment contract, wage slips, letter from the employer,
    - (ii) self-employed e.g. contracts, invoices, or audited accounts with a bank,
    - (iii) studying e.g. letter from the school, college or university and evidence of sufficient funds; or
    - (iv) self-sufficient e.g. bank statements.

Family members of European Economic Area nationals who are studying or financially independent must also provide evidence that the European Economic Area national and any family members hold comprehensive sickness insurance in the UK. This can include a private medical insurance policy, an EHIC card or an S1, S2 or S3 form.

**Original documents must not be sent to licensing authorities.** If the document copied is a passport, a copy of the following pages should be provided:-

(i) any page containing the holder's personal details including nationality;

(ii) any page containing the holder's photograph;

(iii) any page containing the holder's signature;

(iv) any page containing the date of expiry; and

(v) any page containing information indicating the holder has permission to enter or remain in the UK and is permitted to work.

If the document is not a passport, a copy of the whole document should be provided.

Your right to work will be checked as part of your licensing application and this could involve us checking your immigration status with the Home Office. We may otherwise share information with the Home Office. Your licence application will not be determined until you have complied with this guidance.

### Home Office online right to work checking service

As an alternative to providing a copy of the documents listed above, applicants may demonstrate their right to work by allowing the licensing authority to carry out a check with the Home Office online right to work checking service.

To demonstrate their right to work via the Home Office online right to work checking service, applicants should include in this application their 9-digit share code (provided to them upon accessing the service at <a href="https://www.gov.uk/prove-right-to-work">https://www.gov.uk/prove-right-to-work</a>) which, along with the applicant's date of birth (provided within this application), will allow the licensing authority to carry out the check.

In order to establish the applicant's right to work, the check will need to indicate that the applicant is allowed to work in the United Kingdom and is not subject to a condition preventing them from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.

An online check will not be possible in all circumstances because not all applicants will have an immigration status that can be checked online. The Home Office online right to work checking service sets out what information and/or documentation applicants will need in order to access the service. Applicants who are unable to obtain a share code from the service should submit copy documents as set out above.

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### NOTES ON REGULATED ENTERTAINMENT

In terms of specific regulated entertainments please note that:

- Plays: no licence is required for performances between 08:00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
- Films: no licence is required for 'not-for-profit' film exhibition held in community premises between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day provided that the audience does not exceed 500 and the organiser (a) gets consent to the screening from a person who is responsible for the premises; and (b) ensures that each such screening abides by age classification ratings.
- Indoor sporting events: no licence is required for performances between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 1000.
- Boxing or Wrestling Entertainment: no licence is required for a contest, exhibition or display of Greco-Roman wrestling, or freestyle wrestling between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 1000. Combined fighting sports defined as a contest, exhibition or display which combines boxing or wrestling with one or more martial arts are licensable as a boxing or wrestling entertainment rather than an indoor sporting event.
- Live music: no licence permission is required for:
  - o a performance of unamplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, on any premises.
  - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
  - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a workplace that is not licensed to sell alcohol on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
  - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a church hall, village hall, community hall, or other similar community premises, that is not licensed by a premises licence to sell alcohol, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance from a person who is responsible for the premises.
  - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, at the non-residential premises of (i) a local authority, or (ii) a school, or (iii) a hospital, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance on the relevant premises from: (i) the local authority concerned, or (ii) the school or (iii) the health care provider for the hospital.
  - Recorded Music: no licence permission is required for:
    - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
    - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a church hall, village hall, community hall, or other similar community premises, that is not licensed by a premises licence to sell alcohol, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance from a person who is responsible for the premises.
    - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, at the non-residential premises of (i) a local authority, or (ii) a school, or (iii) a hospital, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance on the relevant premises from: (i) the local authority concerned, or (ii) the school proprietor or (iii) the health care provider for the hospital.

- Dance: no licence is required for performances between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 500. However, a performance which amounts to adult entertainment remains licensable.
- Cross activity exemptions: no licence is required between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, with no limit on audience size for:
  - o any entertainment taking place on the premises of the local authority where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the local authority;
  - o any entertainment taking place on the hospital premises of the health care provider where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the health care provider;
  - o any entertainment taking place on the premises of the school where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the school proprietor; and
  - o any entertainment (excluding films and a boxing or wrestling entertainment) taking place at a travelling circus, provided that (a) it takes place within a moveable structure that accommodates the audience, and (b) that the travelling circus has not been located on the same site for more than 28 consecutive days.

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### PAYMENT DETAILS

This fee must be paid to the authority. If you complete the application online, you must pay it by debit or credit card.

Premises Licence Fees are determined by the non domestic rateable value of the premises.

To find out a premises non domestic rateable value go to the Valuation Office Agency site at http://www.voa.gov.uk/ business\_rates/index.htm

Band A - No RV to £4,300 = £100.00

Band B - £4,301 to £33,000 = £190.00

Band C - £33,001 to £8700 = 315.00

Band D - £87001 to £12500 = £450.00\*

Band E - £125001 and over = 635.00\*

\*If the premises rateable value is in Bands D or E and the premises is primarily used for the consumption of alcohol on the premises then your are required to pay a higher fee

Band D - £7001 to £12500 = £900.00

Band E - £125001 and over £1,905.00

There is an exemption from the payment of fees in relation to the provision of regulated entertainment at church halls, chapel halls or premises of a similar nature, village halls, parish or community halls, or other premises of a similar nature. The costs associated with these licences will be met by central Government. If, however, the licence also authorises the use of the premises for the supply of alcohol or the provision of late night refreshment, a fee will be required.

Schools and sixth form colleges are exempt from the fees associated with the authorisation of regulated entertainment only where the entertainment is provided by and at the school or college and for the purposes of the school or college.

If you operate a large event you are subject to ADDITIONAL fees based upon the number in attendance at any one time Capacity 5000-9999 = £1,000.00

Capacity 10000 -14999 = £2,000.00 Capacity 15000-19999 = £4,000.00 Capacity 20000-29999 = £8,000.00 Capacity 30000-39000 = £16,000.00 Capacity 40000-49999 = £24,000.00 Capacity 50000-59999 = £32,000.00

Capacity 50000-59999 = £32,000.00Capacity 60000-69999 = £40,000.00

Capacity 70000-79999 =  $\pm 48,000.00$ 

Capacity 80000-89999 = £56,000.00

Capacity 90000 and over = £64,000.00

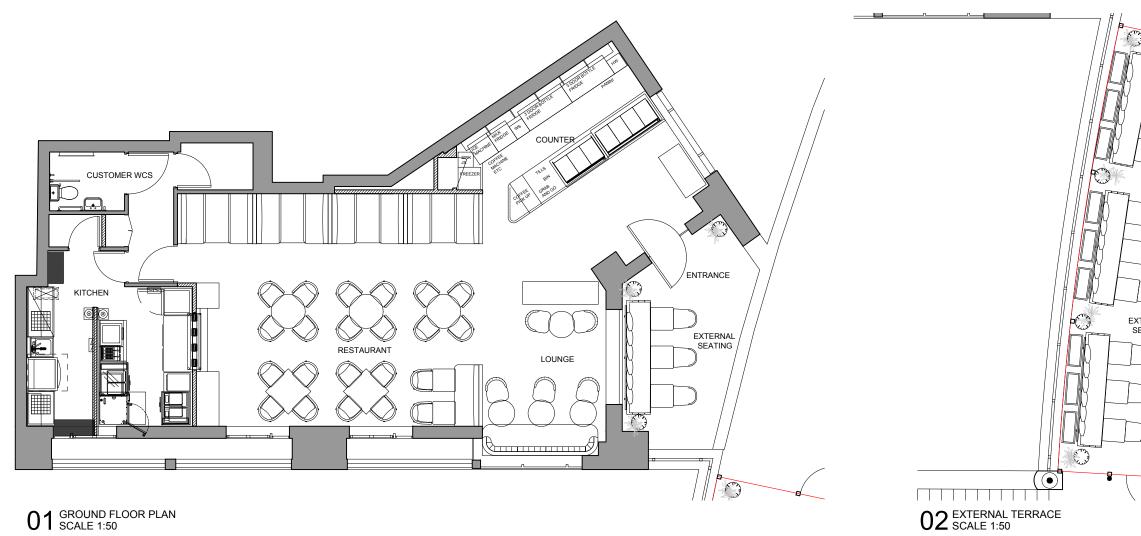
NOTE: From 1st January 2018 Licences if you are granted a Licence to permit the sale/supply of alcohol between midnight and 6am (00:00 and 06:00 hours) on any day you will be liable to pay the Late Night Levy charge. The charge must be paid 14 days after the grant of your Licence, unless you fall within one of the exemption categories. Non-payment of the levy can result in suspension of your licence, as per sections 55A and 92A of the Licensing Act 2003, as amended and section 229(6) of the Police and Social Responsibility Act 2011. For more information below visit https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/ latenightlevy

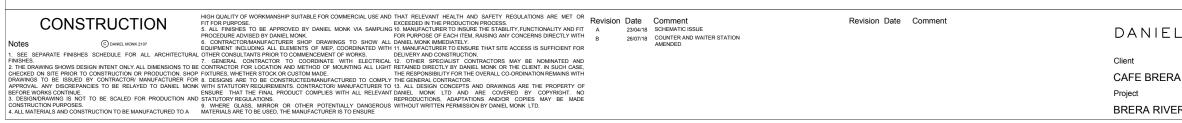
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* Fee amount (£)	315.00	
DECLARATION		
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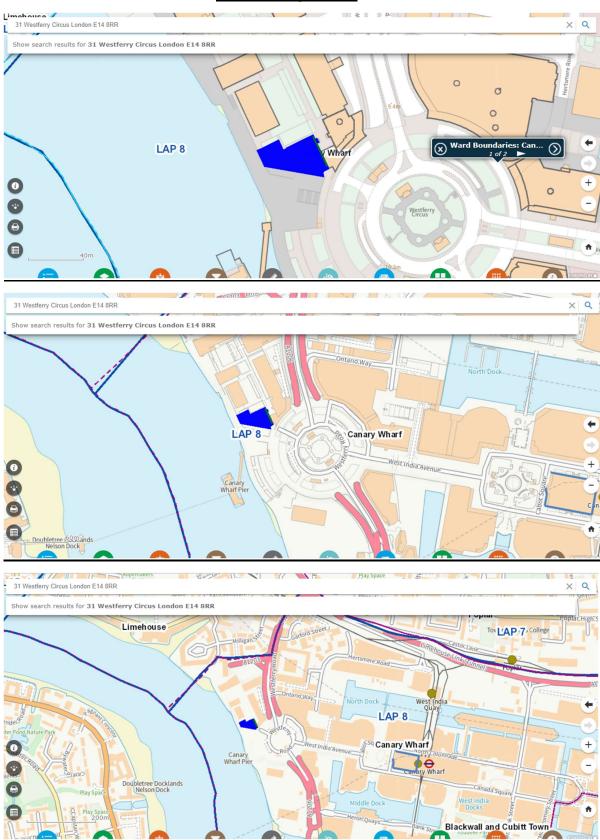
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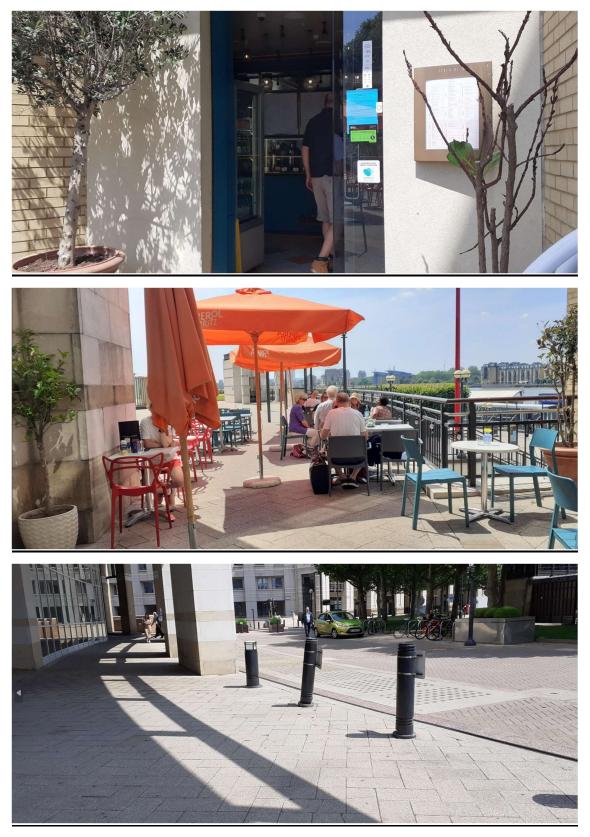


