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LONDON BOROUGH

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE LAKERS CHICKEN

AGENDA

10.30 am	Wednesday 17 January 2024	Council Chamber - Town Hall
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Members 3: Quorum 2

COUNCILLORS:

Natasha Summers (Chairman)
Laurance Garrard
Christine Smith

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AGENDA ITEMS

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

(if any) - receive

2 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Members are invited to disclose any interest in any of the items on the agenda at this point of the meeting.

Members may still disclose any interest in an item at any time prior to the consideration of the matter.

3 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman will announce details of the arrangements in case of fire or other events that might require the meeting room or building's evacuation.

4 REPORT OF THE CLERK (Pages 5 - 10)

Procedure for hearing - Report attached.

5 APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE - LAKERS CHICKEN, UNIT 2A, 2-4 EASTERN ROAN, ROMFORM RM1 3PJ (Pages 11 - 50)

Application for a premises licence is made by Littlemore Foods Ltd under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003.

Zena Smith
Head of Committee and Election Services

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

REPORT

3 January 2023

Subject Heading:

Procedure for the Hearing: Licensing Act 2003

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Members are advised that, when considering application for a premises licence, the following options are available to them by virtue of the Licensing Act 2003, Part 3, section 35, paragraphs 3 and 4:

"Where relevant representations are made, the authority must

- (a) hold a hearing to consider them, unless the authority, the applicant and each person who has made such representations agree that a hearing is unnecessary, and
- (b) having regard to the representations, take such steps as it considers necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

The steps are:

- a) modify the conditions of the licence
- b) reject the whole or part of the application

and for this purpose, the conditions of the licence are modified if any of them is altered or omitted or any new condition is added."

The Sub-Committee will also wish to note that, if none of these steps is required, the application must be granted.

Assuming that the Sub-Committee is satisfied that a hearing is required, then the following procedural steps are recommended. The Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005 will govern the arrangements for the hearing of the application now under consideration. This report accords with the requirements of that Act and the Regulations, and in particular Regulations 21-25 (procedure at the hearing).

1. Membership of the Sub-Committee:

1.1 The Sub-Committee comprises three members of the Licensing Committee, with a quorum of two members. **Unless there are objections, in the absence of three members, the hearing shall proceed with the quorum of two.**

1.1.1 A member of the Licensing Committee will be excluded from hearing an application where he or she has considered an application in respect of the premises in the previous 12 months as a Member of the Regulatory Services Committee; or

1.1.2 is a Ward Councillor for the Ward in which the premises, subject to the application, are located; or

1.1.3 is a Ward Councillor for a Ward which is likely to be affected by the application or;

1.1.4 has a personal interest in the application.

2. Roles of other participants:

2.1 The Legal Advisor is not a party to the hearing. The role of the Legal Advisor is to provide legal advice relating to the application and submissions.

2.2 The Clerk is not a party to the hearing. The role of the Clerk is to record the hearing and the decisions of the Sub-Committee, and ensure efficient administration

3. Location and facilities:

3.1 All hearings will be heard at the Havering Town Hall unless otherwise directed.

3.2 Interpreters will be provided by the Council on request, provided notice is given at least five working days before the hearing.

4. Notification of attendance:

4.1 The Chairman will enquire of the parties who is in attendance and the parties will indicate their names (and, where relevant, whom they represent). A register will be circulated before the commencement of the hearing on which the applicant, his/her advisers and companions and all interested parties (and/or their representatives) will be asked to record their attendance.

5. Procedural matters:

5.1 Prior to the commencement of the hearing, the Chairman of the Sub-Committee will orally inform the parties whether their applications to have certain people attend the hearing (e.g. witnesses) have been granted or refused. Note this relates to people other than those attending on behalf of a party in the capacity as a representative of the party.

- 5.2 Prior to the commencement of the hearing the Chairman of the Sub-Committee will outline the procedure to be followed at the hearing. This will normally be as follows:

Introduction of the application:

The Licensing officer will outline:

- details of the application and relevant representations received from the parties;
- relevant legislation ;
- relevant Licensing Policy; and
- the time limit in which the Council must reach a determination.

Documentary evidence:

- Documentary or other information in support of applications, representations or notices should be provided to the Clerk of the Sub-Committee at least 7 clear working days before the hearing. If this information is produced at the hearing it will only be taken into account by the Sub-Committee if the Sub-Committee and all the parties consent to its submission. Permission to have this information included in the hearing should be requested at the beginning of the hearing before any oral submissions have been made.
- Statements made by people in support of a party's representation who are not present at the hearing, must be signed by the maker, dated and witnessed by another person. The statement must also contain the witness's full name and occupation.

Representations:

- The chairman will invite each of the parties at the hearing or their representative sequentially to address the Sub-Committee and call any person/s to whom permission has been granted to appear. Each party will be allowed a maximum period of 10 minutes in which to address the Sub-Committee and call persons on his/her behalf.
- This 10 minute period is where each party has the opportunity to orally address the Sub-Committee and clarify any points in which the Sub-Committee has sought clarification prior to the hearing. This 10 minute period should be uninterrupted unless a member of the Sub-Committee or Legal Advisor considers that the speaker is making submissions that are irrelevant, frivolous or vexatious.
- Members of the Sub-Committee may ask questions of any party, at any time during the proceedings. Time taken in dealing with a Member's question will not be taken into account in determining the length of time available to the party in question to make their representation.

