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LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE (ELM PARK FOOD & WINE)

AGENDA

10.30 am

Thursday 6 October 2011 Council Chamber -Town Hall

Members 3: Quorum 2

COUNCILLORS:

Peter Gardner (Chairman) Lynden Thorpe (Vice-Chair) Brian Eagling

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LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

6 OCTOBER 2011

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REPORT OF THE CLERK

PROCEDURE FOR THE HEARING: LICENSING ACT 2003

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:

- 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**.
- A members 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

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

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

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. Representation validation meeting:

- 3.1 Prior to this hearing, the Sub-Committee Chairman will have met the Legal Advisor and/or Clerk to determine whether further clarification is required of any issues contained in the application or any representation.
- 3.2 During this preliminary meeting no decision will have been made or discussion held regarding the substantive merits of the application or representations.

4. Location and facilities:

- 4.1 All hearings will be heard at the Havering Town Hall unless otherwise directed.
- 4.2 Interpreters will be provided by the Council on request, provided notice is given at least five working days before the hearing.

5. Notification of attendance:

5.1 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.

6. Procedural matters:

- 6.1 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.
- 6.2 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 crossexamination. 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.

7. Failure of parties to attend the hearing:

7.1 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.

8. Adjournments and extension of time:

- 8.1 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:
 - Applications for conversion of existing licences where the Sub-Committee must make a determination within 2 months of the application first being received. In default of a decision being made the application will be treated as being granted;
 - Applications for variation of existing licences where the Sub-Committee must make a determination within 2 months of the application first being received. In default of a decision being made the application will be treated as being rejected;
 - Applications for conversion of existing club certificates where the Sub-Committee must make a determination within 2 months of the application being first received. In default of a decision being made the application will be treated as being granted;
 - Applications for variation of existing club certificates where the Sub-Committee must make a determination within 2 months of the application being first received. In default of a decision being made the application will be treated as being rejected;

- Applications made by holders of justices' licences for personal licences must be determined within 3 months of the application first being received. In default of a decision not being made within this period the application will be treated as being granted;
- 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.

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

- 9.1 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.
- 9.2 The Sub-Committee will normally make its determination and announce its decision at the end of the hearing.
- 9.3 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.

10. Power to exclude people from hearing:

- 10.1 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.

11. Recording of proceedings:

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

12. Power to vary procedure:

12.1 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.

Richard Cursons Clerk of the Sub-Committee

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5 REPORT

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

6th October 2011

Subject heading:

Report author and contact details:

Elm Park Food & Wine 4 Elm Parade St Nicholas Avenue Hornchurch RM12 4RH Premises licence Paul Jones, Licensing Officer 5th floor Mercury House, x 2692

This application for a premises licence is made by Mr Mehmet Ali Coktas under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003. The application was received by Havering's Licensing Authority on 19th August 2011.

Geographical description of the area and description of the building

This premises is a purpose built shop in a parade in Elm Park in a mixed commercial/residential area. Although the premises is located in Elm Park it is situated within the boundary of St Andrews ward. A map of the area is attached.

Details of the application

The applicant has applied for the following licensable activity:

Supply of alcohol (off sales)					
Day	Start	Finish			
Monday	08:00	23:00			
Tuesday	08:00	23:00			
Wednesday	08:00	23:00			
Thursday	08:00	23:00			
Friday	08:00	23:00			
Saturday	08:00	23:00			
Sunday	08:00	22:30			

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. The required public notice was installed in the 31st August 2011 edition of the Yellow Advertiser.

Havering's Licensing Policy determines that St Andrews ward is subject to a saturation policy with regard to premises licensed to supply alcohol. Policy 017 states:

It is the LLA's policy to refuse applications in the St Andrews ward area for pubs and bars; late night refreshment premises offering hot food and drink to take away; off licences and premises offering facilities for music and dancing other than applications to vary hours with regard to Licensing policy 012.

Policy 012 states:

The LLA is committed to protecting the amenity of residents and businesses in the vicinity of licensed premises. Applications for hours set out below in this policy will generally be granted subject to not being contrary to other policies in the statement of licensing policy. Applications for hours outside the hours listed will be considered on their merits.

Regulated Activities will normally be permitted:

- until 11.30 pm in residential areas
- *until 00.30 am in mixed use areas*
- No limits in leisure areas.

Summary

There was one representation against this application from a responsible authority.

Details of representations

Valid representations may only address the following licensing objectives:

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- The prevention of public nuisance
- The protection of children from harm
- Public safety

Responsible authorities' representations

PC Leonard makes representation against this application on behalf of the Metropolitan Police. PC Leonard contends that the applicant *has not satisfactorily addressed the steps he intends to take to promote the four licensing objectives*.

There were no representations from any other responsible authority.

Paul Jones Licensing Officer London Borough of Havering

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

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

Part 1 - Premises Details

	ess of premises or, if none ADE, ST NICHOLAS AVENU RCH		nap reference	or description
	Elm Park	Food & Li	line.	
Post town	ESSEX		Post code	RM12 4RH
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Telephone num	ber at premises (if any)	-		
Non-domestic r	ateable value of premises	Band B	5,600	

Please tick yes

Part 2 - Applicant Details

Please state whether you are applying for a premises licence as

a)	an in	dividual or individuals *	\boxtimes	please complete section (A)
b)	a per	son other than an individual *		
	i.	as a limited company		please complete section (B)
	ii.	as a partnership		please complete section (B)
	iii.	as an unincorporated association or		please complete section (B)
	iv.	other (for example a statutory corporation)		please complete section (B)
c)	a reco	ognised club		please complete section (B)
d)	a cha	rity		please complete section (B)
e)	the pr	oprietor of an educational establishment		please complete section (B)
f)	a hea	lth service body		please complete section (B)
g)	a pers Stand hospi	on who is registered under Part 2 of the Care ards Act 2000 (c14) in respect of an independent tal		please complete section (B)
h)	*	ief officer of police of a police force in England and		please complete section (B)

* If you are applying as a person described in (a) or (b) please confirm:

Please	tick	VAG
1 10450	LICK	VES

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- I am carrying on or proposing to carry on a business which involves the use of the premises for licensable activities; or
- I am making the application pursuant to a
 - statutory function or
 - o a function discharged by virtue of Her Majesty's prerogative

(A) INDIVIDUAL APPLICANTS (fill in as applicable)

Mr ⊠	Mrs	Mis	55	Ms			r Title (for aple, Rev)	
Surname C	OKTAS				First na	mes	MEHMET	ALI
I am 18 years	old or ove	r					Plea	ase tick yes
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Post Town	DAGE	NHAM					Postcode	RM6 4LX
Daytime con	ntact tel	ephone r	number		07-	74	2963	
E-mail addre (optional)	ess	cemkae	ng@gmai	l.com				