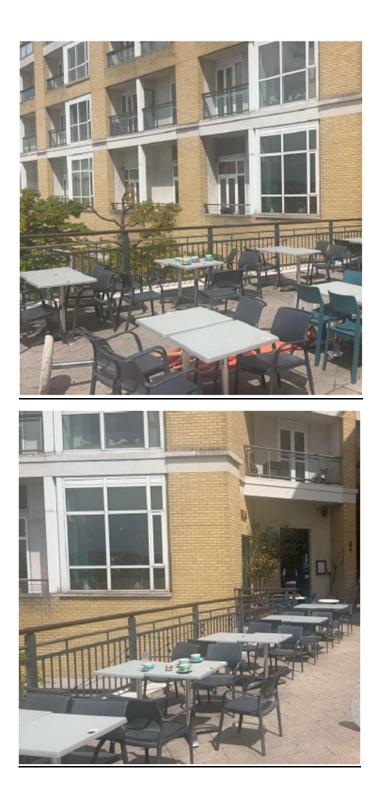
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### 31 Westferry Circus

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Premises	Licensable Activities	Opening Hours
(Zizzi	Sale of alcohol (on & off sales)	There are no restrictions on
Restaurant)	a. On weekdays, other than	the hours during which this
33 Westferry	Christmas Day, Good Friday or	premises is open to the
Circus	New Year's Eve, 10 a.m. to 11	public
	p.m.	
	b. On Sundays, other than	
	Christmas Day or New Year's	
	Eve, 12 noon to 10.30 p.m.	
	c. On Good Friday, 12 noon to	
	10.30 p.m.	
	d. On Christmas Day, 12 noon to	
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	e. On New Year's Eve, except on	
	a Sunday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.	
	f. On New Year's Eve on a	
	Sunday, 12 noon to 10.30 p.m.	
	g. On New Year's Eve from the	
	end of permitted hours to the start	
	of permitted hours on the	
	following day (or, if there are no	
	permitted hours on the following	
	day, midnight on 31st December)	
Mala Indian	The sale by retail of alcohol (on	Monday to Sunday from
Kitchen & Bar	and off sales)	12:00 hours to 23:00 hours
37 Westferry		
Circus	Monday to Sunday from 12:00	
	hours (noon) to 23:00 hours	
	The provision of regulated	
	entertainment consisting of	
	Live and Recorded Music and	
	performance of dance	
	(indoors)	
	Live Music – Monday to Sunday	
	from 12:00 hours to 22:30 hours	
	Recorded Music - Monday to	
	Sunday from 12:00 hours to	
	23:00 hours	
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	In this condition, permitted hours means: Monday - Sunday10.00 until 01.00 hours the following day 31 <sup>st</sup> December 10.00 to 01.00 hours on January 2nd	
(Royal China Restaurant) 30 Westferry Circus	The sale by retail of alcohol (on sales) On weekdays, other than Christmas Day, Good Friday or New Year's Eve, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. b. On Sundays, other than Christmas Day or New Year's Eve, 12 noon to 10.30 p.m. c. On Good Friday, 12 noon to 10.30 p.m. d. On Christmas Day, 12 noon to 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. e. On New Year's Eve, except on a Sunday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. f. On New Year's Eve on a Sunday, 12 noon to 10.30 p.m. g. On New Year's Eve from the end of permitted hours to the start of permitted hours on the following day (or, if there are no permitted hours on the following day, midnight on 31st December).	There are no restrictions on the hours during which this premises is open to the public
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### **Corinne Holland**

From:	Licensing
Sent:	09 June 2023 09:19
То:	Corinne Holland
Subject:	FW: Cafe Brera - 31 Westferry Circus Licensing Application

-----Original Message-----From: Kevin BELL < Sector Sect

Dear Sir / Madam

Our flat is **Construction**. We are on the second floor above and just round the corner from Cafe Brera. According to their applica on REPUBLIKS LTD wish to play recorded music OUTSIDE this cafe from 7 in the morning until 11 at night, seven days a week. They are applying to serve alcohol at the premises and to sell it for consumption away from the premises.

I oppose this application which seeks to change the nature of this cafe from its recent history. In particular there will be the risk of noise from the music outside, especially when combined with alcohol. I have no objection to their playing music inside the premises subject to the usual decibel restrictions. I note that the application did not come with a noise assessment survey. There is also the risk of public nuisance from a 12 hour alcohol licence and music into the late hours. I see no reason why alcohol would need to be served after say 7 in the evening. I am also concerned that giving permission to sell alcohol on a take away basis will increase anto=I social drinking in the nearby environment on the nearby pathway.

I believe this application needs to be reviewed very carefully.

Yours sincerely

Kevin Bell



#### Ralph Hebgen



#### Representation relating to Licensing Application Café Brera

Your ref: CLC/EHTS/LIC/160051

Business name: Café Brera

Address: 31 Westferry Circus / London E14 8RR

Dear Sir or Madam,

I refer to the licensing application made by Café Brera under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003, which you kindly brought to my attention in your letter dated 1 June.

I have read the application filed on your website and would like to object to all parts of it.

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#### **Representation**

I object to this application as I believe it will have a detrimental impact on the four licensing objectives specified in sections 18-21 of the licensing application.

As a general observation, I note that the applicant's comments that detail how he plans to promote the licensing objectives <u>all</u> relate to the mitigation of potentially adverse effects that arise from the sale of alcohol.

I believe it is therefore reasonable to conclude that the main focus of the application is to extend the hours of operation from currently 08:00-17:00 to 07:00-23:00, and use the incremental evening hours from 17:00-23:00 to sell alcohol. The applicant specifies that there are no plans to provide "late night refreshments", which I take to be food (bar food, snacks, hot or cold dishes).

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Specifically, I refer to the licensing objectives as follows:

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#### Debra Wood

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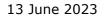
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With kindest regards,

Debra Wood



The Licensing Section London Borough of Tower Hamlets Mulberry Place (AH) PO Box 55739 5 Clove Crescent London E14 1BY

Dear Sir/Madam

#### Re: Café Brera Licence Application LIC/160051 - 31 Westferry Circus, London E14 8RR

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the licence application for the above premises. I believe that the licence application would cause significant public nuisance and increase the risk of crime and disorder.

I live in Canary Riverside, and Café Brera is part of the Canary Riverside estate. I am an Interested Party under the terms of the Licensing Act 2003.

My primary concern is regarding the disturbance that I will encounter from patrons drinking outside until 23:00 (or later, if they have purchase drinks 'off-licence') and from recorded music being played outside and inside the premises.

The application is to grant permission to:

- Play recorded music from 07.00 to 23.00, inside and outside seven days a week.
- Sale/supply of alcohol off and on the premises from 11:00 to 23:00 seven days a week

I object to:

- The length of the hours during which alcohol can be served.
- The application to play recorded music outside.

#### Location

Café Brera is located within residential buildings containing over 100 flats (it is within Hanover House which is joined to Berkeley Tower). The Canary Riverside estate has a total of 325 flats across four blocks. We stand to be significantly impacted by the noise and nuisance that will be caused by the application.

Since 2001 Café Brera had operated as a café restaurant. There was no recorded music played outside and the premises were generally closed c.8pm-9pm. It had caused me no disturbance, nor am I aware of my neighbours having encountered any disturbance. It operated primarily as a food establishment, ie, it was not a bar.

Since recently opening under the ownership/management of Republiks Ltd, with a temporary licence, residents have already had cause to complain to the estate manager about the disturbance being caused by the music and patrons. Early indications are that the new owners

intend to move away from the quiet café/restaurant that Café Brera has been for the past 22 years. This would be wholly unsuitable within our residential development.

We also know from experience that Mala restaurant goes well past "last orders" as you really can not top a person taking as long as they want for their last drink or DRINKS we have found this noise goes on for at least an hours then additional noise clearing tables and chairs , many people have to work and NO authority polices this once you have agreed it and it make our life a nightmare !!

#### Objection

I object to the application on the grounds of the prevention of public nuisance and the prevention of crime and disorder. Our homes are the 'nearest noise sensitive premises', with our bedrooms and living rooms located <u>directly above the premises</u>.

 Prevention of public nuisance - music. There is no measure proposed in the application – and nor is one possible with an uncovered open-air terrace – to prevent the sound of recorded music drifting upwards. Notably the application omits any mention of the fact it is located within a block of flats. I <u>object</u> to the premises being granted a licence permitting the playing of recorded music <u>outside the premises at any time</u>.

If it were to be granted inside the premises it **<u>must not be audible outside</u>** – including when the entrance door and/or windows are open.

It would be a change from the way the premises have been operating for the past 22 years. Sound travels upwards and affects people sleeping on the fourth floor as much as it does those trying to sleep on the 14<sup>th</sup> floor. Canary Riverside is not the business district of Canary Wharf. It is a residential estate on the edge of Canary Wharf. If a licence was to be granted permitting the serving of alcohol beyond 21:00 our ability to sleep/enjoy or homes would be changed forever, as neighbouring premises would seek licences on similar terms.

**<u>Any inside music should cease by 21:00</u>**. The licence should contain the relevant restrictions to ensure that music does not 'leak' from inside the premises, with speakers located at the farthest point from doors and windows.

2. Prevention of public nuisance – sale/supply of alcohol. The proposed licensing hours would make the venue a late-night drinking venue immediately below bedrooms and living rooms. Alcohol and people out to enjoy themselves is an anti-social mix for children, working adults and other residents who are trying to sleep. It only takes one loud conversation between half a dozen people to cause a disturbance, and to grant a licence to 23:00 would open the potential for nightly disturbances seven days a week, inevitably straying well beyond 23:00. It would be a magnet for people seeking a drink and a cigarette in this area.

Residents in Belgrave Court (a block of flats at the other corner of Canary Riverside) already have to put up with the disturbance from Mala's patrons (37 Westferry Circus), with people using their tables and chairs long after closing time. The outside chairs/tables at Café Brera would be subject to similar late night use by people who have purchased alcohol from the premises.

The application contains no mention whatsoever of 'noise' nor the approach to managing noise. It is clear no thought has been given to local residents and the proactive management of noisy patrons <u>at any time of day</u>. CCTV is no protection, nor is 'seek the service of a security company in extreme situations'.

It is not just noise from patrons: the clearing up bottles and glasses etc will also cause a disturbance.

#### The supply of alcohol licensing hours should be restricted to 21:00 at the latest.

There should be appropriate restrictions imposed as part of the licence regarding the management of patrons leaving the premises, responding to noise complaints from residents, clearing up etc.

3. Prevention of crime and disorder- sale/supply of alcohol. Many of the points from 2 above apply to this licensing objective. The premises would become a magnet for people seeking a late night (beyond 9pm) drink, and off-licence sales would enable people to sit on the benches by the river – also beneath our bedroom windows. Unfortunately there is not a Public Spaces Protection Order in operation in this part of the riverfront – the Ropemakers PSPO ends just before reaching Canary Riverside – because, we understand, Canary Wharf Group objected to it extending on property owned by them. It is important to restrict the licensing hours so that Café Brera does not become a drinking establishment and continues to be premises where alcohol is secondary to the supply of food.

To prevent the possibility of crime and disorder in this residential area <u>the supply of</u> <u>alcohol licensing hours should be restricted to 21:00 at the latest and there</u> <u>should be no outside (or audible outside) recorded music</u>.

I am told the premises are under new ownership/management, Republiks Ltd, a company with one director who has 66 other directorships, the majority outside of the hospitality sector and is therefore probably a nominee director. There is no 'track record' for residents to check similar premises managed by the applicant.

Finally I wish to raise the recent planning application PA/23/00513/NC for a rooftop restaurant and bar within the Canary Riverside gardens, an application I have objected to. The applicant – who is also the Landlord of Café Brera (ie, Republiks Ltd are their commercial tenant) - has sought to justify their application by falsely claiming Canary Riverside is already a noisy area [and so a roof terrace restaurant/bar for 100+ patrons would not impact residents]. The Council would be assisting that application. *by turning Canary Riverside into a noisy location*, if it were to grant Café Brera a licence that permitted outside music and an alcohol licence beyond 21:00.