The sequence in which each of the parties will be invited to address the Sub-Committee will normally be in the order of:

- the Chief Officer of Police;
- the Fire Authority;
- the Health and Safety at Work Enforcing Authority;
- the Local Planning Authority;
- the Local environmental Health Authority;
- the Local Weights and Measures Authority;
- the Authority Responsible for the Protection of Children from Harm;
- a navigation or other authority responsible for waterways; and
- any other party that has submitted representations in respect of the application, certificate, notice or other matter appearing before the Sub-Committee;
- the party that has submitted the application, certificate, notice or other matter appearing before the Sub-Committee.

At the discretion of the Sub-Committee the above order may be varied.

Cross-Examination:

Where witnesses have been permitted by the Sub-Committee to speak at the hearing on behalf of a party, permission must be sought from the Sub-Committee before another party can ask the witness questions. This process of questioning is normally referred to as cross-examination. The Sub-Committee will allow cross-examination only where it is necessary to assist it in considering the representations or application.

Relevance:

Information submitted at the hearing must be relevant to the applications, representations, or notice and the promotion of the licensing objectives. The Chairman of the Sub-Committee is entitled to exclude any information it considers to be irrelevant whether presented in written or oral form. The licensing objectives are:

The prevention of crime and disorder;

Public safety;

The prevention of public nuisance; and

The protection of children from harm.

6. Failure of parties to attend the hearing:

- 6.1 If a party, who has not given prior notice of his/her intention not to attend the hearing, is absent from the hearing the Sub-Committee may either adjourn the hearing or hold the hearing in the party's absence. Where the hearing is held in the absence of a party, the Sub-Committee will still consider the application, representation or notice submitted by that party.

7. Adjournments and extension of time:

7.1 The Sub-Committee may adjourn a hearing to a specified date or extend a notice period except where it must make a determination within certain time limits in the following specific applications:

- Review of premises licences following closure orders where the Sub-committee must make a determination within 28 days of receiving notice of the closure order.

8. Sub-Committee's determination of the hearing:

8.1 At the conclusion of the hearing the Sub-Committee will deliberate in private accompanied by the Clerk and the Legal Advisor who will be available to assist the Sub-Committee with any legal problems but will not participate in any decision making of the Sub-Committee.

8.2 The Sub-Committee will normally make its determination and announce its decision at the end of the hearing.

8.3 Where all parties have notified the Sub-Committee that a hearing is not required the Sub-Committee must make its determination within 10 working days of being given notice that the hearing is not required.

9. Power to exclude people from hearing:

9.1 The public are entitled to attend the hearing as spectators. However, the Sub-Committee may exclude any person from the hearing including any person assisting or representing a party where:

- it considers that the public interest would be best served by excluding the public or the individual person from the hearing; or
- that person is behaving in a disruptive manner. This may include a party who is seeking to be heard at the hearing. In the case where a party is to be excluded, the party may submit to the Sub-Committee in writing any information which they would have been entitled to give orally had they not been required to leave the hearing.

110. Recording of proceedings:

10.1 A written record of the hearing will be produced and kept for 6 years from the date of the determination of the hearing.

11. Power to vary procedure:

11..1 The Sub-committee may depart from following any of the procedures set out in this document if it considers the departure to be necessary in order to consider an application, notice or representation.

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Licensing Officer's Report

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LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

REPORT

3 January 2024

Subject heading:

Lakers Chicken, Unit 2a, 2-4 Eastern Rd, Romford, RM1 3PJ

Premises licence application

Report author and contact details:

Mr O Daly, Public Protection Officer

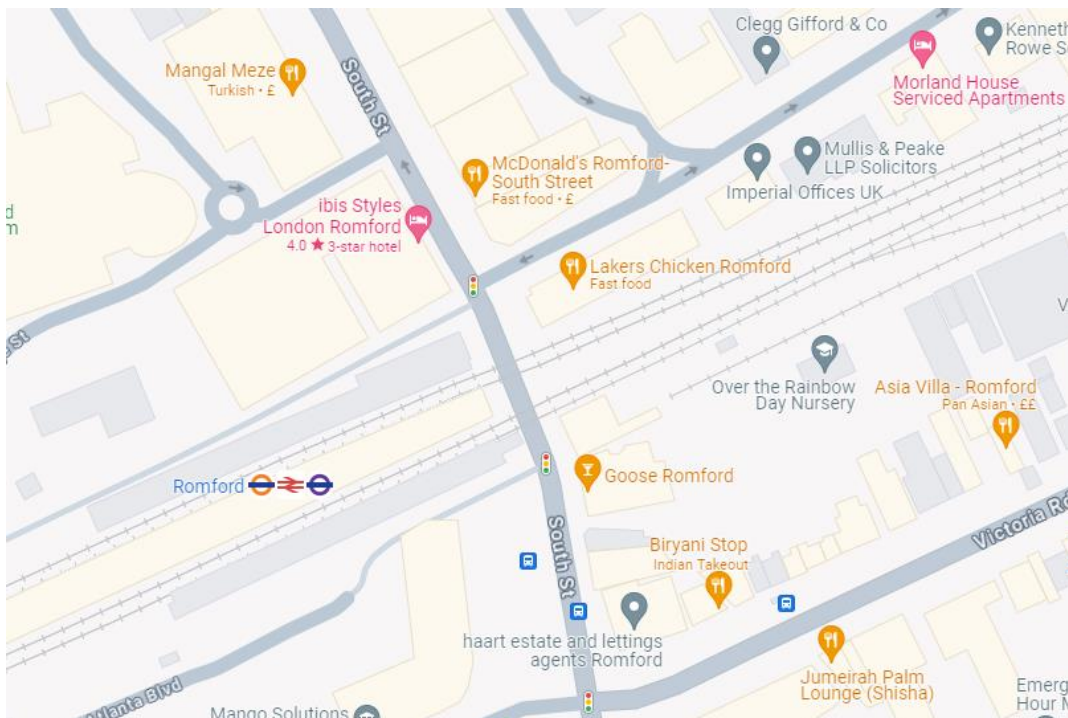
licensing@havering.gov.uk

01708 432777

This application for a premises licence is made by Littlemore Foods Ltd under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003. The application was received by Havering's Licensing Authority on 09th November 2023.

