

Application for the review of a premises licence or club premises certificate under the Licensing Act 2003

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form. If you are completing this form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary. You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

I Paul Jones, Public Protection Officer, London Borough of Havering

(Insert name of applicant)

Apply for the review of a premises licence / ~~club premises certificate~~ under section 51 / 87 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below:

Part 1 – premises or club premises details

Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description Diamond Food & Wine (New Road Food & Wine) 135-137 New Road	
Post town Rainham	Post code (if known) RM13 8ES

Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known) Diamond Food & Wine Limited – registered company no. 08124078
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Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known) 1496

Part 2 - Applicant details

I am

Please tick ✓ yes

1) an individual, body or business which is not a responsible authority (please read guidance note 1, and complete (A) or (B) below)

2) a responsible authority (please complete (C) below)

3) a member of the club to which this application relates (please complete (A) below)

(A) DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT (fill in as applicable)

Please tick ✓ yes

Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other title
(for example, Rev)

Surname

First names

I am 18 years old or over

Please tick ✓ yes

**Current postal
address if
different from
premises
address**

Post town

Post Code

Daytime contact telephone number

**E-mail address
(optional)**

(B) DETAILS OF OTHER APPLICANT

Name and address

Telephone number (if any)

E-mail address (optional)

(C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY APPLICANT

Name and address Mr Paul Jones, Public Protection Officer London Borough of Havering Licensing Authority Town Hall Main Road Romford RM1 3BD
Telephone number (if any) 01708 432692
E-mail address (optional) paul.jones@haverling.gov.uk

This application to review relates to the following licensing objective(s)

- Please tick one or more boxes ✓
- 1) the prevention of crime and disorder
 - 2) public safety
 - 3) the prevention of public nuisance
 - 4) the protection of children from harm

Please state the ground(s) for review (please read guidance note 2)

I attended this premises on Friday 27/02/26 in the company of Immigration Enforcement Officers. Immigration Enforcement had received intelligence that there were illegal workers at the premises. The visit revealed two men were apparently working in the premises. One individual was seen to be behind the counter serving customers upon our arrival. It was subsequently discovered by Immigration Officers that neither of these two individuals had the right to work in the UK. One of the men revealed that the owner of the premises had been in India for the last two months having an operation on his back. The designated premises supervisor (DPS) was not on the premises and was therefore unable to directly authorise alcohol supplies.

The fire exit to the premises was sealed and unable to be opened. The two individuals apparently working on the premises were in control of the sale of alcohol despite having no right to work in the UK. Large amounts of high strength ciders (7.5% ABV) were on display, available for sale. The director of the company which holds the premises licence, and is therefore responsible for the provision of licensable activity, has been out of the country for two months.

The apparent lack of control at the premises leads the licensing authority to have serious concerns further to the supply of alcohol and the attendant requirement to promote three of the licensing objectives, i.e. the prevention of crime and disorder, the protection of children from harm and public safety.

Please provide as much information as possible to support the application (please read guidance note 3)

I attended this licensed premises on 27/02/26, arriving at approximately 17:45, in the company of an Immigration Enforcement Team. Our attendance finished at approximately 19:30. Signage on the premises' exterior indicates the shop is now called *New Road Food & Wines* although the licence holder has not contacted the licensing authority further to the premises' apparent change of name from *Diamond Food & Wines*.

Upon our entry to the premises, I noted two males of Asian appearance apparently working in the shop. The first, Mr A, approximately 50 years old, was behind the counter serving a customer as we arrived. The second male, Mr B, approximately 65 years old, was seated at the end of the counter. Upon being interviewed by Immigration Officers it emerged that neither Mr A nor Mr B had a current right to work in the UK. It was discovered that Mr B's visa had expired so, in addition, he had no right to be in the UK. After interview Mr B was bailed to attend the Immigration Office in Croydon at a later date.

Upon further investigation of the premises, it was discovered that the fire exit was locked and unable to be opened by Immigration Officers. This raised serious concerns regarding public safety. If a fire was to occur in the public area of the shop a blocked fire exit would prevent any occupants, staff and customers alike, from being able to escape the burning premises.