I therefore support a **rejection of the licence application** per the above.

Yours sincerely

James Abrahart

#### **Corinne Holland**

From:
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Lavine Miller-Johnson on behalf of Licensing 13 June 2023 17:18 Corinne Holland FW: Cafe Brera LIC/160051 31 Westferry Circus E14 8RR

From: Angie Jezard Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 5:06 PM To: Licensing <Licensing@towerhamlets.gov.uk> Cc: Ashley Steel < Subject: Cafe Brera LIC/160051 31 Westferry Circus E14 8RR

Dear Sir/Madam

We are writing to express our objections regarding the above application.

We live in Canary Riverside (our flat overlooks the Café Brera terrace) of which Cafe Brera is a part. The application makes no mention of the fact it is situated within a residential block of flats, which we understand is deemed a noise sensitive area when it comes to licensing applications.

We are concerned about the proposed licensing hours and the application to play recorded music outside. If granted the licence will cause significant disturbance to us. It would not comply with the requirement of the prevention of public nuisance and has the potential to be a source of anti-social behaviour (ie, will increase likelihood of crime and disorder).

We have lived in Canary Riverside since 2001 and, under the previous ownership, have never encountered any disturbances from the premises. For the past 20 years it had been run as a cafe/restaurant. Alcohol was primarily served with food, there was no outside music (or music audible outside), it was generally closed before 9pm and was a neighbourhood cafe restaurant. We're not aware of our neighbours ever having had cause to complain either - that is, until the present owners took control, and already music has become a disturbance.

Looking at the licence application - the extensive operational hours and application for external music - it would appear the new owners are taking the premises in the direction of a noisy bar environment that is completely unsuited to a residential location.

Cafe Brera is immediately beneath people's bedrooms and living rooms and the noise from patrons extending to beyond 23:00 (when alcohol would cease to be served) - would be a considerable noise disturbance. People will be congregating over a beer/glass of wine, uninhibitedly enjoying their evening with no concern for the fact there will be residents above them trying to enjoy their evening too, or trying to sleep. We don't have children but many residents so, and we are early sleepers. The importance of uninterrupted sleep is increasingly appreciated by scientists and doctors.

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Yours faithfully

Ms A Jezard & Dr A Steel



Yours sincerely

[sign and insert name]



13<sup>th</sup> June 2023

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From: Paul Garratt < Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 5:20 PM To: Licensing <Licensing@towerhamlets.gov.uk> Subject: Brera westferry circus

Dear sirs

It has come to my attention that there is a application for music to be played outside the coffee shop till 23.00 as i live above this will be very disturbing!!! On my quarterly of life

Music in side only and to reasonable volume as previously was permitted

Paul garratt

Sent from Outlook for iOS

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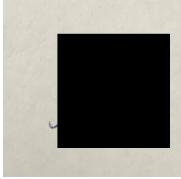
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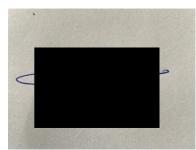
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Sent:	18 August 2023 16:06
То:	Licensing
Subject:	Fwd: Objection to Café Brera Licence Application LIC/160051 - 31 Westferry Circus, London E14 8RR
Follow Up Flag:	Follow up
Flag Status:	Completed

To Whom It May Concern,

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I have been written to directly by the applicant. I don't know if that is allowed, I question if it was appropriate to do so as it was unsolicited on my part.

Their unsolicited email is as follows:

#### Begin forwarded message:



Dear Residents,

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We kindly ask you to confirm if you are happy to do so.

*Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Warm regards, Cafe Brera Riverside managment* 

The Applicant states above that "Cafe Brera is not a bar or pub", however they are now promoting Happy Hours for alcoholic cocktails and drinks on large signage outside their premises. See attached image.



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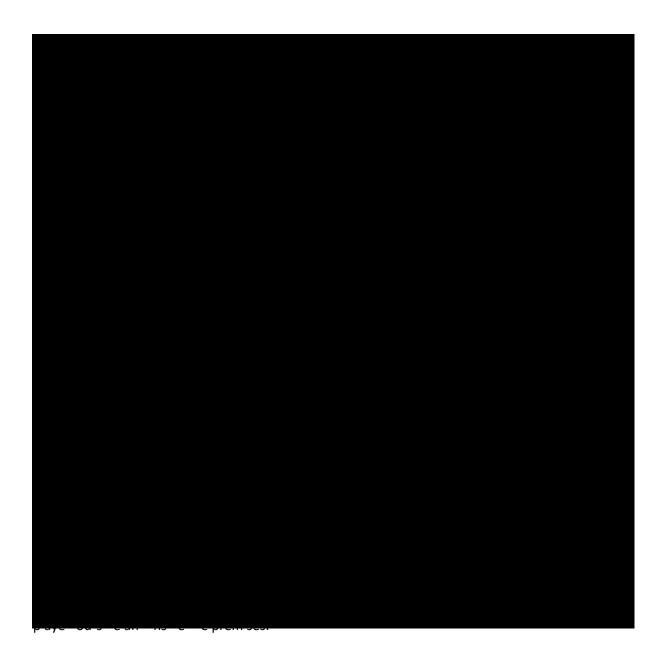
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If it were to be granted inside the premises it <u>must not be audible outside</u> – including when the entrance door and/or windows are open.

It would be a change from the way the premises have been operating for the past 22 years. Sound travels upwards and affects people sleeping on the fourth floor as much as it does those trying to sleep on the 14<sup>th</sup> floor. Canary Riverside is not the business district of Canary Wharf. It is a residential estate on the edge of Canary Wharf. If a licence was to be granted permitting the serving of alcohol beyond 21:00 our ability to sleep/enjoy our homes would be changed forever. It also sets a precedent for neighbouring premises to seek licences on similar terms.

<u>Any inside music should cease by 21:00</u>. The licence should contain the relevant restrictions to ensure that music does not 'leak' from inside the premises, with speakers located at the farthest point from doors and windows.

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It is not just noise from patrons: the clearing up bottles and glasses and the movement of chairs and tables will also cause a disturbance.

<u>Because of the location within residential premises, supply of alcohol licensing hours should be</u> <u>restricted to 21:00 at the latest</u>. There should be appropriate restrictions imposed as part of the licence regarding the management of patrons leaving the premises, responding to noise complaints from residents, clearing up and stacking chairs and tables.

3. Prevention of crime and disorder- sale/supply of alcohol. Many of the points from 2 above apply to this licensing objective. The premises would become a magnet for people seeking a late night (beyond 9pm) drink, and off-licence sales would enable people to sit on the benches by the river – also beneath our bedroom windows. Unfortunately there is not a Public Spaces Protection Order in operation in this part of the riverfront – the Ropemakers PSPO ends just before reaching Canary Riverside – because, we understand, Canary Wharf Group objected to it extending on property owned by them. It is important to restrict the licensing hours so that Café Brera does not become a drinking establishment and that it continues to be premises where alcohol is secondary to the supply of food.

We would note the recent planning application PA/23/00513/NC for a rooftop restaurant and bar within the Canary Riverside gardens, an application we have objected to. The applicant – who is also the Landlord of Café Brera (ie, Republiks Ltd are their commercial tenant) - has sought to justify their application by falsely claiming Canary Riverside is already a noisy area. The Council would be assisting that application. *by turning Canary Riverside into a noisy location*, if it were to grant Café Brera a licence that permitted outside music and an alcohol licence beyond 21:00.

We therefore support a rejection of the licence application per the above.

Yours faithfully

Jeffery Drew and Ann Davies

#### **Corinne Holland**

From: Sent:	Licensing 14 June 2023 17:34
To:	Corinne Holland
Subject:	FW: Cafe Brera Licence Application LIC/160051, 31 Westferry Circus, E14 8RR

From: Paul Hillman < Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2023 3:57 PM To: Licensing <Licensing@towerhamlets.gov.uk> Cc: Claudine Ahrens-Hillman < Subject: Cafe Brera Licence Application LIC/160051, 31 Westferry Circus, E14 8RR

To:

The Licensing Section

London Borough of Tower Hamlets

Mulberry Place (AH)

PO Box 55739

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E14 1BY

From:

P A Hillman and C Ahrens-Hillman



Dear Sir/Madam

#### Re: Café Brera Licence Application LIC/160051 - 31 Westferry Circus, London E14 8RR

We are writing to express our extreme concerns regarding the licence application for the above premises. We believe that the granting of the licence applied for would cause significant public nuisance and increase the risk of crime and disorder.

We live in Hanover House, part of the Canary Riverside Estate. Café Brera is located on the ground floor of Hanover House and is also a part of the Canary Riverside Estate. We are Interested Parties under the terms of the Licensing Act 2003.

Our primary concern is regarding the disturbance that we will encounter from:

- i) patrons drinking outside until 23:00 (or later, if they have purchased drinks 'off-licence') and
- ii) recorded music being played outside and inside the premises until 23:00

The application is to grant permission to:

- Play recorded music from 07.00 to 23.00, inside and outside, seven days a week.
- Sell/supply alcohol off and on the premises from 11:00 to 23:00, seven days a week

We object to:

- The length of the hours during which alcohol can be served.
- The application to play recorded music outside.

#### Location

Café Brera is located within residential buildings containing over 100 flats (it is within Hanover House and is joined to Berkeley Tower). The Canary Riverside estate has a total of 325 flats across four blocks. We stand to be significantly impacted by the noise and nuisance that will be caused by the application.

Since 2001 Café Brera had operated as a café restaurant. There was no recorded music played outside and the premises generally closed between 8pm-9pm. It had caused us no disturbance, nor are we aware of our neighbours having encountered any disturbance. It operated primarily as a food establishment, ie, it was not a bar. Since recently opening under the ownership/management of Republiks Ltd, with a temporary licence, residents have already had cause to complain to the estate manager about the disturbance being caused by the music and patrons. Early indications are that the new owners intend to move away from the quiet café/restaurant that Café Brera has been for the past 22 years to a bar principally selling alcohol late into the evening. This would be wholly unsuitable within our residential development.

#### Objection

We object to the application on the grounds of the prevention of public nuisance and the prevention of crime and disorder. Our homes are the 'nearest noise sensitive premises', with our bedrooms and living rooms located <u>directly above the premises</u>.

1. **Prevention of public nuisance** - **music**. There is no measure proposed in the application – and nor is one possible with an uncovered open-air terrace – to prevent the sound of recorded music drifting upwards. Notably the application omits any mention of the fact it is located within a block of flats (residential properties.)

### We object to the premises being granted a licence permitting the playing of recorded music outside the premises at any time.

**If playing of music were to be granted inside the premises, recorded music must not <u>be audible outside</u>** – including when the entrance door and/or windows are open. Any licence which may be granted should contain the relevant restrictions to ensure that music does not 'leak' from inside the premises, for example, with speakers located at the farthest point from doors and windows.

#### Any inside music should cease by 21:00.

It would be a principal change from the way the premises have been operating for the past 22 years. Sound travels upwards and affects people sleeping on the fourth floor as much as it does those trying to sleep on the 14<sup>th</sup> floor. Canary Riverside is not the business district of Canary Wharf. It is a residential estate on the edge of Canary Wharf. If a licence were to be granted our ability to sleep/enjoy or homes would be changed forever, not only from the proposed Brera bar, but also from other neighbouring premises who would seek licences on similar terms.

2. Prevention of public nuisance – sale/supply of alcohol. The proposed licensing hours would make the venue a late-night drinking venue immediately below bedrooms and living rooms. Alcohol and people out to enjoy themselves is an anti-social mix for children, working adults and other residents who are trying to sleep. It only takes one loud conversation between half a dozen people to cause a disturbance, and to grant a licence to 23:00 would open the potential for nightly disturbances seven days a week, inevitably straying well beyond 23:00. It would be a magnet for people seeking a drink and a cigarette in this area.

Residents in Belgrave Court (a block of flats at the other corner of Canary Riverside) already have to put up with the disturbance from Mala's patrons (37 Westferry Circus), with people using their tables and chairs long after closing time. The outside chairs/tables at Café Brera would be subject to similar late night use by people who have purchased alcohol from the premises.