Geographical description of the area and description of the building

This premises is situated in a kiosk in the centre of Romford opposite the train station, this area is within the Cumulative Impact Zone.





Details of the application

The application is to permit the following licensable activity:

Late Night Refreshment		
Day	Start	Finish
Sunday to Wednesday	23:00	02:00
Thursday to Saturday	23:00	05:00

Opening hours		
Day	Start	Finish
Sunday to Wednesday	11:00	02:00
Thursday to Saturday	11:00	05:00

Comments and observations on the application

The applicant acted in accordance with regulations 25 and 26 of *The Licensing Act 2003 (Premises licences and club premises certificates) Regulations 2005* relating to the advertising of the application.

This is the second application for a premises licence by the applicant, the first one being refused due to no public notice being advertised in the local newspaper within the statutory timeframe.

The premises itself has had a premises licence in the past, Guvnors Grill, this premises licence was revoked by the sub-committee in 2016.

The applicant has clarified that they wish LNR to take place both on the premises and off by way of take-away/delivery.

Summary

There were no representations against this application submitted by residents in the vicinity of the premises.

There were three representations against this application from responsible authorities. The Metropolitan Police, the Licensing Authority and Havering's Environmental Health Department.



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Copy of Application

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* required information

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You can save the form at any time 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

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 behalf of the applicant?

- Yes No

Put "no" if you are applying on your own behalf or on behalf of a business you own or work for.

Applicant Details

* First name

Ahmad

* Family name

Akhtar

* E-mail

info@lakerschicken.com

Main telephone number

Include country code.

Other telephone number

- Indicate here if you would prefer not to be contacted by telephone

Are you:

- Applying as a business or organisation, including as a sole trader
 Applying as an individual

A sole trader is a business owned by one 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?

- Yes No

Note: completing the Applicant Business section is optional in this form.

Registration number

11966608

Business name

Littlemore Food Ltd. (Trading as Lakers)

If your business is registered, use its registered name.

VAT number

GB 337034224

Put "none" if you are not registered for VAT.

Legal status

Private Limited Company

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Your position in the business

Home country

The country where the headquarters of your business is located.

Registered Address

Address registered with Companies House.

Building number or name

Street

District

City or town

County or administrative area

Postcode

Country

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PREMISES DETAILS

I/we, as named in section 1, apply for a premises licence under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in section 2 below (the premises) and I/we are making this application to you as the relevant licensing authority in accordance with section 12 of the Licensing Act 2003.

Premises Address

Are you able to provide a postal address, OS map reference or description of the premises?

- Address OS map reference Description

Postal Address Of Premises

Building number or name

Street

District

City or town

County or administrative area

Postcode

Country

Further Details

Telephone number

Non-domestic rateable value of premises (£)

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APPLICATION DETAILS

In what capacity are you applying for the premises licence?

- An individual or individuals
- A limited company / limited liability partnership
- A partnership (other than limited liability)
- An unincorporated association
- Other (for example a statutory corporation)
- A recognised club
- A charity
- The proprietor of an educational establishment
- A health service body
- A person who is registered under part 2 of the Care Standards Act 2000 (c14) in respect of an 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

Confirm The Following

- 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 application pursuant to a statutory function
- I am making the application pursuant to a function discharged by virtue of His Majesty's prerogative

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NON INDIVIDUAL APPLICANTS

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 Name

Name

Details

Registered number (where applicable)

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

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Littlemore Food Ltd. (Trading as Lakers)

Address

Building number or name

Street

District

City or town

County or administrative area

Postcode

Country

Contact Details

E-mail

Telephone number

Other telephone number

* Date of birth / /
dd mm yyyy

* Nationality [Documents that demonstrate entitlement to work in the UK](#)

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OPERATING SCHEDULE

When do you want the premises licence to start? / /
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 the premises

For example the type of premises, its general situation and layout and any other information which could be relevant to the licensing objectives. Where your application includes off-supplies of alcohol and you intend to provide a place for consumption of these off- supplies you must include a description of where the place will be and its proximity to the premises.

Fast Food chain with eat in or takeaway option.

No Alcohol served.

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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 No

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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 No

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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 No

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PROVISION OF PERFORMANCES OF DANCE

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing performances of dance?

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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 No

Standard Days And Timings

MONDAY

Start

End

Start

End

Give timings in 24 hour clock.
(e.g., 16:00) and only give details for the days
of the week when you intend the premises
to be used for the activity.

TUESDAY

Start

End

Start

End

WEDNESDAY

Start

End

Start

End

THURSDAY

Start

End

Start

End

FRIDAY

Start

End

Start

End

SATURDAY

Start

End

Start

End

SUNDAY

Start

End

Start

End

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Will the provision of late night refreshment take place indoors or outdoors or both?