Immigration Officers discovered that Mr A had an undetermined application to extend his stay but had no current right to work in the UK. Mr A claimed that he was not working but was, instead, "helping out." Mr A asserted that he did not receive a wage but, in return for helping out, was given board and lodging at the shop owner's house.

Mr A provided to me a personal licence card belonging to a Mr Praful Patel. This individual is not the DPS; a Mr Mehul Patel occupies this role. Mr Praful Patel is one of two directors of the company which holds premises licence no. 1496, Diamond Food & Wine Limited. Mr A advised Mr Praful Patel owns the shop and has been in India for two months having left the UK to have an operation on his back. Given that Mr Praful Patel has been out of this country for an extended period and is recovering from an operation I had concerns as to the licence holder's supervision of staff further to the supply of alcohol.

Given that alcohol was displayed for sale in the premises and two staff members were on site, one of whom was serving behind the counter, the DPS would have needed to authorise these individuals to sell alcohol. Mandatory condition 2 on the premises states:

- *Every supply of alcohol under the premises licence must be made or authorised by a person who holds a personal licence.*

Mr Praful Patel and Mr Mehul Patel both hold a personal licence. If either, or both, of these personal licence holders have authorised Mr A and/or Mr B to sell alcohol we must reasonably query why they have done so given the absence of their right to work in the UK.

This, of course, raises concern as to the effective role of the current DPS. We should also remember that Mr A provided the shop owner's personal licence card for my inspection, raising doubts as to whether the DPS remains in post and therefore whether he is directly supervising alcohol supplies.

I asked Mr A if I might see the premises' alcohol refusals register. Mr A said he did not know anything about such a register. A refusals register was not evident behind the counter when I subsequently examined the area. While the premises licence does not have a conditional requirement that a refusals register is utilised it is good practice to record any refusals to sell alcohol, e.g. to a child seeking to buy alcohol, as it demonstrates due diligence further to the promotion of the licensing objectives, particularly the protection of children from harm. We therefore have no record of the premises operators' due diligence regarding alcohol sales.

In addition, I observed that lots of high-strength ciders were on sale. There is no condition on the premises licence which restricts the sale of high-strength ciders, so the premises licence holder is legally permitted to do so; however, individuals with limited funds tend to be attracted to high-strength alcohol as it is a cheap option allowing rapid intoxication. As such, the unsupervised supply of high-strength alcohol is of grave concern should children seek to purchase alcohol, particularly in a situation where the premises is unable to provide evidence that any alcohol sales have been refused.

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Given the matters detailed above this licensing authority is of the view that this premises and its operators should no longer be entrusted to sell alcohol. Based upon the risks implicit in the extended absence of the licence holder, the apparent failure of the DPS to ensure compliant alcohol supplies and the presence of staff operating the premises who are working illegally in the UK we would prefer that this premises is no longer licensed to sell alcohol.

Please tick ✓ yes

Have you made an application for review relating to the premises before

If yes please state the date of that application

Day	Month	Year
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

If you have made representations before relating to the premises please state what they were and when you made them

Not applicable

Please tick ✓ yes

- I have sent copies of this form and enclosures to the responsible authorities and the premises licence holder or club holding the club premises certificate, as appropriate
- 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 3 – Signatures (please read guidance note 4)

Signature of applicant or applicant’s solicitor or other duly authorised agent (please read guidance note 5). **If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.**

Signature *Paul Jones*

Date 4th March 2026

Capacity Responsible authority

Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 6)

As above

Post town	Post Code
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Telephone number (if any)

If you would prefer us to correspond with you using an e-mail address your e-mail address (optional) paul.jones@havering.gov.uk

Notes for Guidance

1. A responsible authority includes the local police, fire and rescue authority and other statutory bodies which exercise specific functions in the local area.
2. The ground(s) for review must be based on one of the licensing objectives.
3. Please list any additional information or details for example dates of problems which are included in the grounds for review if available.
4. The application form must be signed.
5. An applicant's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
6. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.