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To prevent the possibility of crime and disorder in this residential area <u>the supply of alcohol</u> <u>licensing hours should be restricted to 21:00 at the latest and there should be no</u> <u>outside (or audible outside) recorded music at any time</u>

We are told the premises are under new ownership/management, Republiks Ltd, a company with one director who has 66 other directorships, the majority outside of the hospitality sector and is therefore probably a nominee director. There is therefore no 'track record' for residents or the Council to check similar premises managed by the applicant.

We therefore support a **rejection of the licence application** for the reasons set out above.

Regards

P A Hillman and C Ahrens-Hillman





15 June 2023

The Licensing Section London Borough of Tower Hamlets Mulberry Place (AH) PO Box 55739 5 Clove Crescent London E14 1BY

(by email only)

Dear Sir/Madam

#### Re: Café Brera Licence Application LIC/160051 - 31 Westferry Circus, London E14 8RR

I am writing on behalf of the two co-owners of **constant and** ie Clare Sullivan and myself, to express our profound concerns regarding the licence application for the above premises. We believe that the licence application would cause significant public nuisance and increase the risk of crime and disorder.

Café Brera is part of the Canary Riverside estate where our property is situated. We are therefore an Interested Party under the terms of the Licensing Act 2003.

The application is to grant permission to:

- Play recorded music from 07.00 to 23.00, inside and outside seven days a week; and,
- Sale/supply of alcohol off and on the premises from 11:00 to 23:00 seven days a week.

Our primary concern is regarding the disturbance which would inevitably be caused by patrons drinking outside until 23:00 (or later, if they have purchase drinks 'off-licence') and from recorded music being played outside and inside the premises.

We therefore object to:

- The length of the hours during which alcohol can be served; and,
- The application to play recorded music outside.

#### Location

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It is not just noise from patrons: the clearing up bottles and glasses etc will also cause a disturbance.

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Finally we wish to raise the recent planning application PA/23/00513/NC for a rooftop restaurant and bar within the Canary Riverside gardens, an application to which we have also registered our objections. The applicant – who is also the Landlord of Café Brera (ie, Republiks Ltd is his commercial tenant) — has sought to justify their application by falsely claiming Canary Riverside is already a noisy area [and so, he wrongly claims, a roof terrace restaurant/bar for 100+ patrons would not impact residents]. The Council would be assisting that application by turning Canary Riverside into a noisy location, if it were to grant Café Brera a licence which permitted outside music and an alcohol licence beyond 21:00.

We therefore support a **rejection of the licence application** per the above.



Yours faithfully

Alastair Newton





15 July 2023

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(by email only)

Dear Sir/Madam

#### Re: Café Brera Licence Application LIC/160051 - 31 Westferry Circus, London E14 8RR

I am writing further to my letter to you of 15 June on behalf of the two co-owners of the second e Clare Sullivan and myself, to reiterate our profound concerns regarding the licence application for the above premises. This follows receipt of a lobbying letter dated 14 July from 'Café Brera Riverside Management'. Despite the points made in this letter we continue to believe that the granting of as licence would inevitably result in a significant public nuisance and increase the risk of crime and disorder.

Without going through the specifics again, I would therefore like to confirm that we continue to support a **rejection of the licence application**.

Yours faithfully



Alastair Newton





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I therefore support a **rejection of the licence application** per the above.

Yours sincerely

SIGNED

Gavin Rodney Opperman

### MR CHENG SEN LIM

The Licensing Section London Borough of Tower Hamlets Tower Hamlet Town Hall 4<sup>th</sup> Floor 160 Whitechapel Road London E1 1BJ

13 June 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

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#### **Corinne Holland**

From: Sent: To: Subject: Dear Sir/Madam,

#### Re: Café Brera Licence Application LIC/160051- 31 Westferry Circus, London E14 8RR

I am writing to you again with a fuller response as you did not have my full address and I would like to raise some additional points in relation to this matter.

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I totally support the statement written below by the Canary Riverside residents association:

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#### **Corinne Holland**

From: Sent: To: Subject: Natasha < 22 July 2023 13:16 Licensing Re: Important update on Alcohol License Application for Cafe Brera

Dear Corrine,

I have received the email from Cafe Brera Riverside management regarding the new licence. I remain not happy to support this application.

One of the main reasons is the noise that I will no doubt experience if this license is granted. They have stated that no noise will be played outside during working hours. From this I am assuming that during working hours (ie 9 am - 5 pm) noise will be played. I am an NHS Consultant Radiologist working at St Bartholomew's hospital and frequently have to report emergency and routine imaging, which affects patient care, from home at any time of day and night. Having this relentless noise would most definitely result in a great distraction to my work output and likely affect the accuracy of the scans that I report. Indeed if a neighbour played music during working hours all the time I would be entitled to call the police each time and seek action. Other residents in the development will no doubt be affected as more people work from home since Covid.

The **second second** flat has been in our family since the development opened over 20 years ago. I am sure that my parents would never have bought the flat if they had known that the business directly below, would be able to play music during working hours. If this licence is granted I will most definitely have to move and my parents sell the flat.

I was also very disappointed to read the recommendations put forward by the police and environmental officer. They seem to only be concerned about litter and alcohol consumption. Whilst these are important and should be considered, there are people who I see regularly around Canary Wharf collecting any rubbish not disposed of correctly and alcohol is bought and served at the other restaurants near Cafe Brera with any problems. Indeed there is no mention of the noise due to the music that will be played or any way of limiting the disturbance of this to local residents.

As you can see, permitting this licence will result in a great disadvantage to the local residents and so again, I would like to urge you to reconsider agreeing to the licence.

Kind regards

Natasha Gardiner

On Fri, 14 Jul 2023 at 17:14, Yulia Bliss @ Cafe Brera Dear Residents, > wrote:

We hope this email finds you well. We are writing to provide you with an important update regarding the objections raised concerning our alcohol license application for Republiks limited trading as Cafe Brera. We have taken your concerns seriously and have made significant changes to address them in collaboration with the local authorities and relevant professionals.

First and foremost, we want to emphasise that Cafe Brera is not a pub or bar but a family-oriented establishment. Our goal is to create a welcoming and inclusive environment that caters to a variety of patrons, including families and individuals seeking a comfortable and enjoyable dining experience.

In response to your concerns, we want to clarify that our food menu will be available until closing time, including hot options, pastas, sandwiches, and snacks. We understand the importance of providing a comprehensive dining experience that complements responsible alcohol consumption. Our intention is to offer a well-rounded menu that satisfies our customers throughout the day.

We would also like to assure you that no music will be played outside the premises during working hours. We recognise the need to maintain a peaceful environment and ensure that any potential noise disturbances are minimised.

Furthermore, we are pleased to inform you that we have accepted the recommendations put forth by the police and environmental officer. We have implemented the following changes to address the concerns raised:

- Crime and Disorder Prevention:
- Installation and maintenance of a comprehensive CCTV system as per the minimum requirements of the Tower Hamlets Police Licensing Team.
- Designation of a staff member who is conversant with the operation of the CCTV system.
- Implementation of a Challenge 25 proof of age scheme.
- Maintenance of an incident log available for inspection by the police or authorised officers.
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- Outside tables and chairs will be rendered unusable at 9pm each day.
- Prominent notices will be displayed in smoking areas, requesting patrons to respect the needs of local residents and use the area quietly.
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- Public Safety:
- Windows and external doors will be kept closed during regulated entertainment if there any will be planned, except for the immediate access and egress of persons.
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Additionally, we have revised our policies to ensure the last sale of alcohol is not later than 10.30pm for consumption inside the premises only or in sealed containers for consumption off the premises. This adjustment allows for sufficient time for customers to "drink up" and facilitates a safe and responsible environment for both patrons and the community.

We strongly believe that these measures address the concerns raised and demonstrate our commitment to being a responsible establishment.

We would also like to extend an invitation to meet with the management of Cafe Brera Riverside during the upcoming week on Tuesday 18/07 at 4pm and Thursday 20/07 at 7pm. This meeting would provide an opportunity to address any remaining concerns you may have and ensure open lines of communication moving forward. In addition, as a token of goodwill and in appreciation of our neighbours, we would like to offer a permanent 10% discount to all residents. It is important to us that we foster a positive and harmonious relationship with the community.

We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience or apprehension caused by the initial application and assure you that we will make every effort to be a res onsible and valued member of the neighbourhood.

Please feel free to contact us **an example of the schedule a meeting or discuss any further concerns you may** have. We look forward to the opportunity to address any remaining issues and work towards building a mutually beneficial relationship.

We kindly request that if you are satisfied with the implemented changes and do not have any other objections, please send an email to Corinne Holland at <u>licensing@towerhamlets.gov.uk</u> stating that if the mentioned above changes were implemented to Cafe Brera 31 Westferry Circus E14 License application - M/160051, the objection is withdrawn.

We kindly ask you to confirm if you are happy to do so.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Warm regards, Cafe Brera Riverside managment





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Our **Example 1** apartment is sited almost directly above the cafe. We have a balcony which overlooks the outdoor seating area. The cafe was already operational when we moved in during 2001 and has always been a good neighbour, causing little or no disturbance.

Three or four years ago, however, an exterior loudspeaker was installed above the entrance door. In the summer of 2020 it began playing music but the then owners agreed to switch it off following complaints from us and many other residents of Hanover House.

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rom: Catherine Liddiard <
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25th June 2023

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I wish to object to application from Republiks Ltd reference LIC/160051

The basis of my objection is that the application will cause significant nuisance to residents, disturb the peace and tranquillity of the Westferry area for visitors, attract elements to the location that are likely to increase the crime rate, create disorder and litter problems.

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My main concern is regarding the disturbance that will be generated by customers drinking outside until late at night and from recorded music being played outside the premises.

I object to:

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Canary Riverside is a residential area and the surrounding area is, at the moment, a haven of peace and tranquillity. Visitors sit among the trees around Westferry Circus unmolested by music and rowdy behaviour.

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Since Republiks Ltd took over Cafe Brera and are operating under a temporary licence I have heard there have been complaints from residents about noise and disturbances. This does not bode well for the development should Republiks be granted a permanent licence until 11.00 pm for drinks and music both inside and outside the premises.

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Thank you very much for your time.

Yours sincerely,

Kamal and Ro er Gardiner

#### **Corinne Holland**

From: Sent: To: Subject:

16 July 2023 20:03 Licensing License application - M/160051

Follow Up Flag: Flag Status: Follow up Completed

Dear Ms Holland,

Following my letter objecting to the granting of the above application I have received an email from the applicant seeking to allay my concerns. I am writing to advise that I am not reassured by the applicant's response.

The main reason being that our flat is directly above Cafe Brera and when my husband and I bought the flat over 20 years ago, although we knew that there were commercial eateries below, playing music was not a feature of the establishment. Our daughter, who lives in the flat, is a Consultant Radiologist at St Bartholomew's Hospital and often has to work from home to report emergency scans at any time of the day and any day of the week. It is therefore not fair that we have to move after so many years just because Cafe Brera may be allowed to play music by changing their licence. This is primarily a residential area and the management have said that they want to make it a family-oriented establishment but I am unsure how playing music after working hours (which I understand to be 5 pm) can help with this. We would not have bought the flat if this arrangement had been in place at the time.

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Your sincerely

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Dr G R Andrews

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Xavier Bastin < 27 June 2023 18:20 Licensing Objection to License Application LIC/160051

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27 June 2023 20:29

Licensing

Café Brera Licence Application LIC/160051 - 31 Westferry Circus, London E14 8RR

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I am writing to express my concerns regarding the application to sell alcohol and play music outside every weekdays and weekends made by Cafe Brera in Westferry Circus (Licence Application LIC/160051).

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If Cafe Brera seeks to serve alcohol and play music, they should do so in their other location located nearby in Cabot Square, which is not in a residential area and where other bars are operating.

I am therefore expressing my opposition to the granting of this license.

Best regards Charles Michel





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If it were to be granted inside the premises it **must not be audible outside** – including when the entrance door and/or windows are open.

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Yours sincerely

Chew Ting Teck & Koh Helen

#### **Corinne Holland**

From: Sent: To: Subject: Myrna Metheringham 28 June 2023 17:12 Licensing Fwd: Application 12869065

Follow Up Flag: Flag Status: Follow up Completed

Dear Sir, The below application is from Myrna Metheringham,

Regards,

Myrna Metheringham (Sent from my iPad)

Begin forwarded message:

From: Myrna Metheringham < Date: 28 June 2023 at 10:06:21 BST To: licensing@towerhamlets.gov.uk Subject: Application 12869065

Dear Sir,

Number 31 Westferry Circus, or Cafe Brera, is part of the building known as Hanover House, a block within the Residential Canary Riverside Estate. Since 2001, I have lived on the floor above Cafe Brera.