SECOND INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT (if applicable)

Mr	Mrs	Miss	Ms	Other Title (for example, Rev)	
Surname				l	
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I am 18 years	s old or over			D Plea	ase tick yes
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Post Town				Postcode	
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E-mail add (optional)					*****

(B) OTHER APPLICANTS

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

Name
Address
Registered number (where applicable)
Description of applicant (for example, partnership, company, unincorporated association etc.)
Telephone number (if any)
E-mail address (optional)

Part 3 Operating Schedule

When do you want the premises licence to start?	Day Month Year	20 08 2011) 	ľ	
If you wish the licence to be valid only for a limited period, when do you want it to end?	Day Month Year				

Please give a general description of the premises (please read guidance note1)

The premises is located on 4 ELM PARADE, ST NICHOLAS AVENUE, ELM PARK HORNCHURCH RM12 4RH. The proposal is to get premises licence with sale of alcohol off the premises. The premise is currently A1 retail shop. The main business would be sale of groceries and alcohol.

If 5,000 or more people are expected to attend the premises at any one time, please state the number expected to attend.

What licensable activities do you intend to carry on from the premises?

(Please see sections 1 and 14 of the Licensing Act 2003 and Schedules 1 and 2 to the Licensing Act 2003)

Pre	ovision of regulated entertainment	Please tick yes
a)	plays (if ticking yes, fill in box A)	
b)	films (if ticking yes, fill in box B)	
c)	indoor sporting events (if ticking yes, fill in box C)	
d)	boxing or wrestling entertainment (if ticking yes, fill in box D)	
e)	live music (if ticking yes, fill in box E)	
ſ)	recorded music (if ticking yes, fill in box F)	
g)	performances of dance (if ticking yes, fill in box G)	
h)	anything of a similar description to that falling within (c), (f) or (g) (if ticking yes, fill in box H)	
Pro	vision of entertainment facilities:	
i)	making music (if ticking yes, fill in box 1)	
()	dancing (if ticking yes, fill in box J)	
k)	entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (i) or (j) (if ticking yes, fill in box K)	
Pro	vision of late night refreshment (if ticking yes, fill in box L)	
Sup	ply of alcohol (if ticking yes, fill in box M)	\boxtimes
In a	ll cases complete boxes N, O and P	

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Supply of alcohol Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)		Will the supply of alcohol be for consumption (Please tick box) (please read guidance note 7)	On the premises	
		3	Off the premises	
Start	Finish		Both	
08:00	23:00	State any seasonal variations for the supply of alcohol (p note 4)	blease read guid	ance
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State the name and details of the individual whom you wish to specify on the licence as premises supervisor

Name MEHMET ALI COKTAS	
3	
	8
Postcode	
Personal Licence number (if known)	
Issuing licensing authority (if known)	/
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Please highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children (please read guidance note 8)

N/A

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open Standar	s premise to the pu rd days and read guida	iblic	State any seasonal variations (please read guidance note 4)
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Tue	07:00	23:00	
Wed	07:00	23:00	Non-standard finings When so it is 14
Thur	07:00	23:00	Non standard timings. Where you intend the premises to be open to the public at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)
Frí	07:00	23:00	
Sat	07:00	23:00	
Sun	07:00	22:30	

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

a) General – all four licensing objectives (b,c,d,e) (please read guidance note 9)

The applicant will accept the follow conditions. The alcohol only will sale in operation hours and the alcohol will be consumed OFF the premises. Cetv will be installed to the premises, installed the cetv system that meet the standard in 'Uk police requirements for digital cetv system'. Emergency lighting will be provided. Smoke detector will be installed. The premises operates the "challenge 21" the proof of age scheme. The premises will open and shut at its permitted hours and the sale of alcohol or any other permitted licensing activity will not be carried out at any other time than its permitted opening hours.

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

Cctv will be installed to the premises for safety and crime prevention. Will not serve alcohol who already drunk in the premises. The DPS will undertake routine monitoring of the refusals records and record that this is being done. All staff that makes sales of alcohol receives regular training (induction and refresher). Installed cctv systems that meet the standard in 'uk police requirements for digital cctv systems' shall operate and record video images at all times that premises are open to the public and any recordings made will be retained for not less than 30 days and made available to a police officer on request. A member of staff on premises at the relevant time will be capable of operating the cctv system.

c) Public safety

Emergency light will be installed and fire extinguisher will be installed. The fire exit is free of any impediment or obstacle at all time of the operating hours.

d) The prevention of public nuisance

For public nuisance there will suitable signage will be displayed at the point of exit advising customers leave the premises quietly. All occasions when persons have been refused service will be recorded in a refusals book, which shall be kept at the premises for not less than 12 months. Deliveries to the premises shall only be made during normal working hours. Bottles and similar goods shall not be handled outside the premises in the late evening, night or early morning. Bins shall not be emptied outside the premises in the late evening, night or early morning.

e) The protection of children from harm

We will be very strict to not sell alcohol to children and under age. Any alcohol must be sold by DPS or a person authorised be the DPS at all times. All staff who sells alcohol will be trained in the role by the DPS with regular refresher training. Records of training will be kept and made available for examining officers of the relevant authorities. Where a person appears to be under the age 25, identification in the form of passport, photo driving licence or a proof of age card bearing the pass hologram will be sought and if not provided service of alcohol will be refused. Suitable signage will be displayed at the point of entry and at the service area advising customers that the premises operates the "challenge 25" proof of age scheme.

Please tick yes

- I have made or enclosed payment of the fee
- I have enclosed the plan of the premises
- I have sent copies of this application and the plan to responsible authorities and others where applicable
- I have enclosed the consent form completed by the individual I wish to be premises supervisor, if applicable
- I understand that I must now advertise my application
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected

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

Part 4 – Signatures (please read guidance note 10)

Signature of applicant or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent (See guidance note 11). If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.

Signature	Adur
Date	16.08.2011
Capacity	CEMKA GROUP ?

For joint applications signature of 2^{nd} applicant or 2^{nd} applicant's solicitor or other authorised agent. (please read guidance note 12). If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.

