



**Report of: Service Director - Public Protection**

Meeting of	Date	Agenda Item	Ward(s)
Licensing Sub-Committee D	26 February 2013	BI	Clerkenwell

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**Subject: CLUB PREMISES CERTIFICATE NEW APPLICATION**  
**RE: Merlin's Club, 1 Naoroji Street, London WC1X 0GB**

## 1. Synopsis

- 1.1 This is an application for a new club premises certificate under the Licensing Act 2003.
- 1.2 The new application is to:
  - i) Allow the premises to be used for the supply of alcohol to members and sale of alcohol to their guests for consumption on the premises between 17:30 and 21:30 on Mondays to Wednesdays and between 17:30 and 23:00 on Thursdays and Fridays.

## 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To determine the application for a new club premises certificate under Section 72 of the Licensing Act 2003.
- 2.2 If the Committee grants the application it should be subject to:
  - i) conditions prepared by the Licensing Officer which are consistent with the Club Operating Schedule
  - ii) conditions recommended by responsible Authorities
  - iii) any conditions deemed necessary by the Committee to promote the four licensing objectives.

### 3. Background

3.1 Papers are attached as follows:-

Appendix 1: application form;

Appendix 2a: name & address details of those persons making representations;

Appendix 2: representations;

Appendix 3: email from Islington's Planning Service confirming planning permission;

Appendix 4: applicant's response to representations, including amended rules;

Appendix 5: suggested conditions, map of premise location and premises photographs.

3.2 The Licensing Authority has received 26 letters of representation, 25 from local residents and one from a local Ward Councillor.

3.3 In response to the representations the applicants have submitted a detailed response which is shown as appendix 4 and has been circulated to all parties making representation. The applicants have proposed the following amendments to their initial application:

3.3.1 Amend the club rules to reduce the number of guests a member may bring in from 7 to 2;

3.3.2 Amend the club rules, to specify the location of one permitted designated smoking area, in the rear Courtyard area.

3.3.3 Amend the club rules to limit the maximum number of smokers within the designated smoking area to 4 persons.

3.3.4 Amend the proposed opening times from 16:00 to 17:30 hours.

3.4 The applicants have informed the Licensing Service that it is now no longer their intention to use the club to entertain clients and the sole purpose of the club will be to act as a social club for all members of Buro Four staff and tenants of 1 Narojo Street.

### 4. Planning Implications

4.1 Planning have confirmed that the proposed use is ancillary to the lawful use of the site as an office, and does not require planning permission. An email from Islington's Planning Service is shown as appendix 3.

### 5. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

5.1 The Council is required to consider this application in the light of all relevant information, and if approval is given, it may attach such conditions necessary to promote the licensing objectives.

#### Background papers:

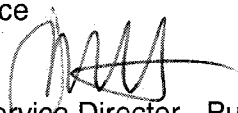
The Council's Statement of Licensing Policy

Licensing Act 2003

Secretary of States Guidance

Final Report Clearance

Signed by

  
Service Director - Public Protection

Date 15.2.13

**Received by**

Head of Scrutiny and Democratic Services

Date

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Part B

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

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING APPLICATION  
 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.

MERLIN'S club applies for a club premises certificate  
 (Insert name of club)  
 under section 71 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below (the club premises)

The club is making this application to you as the relevant licensing authority in accordance with section 68 of the Licensing Act 2003

Part 1 – Club premises details

Name of club MERLINS CLUB	
Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description 1 NAOROJI STREET LONDON WC1X 0QB	
Post Town LONDON	Postcode WC1X 0QB
Telephone number (if any)	
E-mail address (optional) jrclarke@burofour.com	

Name of person performing duties of a secretary to the club	
Address of person performing duties of a secretary to the club 1 NAOROJI STREET	
Post Town LONDON	Postcode WC1X 0QB
Daytime contact telephone number (if any)	
E-mail address (optional)	

Non-domestic rateable value of club premises.

£ 4888.80

Are the club premises occupied and habitually used by the club

Yes  No

21/08/12	190.00
211963	
0651684	
AP1	

**Part 2 – Club Operating Schedule**

When do you want the club premises certificate to start? 

Day	Month	Year
0	1	07 2012

If you wish the certificate to be valid only for a limited period, when do you want it to end? 