I am objecting to the application for a 7 day music licence from 7 am to 11 pm and also a 7 day liquor (on and off premises) licence from 11 am to 11 pm, under the public nuisance grounds as follows:

a) during the initial period of taking over (presumably even before a licence application was made to you) music was being played quite loudly. This caused vibrations in my apartment and especially so in my bedroom. This noise is unacceptably high for a peaceful domestic existence. Should the licence be granted, it is possible that the volume will be even louder. Once granted, I understand that it would be difficult to have it revoked;

b) scraping noises caused by the movement of tables and chairs;

c) laughter noises;

d) shouting noises;

e) chatter noises

f) arrivals and pick ups/taxis i.e. slamming of car door;

g) take out/away alcohol will generate more traffic and the consequential noises;

h) extra high spirits/voices due to the consumption of alcohol;

I) these licences would mean that stragglers would extend the above mentioned disturbances well beyond 11pm.

My apartment was purchased because my (late) husband and I wanted a safe and quiet residential area.

The licences would alter this state considerably .

I fear for the quality of my life.

I urge you to reject these applications.

Many thanks,

Myrna Metheringham, (Sent from my iPad)



28 June 2023

The Licensing Section London Borough of Tower Hamlets Mulberry Place (AH) PO Box 55739 5 Clove Crescent London E14 1BY

#### Café Brera Licence Application LIC/160051 - 31 Westferry Circus, London E14 8RR

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to express my extreme concerns about the licence application for Café Brera, 31 Westferry Circus, London E14 8RR. I believe that the licence application for Café Brera would significantly increase public nuisance and the risk of crime and disorder in the immediate vicinity of the location.

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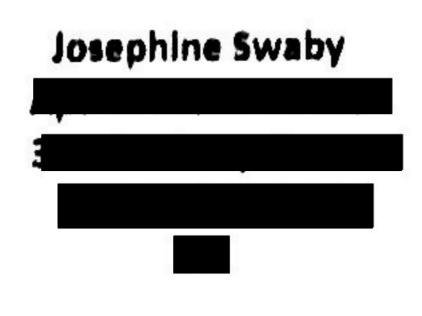
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#### **Corinne Holland**

From: Sent: To: Subject: Corinne Holland 24 July 2023 12:16 Corinne Holland FW: Important update on Alcohol License Application for Cafe Brera

On 14 Jul 2023, at 17:14, Yulia Bliss @ Cafe Brera <

wrote:

Dear Residents,

We hope this email finds you well. We are writing to provide you with an important update regarding the objections raised concerning our alcohol license application for Republiks limited trading as Cafe Brera. We have taken your concerns seriously and have made significant changes to address them in collaboration with the local authorities and relevant professionals.

First and foremost, we want to emphasise that Cafe Brera is not a pub or bar but a family-oriented establishment. Our goal is to create a welcoming and inclusive environment that caters to a variety of patrons, including families and individuals seeking a comfortable and enjoyable dining experience.

In response to your concerns, we want to clarify that our food menu will be available until closing time, including hot options, pastas, sandwiches, and snacks. We understand the importance of providing a comprehensive dining experience that complements responsible alcohol consumption. Our intention is to offer a wellrounded menu that satisfies our customers throughout the day.

We would also like to assure you that no music will be played outside the premises during working hours. We recognise the need to maintain a peaceful environment and ensure that any potential noise disturbances are minimised. Furthermore, we are pleased to inform you that we have accepted the recommendations put forth by the police and environmental officer. We have

implemented the following changes to address the concerns raised:

- Crime and Disorder Prevention:
- Installation and maintenance of a comprehensive CCTV system as per the minimum requirements of the Tower Hamlets Police Licensing Team.
- Designation of a staff member who is conversant with the operation of the CCTV system.
- Implementation of a Challenge 25 proof of age scheme.
- Maintenance of an incident log available for inspection by the police or authorised officers.
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- Public Nuisance Mitigation:
- All sales of alcohol for consumption off the premises will be in sealed containers only, strictly prohibiting their consumption on-site.
- Alcohol consumed outside the premises will be limited to patrons seated at tables.
- Outside tables and chairs will be rendered unusable at 9pm each day.
- Prominent notices will be displayed in smoking areas, requesting patrons to respect the needs of local residents and use the area quietly.
- Measures will be in place to remove and prevent litter or waste, ensuring the cleanliness of the area outside the premises.
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  - Protection of Children from Harm:
  - Operation of a Challenge 25 proof of age scheme.
- Maintenance of detailed records of all refused sales of alcohol, including outcomes and staff involved.

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- Public Safety:
- Windows and external doors will be kept closed during regulated entertainment if there any will be planned, except for the immediate access and egress of persons.
- The external area will not be used after 9pm, except for a limited number of
  patrons temporarily leaving and re-entering the premises.

Additionally, we have revised our policies to ensure the last sale of alcohol is not later than 10.30pm for consumption inside the premises only or in sealed containers for consumption off the premises. This adjustment allows for sufficient time for customers to "drink up" and facilitates a safe and responsible environment for both patrons and the community.

We strongly believe that these measures address the concerns raised and demonstrate our commitment to being a responsible establishment.

We would also like to extend an invitation to meet with the management of Cafe Brera Riverside during the upcoming week on Tuesday 18/07 at 4pm and Thursday 20/07 at 7pm. This meeting would provide an opportunity to address any remaining concerns you may have and ensure open lines of communication moving forward. In addition, as a token of goodwill and in appreciation of our neighbours, we would like to offer a permanent 10% discount to all residents. It is important to us that we foster a positive and harmonious relationship with the community.

We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience or apprehension caused by the initial application and assure you that we will make every effort to be a responsible and valued member of the neighb<u>ourhood.</u>

Please feel free to contact us any further concerns you may have. We look forward to the opportunity to address any remaining issues and work towards building a mutually beneficial relationship.

We kindly request that if you are satisfied with the implemented changes and do not have any other objections, please send an email to Corinne Holland at <u>licensing@towerhamlets.gov.uk</u> stating that if the mentioned above changes were implemented to Cafe Brera 31 Westferry Circus E14 License application - M/160051, the objection is withdrawn. We kindly ask you to confirm if you are happy to do so.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Warm regards,

Cafe Brera Riverside managment

#### **Corinne Holland**

From:	Lavine Miller-Johnson on behalf of Licensing
Sent:	23 June 2023 17:39
То:	Corinne Holland
Subject:	FW: License Application Cafe Brera, 31 Westferry Circus E14 8RR

 From: Yulia Bliss @

 Sent: Friday, June 23, 2023 3:57 PM

 To: Kieran.Wells

 Cc: MARK.J.Perry

 Licensing <</td>

 Subject: Re: License Application Cafe Brera, 31 Westferry Circus E14 8RR

Dear Kieran, We are happy to accept all the changes. I will notify the License holder Republiks Itd.

With Kind Regards Yuliya

On 23 Jun 2023, at 15:06,

wrote:

Hello Julia,

With regards to the application for Café Brera, as per the attached email correspondence and our phone conversations, could you review the below changes to the license application and tell me whether you agree to the conditions we have proposed or not. Due to the deadline approaching fast and previous attempts to contact Mr Dina could you please reply ASAP or we will have to put an objection in with the local authority.



Having studied your license application, we feel that the following license conditions as a minimum standard in keeping with the Tower Hamlets Licensing Policy 2018 – 2023 and the Licensing Act 2003 will be needed in order to achieve the four licensing objectives:

License application changes:

#### Section 11 of 21 PROVISION OF RECORDED MUSIC

See guidance on regulated entertainment Will you be providing recorded music? No

(See Guidance around the Live Music Act 2012)

#### Section 18 condition changes:

#### Crime and Disorder

- 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.
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- 3. When the designated premise supervisor is not on the premises any or all persons authorised to sell alcohol will be authorised by the designated premises supervisor in writing. This shall be available on request by the Police or any authorised officer.
- 4. 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:
  - 1. *all crimes reported to the venue;*
  - 2. all ejections of patrons;
  - 3. any complaints received concerning crime and disorder
  - 4. any incidents of disorder;
  - 5. all seizures of drugs or offensive weapons;
  - 6. any faults in the CCTV system, searching equipment or scanning equipment;
  - 7. any refusal of the sale of alcohol;
  - 8. *any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service.*
- 5. In the event that a serious assault is committed on the premises (or appears to have been committed) the management will immediately ensure that:
  - 1. *the police (and, where appropriate, the London Ambulance Service) are called without delay;*

- 2. all measures that are reasonably practicable are taken to apprehend any suspects pending the arrival of the police;
- 3. the crime scene is preserved so as to enable a full forensic investigation to be carried out by the police; and
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#### Public Nuisance

- 6. All sales of alcohol for consumption off the premises shall be in sealed containers only, and shall not be consumed on the premises.
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- 9. Notices shall be prominently displayed at any area used for smoking requesting patrons to respect the needs of local residents and use the area quietly.
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- 11. The premises licence holder shall ensure that any patrons drinking and/or smoking outside the premises do so in an orderly manner and are supervised by staff so as to ensure that there is no public nuisance or obstruction of the public highway.

#### Protection of Children from Harm

- 12. A Challenge 25 proof of age scheme shall be operated at the premises where the only acceptable forms of identification are recognised photographic identification cards, such as a driving licence, passport or proof of age card with the PASS Hologram.
- 13. A record shall be kept detailing all refused sales of alcohol. The record should include the date and time of the refused sale and the name of the member of staff who refused the sale. The record must show the outcome of the person who was intoxicated. The record shall be available for inspection at the premises by the police or an authorised officer at all times whilst the premises is open.

#### General

- 14. All staff whose responsibilities include the retail sale of alcohol shall receive training about the prevention of underage sales on induction and then every 12 months thereafter/01 times a year. This training shall be recorded and the records to be available on request to the Police or any authorised officer. The training to include:
  - 1. the operation of the challenge 25 scheme;

- 2. types of acceptable ID;
- 3. the method of recording challenges;
- 4. the likely consequences of making an underage sale;
- 5. refusing sales to persons who appear to be drunk;
- 6. proxy sales.
- 15. The outdoor area shall not be used by patrons after 21:00 hours

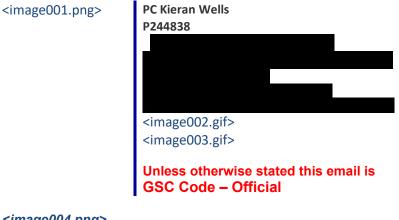
Furthermore to this your closing times and last sale of alcohol times are identical. As a standard the last sale of alcohol should be 30 minutes prior to your closing time to allow for "drinking up" and prevent any lingering around in a residential area as well as to facilitate safe transport home for patrons. As such we would suggest making your last sale of alcohol 22:30 hours /10:30pm.

Please also notify the License Holder REPUBLIKS LTD if you are acting as a representative of their company.

If these conditions are acceptable please let me know and I will inform Tower Hamlets Council Licensing that we have no objection.

Kind Regards,

Kieran.



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Dear Alexandru,

Upon review of the application and my inspection of the area for the license application for Café Brera, 31 Westferry Circus, London, E14

8RR<https://www.google.com/maps/search/31+Westferry+Circus,+ London,%0D%0A+E14+8RR?entry=gmail&source=g>, with particular attention to the licensing objectives for the prevention of public nuisance, I wish for the following noise conditions to apply as below:-

\* Loudspeakers shall not be located in the entrance lobby, or outside the premise building nor on internal walls or ceilings and without the use of anti-vibration mounts used for speakers attached to the walls.

\* All windows and external doors shall be kept closed when regulated entertainment takes place, except for the immediate access & egress of persons.

\* Notices shall be prominently displayed at all exits requesting patrons to respect the needs of local residents and businesses and leave the area quietly.

\* No noise shall emanate from the premises nor vibration be transmitted through the structure of the premises, which gives rise to a public nuisance.

\* The external area shall not be used after 21:00 hours, except for patrons permitted to temporarily leave and then re-enter the premises, e.g.to<http://e.g.to> smoke, and shall be limited to 8 persons at any one time.

I do not object to this application, but the above conditions must be agreed to be applied before.

I have attached video and photographs of business and its proximity to residential properties, this highlight why the above conditions must be agreed to.