Signature	
Date	
Capacity	

associated	with this applicati LEE VALLEY TEC	viously given) and post ion (please read guidance CHNOPARK	e note 13)	spondence
Post town	LONDON		Post code	N17 9LN
Telephone I	number (if any)	0208 801 8033 - 0784	the second	INT OLI
	refer us to correspon	d with you by c-mail your e-л	nail address (optional)	

MEHMET ALL COLLTAS
[full name of prospective premises supervisor]
of
[home address of prospective premises supervisor]
hereby confirm that I give my consent to be specified as the designated premises supervisor in relation to the application for
[type of application]
by
Iname of applicant]
relating to a premises licence <u>NONE</u> [number of existing licence, if any]
for
4 ELM PARADE, ST NICHOLAS AVENUE ELM PARK. HORNCHURCH, ESSER RM12 4RH
[name and address of premises to which the application relates]

Consent of individual to being specified as premises supervisor

a.

and any premises licence to be granted or varied in respect of this application made by

Iname of applicant

concerning the supply of alcohol at

4 ELM PARADE ST MICHOLAS AVENUE ELM PARIC HORNCHURCH ESSEX RM12 & RH

[name and address of premises to which application relates]

I also confirm that I am applying for, intend to apply for or currently hold a personal licence, details of which I set out below.

Personal licence number

[insert personal licence number, if any]

Personal licence issuing authority

[insert name and address and telephone number of personal licence issuing authority, if any]

Signed

Name (please print)

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE UNDER SECTION 17 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 APPLICANT: MEHMET ALL COKTAS PREMISES: 4 ELM PARADE, ST NICHOLAS AVENUE, ELM PARK, HORNCHURCH, RM12 4RH The proposed licensable activity is: THE SALE OF ALCOHOL Monday TO Saturday between 08:00 AM-23:00PM, AND Sunday between 08:00 AM-22:30 AM full details of the application can be inspected at the address noted below during normal business hours. Any propresentations by an interested party or responsible undon Borough of Havering, Licensing Team Mercury House, Mercury Gardens, ROMFORD, RM1 SRX, Website: www.havering.gov.uk Such representation must be received in writing by forpresentation is made in relation to the four objectives of receivedly under a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine for which a person is bable on summary conviction for the offence is 5,000.00.

LICENCE UNDER SECTION 34 OF THE

LICENSING ACT 2003 Gosha Limited of 156-158 High Street, Hornchurch, Essex RM12 6QX The proposed variation is: Removal of Conditions to

The proposed variation is: Renoval of Conditions to Existing Licence and New Floor Plan. Full details of the application can be inspected at the address noted below during normal husiness hours. Any representations by an interested party or responsible authority regarding this application can be made to: Licensing Team, Housing & Public Protection. London Borough of Havering, Mercury House, Mercury Gatdons, Romford, RMI 3RX Website: www.havering. avuk Website: www.havering.gov.uk

Such representation must be received in writing by: 22/9/11 clearly stating the grounds upon which the representation is made in relation to the four objectives of the Licensing Act 2003.

It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for the offence is 15,000,00.

Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence Balfour Beatty Group Ltd of Floet Services, West Service Road, Raynesway, Dorby, DE21 7 BG is applying to change an existing licence as follows. To add an operating centre to keep 5 goods vehicles and 0 trailers at 1-3 Salamons Way, Rainham, Essex, RM13 9UL, Owners or occupters of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) wino believe their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at SOUTH L63TERN & METROPOLITAN TRAFFIC AREA OFFICE, Hillerrest House, 386 Harnhils Lane, Leeds, LS9 ENF, staing their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of the notice, A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's Office.

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WILFRED SYDNEY MOORE Deceased

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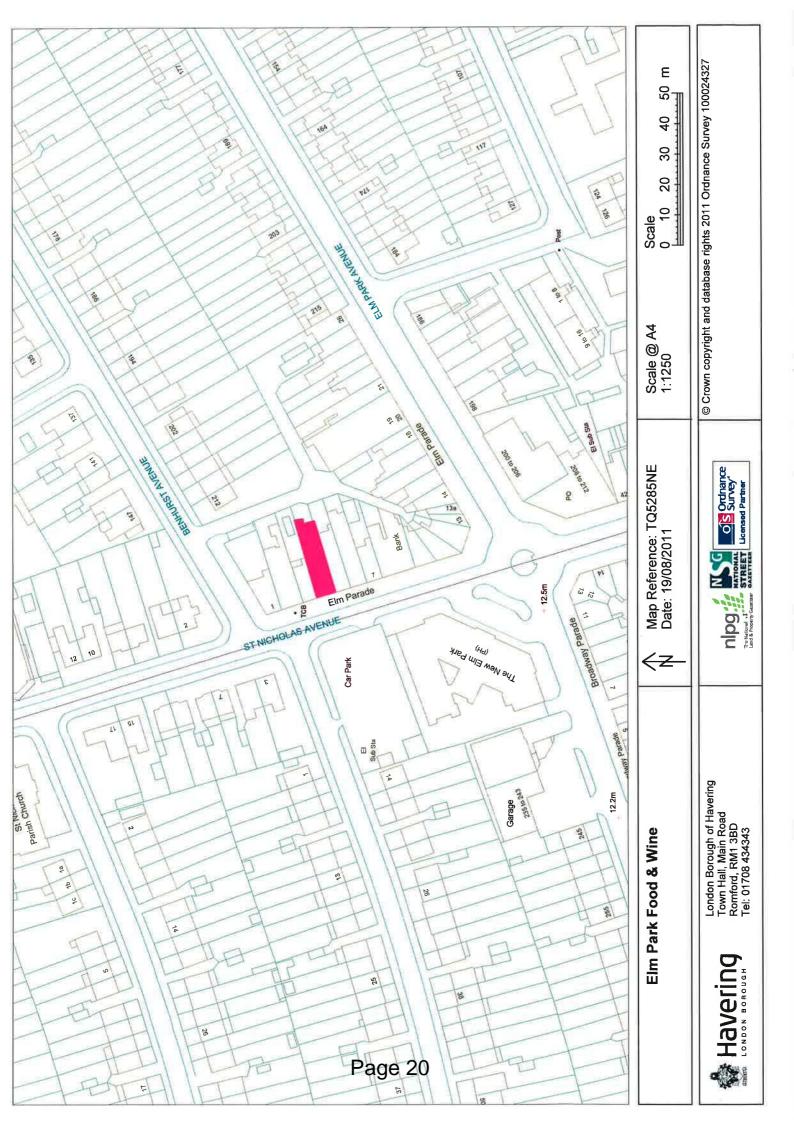
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Telephone:01708 432781Fax:01708 432554

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Dear Sir,

<u>Re- Application For A New Premises Licence</u> Elm Park Food & Wine, 4 Elm Parade, St Nicholas Avenue, Elm Park RM12 4RH

With reference to the above, the Police *wish to make representation* against the application received on 22nd August 2011 for a new premises licence registered by Mehmet Ali Coktas.