Day	Month	Year

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

N/A
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General description of club (please read guidance note 1)

THE MERLIN'S CLUB IS SITUATED WITHIN THE BASEMENT AREA OF BURO FOUR'S BUSINESS PREMISES.

THE PRIMARY FUNCTION OF THE BUSINESS IS TO PROVIDE PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES WITHIN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY. THEREFORE, THE MAIN FUNCTION OF THE MERLIN'S CLUB WILL BE TO ACT AS A SOCIAL CLUB FOR ALL MEMBERS OF BURO FOUR STAFF AND TO HELP ENTERTAIN POTENTIAL CLIENTS. ALL ALCOHOL ON THE PREMISES WILL BE KEPT WITHIN A LOCKABLE STORE ROOM SITUATED NEXT TO THE BAR AND WITHIN LOCKABLE FRIDGES UNDER THE MAIN BAR AREA.

What qualifying club activities do you intend to conduct on the club premises?

Please tick Y yes

**Provision of regulated entertainment:**

- 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 entertainments (if ticking yes, fill in box D)
- e) live music (if ticking yes, fill in box E)
- f) 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 (e), (f) or (g)  
(if ticking yes, fill in box H)

**Provision of entertainment facilities for:**

- i) making music (if ticking yes, fill in box I)
- j) 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)

**The supply of alcohol by or on behalf of a club to, or to the order of, a member of the club**   
(if ticking yes, fill in box L)

**The sale by retail of alcohol by or on behalf of a club to a guest of a member of the club for consumption on the premises where the sale takes place**   
(if ticking yes, fill in box L)

In all cases complete boxes M, N, and O

**A**

<b>Plays</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b>Will the performance of a play take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick [Y] (please read guidance note 2)</b>	Indoors		
Day	Start	Finish		Outdoors		
Mon			<b>Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3).</b>	Both		
Tue						
Wed				<b>State any seasonal variations for performing plays (please read guidance note 4)</b>		
Thur						
Fri			<b>Non standard timings. Where the club intends to use the premises for the performance of a play at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)</b>			
Sat						
Sun						

**B**

<b>Films</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b>Will the exhibition of films take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick [Y] (please read guidance note 2)</b>	Indoors		
Day	Start	Finish		Outdoors		
Mon			<b>Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)</b>	Both		
Tue						
Wed				<b>State any seasonal variations for the exhibition of film (please read guidance note 4)</b>		
Thur						
Fri			<b>Non standard timings. Where the club intends to use the premises for the exhibition of film at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)</b>			
Sat						
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**E**

<b>Live music</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b>Will the performance of live music take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick [Y] (please read guidance note 2)</b>	Indoors		
Day	Start	Finish		Outdoors		
Mon			<b>Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)</b>	Both		
Tue						
Wed				<b>State any seasonal variations for the performance of live music (please read guidance note 4)</b>		
Thur						
Fri				<b>Non-standard timings. Where the club intends to use the premises for the performance of live music at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)</b>		
Sat						
Sun						

**F**

<b>Recorded music</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b>Will the playing of recorded music take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick [Y] (please read guidance note 2)</b>	Indoors		
Day	Start	Finish		Outdoors		
Mon			<b>Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)</b>	Both		
Tue						
Wed				<b>State any seasonal variations for playing recorded music (please read guidance note 4)</b>		
Thur						
Fri				<b>Non-standard timings. Where the club intends to use the premises for the playing of recorded music at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)</b>		
Sat						
Sun						

**C**

<b>Indoor sporting events</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 3)
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon			
Tue			<u>State any seasonal variations for indoor sporting events</u> (please read guidance note 4)
Wed			
Thur			<u>Non-standard timings. Where the club intends to use the premises for indoor sporting events at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 5)
Fri			
Sat			
Sun			

**D**

<b>Boxing or wrestling entertainments</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>Will the boxing or wrestling entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick [Y]</u> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	
Day	Start	Finish		Outdoors	
Mon					
Tue					
Wed			<u>State any seasonal variations for boxing and wrestling entertainment</u> (please read guidance note 4)		
Thur					
Fri			<u>Non-standard timings. Where the club intends to use the premises for the boxing or wrestling entertainment at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Sat					
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Sat			<b>Non-standard timings. Where the club intends to use the premises for entertainment at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)</b>
Sun			