Kind regards

Olere

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Please send your response or email reply directly to Environmental.Protection@towerhamlets.gov.uk<mailto:Environme ntal.Protection@towerhamlets.gov.uk> quoting your case reference number.

Section 61 consent

To apply for all Control of Pollution Act 1974 Section 61 consents, dispensations and variations please apply here: https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/lgnl/environment\_and\_waste/e nvironmental\_health/pollution/Guidance-for-Section-61-Applications.aspx

Click here to see the Tower Hamlets Noise map: https://towerhamlets.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/i ndex.html?id=ab567dca90424100b0026259e447d911

[Image showing the map of Tower Hamlets split into the four sub areas]

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#### Section 182 Advice by the Home Office Updated on December 2022

#### Relevant, vexatious and frivolous representations

- 9.4 A representation is "relevant" if it relates to the likely effect of the grant of the licence on the promotion of at least one of the licensing objectives. For example, a representation from a local businessperson about the commercial damage caused by competition from new licensed premises would not be relevant. On the other hand, a representation by a businessperson that nuisance caused by new premises would deter customers from entering the local area, and the steps proposed by the applicant to prevent that nuisance were inadequate, would be relevant. In other words, representations should relate to the impact of licensable activities carried on from premises on the objectives. For representations in relation to variations to be relevant, they should be confined to the subject matter of the variation. There is no requirement for a responsible authority or other person to produce a recorded history of problems at premises to support their representations, and in fact this would not be possible for new premises.
- 9.5 It is for the licensing authority to determine whether a representation (other than a representation from responsible authority) is frivolous or vexatious on the basis of what might ordinarily be considered to be vexatious or frivolous. A representation may be considered to be vexatious if it appears to be intended to cause aggravation or annoyance, whether to a competitor or other person, without reasonable cause or justification. Vexatious circumstances may arise because of disputes between rival businesses and local knowledge will therefore be invaluable in considering such matters. Licensing authorities can consider the main effect of the representation, and whether any inconvenience or expense caused by it could reasonably be considered to be proportionate.
- 9.6 Frivolous representations would be essentially categorised by a lack of seriousness. Frivolous representations would concern issues which, at most, are minor and in relation to which no remedial steps would be warranted or proportionate.
- 9.7 Any person who is aggrieved by a rejection of their representations on either of these grounds may lodge a complaint through the local authority's corporate complaints procedure. A person may also challenge the authority's decision by way of judicial review.
- 9.8 Licensing authorities should not take decisions about whether representations are frivolous, vexatious or relevant to the licensing objectives on the basis of any political judgement. This may be difficult for councillors who receive complaints from residents within their own wards. If consideration is not to be delegated, contrary to the recommendation in this

Guidance, an assessment should be prepared by officials for consideration by the sub- committee before any decision is taken that necessitates a hearing. Any councillor who considers that their own interests are such that they are unable to consider the matter independently should disqualify themselves.

- 9.9 It is recommended that, in borderline cases, the benefit of the doubt about any aspect of a representation should be given to the person making that representation. The subsequent hearing would then provide an opportunity for the person or body making the representation to amplify and clarify it.
- 9.10 Licensing authorities should consider providing advice on their websites about how any person can make representations to them.

Licensing Policy Updated November 2018

#### **Prevention of Public Nuisance**

- 9.1 Licensed premises, especially those operating late at night and in the early hours of the morning, can cause a range of nuisances impacting on people living, working or sleeping in the vicinity of the premises.
- 9.2 The concerns mainly relate to noise nuisance both from the premises and customer egress, light pollution, noxious smells and disruption from parked vehicles and due regard will be taken of the impact these may have in considering a licence. The Licensing Authority will expect Operating Schedules to satisfactorily address these issues. Applicants are advised to seek advice from the Council's Environmental Health Officers before preparing their plans and Schedules.
- 9.3 The Licensing Authority, where its discretion is engaged, will consider, where appropriate, attaching conditions to licences and permissions to prevent the problems identified in Section 18 of this Policy (Special Cumulative Impact Policy for the Brick Lane and Bethnal Green Area), and these may include conditions drawn from the Model Pool of Conditions found in the Secretary of States Guidance.
- 9.4 **Street Furniture** placing of street furniture, which includes advertising boards, on the highway can cause a public nuisance by way of obstruction, or encourage consumption of alcohol on an unlicensed area. The Licensing Authority expects applicants to have ensured that they fully comply with the Councils rules relating to authorisation of obstructions on the highway, and that the required authorisations are obtained prior to submitting a licence application. Where proportionate and appropriate, and its discretion is engaged, the Licensing Authority will impose conditions in relation to street furniture, including on private land.
- 9.5 **Fly Posting** The Council has experienced problems with "fly posting" in relation to venues that offer entertainment. Fly posting is the unauthorised posting of posters / advertisements etc. Where it considers it proportionate and appropriate, and its discretion is engaged, the Licensing Authority will attach conditions relating to the control of fly posting to ensure that venues clearly prohibit all fly posting in their contract terms with others and they effectively enforce this control.

### Guidance Issued by the Home Office under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003

#### Updated December 2022

#### **Public nuisance**

- 2.15 The 2003 Act enables licensing authorities and responsible authorities, through representations, to consider what constitutes public nuisance and what is appropriate to prevent it in terms of conditions attached to specific premises licences and club premises certificates. It is therefore important that in considering the promotion of this licensing objective, licensing authorities and responsible authorities focus on the effect of the licensable activities at the specific premises on persons living and working (including those carrying on business) in the area around the premises which may be disproportionate and unreasonable. The issues will mainly concern noise nuisance, light pollution, noxious smells and litter.
- 2.16 Public nuisance is given a statutory meaning in many pieces of legislation. It is however not narrowly defined in the 2003 Act and retains its broad common law meaning. It may include in appropriate circumstances the reduction of the living and working amenity and environment of other persons living and working in the area of the licensed premises. Public nuisance may also arise as a result of the adverse effects of artificial light, dust, odour and insects or where its effect is prejudicial to health.
- 2.17 Conditions relating to noise nuisance will usually concern steps appropriate to control the levels of noise emanating from premises. This might be achieved by a simple measure such as ensuring that doors and windows are kept closed after a particular time, or persons are not permitted in garden areas of the premises after a certain time. More sophisticated measures like the installation of acoustic curtains or rubber speaker mounts to mitigate sound escape from the premises may be appropriate. However, conditions in relation to live or recorded music may not be enforceable in circumstances where the entertainment activity itself is not licensable (see chapter 16). Any conditions appropriate to promote the prevention of public nuisance should be tailored to the type, nature and characteristics of the specific premises and its licensable activities. Licensing authorities should avoid inappropriate or disproportionate measures that could deter events that are valuable to the community, such as live music. Noise limiters, for example, are expensive to purchase and install and are likely to be a considerable burden for smaller venues.
- 2.18 As with all conditions, those relating to noise nuisance may not be appropriate in certain circumstances where provisions in other legislation adequately protect those living in the area of the premises. But as stated earlier in this Guidance, the approach of licensing authorities and responsible authorities should be one of prevention and when their powers are engaged, licensing authorities should be aware of the fact that other legislation may not adequately cover concerns raised in relevant representations and additional conditions may be appropriate.

- 2.19 Where applications have given rise to representations, any appropriate conditions should normally focus on the most sensitive period for people being disturbed by unreasonably loud music is at night and into the early morning when residents in adjacent properties may be attempting to go to sleep or are sleeping. This is why there is still a need for a licence for performances of live music between 11 pm and 8 am. In certain circumstances, conditions relating to noise emanating from the premises may also be appropriate to address any disturbance anticipated as customers enter and leave.
- 2.20 Measures to control light pollution will also require careful thought. Bright lighting outside premises which is considered appropriate to prevent crime and disorder may itself give rise to light pollution for some neighbours. Applicants, licensing authorities and responsible authorities will need to balance these issues.
- 2.21 Beyond the immediate area surrounding the premises, these are matters for the personal responsibility of individuals under the law. An individual who engages in anti-social behaviour is accountable in their own right. However, it would be perfectly reasonable for a licensing authority to impose a condition, following relevant representations, that requires the licence holder or club to place signs at the exits from the building encouraging patrons to be quiet until they leave the area, or that, if they wish to smoke, to do so at designated places on the premises instead of outside, and to respect the rights of people living nearby to a peaceful night.

#### Licensing Policy, updated November 2018

### **Crime and Disorder**

- 7.1 Licensed premises, especially those offering late night / early morning entertainment, alcohol and refreshment for large numbers of people, can be a source of crime and disorder problems and to store prescribed information.
- 7.2 When addressing crime and disorder the applicant should initially identify any particular issues (having regard to their particular type of premises and / or activities) which are likely to adversely affect the promotion of the crime and disorder licensing objective. Such steps as are required to deal with these identified issues should be included within the applications operating schedule. Where the Metropolitan Police, acting as a responsible authority, makes recommendations in respect of an application relating to the licensing objectives the Licensing Authority would expect the applicant to incorporate these into their operating schedule.
- 7.3 Applicants are recommended to seek advice from Council Officers and the Police as well as taking into account, as appropriate, local planning and transport policies, with tourism, cultural and crime prevention strategies, when preparing their plans and Schedules.
- 7.4 In addition to the requirements for the Licensing Authority to promote the licensing objectives, it also has duties under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to do all it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in the Borough and to share prescribed information.
- 7.5 The Licensing Authority, if its discretion is engaged, will consider attaching Conditions to licences and permissions to deter and prevent crime and disorder both inside and immediately outside the premises and these may include Conditions drawn from the Model Pool of Conditions relating to Crime and Disorder given in the Secretary of State's Guidance.
- 7.6 **CCTV -** The Licensing Authority, if its discretion is engaged, will attach conditions to licences, as appropriate where the conditions reflect local crime prevention strategies, for example the provision of closed circuit television cameras.

7.7 **Touting** – This is soliciting for custom. There has been a historic problem with Touting in the borough, mainly in relation to restaurants, and as such in 2006 the Council introduced a byelaw under Section 235 of the Local Government Act 1972 for the good rule and government of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets and for the prevention and suppression of nuisances.

As a result, in relation to premises where there is intelligence that touting is, or has been carried out, the Licensing Authority, where its discretion is engaged will insert a standard condition that prohibits 'touting' as follows:-

- 1) No person shall be employed to solicit for custom or be permitted to solicit for custom for business for the premises in any public place within a 500 meters radius of the premises as shown edged red on the attached plan.( marked as Appendix -)
- 2) Clear Signage to be placed in the restaurant windows stating that the premises supports the Council's 'No Touting' policy.
- 7.8 **Responsible Drinking -** The Licensing Authority expects alcohol to be promoted in a responsible way in the Borough. This should incorporate relevant industry standards, such as the Portman Group Code of Practice. Where appropriate and proportionate, if its discretion is engaged, the Licensing Authority will apply conditions to ensure responsible drinking. The Licensing Authority also recognises the positive contribution to best practice that "Pubwatch" and other similar schemes can make in promoting the licensing objectives and is committed to working with them.

Model Pool Conditions can be found in the Secretary of State's Guidance.

- 7.9 **Criminal Activity** There is certain criminal activity that may arise in connection with licensed premises which the Licensing Authority will treat particularly seriously. These are the use of the licensed premises:
  - for the sale and distribution of drugs controlled under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 and the laundering of the proceeds of drugs crime;
  - for the sale and distribution of illegal firearms;
  - for the evasion of copyright in respect of pirated or unlicensed films and music, which does considerable damage to the industries affected;
  - for the illegal purchase and consumption of alcohol by minors which impacts on the health, educational attainment, employment prospects and propensity for crime of young people;
  - for prostitution or the sale of unlawful pornography;
  - by organised groups of paedophiles to groom children;

- as the base for the organisation of criminal activity, particularly by gangs;
- for the organisation of racist activity or the promotion of racist attacks;
- for employing a person who is disqualified from that work by reason of their immigration status in the UK;
- for unlawful gambling; and
- for the sale or storage of smuggled tobacco and alcohol.

The Secretary State's Guidance states that it is envisaged that licensing authorities, the police, the Home Office (Immigration Enforcement) and other law enforcement agencies, which are responsible authorities, will use the review procedures effectively to deter such activities and crime. Where reviews arise and this Licensing Authority determines that the crime prevention objective is being undermined through the premises being used to further crimes, it is expected that revocation of the licence, even in the first instance, should be seriously considered.