- Indoors Outdoors Both

Where taking place in a building or other structure tick as appropriate. Indoors may include a tent.

State type of activity to be authorised, if not already stated, and give relevant further details, for example (but not exclusively) whether or not music will be amplified or unamplified.

N/A

State any seasonal variations

For example (but not exclusively) where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.

Non-standard timings. Where the premises will be used for the supply of late night refreshments 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.

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SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL

Will you be selling or supplying alcohol?

- Yes No

PROPOSED DESIGNATED PREMISES SUPERVISOR CONSENT

How will the consent form of the proposed designated premises supervisor be supplied to the authority?

- Electronically, by the proposed 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

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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.

None.

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HOURS PREMISES ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Standard Days And Timings

MONDAY

Start

End

Start

End

Give timings in 24 hour clock.
(e.g., 16:00) and only give details for the days
of the week when you intend the premises
to be used for the activity.

TUESDAY

Start

End

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WEDNESDAY

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THURSDAY

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State any seasonal variations

For example (but not exclusively) where the activity will be on additional days during the summer months.

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Bank Holidays Weekends - 11:00 - 05:00

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.

Any festive days:
Christmas Eve, Eid, Diwali, St. Patrick's Day, etc.
11:00 - 05:00

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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.

Please see answers below.

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

A C.C.T.V. system has been installed and is working to the satisfaction of the local Police and the Licensing Authority. Recordings will be maintained for an appropriate period of time to be agreed with the Police and the Licensing Authority
If the C.C.T.V. equipment fails, then Police and the Licensing Authority will be informed immediately by telephone and immediate steps will be taken to put the equipment back into working order. A notice will be displayed at the entrance to the premises advising that C.C.T.V. is in operation. At least one C.C.T.V. camera will be in operation at the front of the premises at all times when the premises is in use.
All instances of crime and disorder will be reported to the Police as soon as reasonably practicable
We will organise professional security personnel on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights both inside and outside the premises.

c) Public safety

We have conducted a suitable Fire Risk Assessment at the premises and implemented the necessary control measures.
All exit doors are easily operable without the use of a key, card, code or similar means. All fire doors are maintained unobstructed and effectively self closing and will not be held open other than with approved devices.
Upholstered seating is fire retardant and complies with current fire safety regulations. Access is provided for emergency vehicles and kept clear and free from obstruction at all times.
All fire exits and means of escape are signed in accordance with BS5499: Part 1: Specification for Fire Safety Signs: 1990. Wall and ceiling finishes are fire resistant to the appropriate standard. Exit doors open outwards.
The premises has a current and satisfactory Electrical Installation compliant with an EICR electrical certificate.
We operate a complete no smoking policy at the premises

d) The prevention of public nuisance

Prominent, clear and legible notices are displayed at all exits requesting customers to respect the

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needs of local residents and to leave the premises and the area quietly.

All ventilation and extract systems are designed and maintained so as to prevent noxious smells causing a nuisance to nearby properties. All external lighting, including floodlighting, is directed away from adjacent occupiers. Bins are available for litter disposal both inside and outside the premises and emptied daily. The premises has a waste collection contract with Havering Council who remove waste. Staff undertake litter pick daily to a distance of 20 meters around the premises daily.

e) The protection of children from harm

There are no age restricted items sold on the premises.

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NOTES ON DEMONSTRATING ENTITLEMENT TO WORK IN THE UK

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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.

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- 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.

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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 <https://www.gov.uk/prove-right-to-work>) 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

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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.

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- 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 £4300 - £100

Band B - £4301 to £33000 - £190.00

Band C - £33001 to £87000 - £315.00

Band D - £87001 to £125000 - £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 you are required to pay a higher fee.

Band D - £87001 to £125000 - £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 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 of attendance at any one time.

Capacity 5000 to 9999 - £1,000.00

Capacity 10000 to 14999 - £2,000.00

Capacity 15000 to 19999 - £4,000.00

Capacity 20000 to 29999 - £8,000.00

Capacity 30000 to 39999 - £16,000.00

Capacity 40000 to 49999 - £24,000.00

Capacity 50000 to 59999 - £32,000.00

Capacity 60000 to 69999 - £40,000.00

Capacity 70000 to 79999 - £48,000.00

Capacity 80000 to 89999 - £56,000.00

Capacity 90000 and over £64,000.00

* Fee amount (£)

190.00

DECLARATION

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* I/we understand it is an offence, liable on conviction to a fine up to level 5 on the standard scale, under Section 158 of the Licensing Act 2003, to make a false statement in or in connection with this application.

Ticking this box indicates you have read and understood the above declaration

This section should be completed by the applicant, unless you answered "Yes" to the question "Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?"

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* Capacity

* Date / /
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Once you're finished you need to do the following:

1. Save this form to your computer by clicking file/save as...

2. Go back to <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-a-licence/premises-licence/havering/apply-1> to upload this file and continue with your application.