The police make representation to this as the applicant has not satisfactorily addressed the steps he intends to take to promote the four licensing objectives particularly when addressing the prevention of crime & disorder and the protection of children from harm. This in turn is likely to lead to further public nuisance issues arising.

The local Safer Neighbourhood Teams, St Andrews, Elm Park & Hacton Wards, are regularly tasked to deal with anti-social behaviour and disorder issues caused by youths who have acquired alcohol. It must be pointed out that the current trends don't necessarily always point to irresponsible sales. There is just as much concern that they are obtaining alcohol by ulterior means, be it by theft or by proxy sales made by irresponsible adults or older looking group members.

Elm Park has a significant number of off-licenced premises in a relatively small area and already boasts an Elm Park Food & Wine outlet at 4 Station Parade. Having said that, Elm Park Food & Wine, 4 Elm Parade is actually situated in St Andrews Ward, an area currently identified by the Local Authority as subject of a saturation policy based on the volume of premises currently licensed. I have now had the opportunity to discuss this application with Mr Mehmet Ali Coktas and have advised him of the Police concerns and of their intention to make a representation. Mr Coktas appeared very amiable and expressed a desire to provide competition in the area. It was, however,very disconcerting that Mr Goktas intimated that he had received threats to his health from another local off-licence owner if he continued with his premises licence application. I have strongly advised that this matter is reported to his local community police team if there is any substance to Mr Goktas's claim. This, in turn, leads to a further concern that an increase in off-licensed premises in a condensed area has the potential to encourage irresponsible drinks promotions and pricings in order to remain competitive.

Harrow Lodge Park is nearby. This automatically lends the premises to being a potential source for young people to obtain alcohol to consume in the parks. It is imperative that robust measures are taken to ensure the responsible supply of **all** age restricted products in this vicinity. Experience has shown that the off-licenced premises that struggle to comply with promoting the four licensing objectives in Havering are often those staffed with untrained or incompetent people who have little or no knowledge or understanding of their responsibilities to the local community. An assurance by the applicant to ensure that at least one personal licence holder is working on the premises at all times that alcohol is on display for sale may allay some of the concerns raised by this application.

In its current format, the Police ask that the Licensing Committee refuse to grant a premises licence. If, following a *compelling* presentation by the applicant, the Licensing Committee are minded to grant a licence, the police would ask that consideration is given to attaching the following recommendations, taken from the guidelines set by the *London Borough of Havering 'Pool of Conditions*' (below) to ensure that a minimum standard of expectation is robustly adhered to. This may then allow the Police to support the applicant with confidence.

CD1 All staff shall be suitably trained for their job function for the premise. The training shall be written into a programme, ongoing and under constant review, and must be available to a relevant Responsible Authority when called upon.

We ask that a personal licence holder is on the premises at all times that alcohol is on display for sale.

Protection of Children from Harm.

Proof of Age

All operators and staff have both a duty and responsibility to ensure that only those who are of age are provided with intoxicants.

- <u>CDGPG3</u> Prominent clear notices shall be displayed at the point of entry to the premises and in a suitable location at any points of sale, advising customers that they may be asked to produce evidence of their age.
- **CDGPG11** All members of staff at the premises shall seek "credible photographic proof of age evidence" from any person who appears to be under the age of 18 years and who is seeking to purchase alcohol. Such credible evidence, which shall include a photograph of the customer, will include a passport, photographic driving licence, or Proof of Age card carrying a "PASS" logo.
- <u>CDGPG12</u> All occasions when persons have been refused service shall be recorded in writing and kept at the premises for six months.

<u>CDGPG13</u> Prominent, clear notices shall be displayed at the premises about the supply of alcohol to minors and the relevant offences involved.

THE POLICE ARE ENCOURAGED TO SEE THAT THE APPLICANT WILL OPERATE A CHALLENGE 25 SCHEME ALTHOUGH NOTE THAT HE ALSO MAKES REFERENCE TO A CHALLENGE 21 POLICY. A STRICT ID PROTOCOL IS VERY NECESSARY IN THIS INSTANCE. A REFUSALS REGISTER SHOULD BE KEPT AND DETAILS OF PERSONS REFUSED THE SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR ENTERED IN AN INCIDENT LOG. DETAILS TO INCLUDE DATE & TIME, DESCRIPTION & APPARENT AGE OF PERSON REFUSED AND SALE REFUSED.

CCTV

The presence of a properly specified and fully operational CCTV system can make an important contribution towards public safety and the prevention of crime. It will also assist in the investigation and identification of those involved should an incident occur immediately outside or inside licensed premises. Conditions may not just require CCTV on the premises, but also specify the precise location of each camera, the requirement to maintain all equipment in working order, retain a System File and to secure recordings for an appropriate period of time.

An 'Operational Requirement' (OR) should be drawn up for each CCTV system to ensure that it is fit for purpose. Advice on how to complete an 'OR' can be found in the Home office Scientific Development Branch (HOSDB) publication 55/06 'CCTV Operational Requirements Manual'. The Havering Police Crime Prevention Office will provide individuals conducting risk assessments when preparing operating schedules with advice relevant to current standards. At the time of publication these are provided for in the HOSDB publication 09/05 'UK Police Requirements for Digital CCTV Systems.

CD16 A properly specified and fully operational CCTV system shall be installed or the existing system maintained to a satisfactory standard. The system will incorporate a camera covering each of the entrance doors and be capable of providing an image which is regarded as 'identification standard' of all persons entering and/or leaving the premises. All other areas of risk identified in the Operational Requirement shall have coverage appropriate to the risk.

CD17 The installation or upgrading of any CCTV system shall comply with current best practice. In addition the documentation listed below shall be included in a 'System File' which is readily available for inspection by the relevant authority; Site plan showing position of cameras and their field of view. Code of Practice. Performance specification e.g. storage capacity, image file size, IPS for each camera and purpose of each camera position Operational requirement. Incident log. Maintenance records including weekly visual checks.

- CD18 To obtain a clear head and shoulders image of every person entering the premises on the CCTV system, persons entering the premises should be asked to remove headwear, unless worn as part of religious observance.
- CD19 The CCTV system shall incorporate a recording facility and all recordings shall be securely stored for a minimum of one calendar month. A system shall be in place to maintain the quality of the recorded image and a complete audit trail maintained. The system will comply with other essential legislation, and all signs as required will be clearly displayed. The system will be maintained & fully operational throughout the hours that the premises are open for any licensable activity.
- CD20 The positions of all CCTV cameras shall be clearly shown on a set of plans which should form part of the 'System File'. Any alteration to the system should only be carried out after consultation with and written approval of Havering Police and the Licensing Authority.
- CD21 A staff member from the premises who can operate the CCTV system shall be on the premises at all times when the premises is open to the public. This staff member shall be able to show Police recent data or footage with the absolute minimum of delay when requested.