<b>Provision of facilities for making music</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b>Please give a description of the type of facilities for making music that the club will be providing</b>								
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			<b>State any seasonal variations for the provision of facilities for making music (please read guidance note 4)</b>								
Fri			<b>Non-standard timings. Where the club intends to use the premises for the provision of facilities for making music at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)</b>								
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<b>Provision of facilities for dancing</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b>Please give a description of the type of facilities for dancing that the club will be providing</b>								
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Day	Start	Finish									
Mon			<b>Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)</b>								
Tue											

## G

Performances of dance Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Will the performance of dance take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick [Y] (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	
Day	Start	Finish		Outdoors	
Mon			Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)	Both	
Tue					
Wed			State any seasonal variations for the performance of dance (please read guidance note 4)		
Thur					
Fri			Non-standard timings. Where the club intends to use the premises for the performance of dance at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)		
Sat					
Sun					

## H

Anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Please give a description of the type of entertainment that the club will be providing		
Day	Start	Finish	Will this entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick [Y](please read guidance note 2)	Indoor	
Mon				Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)	Outdoor
			Both		
Tue					
Wed			State any seasonal variations for entertainment (please read guidance note 4)		
Thur					
Fri					

Wed			<b>State any seasonal variations for the provision of dancing facilities (please read guidance note 4)</b>
Thur			
Fri			<b>Non-standard timings. Where the club intends to use the premises for the provision of dancing facilities at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)</b>
Sat			
Sun			

**K**

<b>Provision of facilities for entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (i) or (j) Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)</b>			<b>Please give a description of the type of entertainment facility the club will be providing</b>	
Day	Start	Finish	<b>Will the entertainment facility be indoors or outdoors or both – please tick [Y](please read guidance note 2)</b>	Indoor
Mon				Outdoor
				Both
Tue			<b>Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)</b>	
Wed				
Thur			<b>State any seasonal variations for the provision of this entertainment facility (please read guidance note 4)</b>	
Fri				
Sat			<b>Non-standard timings. Where the club intends to use the premises for the provision of facilities of this entertainment facilities at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)</b>	
Sun				

L

Supply of alcohol Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Will the supply of alcohol be for consumption (Please tick box Y) (please read guidance note 7)	On the premises	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish		Off the premises	
Mon	17.00	21.30	State any seasonal variations (please read guidance note 4) MERLINS MAY POTENTIALLY BE USED FOR BBQ EVENTS HELD ON THE WEEKENDS DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS. A TEMPORARY EVENTS NOTICE WILL BE PROVIDED IF SUCH EVENT WERE TO OCCUR.	Both	
Tue	17.00	21.30			
Wed	17.00	21.30			
Thur	16.00	23.00		Non-standard timings. Where the club intends to use the premises for the supply of alcohol at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list. (please read guidance note 5) N/A	
Fri	16.00	23.00			
Sat	—	—			
Sun	—	—			

M

Hours club premises are open to the members and guests Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			State any seasonal variations (please read guidance note 4)
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon	17.00	21.30	MERLINS MAY POTENTIALLY BE USED FOR BBQ EVENTS HELD ON THE WEEKENDS DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS. A TEMPORARY EVENTS NOTICE WILL BE PROVIDED IF SUCH EVENT WERE TO OCCUR.
Tue	17.00	21.30	
Wed	17.00	21.30	
Thur	16.00	23.00	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, please list. (please read guidance note 5) N/A
Fri	16.00	23.00	
Sat	—	—	
Sun	—	—	

Sun			

N

Please highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, or other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the club premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children (please read guidance note 8)

N/A

O

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)

ALL STAFF WILL BE INFORMED REGARDING THE PROMOTION OF ALL FOUR LICENSING OBJECTIVES THROUGH EMAIL AND VIA WEBSITE UPDATES. A COPY OF THE CLUB RULES WILL BE LOCATED WITHIN THE BAR WHERE IT CAN BE EASILY SEEN. THE APPROPRIATE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES INCLUDED WITHIN OUR ACCREDITATION (ISO 9001:2008) WILL BE USED TO ENFORCE THE LICENSING OBJECTIVES.