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IT IS AN OFFENCE LIABLE TO SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE OF ANY AMOUNT UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION

IT IS AN OFFENCE UNDER SECTION 24B OF THE IMMIGRATION ACT 1971 FOR A PERSON TO WORK WHEN THEY KNOW, OR HAVE REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE, THAT THEY ARE DISQUALIFIED FROM DOING SO BY REASON OF THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS. THOSE WHO EMPLOY AN ADULT WITHOUT LEAVE OR WHO IS SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS AS TO EMPLOYMENT WILL BE LIABLE TO A CIVIL PENALTY UNDER SECTION 15 OF THE IMMIGRATION, ASYLUM AND NATIONALITY ACT 2006 AND PURSUANT TO SECTION 21 OF THE SAME ACT, WILL BE COMMITTING AN OFFENCE WHERE THEY DO SO IN THE KNOWLEDGE, OR WITH REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE, THAT THE EMPLOYEE IS DISQUALIFIED

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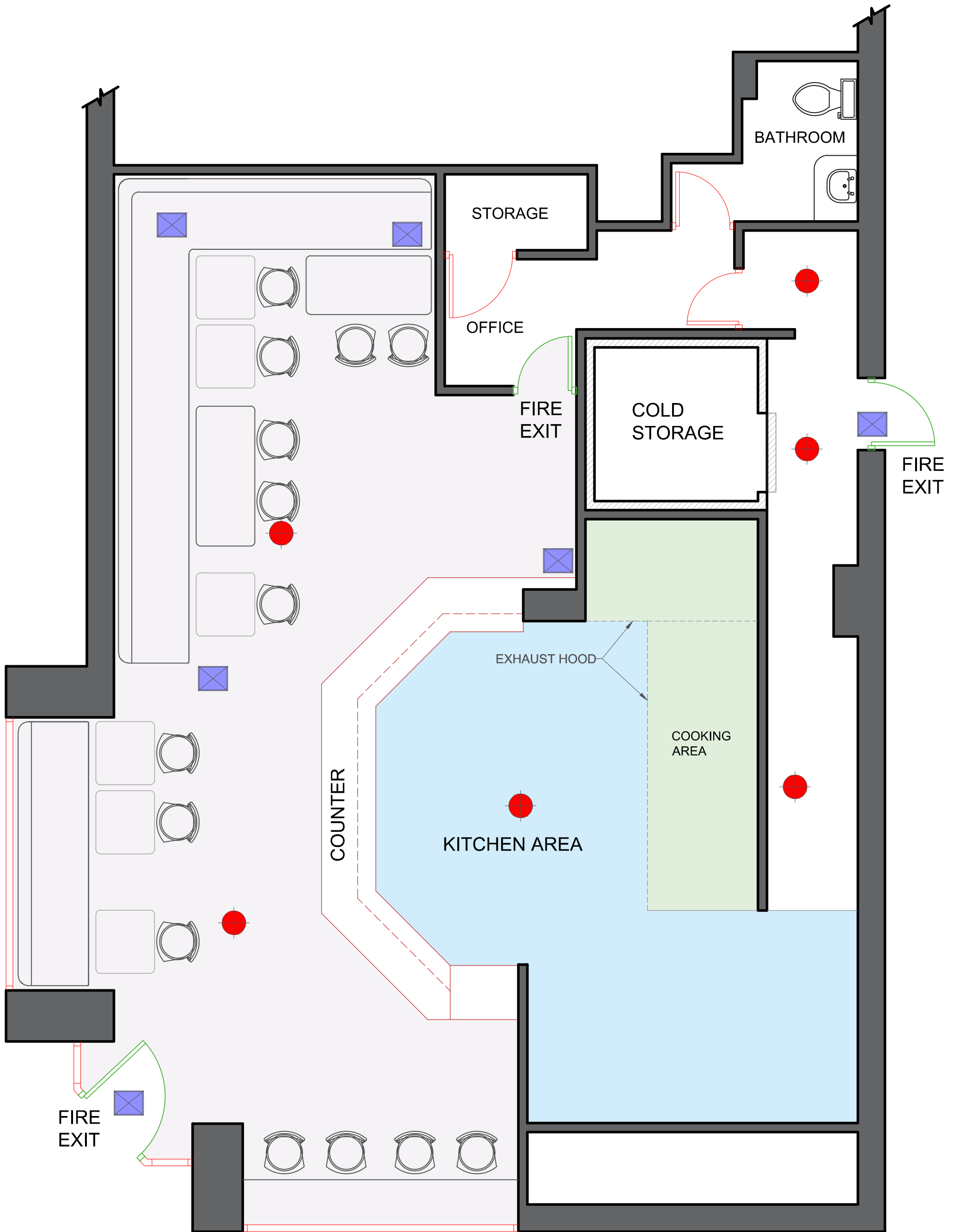
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Plan

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UNIT 2A, 2-4 EASTERN ROAD
 RM1 3PJ
 SHOP FLOOR PLAN
 SCALE 1:40 @ A3

MAP KEY:
 SMOKE DETECTOR 
 CCTV CAMERA 

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Representation from
Responsible Authorities

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Licensing Authority
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Police Representation - Premises licence application - Lakers Chicken Unit 2a, 2-4 Eastern Road Romford RM1 3PJ

Dear Licensing Authority

Police acknowledge receipt of a Premises licence application for Lakers Chicken Unit 2a, 2-4 Eastern Road Romford RM1 3PJ which we received on the 10th November 2023.

The application states the venue wish to carry out **Late night refreshment** on:-

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Sunday between 1100 - 0200 hours & Thursday, Friday & Saturday 1100 - 0500 hours.

On behalf of the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, consideration has been given to this application and Police object to the application in its current format under the following licensing objectives:-

Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Public Safety & the Prevention of Public Nuisance

Police have concerns that a venue operating until 0500 hours will result in crime and disorder, risk to public safety and anti-social behaviour (ASB).