Observations and Recommendations

New research commissioned by *ALCOHOL CONCERN* (please see attached) shows a positive link between the density of off-licensed premises and harm from alcohol in underage drinkers.

The study ONE ON EVERY CORNER finds that, excluding London, on average a 2:1 relationship exists between the number off-licences per 100,000 of population and hospital admissions by underage drinkers for alcohol specific admissions such as alcohol poisoning or intoxication. For every two off-licences per 100,000 of population there was one under-18 year old per 100,000 of population being admitted to hospital due to drinking according to the analysis, meaning that on average in areas with a higher concentration of off-licences, there are higher numbers of young people going to hospital as a result of drinking.

The findings also suggest that nearly 10% of all alcohol specific hospital admissions for under-18s in England, excluding London, are directly attributable to the concentration of off-licences in a local area. Of the 19,367 children and young people admitted to hospital for alcohol specific reasons between 2006 and 2009, over 1,900 of these admissions could therefore be directly attributable to the number of off-licenses in the young persons area.

In 2009 there were over 49,000 off-licensed premises in England and Wales - an increase of more than 25% over the past 30 years. Off-licence sales are the predominant direct and indirect source of access to alcohol for young people under 18 years old. The report states that the general availability of alcohol through greater number of off-licences may increase the volume of alcohol in the home, as well as friends' access to alcohol. This also increases the number of opportunities for under-18s to 'shoulder-tap', asking someone else to buy alcohol for them outside retail outlets as well as direct underage purchase by minors. This ultimately translates into increased drinking and harms.

The report argues that Government needs to introduce measures that reduce the general availability of alcohol by controlling off licence density and warns that simply relying on better enforcement of existing regulation banning the sale of alcohol to minors may not therefore be enough protection. Although in England councils can set up 'saturation zones' in local areas to restrict new licenses, licensees can appeal. There is currently no public health objective on licensing in England, while there is in Scotland.

Alcohol Concern Chief Executive, Don Shenker said:

"It is a sobering thought that the numbers of off-licences in any one area has an impact on under-18s drinking and ending up in hospital. It is a failing of the current system that so many licences are being granted without due consideration to young people's health."

"Local licensing committees are currently operating with one arm tied behind their backs. Current licensing legislation does not give licensing committees enough power to restrict high density of licensed premises. A new health objective should be included in the Licensing Act to enable local authorities to refuse new licenses in order reduce alcohol-related harm and protect young people."

The Police respectfully request that the Licensing Sub-committee refuse this application.

Having said all of this, one must address the application, as required, on its individual merits.

And, perhaps, this can only be resolved by presenting the application in its entirety before a Licensing Sub-Committee.

If I can be of any further assistance in this matter please do not hesitate to contact me in the Licensing Office at Mercury House on **01708 432781**.

Yours sincerely,

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The Importance of Reducing the Availability & Supply of Alcohol to under 18s: The harmful consequences of young people's drinking

The underage consumption of alcohol not only affects the young person, it also has a huge impact on their families, relationships and the rest of society. As well as the increased health risks, other societal costs include poor school attendance and educational attainment, antisocial behaviour, violence and accidents. The London Borough of Havering is committed to ensuring that the whole community is aware that it is in all of our interests to take action to reduce the availability and harm that alcohol can cause among young people who drink.

1. Underage Drinking

Findings from Crime and Justice Survey (2004), 'Underage Drinking' indicates that the majority of underage drinkers who attempted to buy alcohol from licensed premises were successful (84%) and 14% had been successful more than 11 times. Among those aged 16–17 years, the figures were even higher with nearly all successfully purchasing from a shop (96%) or pub (98%) at least once. Of those 16 and 17-year-olds who had successfully purchased alcohol, many had purchased alcohol more than 11 times in bars and clubs and from shops (66% and 39%). Moreover, young people aged 16–24 years are significantly more likely than people in other age groups to consume more than twice the recommended sensible drinking limit.

2. Crime and antisocial behaviour

Underage drinking and drinking by young adults is perceived as a real problem by the public. Over half of those who reported witnessing drunken or rowdy behaviour said it was due to young people drinking in the streets and other public places. This public concern and anxiety is reinforced by the facts. Drinking among young people under the age of 18, especially frequent drinking, is associated with criminal and disorderly behaviour. Nearly half of all 10–17-year-olds who drink once a week or more admitted to some sort of criminal or disorderly behaviour: around two-fifths reported getting into an argument and about a fifth stated they had got into a fight during or after drinking. In addition, of the offences reported by young people under the age of 18, 37% were committed by those who drank once a week or more.

3. Education & Relationships

There are strong links between high levels of youth alcohol consumption and other risk-taking behaviours such as unprotected sex, illegal drug misuse, truancy and exclusion. For example, among 14–15-year olds, those who have drunk in the last month are more likely to engage in sexual activity. Moreover, young people are the group least likely to use a contraceptive or a condom or access sexual health advice thus putting them at higher risk of sexually transmitted infections or becoming pregnant (the UK has the highest rates of infections and under-18 conceptions in Europe). Furthermore, alcohol consumption can also have adverse effects on school performance, with drinking being seen to be both a result and a cause of school failure, truancy and exclusion.