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

ENSURE ALL STAFF ARE AWARE OF THE STANDARD OF BEHAVIOUR THAT IS ACCEPTABLE & ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO SIT DOWN WHEN CONSUMING ALCOHOL. THEREFORE VERTICAL DRINKING IS REDUCED. WE WILL ALSO ENSURE AN APPROPRIATE NUMBER OF STAFF ARE PRESENT BEHIND THE BAR. WILL EFFECTIVELY MONITOR THE VENUE CAPACITY AND PREVENT FAVORITISM TO PARTICULAR CUSTOMERS. WE WILL ALWAYS ALLOW SUFFICIENT CIRCULATION SPACE WITHIN THE VENUE. WE WILL REFUSE THE SALE OF ALCOHOL TO PEOPLE WHO HAVE CONSUMED TOO MUCH. NO DRINKING PROMOTIONS.

c) Public safety

SECURITY GUARD OPERATES FROM 18:00 - 06:00 ON THE PREMISES & HAS CCTV CAMERAS AT ALL ACCESS / EGRESS ROUTES. ENTRANCE SIGNS CAN BE CLEARLY SEEN. ALL OUTSIDE SERVICES ARE SECURE WITHIN SAFE CONTAINMENTS. APPROPRIATE FIRE SAFETY EQUIPMENT IS LOCATED WITHIN THE BAR AREA. SECURITY CARD SYSTEM IS USED TO ACCESS THE BUILDING, NON EMPLOYEE'S WILL BE ASKED TO SIGN IN BEFORE ENTERING THE BAR AREA. HIGH BOUNDARY FENCES ARE USED TO AID SECURITY AND SECURE SPACE IS PROVIDED FOR THOSE WITH BICYCLES.

d) The prevention of public nuisance

WE WILL ENSURE THAT NOISE DOES NOT CAUSE UNREASONABLE DISTURBANCE TO THE WIDER PUBLIC & DWELLINGS BY ONLY OPERATING MERLINS AT THE STATED TIMES. MERLINS WILL USE THE CURRENT WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES INCLUDED WITHIN OUR ISO 14001:2004 ACCREDITATION. THIS WILL CONTROL LITTER & WASTE. LIGHTS WILL BE SWITCHED OFF WHEN NOT REQUIRED TO ENSURE THERE IS NOT OVERLIGHTING OF THE CLUB AREA. CIGARETTE BINS ARE PROVIDED OUTSIDE THE BAR AREA WITHIN THE SMOKING AREAS.

e) The protection of children from harm

A COMPLETE RESTRICTION FOR CHILDREN WILL BE IN PLACE TO PREVENT CHILDREN ENTERING THE BAR AREA DURING OPERATION.



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 plan to the responsible authorities
- I have completed and enclosed the club declaration and enclose a copy of the club rules
- 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 3 – Signatures (please read guidance note 10)

I (Insert full name) RICHARD JOHN YOUNG make this application on behalf of the club and have authority to bind the club