- 7.10 In particular the Licensing Authority is mindful of the Secretary of State's Guidance "Reviews arising in connection with crime".
- 7.11 From 1 April 2017, businesses which sell alcohol (for example, retailers of alcohol and trade buyers) will need to ensure that the UK wholesalers that they buy alcohol from have been approved by HMRC under the Alcohol Wholesaler Registration Scheme (AWRS). They will need to check their wholesalers Unique Registration Number (URN) against the HMRC online database which will be available from April 2017. This is an ongoing obligation and if a business is found to have bought alcohol from an unapproved wholesaler, they may be liable to a penalty or could even face criminal prosecution and their alcohol stock may be seized. Any trader who buys alcohol from a wholesaler for onward sale to the general public (known as a 'trade buyer') does not need to register unless they sell alcohol to other businesses. Examples of trade buyers would be pubs, clubs, restaurants, cafes, retailers and hotels. However, they will need to check that the wholesaler they purchase alcohol from is registered with HMRC. Further information may be https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-alcohol-wholesalerfound at: registration-scheme-awrs.

#### Smuggled goods

- 7.12 The Licensing Authority will exercise its discretion to add a standard condition as follows:-
  - 1) The premises licence holder and any other persons responsible for the purchase of stock shall not purchase any goods from door-todoor sellers other than from established traders who provide full receipts at the time of delivery to provide traceability.
  - 2) The premises licence holder shall ensure that all receipts for goods bought include the following details:
    - i. Seller's name and address
  - ii. Seller's company details, if applicable
  - iii. Seller's VAT details, if applicable
  - iv. Vehicle registration detail, if applicable
  - 3) Legible copies of the documents referred to in 2) shall be retained on the premises and made available to officers on request.
  - 4) The trader shall obtain and use a UV detection device to verify that duty stamps are valid.
  - 5) Where the trader becomes aware that any alcohol may be not duty paid they shall inform the Police of this immediately.

#### Olympic Park – Football Ground

- 7.13 Premises where Police intelligence shows that football supporters congregate within the borough should consider in their application form the following conditions:
  - 1) On Match Days for premises licensed for the supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises:
    - a) Drinks shall only be supplied in polypropylene or similar plastic and all bottled drinks shall be poured into such drinking vessels before being handed to the customer. These should be made of recyclable materials.
    - b) Registered door staff shall be employed to control the entry and exits to the premises and to manage any licensed outside area(s).

#### Guidance Issued by the Home Office under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003

#### Updated December 2022

### Crime and disorder

- 2.1 Licensing authorities should look to the police as the main source of advice on crime and disorder. They should also seek to involve the local Community Safety Partnership (CSP).
- 2.2 In the exercise of their functions, licensing authorities should seek to cooperate with the Security Industry Authority ("SIA") as far as possible and consider adding relevant conditions to licences where appropriate. The SIA also plays an important role in preventing crime and disorder by ensuring that door supervisors are properly licensed and, in partnership with police and other agencies, that security companies are not being used as fronts for serious and organised criminal activity. This may include making specific enquiries or visiting premises through intelligence led operations in conjunction with the police, local authorities and other partner agencies. Similarly, the provision of requirements for door supervision may be appropriate to ensure that people who are drunk, drug dealers or people carrying firearms do not enter the premises and ensuring that the police are kept informed.
- 2.3 Conditions should be targeted on deterrence and preventing crime and disorder including the prevention of illegal working in licensed premises (see paragraph 10.10). For example, where there is good reason to suppose that disorder may take place, the presence of closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras both inside and immediately outside the premises can actively deter disorder, nuisance, anti-social behaviour and crime generally. Some licence holders may wish to have cameras on their premises for the prevention of crime directed against the business itself, its staff, or its customers. But any condition may require a broader approach, and it may be appropriate to ensure that the precise location of cameras is set out on plans to ensure that certain areas are properly covered and there is no subsequent dispute over the terms of the condition.
- 2.4 The inclusion of radio links and ring-round phone systems should be considered an appropriate condition for public houses, bars and nightclubs operating in city and town centre leisure areas with a high density of licensed premises. These systems allow managers of licensed premises to communicate instantly with the police and facilitate a rapid response to any disorder which may be endangering the customers and staff on the premises.

- 2.5 Conditions relating to the management competency of designated premises supervisors should not normally be attached to premises licences. It will normally be the responsibility of the premises licence holder as an employer, and not the licensing authority, to ensure that the managers appointed at the premises are competent and appropriately trained. The designated premises supervisor is the key person who will usually be responsible for the day to day management of the premises by the premises licence holder, including the prevention of disorder. A condition of this kind may only be justified as appropriate in rare circumstances where it can be demonstrated that, in the circumstances associated with particular premises, poor management competency could give rise to issues of crime and disorder and public safety.
- 2.6 The prevention of crime includes the prevention of immigration crime including the prevention of illegal working in licensed premises. Licensing authorities should work with Home Office Immigration Enforcement, as well as the police, in respect of these matters. Licence conditions that are considered appropriate for the prevention of illegal working in licensed premises might include requiring a premises licence holder to undertake right to work checks on all staff employed at the licensed premises or requiring that evidence of a right to work check, either physical or digital (e.g. a copy of any document checked as part of a right to work check or a clear copy of the online right to work check) are retained at the licensed premises.

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# **Public Safety**

- 8.1 The 2003 Act covers a wide range of premises that require a licence, and so such premises present a mixture of risks to users and should be constructed or adapted and operated so as to acknowledge and safeguard occupants against these risks.
- 8.2 The Licensing Authority will expect Operating Schedules to satisfactorily address these issues and applicants are advised to seek advice from the Council's Environmental Health (Health & Safety) Officers and the London Fire Brigade before preparing their plans and Schedules.
- 8.3 Where an applicant identifies an issue in regard to public safety (including fire safety) which is not covered by existing legislation, the applicant should identify in their operating schedule the steps that will be taken to ensure public safety. This needs to take into account any unique characteristics that arise in connection with the licensable activity, any requirements that are specific to the premises.
- 8.4 One of the Council's Community Safety Partnership Priorities is tackling violence against women and girls. As a result the Licensing Authority expects Licence holders to take a proactive approach to customer safety including the following:
  - Making provisions to ensure that customers safely leave their premises, for example providing information on licensed taxi companies, adequate lighting outside the premises,
  - Training of staff in spotting signs of harassment, and how to intervene where safe and appropriate to do so, and/or reporting such harassment to management/emergency services.

The Licensing Authority may be able to sign post Licence Holders in regards to local/national safeguarding schemes which may assist with the above.

- 8.5 The Licensing Authority, where its discretion is engaged, will consider attaching proportionate and appropriate Conditions to licences and permissions to promote safety, and these may include Conditions drawn from a the Model Pool of Conditions found in the Secretary of States Guidance.
- 8.6 The Licensing Authority will impose conditions that relate to its licensing objectives, and in a way that is proportionate to the individual circumstances of the premises seeking a licence.

# **Public safety**

- 2.7 Licence holders have a responsibility to ensure the safety of those using their premises, as a part of their duties under the 2003 Act. This concerns the safety of people using the relevant premises rather than public health which is addressed in other legislation. Physical safety includes the prevention of accidents and injuries and other immediate harms that can result from alcohol consumption such as unconsciousness or alcohol poisoning. Conditions relating to public safety may also promote the crime and disorder objective as noted above. There will of course be occasions when a public safety condition could incidentally benefit a person's health more generally, but it should not be the purpose of the condition as this would be outside the licensing authority's powers (be ultra vires) under the 2003 Act. Conditions should not be imposed on a premises licence or club premises certificate which relate to cleanliness or hygiene.
- 2.8 A number of matters should be considered in relation to public safety. These may include:
  - Fire safety;
  - Ensuring appropriate access for emergency services such as ambulances;
  - Good communication with local authorities and emergency services, for example communications networks with the police and signing up for local incident alerts (see paragraph 2.4 above);
  - Ensuring the presence of trained first aiders on the premises and appropriate first aid kits;
  - Ensuring the safety of people when leaving the premises (for example, through the provision of information on late-night transportation);
  - Ensuring appropriate and frequent waste disposal, particularly of glass bottles;
  - Ensuring appropriate limits on the maximum capacity of the premises (see paragraphs 2.12-2.13, and Chapter 10; and
  - Considering the use of CCTV in and around the premises (as noted in paragraph 2.3 above, this may also assist with promoting the crime and disorder objective).
- 2.9 The measures that are appropriate to promote public safety will vary between premises and the matters listed above may not apply in all cases. As set out in Chapter 8 (8.38-8.46), applicants should consider when making their application which steps it is appropriate to take to promote the public safety objective and demonstrate how they achieve that.

# Ensuring safe departure of those using the premises

- 2.10 Licence holders should make provision to ensure that premises users safely leave their premises. Measures that may assist include:
  - Providing information on the premises of local taxi companies who can provide safe transportation home; and
  - Ensuring adequate lighting outside the premises, particularly on paths leading to and from the premises and in car parks.

### Maintenance and repair

2.11 Where there is a requirement in other legislation for premises open to the public or for employers to possess certificates attesting to the safety or satisfactory nature of certain equipment or fixtures on the premises, it would be inappropriate for a licensing condition to require possession of such a certificate. However, it would be permissible to require as a condition of a licence or certificate, if appropriate, checks on this equipment to be conducted at specified intervals and for evidence of these checks to be retained by the premises licence holder or club provided this does not duplicate or gold-plate a requirement in other legislation. Similarly, it would be permissible for licensing authorities, if they receive relevant representations from responsible authorities or any other persons, to attach conditions which require equipment of particular standards to be maintained on the premises. Responsible authorities – such as health and safety authorities – should therefore make their expectations clear in this respect to enable prospective licence holders or clubs to prepare effective operating schedules and club operating schedules.

# Safe capacities

- 2.12 "Safe capacities" should only be imposed where appropriate for the promotion of public safety or the prevention of disorder on the relevant premises. For example, if a capacity has been imposed through other legislation, it would be inappropriate to reproduce it in a premises licence. Indeed, it would also be wrong to lay down conditions which conflict with other legal requirements. However, if no safe capacity has been imposed through other legislation, a responsible authority may consider it appropriate for a new capacity to be attached to the premises which would apply at any material time when the licensable activities are taking place and make representations to that effect. For example, in certain circumstances, capacity limits may be appropriate in preventing disorder, as overcrowded venues can increase the risks of crowds becoming frustrated and hostile.
- 2.13 The permitted capacity is a limit on the number of persons who may be on the premises at any time, following a recommendation by the relevant fire and rescue authority under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005. For any application for a premises licence or club premises certificate for premises without an existing permitted capacity where the applicant wishes to take advantage of the special provisions set out in section 177 of the 2003 Act<sup>1</sup>, the applicant should conduct their own risk assessment as to the appropriate capacity of the premises. They should send their recommendation to the fire and rescue authority which will consider it and decide what the "permitted capacity" of

 $<sup>^1</sup>$  S 177 of the 2003 Act now only applies to performances of dance.

<sup>8 |</sup> Revised Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003

those premises should be.

2.14 Public safety may include the safety of performers appearing at any premises, but does not extend to the prevention of injury from participation in a boxing or wrestling entertainment.