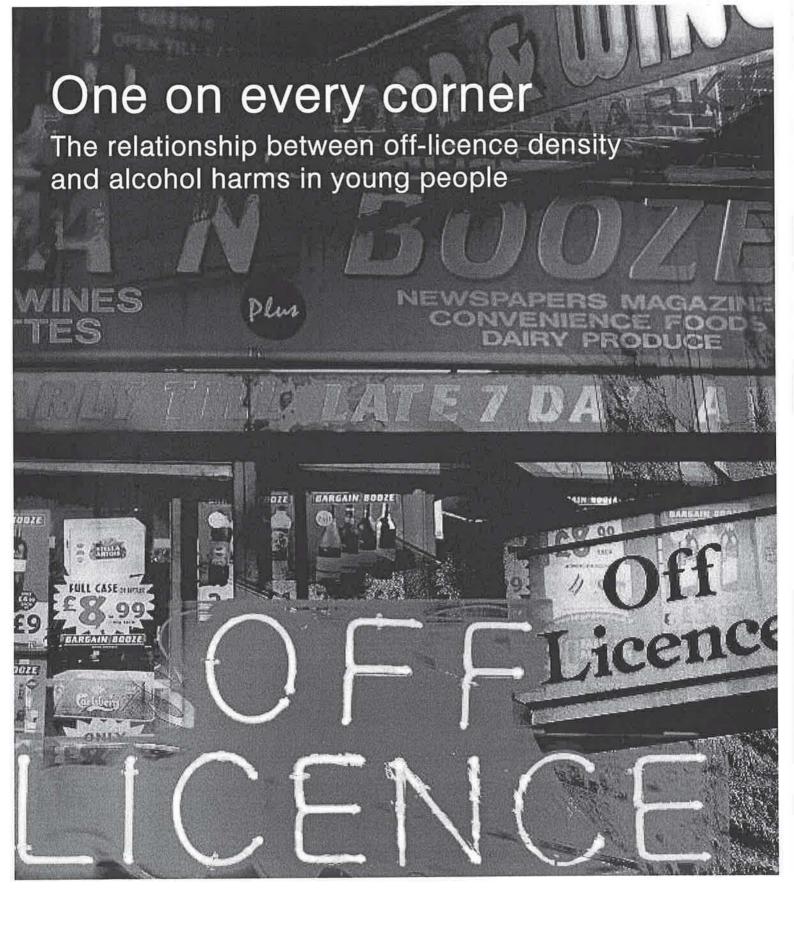
4. Illness, Injuries & Hospital Admissions

Among young people who drink, those who report frequent binge drinking and frequent drinking are most likely to report injuries whilst under the influence of alcohol. Only a small proportion of those young people who drink alcohol are admitted to hospital, but the number of hospital admissions related to alcohol consumption has been increasing among young people in England in recent years. Deaths from liver cirrhosis have risen in the 25–34 age group and this is thought to be a consequence of increased drinking starting at an earlier age. People who go on to become dependent on alcohol in later life often start drinking before the age of 14.

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The impact of alcohol availability on children and young people

England is a country that increasingly chooses to drink at home. This is due, at least in part, to the difference in price between alcohol bought from on and off-licensed premises. Over the past 30 years there has been more than a 25% increase in the number of off-licensed premises, such as convenience stores and supermarkets that sell alcohol for consumption elsewhere¹. Off-licensed sales are the predominant direct and indirect source of access to alcohol for young people under-18years-old² and growing international evidence links off-licence density with various negative alcohol-related consequences^{3 4 5}.

Alcohol Concern's Youth Policy project commissioned Dr Nikki Coghill, Senior Research Fellow at the University of the West of England, to conduct some statistical analysis into the density of off-licensed premises and alcohol harms in young people in selected areas of England. As far as we are aware, this is the first study of its kind in this country to focus on the links between off-licence density and harms in under-18s. The analysis uncovered a moderate but statistically significant relationship between the density of off-licensed premises and alcohol specific hospital admissions in young people under-18years-old per 100,000 of population. Our findings suggest that the greater the availability of alcohol, the greater the risk of young people suffering alcohol harm. Therefore, the changing nature of where we buy and consume alcohol may have an impact on the risk of harms to young people. Limitations in the recording of alcohol-related conditions in hospitals and A&E departments means that the results from this study are likely to be an under-representation of the true picture of harms impacting on young people. Effective harm prevention therefore not only requires targeting education, information and support at an individual level among young people, but control of the concentration of alcohol outlets at a community level.

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The impact of alcohol availability on children and young people

Key findings

Statistical analysis was undertaken of the alcohol specific hospital admissions data for persons under-18-years-old per 100,000 of population (a national alcohol indicator) and the density of off-licensed premises by local authority per 100,000 of population. Off-licence density was calculated using off-sales licensing data and Office of National Statistics population estimates. In England, excluding London, there was a moderate but statistically significant relationship between the number of off-licensed premises and underage alcohol specific admissions to hospital. No statistical relationship between off-licence density and harms in young people was found in data from the London boroughs resulting in their exclusion from the findings. This anomaly is likely to be because young people in London consistently consume less alcohol than the average in England and with a lower frequency⁶.

The analysis showed that nearly 10% of all alcohol specific hospital admissions in England, excluding London, are directly

attributable to off-licence density; meaning availability rather than any other external factor is the cause of one in ten of such harms. In England, excluding London, between 2006 and 2009, 19,367 children and young people under-18-years-old were admitted to hospital with alcohol specific conditions⁷. Our research indicates that over 1900 of those admissions could be directly attributable solely to the density of off-licensed premises in the young person's local area.

Further analysis using linear regression modelling found that nationally on average every two extra off-licences per 100,000 of population results in one alcohol specific hospital admission of a person under-18years-old per 100,000 of population. In general, as the density of off-licences in an area increases, so do alcohol specific admissions in young people. There is, however, variation by region. Table 1 is a selection of areas with some of the highest and lowest levels of off-licence density.

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Methodological qualification

This study does not set out to establish cause and effect, rather it aims to highlight, for the first time in England, the positive relationship between density of off-licensed premises and harm amongst under-18s; a cohort supposedly protected by existing alcohol licensing regulation. The study does not take into account on-trade density because evidence suggests licensed premises such as pubs are less likely avenues of alcohol access for underage drinkers than off-licensed premises⁸. The study assumes a consistent average of young people per 100,000 of population across all areas and is not adjusted for variance.

Please note this is not a complete picture; comparable density and harms data (where we were able to match licensing authority with local health authority boundaries) was only available for 214 of the 293 English authorities - excluding London - that published alcohol indicator data in the Local Alcohol Profiles for England (LAPE). Representing almost three-quarters (73%) of the total areas published for England this is a figure sufficiently robust to draw strong conclusions.