Signature

R Young

Date

15/8/2012

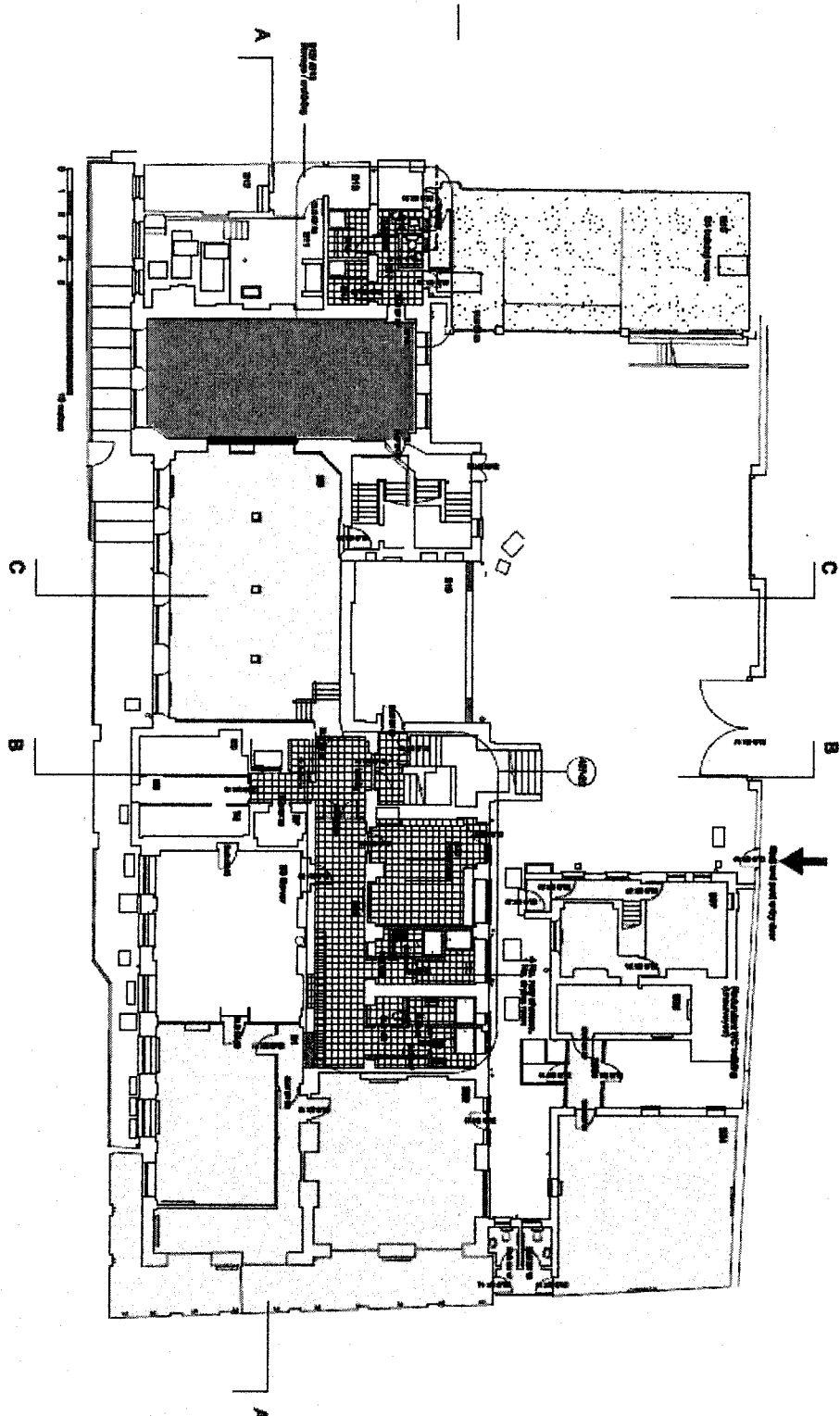
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CLUB SECRETARY & BURO FOUR DIRECTOR





Address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 11)	
<u>1 NAOROJI STREET</u>	
Post town <u>LONDON</u>	Post code <u>WC1X 0QB</u>
Telephone number (if any) <u>020 7832 5500</u>	
If you would prefer us to correspond with you by e-mail your e-mail address (optional) <u>R.YOUNG@BUROFOUR.COM</u>	

## Notes for Guidance

1. Describe 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.
2. Where taking place in a building or other structure please tick as appropriate. Indoors may include a tent.
3. Please 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.
4. For example (but not exclusively) where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.
5. For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.
6. Please give timings in 24 hour clock. (eg 16:00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.
7. If the club wishes members and their guests to be able to consume alcohol on the premises please tick on, if the club wishes people to be able to purchase alcohol to consume away from the premises please tick off. If the club wishes people to be able to do both please tick both.
8. Please 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.
9. Please list here steps you will take to promote all four licensing objectives together.
10. The application form must be signed.
11. This is the address which we will use to correspond with the club about this application.