The application doesn't appear to address the fact that the venue will be within the Romford Town cumulative impact zone (CIZ) and the terminal times in the application are beyond Havering Council's Licensing policy of 0100 hours. No research appears to have been completed by the applicant around these issues and no engagement with the Police was carried out by the applicant prior to the application being submitted.

Romford Town Centre has the biggest day and night time economy in Havering & the venue will be situated in the town centre opposite Romford train station which is used by large amounts of people either attending Romford or travelling into London for work & leisure purposes. The venue will also be in close proximity to other licensed venues.

Having a venue operating until 0500 hours will attract customers after all other licensed venues have closed and will lead to large alcohol fuelled crowds to congregate and loiter in a small area which will likely cause disturbances & crime and disorder. This will in turn cause the safety of the public to be at risk because of violent crime and the injuries associated with such offences. Over recent years Police have experienced issues with crowds and disorder, which has involved persons intoxicated and becoming violent as a result.

In addition a venue opening until 0500 hours will result in alcohol fuelled customers loitering around the venue and resulting anti-social behaviour will cause a public nuisance for example to those arriving or leaving Romford Rail station around 0500 hours for work.

Romford Town has a dedicated Town Centre Team who are very proactive in tackling crime and disorder. Having a venue open till 0500 hours will, without doubt, place an even bigger responsibility on Police around the time of dispersal of another venue nearby.

In conclusion, Police believe a venue with a terminal time of 0500 hours will lead to crime and disorder, risk to public safety & public nuisance and at this time cannot support this application.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Stockman'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C'.

PC Chris Stockman - East Area Licensing Team

From: [George Wokorach](#)
To: [Oisin Daly](#)
Subject: Re: Premises Licence Application- Lakers Chicken, 2-4 Eastern Road, Romford
Date: 20 November 2023 12:33:40

Hi Oisin

Please see email below for objection

Regards

George Wokorach
Public Protection Officer

From: George Wokorach <George.Wokorach@havering.gov.uk>
Sent: 20 November 2023 12:22
To: Paul Jones <Paul.Jones@havering.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Premises Licence Application- Lakers Chicken, 2-4 Eastern Road, Romford

Hi Paul,

I am writing to make a representation in respect of this application. The proposed early morning hours for the provision of late night refreshments would have a negative impact on the promotion of the licensing objectives, in particular, the prevention of public nuisance.

The late opening hours until 05:00 hours will exacerbate the situation for the residents surrounding the premises

However, despite the points raised in the supporting statement I would still have concerns that the licensing objectives would be undermined due to:

- The increased availability of late night refreshments into the early hours of the morning, which is likely to be disadvantageous to the community.
- The likely increase in street eating generally due to the volumes of footfall due to the longer licensable hours and noise from external areas of the premises from loud conversations
- Increased disturbance to the residents due to longer use of licensable hours – increased hours off exposure to noise from plant (extract & Condenser) to neighbours

The applicant is advised to carry out proper noise impact assessment and implement any mitigation measures recommended in the report

Regards

George Wokorach
Public Protection Officer
London Borough of Havering

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Licensing Act 2003 – responsible authority representation

This representation is made by a responsible authority for the London Borough of Havering concerning a premises licence application for the premises as detailed below.

Applicant: Littlemore Food Ltd
Premises: Lakers Chicken Unit 2a 2-4 Eastern Road Romford RM1 3PJ

Name: Paul Jones
Organisation: London Borough of Havering Licensing Authority
Address: c/o Town Hall Main Road Romford RM1 3BD
Email: paul.jones@haverling.gov.uk
Telephone no.: 01708 432692

Objection summary:

The concerns of the licensing authority are broadly two-fold: the location of the premises at Havering's most significant crime 'hot-spot' and in a cumulative impact zone (CIZ) and the terminal hours sought.

Policy considerations

4. Expectations of applicants

4.2 It is for these reasons that Havering expects detailed and meaningful operating schedules that will enable all parties to understand what is being sought by an application, and if granted how the premises will operate. In completing the operating schedule, applicants are expected to have regard to this Statement of Licensing Policy which sets out the expectations of the Authority as to the steps that are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

4.3 The completion of a full and detailed operating schedule will give those reading the application greater confidence that the applicant seeks to make a positive contribution and is demonstrating a commitment to both those living in the vicinity and the licensing objectives.

Applicants are expected to:

- Demonstrate knowledge of the local area when describing the steps they propose to take to promote the licensing objectives;
- Undertake enquiries about the area in which the premises are situated to inform the content of the application;
- Obtain sufficient information to enable them to demonstrate, when setting out the steps they propose to take to promote the licensing objectives, that they understand:
 - The layout of the local area and physical environment including crime and disorder hotspots, proximity to residential premises and proximity to areas where children congregate.
 - Any risk posed to the local area by the applicants' proposed licensable activities;

- Steps to protect vulnerable residents
- Any local initiatives (for example, local crime reduction initiatives or voluntary schemes including local taxi-marshalling schemes, street pastors and other schemes) which may help to mitigate potential risks.
- Any other relevant policies that the local authority has adopted.

4.5 Where specific policies apply in the area (for example, a Cumulative Impact Policy), applicants are also expected to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of how the Policy impacts on their application,
- Identify any measures they will take to mitigate the impact, and
- Confirm why they consider their application should be an exception to the Policy.