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## Protection of children from harm

- 10.1 The wide range of premises that require licensing means that children can be expected to visit many of these, often on their own, for food and/or entertainment. The protection of children from harm includes the protection of children from moral, psychological and physical harm. This includes not only protecting children from the harms associated directly with alcohol consumption but also wider harms such as exposure to strong language and sexual expletives (for example, in the context of exposure to certain films or adult entertainment). Home Office Guidance also expects Licensing authorities to consider the need to protect children from sexual exploitation when undertaking licensing functions.
- 10.2 Tackling Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) is a key target both locally and nationally as such the Licensing Authority expects Licence Holders to:
  - Understand that there are criminal offences in relation to sexual exploitation of a child,
  - Ensure that they and their employees have a basic awareness of the signs of CSE and how to report it;
  - Report any concerns to the appropriate authorities or to the Licensing Authority can advise them of the appropriate authority to report concerns to.
- 10.3 Applicants are to consult with the Responsible Authority designated for Child Protection listed in appendix 1 List of Responsible Authorities of this who this Licensing Authority recognises to be competent body to advise on the protection of children from harm.
- 10.4 The Act does not prohibit children from having access to any licensed premises; the Council recognises that limitations may have to be considered where it appears necessary to protect children from harm.
- 10.5 The Licensing Authority will judge the merits of each separate application before deciding whether to impose conditions limiting the access of children to individual premises. The following are examples of premises that will raise concern:-
  - Where there have been convictions, Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) or formal cautions for serving alcohol to minors or with a reputation for underage drinking

- With a known association with drug taking or dealing
- Where there is a strong element of gambling on the premises
- Where entertainment of an adult or sexual nature is provided
- Where irresponsible drinking is encouraged or permitted.
- 10.6 Where its discretion is engaged, the Licensing Authority will consider any of the following options when dealing with a licence application where limiting the access of children is considered necessary to prevent harm to children:
  - Limitations on the hours when children may be present,
  - Limitations on ages below 18,
  - Limitations or exclusion when certain activities are taking place,
  - Requirements for an accompanying adult,
  - Full exclusion of people under 18 from the premises when any licensable activities are taking place.
- 10.7 No conditions will be imposed requiring that children must be admitted to any premises and, where no limitation is imposed, this will be left to the discretion of the individual licensee.
- 10.8 The Act details a number of offences designed to protect children in licensed premises and the Licensing Authority will work closely with the police to ensure the appropriate enforcement of the law, especially relating to the sale and supply of alcohol to children.
- 10.9 All licence holders will be expected to comply the Portman Group Code of Practice, and in particular the Retailer Alert Bulletin by which the Portman Group informs licensed retailers, which products have been found to be in breach of the code, and should be removed from sale.
- 10.10 The Licensing Authority expects all licensed suppliers of alcohol to have robust measures, effectively managed and monitored, in place to ensure that minors are fully protected from harm. This will require operating plans to specify these measures and management controls taking into account paragraph 10.1 and 10.2 above. Where appropriate a written childcare policy should be available and be incorporated in the induction of staff.

- 10.11 The Licensing Authority will take appropriate and proportionate action where there are serious concerns in relation to the safe guarding of children in connection with a licensed premises, which may include consideration of applying for a review of the licence where there significant evidence of undermining the licensing objective of the protection of children from harm.
- 10.12 The sale of alcohol to a minor is a criminal offence and Trading Standards will conduct appropriate covert test purchasing exercises and will take account of any complaints and intelligence received. The Act permits the use of children under the age of 18 to undertake test purchases.
- 10.13 Where there are age restrictions imposed by the Act on the licensable activities in respect of children below a certain age, then the licensee will be required to demonstrate that they have age verification systems in place. This Licensing Authority believes that that Licensed Premises should have age verification policies to require individuals who appear to the person serving alcohol to be under the age of 25 years of age to produce on request appropriate identification. This is commonly referred to as the "Challenge 25 Scheme". The rationale for this is because it can often be difficult to judge how old teenagers are and "Challenge 25 age verification system" would provide licensed premises with margin of error to prevent underage sales. Thus Challenge 25 can help to empower staff to challenge customers where there is doubt about their age. In turn this is likely to reduce the risk of the owner, or the seller of the alcohol, committing an offence.
- 10.14 Training in age verification systems should be given to all persons who might be in a position to serve or refuse the sale of alcohol to children. The training should include a basic understanding of the law, seeking proof of age, verifying the authenticity of proof of age cards and handling and recording refusals.
- 10.15 Where proportionate and appropriate, and its discretion is engaged, the Licensing Authority will impose the following standard conditions in relation to age verification systems:
  - 1) All tills shall automatically prompt staff to ask for age verification identification when presented with an alcohol sale.
  - 2) A Challenge 25 proof of age scheme shall be operated at the premises where the only acceptable forms of identification are recognised photographic identification cards, such as a driving licence, passport or proof of age card with the PASS Hologram.
  - 3) A record shall be kept detailing all refused sales of alcohol. The record should include the date and time of the refused sale and the name of the member of staff who refused the sale. The record

shall be available for inspection at the premises by the police or an authorised officer at all times whilst the premises is open.

4) All staff whose duties include the serving of alcohol must be trained in the requirements of this scheme including the importance of recording any refusals.

### 11 Access to Cinemas

- 11.1 Films cover a vast range of subjects, some of which deal with adult themes and / or contain, for example, scenes of horror or violence that may be considered unsuitable for children within certain age groups.
- 11.2 In order to prevent children from seeing such films, the Licensing Authority will impose conditions requiring licensees to restrict children from viewing age restricted films classified according to the recommendations of the BBFC, or the Council itself. The Licensing Authority will not consider reclassifying any films already classified by the BBFC. The Council will charge for classifying films, on a full cost recovery basis.
- 11.3 The Licensing Authority will classify films itself where it is satisfied that no BBFC classification exists. It will inform relevant licensee and require such classifications to be clearly contained in any advertising or informative material relating to such films.

### 12 **Children and Public Entertainment**

- 12.1 Many children go to see and / or take part in an entertainment arranged substantially for them. Consequently additional arrangements are required to safeguard them at such times.
- 12.2 Where 10.1 applies, and its discretion is engaged, the Licensing Authority will require the following arrangements in order to control their access and egress and to assure their safety:-
  - An adult member of staff to be stationed in the vicinity of each of the exits from any level, subject to there being a minimum of one member of staff per 50 children or part thereof,
  - No child unless accompanied by an adult to be permitted in the front row of any balcony,
  - No standing to be permitted in any part of the auditorium during the Performance.
- 12.3 Where children are taking part in any regulated entertainment, and its

discretion is engaged, the Licensing Authority will require the operating schedule to clearly state the steps taken to assure their safety.

12.4 Where its authority is engaged, the Licensing Authority will consider attaching conditions to licences and permissions to prevent harm to children, and these may include conditions drawn from the Model Pool of. Conditions that can be found in the Secretary of State's Guidance.

# Guidance Issued by the Home Office under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003

#### Updated December 2022

### Protection of children from harm

- 2.22 The protection of children from harm includes the protection of children from moral, psychological and physical harm. This includes not only protecting children from the harms associated directly with alcohol consumption but also wider harms such as exposure to strong language and sexual expletives (for example, in the context of exposure to certain films or adult entertainment). Licensing authorities must also consider the need to protect children from sexual exploitation when undertaking licensing functions.
- 2.23 The Government believes that it is completely unacceptable to sell alcohol to children. Conditions relating to the access of children where alcohol is sold and which are appropriate to protect them from harm should be carefully considered. Moreover, conditions restricting the access of children to premises should be strongly considered in circumstances where:
  - adult entertainment is provided;
  - a member or members of the current management have been convicted for serving alcohol to minors or with a reputation for allowing underage drinking (other than in the context of the exemption in the 2003 Act relating to 16 and 17 year olds consuming beer, wine and cider when accompanied by an adult during a table meal);
  - it is known that unaccompanied children have been allowed access;
  - there is a known association with drug taking or dealing; or
  - in some cases, the premises are used exclusively or primarily for the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises.
- 2.24 It is also possible that activities, such as adult entertainment, may take place at certain times on premises but not at other times. For example, premises may operate as a café bar during the day providing meals for families but also provide entertainment with a sexual content after 8.00pm. It is not possible to give an exhaustive list of what amounts to entertainment or services of an adult or sexual nature. Applicants, responsible authorities and licensing authorities will need to consider this point carefully. This would broadly include topless bar staff, striptease, lap-, table- or pole-dancing, performances involving feigned violence or horrific incidents, feigned or actual sexual acts or fetishism, or entertainment involving strong and offensive language.

- 2.25 Applicants must be clear in their operating schedules about the activities and times at which the events would take place to help determine when it is not appropriate for children to enter the premises. Consideration should also be given to the proximity of premises to schools and youth clubs so that applicants take appropriate steps to ensure that advertising relating to their premises, or relating to events at their premises, is not displayed at a time when children are likely to be near the premises.
- 2.26 Licensing authorities and responsible authorities should expect applicants, when preparing an operating schedule or club operating schedule, to set out the steps to be taken to protect children from harm when on the premises.
- 2.27 Conditions, where they are appropriate, should reflect the licensable activities taking place on the premises. In addition to the mandatory condition regarding age verification, other conditions relating to the protection of children from harm can include:
  - restrictions on the hours when children may be present;
  - restrictions or exclusions on the presence of children under certain ages when particular specified activities are taking place;
  - restrictions on the parts of the premises to which children may have access;
  - age restrictions (below 18);
  - restrictions or exclusions when certain activities are taking place;
  - requirements for an accompanying adult (including for example, a combination of requirements which provide that children under a particular age must be accompanied by an adult); and full exclusion of people under 18 from the premises when any licensable activities are taking place.
- 2.28 Please see also Chapter 10 for details about the Licensing Act 2003 (Mandatory Licensing Conditions) Order 2010.

- 2.29 Licensing authorities should give considerable weight to representations about child protection matters. In addition to the responsible authority whose functions relate directly to child protection, the Director of Public Health may also have access to relevant evidence to inform such representations. These representations may include, amongst other things, the use of health data about the harms that alcohol can cause to underage drinkers. Where a responsible authority, or other person, presents evidence to the licensing authority linking specific premises with harms to children (such as ambulance data or emergency department attendances by persons under 18 years old with alcohol-related illnesses or injuries) this evidence should be considered, and the licensing authority should also consider what action is appropriate to ensure this licensing objective is effectively enforced. In relation to applications for the grant of a licence in areas where evidence is presented on high levels of alcohol-related harms in persons aged under 18, it is recommended that the licensing authority considers what conditions may be appropriate to ensure that this objective is promoted effectively.
- 2.30 The 2003 Act provides that, where a premises licence or club premises certificate authorises the exhibition of a film, it must include a condition requiring the admission of children to films to be restricted in accordance with recommendations given either by a body designated under section 4 of the Video Recordings Act 1984 specified in the licence (the British Board of Film Classification is currently the only body which has been so designated) or by the licensing authority itself. Further details are given in Chapter 10.
- 2.31 Theatres may present a range of diverse activities and entertainment including, for example, variety shows incorporating adult entertainment. It is appropriate in these cases for a licensing authority to consider restricting the admission of children in such circumstances. Entertainments may also be presented at theatres specifically for children. It will be appropriate to consider whether a condition should be attached to a premises licence or club premises certificate which requires the presence of a sufficient number of adult staff on the premises to ensure the wellbeing of the children during any emergency.

### Offences relating to the sale and supply of alcohol to children

2.32 Licensing authorities are expected to maintain close contact with the police, young offenders' teams and trading standards officers (who can carry out test purchases under section 154 of the 2003 Act) about the extent of unlawful sales and consumption of alcohol by minors and to be involved in the development of any strategies to control or prevent these unlawful activities and to pursue prosecutions. Licensing authorities, alongside the police, are prosecuting authorities for the purposes of these offences, except for the offences under section 147A (persistently selling alcohol to children). Where, as a matter of policy, warnings are given to retailers prior to any decision to prosecute in respect of an offence, it is important that each of the enforcement arms should be aware of the warnings each of them has given.

Table of relevantoffences under the2003 Act Section	Offence	Prosecuting Authority
Section 145	Unaccompanied children prohibited from certain premises	Police and/or Licensing Authority
Section 146	Sale of alcohol to children	Police, Licensing Authority and/or Local Weights and Measures Authority
Section 147	Allowing the sale of alcohol to children	Police, Licensing Authority and/or Local Weights and Measures Authority
Section 147A	Persistently selling alcohol to children	Police and/or Local Weights and Measures Authority
Section 148	Sale of liqueur confectionery to children under 16. (This offence will be repealed by the Deregulation Act 2015 on 26 May 2015).	Police and/or Licensing Authority
Section 149	Purchase of alcohol by or on behalf of children	Police and/or Licensing Authority
Section 150	Consumption of alcohol by children	Police and/or Licensing Authority
Section 151	Delivering alcohol to children	Police and/or Licensing Authority
Section 152	Sending a child to obtain alcohol	Police and/or Licensing Authority
Section 153	Prohibition of unsupervised sales by children	Police and/or Licensing Authority

### 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:

- Monday to Thursday, from 06:00 hrs to 23:30 hrs
- Friday and Saturday, from 06:00 hrs to 00:00 hrs (midnight)
- Sunday, from 06:00 hrs to 22:30 hrs

#### (see 14.8 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 applicant's 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 14.9 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

### 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.