**Proposed Bar Area**

-  Unusual areas
-  Carpet Workarea Lower North Grey NSC/130
-  Vinyl flooring NSC/135
-  Door not see door schedule

Non-Drop Acoustic Ceilings



**1 Naorof Street  
London WC1X 0JB**

**Proposed lower ground GA  
407-11e**

1:200 @ A3 1:100 @ A1  
Nov 2008

**chappin associates**  
ARCHITECTS

Fourth Floor, 50 Little Poland Street, London WC2R 2LN  
Tel: 020 7460 1000 Fax: 020 7460 1001  
www.chappinassociates.co.uk Registered Architect No: 28491110

# Merlins' Club Rules



Issue: 3

Date: 12/02/13

Rule Number	Rule Description
1	<p>The Merlins' Club is operated and managed by a club committee, which is lead by a club secretary (key administrator for the club) and 5 club committee members. The committee is elected and run under the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Merlins' Club committee members must be elected by the club members</li> <li>- Merlins' Club committee members will run for 12 months</li> <li>- Merlins' Club committee members must be elected by at least two members of the Merlins' Club.</li> </ul>
2	Merlins' Club must always have a minimum of 25 members.
3	<p>The Merlins' Club is open to any employee of Buro Four or building tenant* at 1 Naoroji Street. All applications need to be over the age of 18 and should complete an application as per the details listed in rule number 4 (below).</p> <p><i>*Note: In this case a building tenant is defined as an individual who is part of an organisation that pays a specified rent to occupy or use part of the 1 Naoroji Street building. In the event that a tenants lease is terminated, their Merlins' Club membership will also be terminated.</i></p>
4	<p>A prospective member of the Merlins' club must apply directly to the club secretary for approval.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Applicants will be informed of their membership approval / refusal by the club secretary within 5 days of their application.</li> <li>- Following approval by the club secretary an applicant must wait a period of 2 consecutive days prior to their admission as a club member.</li> <li>-The club reserves the right to refuse admission to any person without giving a reason</li> </ul>
5	A member shall cease to be a member of the club if he/she is deemed by the club committee to be in contravention of the club rules on more than three occasions.
6	Merlin Club has a free membership policy and will therefore not involve an associated fee.
7	The Merlins' Club will only open and operate when at least one member of the Merlins' Club committee is present within the club premises.
8	<p>The Merlins' Club committee are responsible for ensuring that the Merlins' Club is always conducted in good faith and is conducted in accordance with the letter and spirit of the club description implemented by the members. The club description may only be changed by agreement of not less than 75% of current members of the club.</p> <p>As a result the Merlins' Club Committee are responsible for ensuring that the following criteria are always followed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All Merlins' Club members are kept informed of the Merlins' Club matters.</li> <li>- No one individual receives a commission or percentage deriving from the sale of alcohol within the Merlins' Club.</li> <li>- Expenses incurred in managing the club shall be recorded in the club's cash account.</li> <li>- All money generated from the operation of Merlins' Club will be reinvested back into the Merlins' Club as appropriate.</li> </ul>
9	All cheques or BACS payment drawn on the club's account shall require an authorised signature from the club secretary and financial director at Buro Four
10	No club member shall make any commitment on behalf of the club or commit club funds without written authorisation to do so.
11	The club secretary will lead a Merlins' Club committee meeting once a month. The minutes from these meetings will be issued to all club members to ensure they are kept up to date with the clubs affairs, finances and proceedings.
12	A Merlins' Club meeting will take place once a year. All members will be invited to the meeting and the minutes of these meetings will be circulated to all members to ensure that all members are aware of any issue discuss or decisions made.
13	The rules of the Merlins' Club may be amended or rescinded at a properly constituted meeting of the club subject to agreement by at least 75% of members present.
14	<p>The Merlins' Club committee must inspect the club premises at least once a month to ensure that the premises reaches the appropriate standards of a club premises under the Licensing Act 2003.</p> <p>Any necessary improvements or repairs will be paid for through the club operating profits and will be approved by the club secretary.</p>
15	Members of the Merlins' Club are allowed to invite a maximum of <del>7</del> 2 guests (subject to club premises capacity) into the club at any one time. All members must ensure that each of their guests signs into the building at the Buro Four main reception desk and then signs into the Merlins' Club visitor book.
16	Merlins' Club members are responsible for the behaviour of any guest they invite into the Merlins' Club.
17	All Merlins' Club members and guests must behave in a reasonable and respectful manner within and around the Merlins' Club premises. Any member or guest who is deemed to be behaving in a disorderly conduct will be removed from the club premises and banned from the club.
18	<p>Any Merlins' Club member or guest who is deemed to be drunk will not be sold alcohol. Depending on the members / guest behaviour that person may also be asked by the club secretary or committee member to leave the premises.</p> <p>Note: It is a legal offence to not leave a licenced Premises at the request of the club secretary, licence or committee member. If such a situation does arise, the person on on duty will notify the police and ask for you to be removed.</p>
19	Merlins' Club members or guests are not permitted to purchase alcohol for any individual who has been refused alcohol on the premises. Any member or guest who is seen to do so will be asked to leave the club and their membership will be reviewed by the club secretary and committee.