Limitations in recording alcohol harm

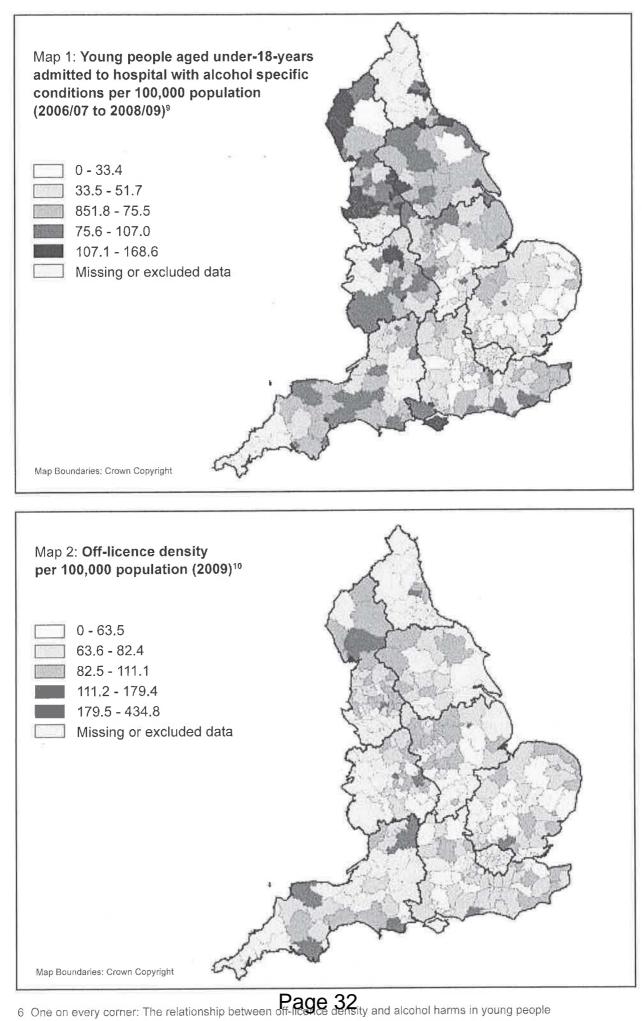
This relationship needs to be interpreted in light of the fact that it is based only on alcohol specific* harms, such as alcohol poisoning, and excludes conditions related to alcohol** such as head injuries or sprains resulting from alcoholrelated assaults or falls, or attendances that are dealt with only at A&E. In addition, hospital admissions that are specific to alcohol consumption may not necessarily be recorded as such. They are often only recorded according to the treatment provided and not the cause of the event. Weaknesses in the recording of the causes of admission in hospital settings mean that the relationship between offlicence density and harm is likely to be stronger than our available data demonstrated. Importantly, this study did not attempt to calculate the numerous other negative consequences associated with alcohol such as crime, violence or traffic accidents.

Table 1: A selection of areas with the some of the highest and lowest off-licence density and harms in young people compared with the average for England

Local Authority	Off-licence density [†]	Alcohol specific under-18s hospital admissions [‡]	
Salford	135.5	117.0	
Lincoln	116.4	107.0	
Gateshead	114.3	114.8	
England average	62.9	79.4	
Tunbridge Wells	48.3	48.4	
Swale	35.6	57.7	
Malvern Hills	26.7	82.4	

† Per 100,000 population [2009]

‡ Crude Rate per 100,000 population [2006/07 to 2008/09]



At a local level

By way of illustration, the following tables provide a more detailed breakdown of data for selected local authorities in greater Manchester with high off-licence density and high levels of alcohol harm in young people. Table 2 shows off-licence density and young people's alcohol specific admissions in Salford, Tameside and Wigan respectively compared with the national average.

Table 2: Off-licence density per 100,000 of population and alcohol specific admissions of persons under-18-years per 100,000 of population

Local Authority	Off-licence density	Alcohol specific under-18s hospital admissions
Salford	135.5	117.0
Tameside	98.0	123.4
Wigan	88.7	121.4
England average	62.9	79.4

Levels of consumption

Significant numbers of young people regularly drink in all three local authorities increasing the risk of other alcohol-related negative consequences (see Table 3).

Local Authority	Drinking twice a week or more (%)	Drinking once a week (%)	Drinking 1-3 times a month (%)	Drinking less than once a month (%)	Never drink (%)
Salford	17	21	20	25	17
Tameside	19	19	23	21	18
Wigan	18	21	24	23	14

Table 3: Frequency of alcohol consumption amongst 14 to 17 year olds (2009)¹¹

Associated risks

There are a range of associated risks related to excessive alcohol consumption. In particular there are a number of possible links between teenage conception and alcohol consumption¹². Table 4 shows that the rate of teenage conceptions in Salford, Tameside and Wigan (59, 60 and 50 per 1000 of population respectively) is well above the national average (40 per 1000).

Table 4: Rate of conceptions amongst 15 -17 y	rear olds per 1000 of the population $(2004 - 2008)^{13}$
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Local authority	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Salford	57	61	59	62	59
Tameside	54	60	54	55	60
Wigan	51	59	53	54	50
England average	42	41	41	42	40

Growth in off-licence trade

Over recent years there has been a shift towards drinking at home that has contributed to the falling number of pub-goers. This is explained, at least in part, by the disparity in price between on and off-licensed trade; alcohol bought from off-licences now costs on average around one third of the cost of alcohol bought from pubs and other on-trade premises¹⁴. In the UK, sales from off-licensed premises now account for nearly 50% of all alcohol consumption¹⁵. Since 1992, the volume of alcoholic drinks brought into the home in the UK has increased from 527ml per person per week to 706 ml in 2008 whilst the amount of alcohol sold by the on-trade has dropped by 40 per cent between 2001 and 2008¹⁶. In England and Wales the number of off-licensed premises has risen significantly over the last 40 years¹⁷ fuelled by the expansion of supermarket premises. (See table 5). Greater numbers of off-licensed premises lead to an increasingly competitive alcohol market-place resulting in still lower prices. In these circumstances an increase in consumption, and therefore alcohol harms, would be expected¹⁸.

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How young people access alcohol

For young people under-18, greater off-licence density does not necessarily translate into increased opportunity for the direct purchase of alcohol, Rather, greater off-licence density increases the general availability of alcohol in the home and through friends, family and from passers-by - through what is known as 'shoulder-tapping' outside alcohol retail outlets. In fact the proportion of young people who regularly bought alcohol from an off-licence has declined since 1996, from 27% to 15% in 2008. However, this is matched by an increase in the proportion who said they usually bought it from a friend or relative, from 9% in 1998 to 24% in 2008¹⁹. Stricter enforcement and implementation of laws banning the sale of alcohol to minors does not necessarily reduce the access or availability of alcohol to young people. Research shows that the most common ways for young people aged 11-15 years to access alcohol were being given it by friends (24% of those surveyed) or parents (22%); asking someone else to buy alcohol (18%); or taking alcohol from home with permission (14%). For older pupils surveyed, home was still an important source of alcohol - 36% of 15 year olds had been given alcohol by parents and 25% had taken it from home - but they were much more likely to have obtained it from friends (50%) or to have asked someone else to buy it for them (41%) than younger pupils²⁰. Greater off-licence density may increase the volume of alcohol in the home, as well as friends' and family's access to alcohol and the number of opportunities for shouldertapping. These ultimately translate into increased harms including alcohol specific hospital admissions. Thus rigorous enforcement of the Licensing Act which bans the sale of alcohol to minors may only have a limited impact on the general access and availability of alcohol to young people.

