



**Havering**  
LONDON BOROUGH

# LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

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# REPORT

**Subject heading:**

Royal Lounge  
Unit 1-2, 14 Victoria Road, Romford,  
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Premises licence variation application  
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**This application to vary a premises licence is made by Mr Mentor Spahia under section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003. The application was received by Havering's Licensing Authority on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025.**

## **Geographical description of the area and description of the building**

Royal Lounge Restaurant is located at 14 Victoria Road, Romford, close to the junction with South Street. The premises appears to have residential properties located above it and immediately adjacent. The restaurant is located within the Romford ring road and, as such, is subject to Havering's licensing policy further to cumulative impact.



## **Details of the application**

The hours currently permitted by the premises licence are as follows:

### **Supply of alcohol (on supplies only)**

Sunday to Thursday 11:00 to 22:45  
Friday & Saturday 11:00 to 23:45

### **Late night refreshment**

Friday & Saturday 23:00 to 00:00

### **Hours premises open to the public**

Sunday to Thursday 06:00 to 23:00  
Friday & Saturday 06:00 to 00:00

This application has been modified since its submission subsequent to the applicant's engagement with responsible authorities. The hours as amended are now as follows:

### **Supply of alcohol (on supplies only)**

Monday to Wednesday 11:00 to 23:00  
Thursday to Saturday 11:00 to 00:00  
Sunday 11:00 to 22:30

### **Late night refreshment**

Friday & Saturday 23:00 to 00:00

### **Live music**

Friday & Saturday 23:00 to 00:00

### **Hours premises open to the public**

Monday to Wednesday 06:00 to 23:30  
Thursday to Saturday 06:00 to 00:30  
Sunday 06:00 to 23:00

## **Comments and observations on the application**

Subsequent to engagement with responsible authorities the applicant modified his application further to the premises' hours of operation and to add a series of additional conditions to the ambit of the licence, should it be granted. These modifications are provided below.

Paragraph 12.1 of Havering's licensing policy provides guideline hours further to licensed premises in the borough. The guideline terminal hours for restaurants and cafés are:

- Sunday to Thursday 23:00
- Friday & Saturday 00:00

As previously mentioned, this premises is located within Havering's main cumulative impact zone. Further to cumulative impact, paragraph 6.3 of Havering's licensing policy states:

- 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.**

The premises licence for this premises contains a condition in annex 2 which states:

- The premises must operate as a restaurant:
  - i. in which customers must be seated at a table;
  - ii. which provides substantial table meals that are prepared on the premises and are served and consumed at the table;
  - iii. which do not provide any take away service of food or drink for immediate consumption; and
  - iv. where alcohol must not be sold, supplied, or consumed on the premises otherwise than to persons who are taking substantial table meals and provided always that the consumption of alcohol by such persons is ancillary to taking such meals.

## Summary

One representation against this application was made by a ward councillor. There were no representations against this application from responsible authorities.

The modifications agreed by the applicant are as follows:

### Revised hours are as follows

Closing hours 23:30 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Closing hours 00:30 on Thursday, Friday and Saturday

Closing hour 23:00 on Sundays

Sale of alcohol till 23:00 Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Sale of alcohol till 00:00 Thursday, Friday and Saturday

Sale of alcohol till 22:30 on Sundays

Live Music – only Friday & Saturday till 00:00

Late night refreshment hours remain the same as before.

### Revised/additional conditions:

- 1 No waste or recyclable materials, including bottles, shall be moved, removed from or placed in outside areas between 22:00 hrs and 08:00 hrs the following day.
- 2 A polite notice shall be displayed for the patrons to be kept quiet when leaving the premises, and people who do not cooperate shall be warned.
- 3 Regular monitoring checks shall be carried out to ensure noise is being adequately controlled. This may include manager walking the area/streets around the premises.

- 4 No waste or recyclable materials, including bottles, shall be moved, removed from or placed in outside areas between 22:00 hrs and 08:00 hrs the following day. – This is agreed.
- 5 Polite notice shall be displayed for the patrons to be kept quiet when leaving the premises, and people who do not cooperate shall be warned.
- 6 Management shall ensure that all staff, DJ's and artists understand the noise control requirements in the premises contained within the Public Nuisance Policy – training shall be provided.
- 7 A written Public Nuisance Policy (PNP) is to be submitted to and agreed between the Premises Licence Holder (PLH) and the Local Licensing Authority (LLA) within 60 days of the Premises Licence being granted. The agreed Policy, or any variations thereto that may be agreed between the PLH or LLA, will be adhered to at all times. If the Public Nuisance Policy is unable to be agreed, is not complied with, or is withdrawn at any time, licensable activities at the premises shall not be permitted after 23.00 hours.
- 8 Live and recorded music shall be played only inside the restaurant, not in the outside structure, and doors between the inside and outside seating areas shall be kept closed when live or recorded music is being played.
- 9 Windows and doors shall be kept closed at all times, save for the entrance and egress of customers.
- 10 Full details and noise report for sound insulation and other noise control implemented at the restaurant should be provided to the Environmental Health team at the local authority, and agreed within 30 days of the submission. Sound control measures should include appropriate control via party walls/ceiling, exit doors and extractor fans, and shall be submitted with the PNP.
- 11 Speakers shall be kept within the building structure, and not in the outside structure. They shall not be positioned near to openings such as doors or windows. Music shall not be deliberately played outside the premises as a means of attracting custom.
- 12 The management shall ensure that any amplified sound, e.g. DJ/live music:
  - Is played through a noise limiting device, set in agreement with the local authority's Environmental Health team.
  - DJs and live music artists shall use the in-house speaker system, and not their own systems.
  - Use anti-vibration mountings for speakers.
  - No speakers shall be mounted into the ceiling
- 13 Relaxing or calming music towards the end of an event shall be played and allow customers to leave the premises naturally rather than being ushered out immediately after an event has finished.
- 14 Regular monitoring checks shall be carried out to ensure noise is being adequately controlled. This may include manager walking the area/streets around the premises, and be recorded in a log book with details of the action taken following the checks.