## Merlins' Club Rules



20	The Merlins' Club committee is responsible for the purchase and supply of alcohol to all club members and their guests. Further to this, the club committee will ensure that no one individual receives a commission or percentage deriving from the sale of alcohol within the Merlins' Club premises.
21	The sale of alcohol to club members and guests within the Merlins' Club is only permitted during the defined Merlins' Club opening hours as specified in the club certificate.
22	All alcohol sold within the Merlins' Club must be consumed within the Merlins' Club premises. Strictly no alcohol sold within the Merlins' Club can be consumed off the premises. Failure to comply with this rule will result in the termination of a members club membership.
23	It is not permitted to exhibit any film, music, or other regulated form of entertainment within the Merlins' Club.
24	It is not permitted to carry out or display any type of drinking promotion within the Merlins' Club.
25	Merlins' Club members must gain the permission of the Club secretary if they wish to hold an event within the Merlins' Club outside of the defined opening hours. As part of any request to hold such an event the member must provide a written description of the event and complete a temporary event notice for the club secretary to sign off and issue to Islington Council.
26	Strictly no children are allowed within the Merlins' Club Premises.
27	The Merlins' Club premises is capped to 100 people. Once maximum capacity has been reached admittance into the club will be restricted to a "one in, one out" policy to ensure the premises is never over capacity.
28	All Merlins' Club members who wish to smoke must do so within the designated smoking area within the 1 Naorjai Street Courtyard. The consumption of alcohol is not permitted within these areas. There can be a maximum of 4 smokers within the smoking area at any one time.
29	Any disputes as to the interpretation of these rules shall be decided by the club secretary unless notice is properly served requesting that the matter should be resolved by a special general meeting of club members.

**PART A**

[Insert name and address of relevant licensing authority and its reference number (optional)]

**Declaration for a club premises certificate to be granted under the Licensing Act 2003**

**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING DECLARATION**

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.

**Club Premises details**

Name of club <b>MERLIN'S CLUB</b>	
Postal address of club, if any, or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description <b>1 NAOROJI STREET</b>	
Post Town <b>LONDON</b>	Postcode <b>WC1X 0QB</b>
Telephone number (if any)	
E-mail (optional) <b>R.YOUNG @ BUROFOUR.COM</b>	

**CLUB DECLARATION AS TO QUALIFYING CLUB STATUS**

..... **MERLIN'S** ..... club makes the following  
(Insert name of club)  
**declarations**

- 1) Where the club to which this application relates is:  
a registered society within the meaning of the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965;  
a registered society within the meaning of the Friendly Societies Act 1974; or  
a registered friendly society within the meaning of the Friendly Societies Act,  
the club declares that the club satisfies:

Please tick  Yes

Condition 1 in section 62(2) of the Licensing Act 2003

Please give relevant club rule number(s)

Condition 2 in section 62(3) of the Licensing Act 2003

Please give relevant club rule number(s)

Condition 4 in section 62(5) of the Licensing Act 2003

Does the club wish to supply alcohol to members and guests?  
If yes the club declares that -

The purchase of alcohol for the club and the supply of alcohol by the club is under the control  
of the members or of a committee appointed by the members

Please give relevant club rule number(s), if any

2) Where the club to which this application relates is:  
an association organised for the social well-being and recreation of persons employed in or  
about coal mines, the club declares that the club satisfies:

Please tick  Yes

Condition 1 in section 62(2) of the Licensing Act 2003

Please give relevant club rule number(s)

Condition 2 in section 62(3) of the Licensing Act 2003

Please give relevant club rule number(s)

Does the club wish to supply alcohol to members and guests?  
If yes the club declares that it satisfies -