4.9 The failure by an applicant to clearly and fully demonstrate in the operating schedule that they have properly considered the promotion of the four licensing objectives is a legitimate concern should the application come before the licensing sub-committee.

6. Cumulative Impact

6.3 For areas where a cumulative impact policy is adopted, it creates a rebuttable presumption that applications for new premises licences, club premises certificates, or variation applications that will add to the existing cumulative impact, will normally be refused, unless the applicant can demonstrate why the operation of the premises involved will not add to the cumulative impact and not impact adversely on the promotion of the licensing objectives. The exception to this policy may be for applications for restaurants where alcohol is sold ancillary to a table meal.

6.5 This cumulative impact policy is not absolute. The circumstances of each application within the cumulative impact area will be considered upon its own merits and the Licensing Authority shall permit licences and certificates that are unlikely to add to the cumulative impact and not impact adversely on the licensing objectives.

6.6 Upon receiving representations in relation to a new or variation application the Licensing Authority will consider whether it would be justified departing from the cumulative impact policy in the light of the individual circumstances of the case. The impact of an application is expected to be different for premises with different formats and characteristics. If the Licensing Authority decides that an application should be refused, it will still need to show that the grant of the application would undermine one or more of the licensing objectives and that conditions or restrictions would be an ineffective solution.

6.7 Examples of applications that the Licensing Authority may consider as exceptional may include, though not are limited to:

- Small premises with a capacity of 50 persons or less only intending to operate during hours specified in section 12.
- Premises which are not alcohol led and operate only within the hours specified in section 12 such as coffee shops

12. Licensing Hours

12.1 When dealing with new and variation applications the Licensing Authority may give more favourable consideration to applications with the following closing times:

Public Houses and Bars
 23:00 hours Sunday to Thursday
 Midnight Friday and Saturday

Nightclubs

01:00 hours Sunday to Thursday

02:00 hours Friday and Saturday

Restaurants and Cafes

23:00 hours Sunday to Thursday

Midnight Friday and Saturday

Off licences

23:00 Monday to Sundays

Hot food and drink supplied by takeaways, fast food premises

Midnight Sunday to Thursdays

01:00 Friday and Saturday

Hotel residents only

24 hours sale of alcohol for on sales only

12.2 Consideration will also be given to the type of area that the premises is located in with regulated activities normally being permitted until 23.30 in residential areas and 00.30 in mixed use areas.

12.3 The above hours are a guide and each application will be considered on its own merits.

12.4 The above hours are intended to guide applicants on the Licensing Authority's expectations when preparing their operating schedules.

12.5 For applications within the above hours there is no presumption that the application will automatically be granted in all cases where a relevant representation has been made. If no representations are received, the application will be granted by the licensing authority under delegated powers.

12.6 Applicants who wish to provide licensable activities outside the hours specified above should ensure where relevant the operating schedule specifies detailed measures to militate against crime, disorder and public nuisance etc. taking into account:

- The location of the premises and the character of the area in which they are situated
- The proposed hours during which licensable activities will take place
- The adequacy of the applicant's proposals to prevent crime and disorder and prevent public nuisance
- Whether customers have access to public transport when arriving at or leaving the premises
- The proximity of the premises to other licensed premises in the vicinity and the hours of operation of those other premises policies and proposals for the orderly dispersal of customers.

21. Children and Licensed premises

21.1 The Licensing Authority will require measures to protect children from harm to be reflected in the operating schedule, having regard to their type of premises or licensable activities.

21.2 Applicants for premises licences and club premises certificates authorising the admission of children without accompanying responsible adults will be required to submit a safeguarding children protection policy detailing the steps to be taken to ensure that children in their charge will be protected from harm when on licensed premises or engaged in activities relating to the licence.

21.6 The Licensing Authority recognises that children are one of the most vulnerable groups in our society and that some activities associated with licensed premises are not appropriate for children. The Licensing Authority will be looking for management arrangements to be in place to address this. Following relevant representations, it will consider the imposition of additional controls by way of licence conditions where activities take place on the premises may present a risk of physical, moral or psychological harm to children. It will also look for strict controls in place to prevent the sale of alcohol to underage children.

Representation

This application for a premises licence seeks to authorise the provision of late night refreshment until 02:00 Sunday to Wednesday and until 05:00 Thursday to Saturday. As such, the hours sought lie outside Havering's licensing policy guidelines further to premises' hours of operation. In addition, and despite seeking these terminal hours, the application provides no acknowledgement that the premises is located in Havering's main CIZ which conflicts with the relevant provisions of licensing policy paragraph 4.2. The application makes no acknowledgement of its location at Havering's most significant crime hot-spot and neither does the application provide any rationalisation to justify the terminal hours sought. This would appear to conflict with the relevant provisions of paragraphs 4.3 and 6.3 of Havering's licensing policy, as provided above.

The absence of any rationalisation to justify the terminal hours prevents the responsible authorities from fully understanding the intentions of the premises' operator. This further conflicts with the aforementioned paragraphs 4.2 and 6.3 as the applicant has not satisfactorily demonstrated why the operation of the premises will not add to cumulative impact in the area. Contrary to the provisions of paragraph 4.5 the application does not clarify why it is considered that it should be an exception to the cumulative impact policy. The licensing authority's reasonable conclusion, therefore, is that the operation of this premises until the terminal hours sought **will** be likely to adversely impact upon the promotion of the licensing objectives and hence contribute to cumulative impact.