Growing evidence

A growing body of international evidence underlines the risks associated with greater offlicence density for both young people and young adults. In the US, alcohol outlet density has been significantly linked to the initial likelihood and frequency of obtaining alcohol through various sources including retail outlets, shoulder-tapping, home or family members²¹. In New Zealand, increased off-licence density has been linked to the quantities of alcohol consumed by teenage drinkers²². Other studies indicate that greater regulation of alcohol outlet density may be a useful public health tool for reducing consumption and related harms²³. Alcohol Concern's Youth Policy project findings highlight the clear need for further culturally relevant research in England that explores the relationship between off-licence density and harm in young people and feeds into harmreducing public health strategies.

Lacking the powers to sufficiently control licence density

Current licensing legislation obliges licensing committees to approve all new licence applications and extensions unless particular concerns about possible contravention of licensing objectives have been raised. There is no licensing objective in England and Wales to protect public health. In practice, this means that there is little licensing committees can do to circumvent a high density of licensed premises. Although local authorities can introduce saturation policies to prevent further licences being granted in high-density areas, this is not statutory and decisions to decline new licences can be overturned on appeal.

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Table 5: Off-licensed premises including supermarkets in England and Wales²⁴

P. D. Balley	1910	1930	1950	1970	1989	2009
Number of off-licensed premises	24,438	22,166	23,532	27,910	45,507	49,074

Conclusion and recommendations

Conclusion

Demonstration of the positive relationship between off-licence density and harms in underage drinkers in England, excluding London, suggests that the current availability of alcohol shapes the risk a young person faces as they grow up. One in ten alcohol specific hospital admissions - such as alcohol poisoning - may be attributable to the density of offlicensed premises locally. Unfortunately, the narrowness of alcohol specific hospital admission codes means this is likely to be a considerable under-representation of underage harm. More accurate and consistent recording of alcohol-related conditions in hospitals and A&E departments would reveal a truer picture of the relationship between harms and offlicence density. These findings suggest that there may be consequences to the changing patterns of where we buy and consume alcohol: increasingly in the home, which is a reflection of the growth in off-licensed premises.

Relying simply on better enforcement of regulation banning the sale of alcohol to minors may not therefore be enough protection as young people access alcohol through the home, friends and family. It is likely to be the greater general availability of alcohol, attributable to local off-licence density that has a direct impact on the risks of harm that a young person faces. Clearly more research is needed to better understand this correlation, but the challenge for government is how to respond to this in policy terms to protect young people.

Recommendations

- Government should fund further research into the relationship between alcohol harm in young people and alcohol outlet density.
 There is a clear need for culturally relevant research findings to feed into harm-reducing public health strategies.
- A new health objective should be included in the Licensing Act to enable local authorities to reduce alcohol-related harm. Health-harms data should always feed into licensing decision-making and licensing authorities must be given the power to proactively refuse new applications/extensions on the basis of local health considerations.
- Government should develop and introduce standard systems to more effectively measure and record the levels of alcohol-related harm for all patients in both accident and emergency departments and via hospital admissions. This will allow for improved analysis of alcohol-related harm.

Footnotes and references

- A number of conditions are defined as wholly attributable to alcohol consumption. These conditions and their ICD-10 codes are as follows; Alcohol-induced pseudo-Cushing's syndrome (E24.4); Mental and behavioural disorders due to use of alcohol (F10; combines ICD 9 codes for alcoholic psychosis, alcohol dependence and alcohol abuse); Degeneration of nervous system due to alcohol (G31.2); Alcoholic polyneuropathy (G62.1); Alcoholic myopathy (G72.1); Alcoholic cardiomyopathy (I42.6); Alcoholic gastritis (K29.2); Alcoholic liver disease (K70); Chronic pancreatitis (alcohol induced) (K86.0); Ethanol/methanol poisoning (T51.0, T51.1); Toxic effect of alcohol, unspecified (T51.9); Accidental poisoning by and exposure to alcohol (X45)
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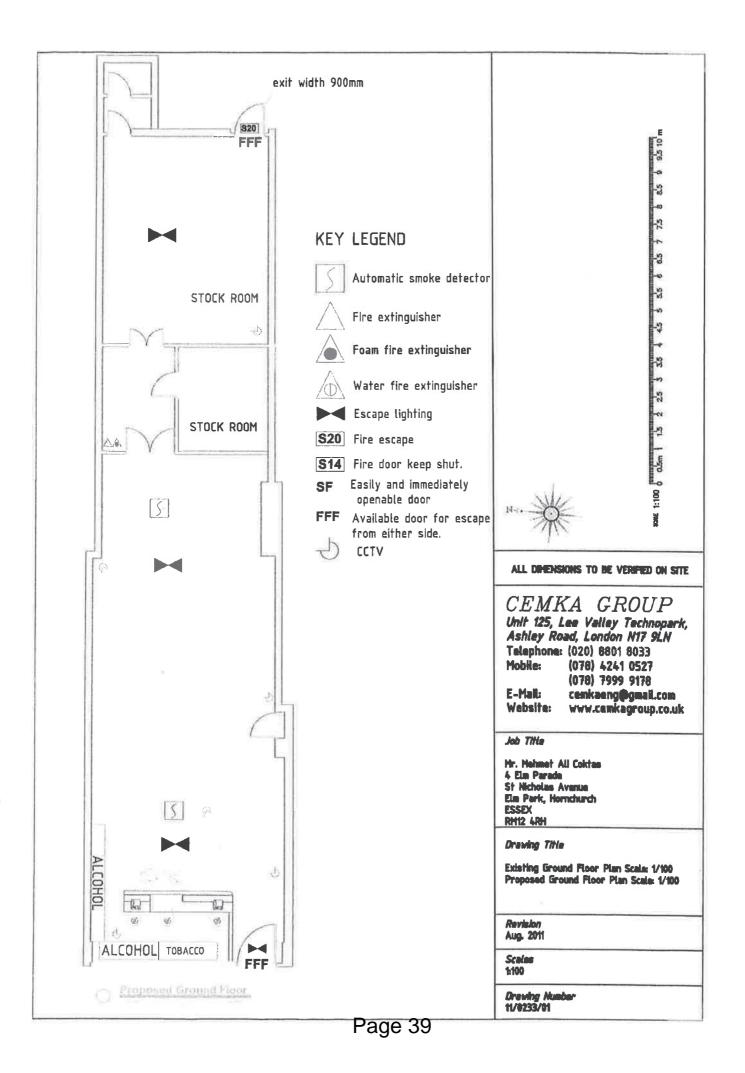
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