In addition to the standard hours sought in section 17 of the application, i.e. 02:00 Sunday to Wednesday and 05:00 Thursday to Saturday, an ambiguous application for non-standard timings indicates that the premises seeks to remain open to the public until 05:00 "*on bank holiday weekends*" and on "*any festive days.*" There is, however, no application to provide late night refreshment until these non-standard hours. We might reasonably query why the premises seeks to remain open until these non-standard hours if late night refreshment is not to be provided during these times.

While providing hot food to take away the premises can also accommodate twenty-four seated diners. The provision of on-site dining until 02:00 and 05:00 conflicts with the general principles of the CI policy. Participants in Romford's night time economy might reasonably be expected to disperse directly from the various alcohol on-supply premises at which the preceding hours have been spent, rather than delay their departure by eating hot food until 05:00 in a restaurant premises or on the street. We should also remember that paragraph 12.1 of the licensing policy indicates that the guideline terminal hour for consumption of hot food in a dine-in restaurant is 23:00 Sunday to Thursday and 00:00

Friday and Saturday. The terminal hours sought by this application, whether the premises may be considered predominantly dine-in or predominantly take-away, are far in excess of those hours Havering's licensing policy deems suitable.

Section 18 of the application contains the steps the applicant proposes to take to promote the licensing objectives.

The prevention of crime and disorder

“A C.C.T.V. system has been installed and is working to the satisfaction of the local Police and the Licensing Authority.”

Contrary to this misleading assertion the licensing authority has not been made aware of the premises' CCTV system specifications and thus is unable to confirm whether it is working to our satisfaction.

“We will organise professional security personnel on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights both inside and outside the premises.”

While such a proposal is to be welcomed the proposal does not define the hours during which security personnel may be on duty. The proposal is therefore less reassuring than it could have been.

The prevention of public nuisance

“Prominent, clear and legible notices are displayed at all exits requesting customers to respect the needs of local residents and to leave the premises and the area quietly.”

While such a notice may go some way to addressing customers' dispersal we might have hoped that, given the late terminal hours sought at this location a dispersal policy would have been proposed and a copy supplied; however, the application makes no reference to a dispersal policy.

The protection of children from harm

Despite the premises wishing to remain open until 05:00 at the weekend the only proposal offered by the applicant further to a premises licence holder's duty to protect children from harm is as follows:

“There are no age restricted items sold on the premises.”

The conclusion the licensing authority draws from this proposal is that the application disregards any future obligation to protect children from harm for the reason that “age restricted items” are not sold at the premises. We might therefore reasonably conclude that the intention of the premises is to include children as a part of the venue's intended customer base during the period from 23:00 to 05:00 the day following. We should remind ourselves that the need for late night take-away premises to be incorporated within the ambit of the *Licensing Act 2003* is, in part, to address the potential problems inherent in attracting a customer base during late night periods when those customers are likely to be under the influence of alcohol and hence pose a risk to themselves and to others. We should also remember that paragraph 21.1 of Havering's licensing policy requires *measures to protect children from harm to be reflected in the operating schedule*. Any such measures are entirely absent from this application. In addition, paragraph 21.2 requires that *Applicants for premises licences... authorising the admission of children without accompanying responsible adults will be required to submit a safeguarding children protection policy*. Again, no such policy was provided.

This application appears to contend that a premises licence holder's legal duty to protect children from harm ceases to exist when *age restricted items* are not sold at the premises. This appears to entirely ignore children's attraction to fast-food restaurants. A late night licensed premises which does not restrict the attendance of under-18s risks becoming a destination for vulnerable children. Such children are susceptible to the attentions of predatory adults who may identify and attend a given premises based upon the presence of children during late hours. The fact that this application appears willing to permit the attendance at the premises of unaccompanied children between the hours of 23:00 and 05:00 is a matter of great concern to this licensing authority. The absence of any acknowledgement or awareness of the potential risks posed to children as indicated in this application undermines any confidence the licensing authority may have in the premises' ability to successfully promote this licensing objective.

The legal duty for premises licence holders to protect children from harm is not simply a local matter but is instead reflected within the section 182 *Guidance to the Licensing Act 2003*. Paragraphs 2.27 to 2.37 address this particular licensing objective. Particularly pertinent are paragraphs 2.32 and 2.34 which include the following clauses:

- conditions relating to the protection of children from harm can include restrictions on the hours when children may be present
- Licensing authorities should give considerable weight to representations about child protection matters.

Complaint and inspection history (if applicable)

Not applicable

Representation summary

To conclude, Havering's licensing authority is currently unable to support this application for a premises licence to permit the provision of late night refreshment at this premises. The reasons for this opposition are as follows:

- The premises is located at Havering's worst crime hot-spot in the borough's main CIZ: the application makes no acknowledgement of these matters.
- The application does not demonstrate an understanding of how Havering's CI policy might impact upon the application, neither does it provide any reasoning as to why the application might be considered an exception to the CI policy.
- The application seeks to permit the premises to operate outside the guideline hours suggested by paragraph 12.1 of Havering's licensing policy, yet it provides no rationalisation to clarify why such a departure may be considered acceptable.
- The application offers no proposals to aid the protection of children from harm who may attend this premises during the period of 23:00 to 05:00. We suggest that the absence of any such measures would place children at risk. This alone might appear to preclude the grant of this application.

It is for these reasons that the licensing authority would suggest that the application should not be granted as submitted.

Signed Paul Jones

Dated 4th December 2023