First condition in section 66(4) of the Licensing Act 2003  
Please give relevant club rule number(s), if any

Second condition in section 66(5) of the Licensing Act 2003  
Please give relevant club rule number(s), if any

3) Where the club to which this application relates does not fall into the categories  
in 1 or 2 above, the club declares that the club satisfies:

Please tick  Yes

Condition 1 in section 62(2) of the Licensing Act 2003

Please give relevant club rule number(s)

Condition 2 in section 62(3) of the Licensing Act 2003



Please give relevant club rule number(s)

RULE 4

Condition 3 in section 62(4) of the Licensing Act 2003



The club's arrangements for restricting the club's freedom of purchase of alcohol are:

(a) contained in club rule number(s),

RULE 8

(b) or, as follows

*(Please provide a short description)*

N/A

The club's provisions by which money or property of the club or any gain arising from the carrying on of the club is or may be applied for charitable benevolent or political purposes are:

(a) contained in club rule number(s),

RULE 8

(b) or, as follows

*(Please provide a short description)*

N/A

The arrangements for giving members information about the finances of the club are:

(a) contained in club rule number(s),

RULE 11



(b) or, as follows

(Please provide a short description)

Please describe details of the books of account and other records kept to ensure the accuracy of the information about finances given to members of the club or give the relevant rule number(s)

ALL ACCOUNTING RECORDS AND BOOK KEEPING WILL BE DONE UNDER THE CONTROL OF A CIMA REGISTERED MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE. ALL ACCOUNTING WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES

ALL RECORDS WILL BE RUN AS AN OPEN BOOK BASIS TO MEMBERS OF THE MERLINS COMMITTEE, BUT DAY TO DAY TRADING STATEMENT WILL BE PRODUCED QUARTERLY FOR COMMITTEE AND CLUB MEMBERS. GENERALLY STOCK USED AND HELD IS COUNTED AFTER EACH EVENT AND VALUED AT COST.

PRICES ARE SET TO PROVIDE A MINIMAL RETURN AFTER COSTS FOR REIMBURSEMENT INTO BAR/CLUB FACILITIES. COSTS ARE REVIEWED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

Please tick ✓ Yes

Condition 4 in section 62(5) of the Licensing Act 2003



Condition 5 in section 62(6) of the Licensing Act 2003



The club proposes to supply alcohol to members and guests and declares that the club satisfies:



additional condition 1 in section 64(2) of the Licensing Act 2003



Please give relevant club rule number(s), if any

RULE 20

additional condition 2 in section 64(3) of the Licensing Act 2003



Please give relevant rule number(s), if any

RULE 20

additional condition 3 in section 64(4) of the Licensing Act 2003



Please give relevant club rule number(s), if any

RULE 20

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

I R Young, make this declaration on behalf of the club and have authority to bind the club

Signature R Young

Date 15/8/2012

Capacity CLUB SECRETARY & BURO FOUR DIRECTOR

**Fitzsimons, Aiden**

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**From:** Allan, George  
**Sent:** 25 September 2012 18:39  
**To:** Fitzsimons, Aiden  
**Subject:** RE: Premises Club Certificate Licence: Merlin's Club, 1 Naoroji Street

I wish to make an objection to the granting of this Licence.

I have heard from neighbours of the proposed development of some issues which cast doubt on the experience, culture and management capacity of the applicants, notably having had one or more very noisy parties at the premises which continued despite requests from neighbours.

The application is also defective in terms of its management of smokers, whose behaviour can in any case be difficult to control, but in addition there are serious issues of drug-dealing and alcohol misuse in the immediate vicinity of the premises which could require special measures.

I am not therefore convinced that the granting of any licence to the applicants is justified.

George Allan  
Liberal Democrat Councillor  
Clerkenwell Ward  
London Borough of Islington  
[www.islington.gov.uk](http://www.islington.gov.uk)

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Fitzsimons, Aiden  
**Sent:** 31 August 2012 16:42  
**To:** Charalambous, Steph; Allan, George; Andrews, Raphael  
**Cc:** Gallacher, Simon  
**Subject:** Premises Club Certificate Licence: Merlin's Club, 1 Naoroji Street

Dear Sir/Madam,

We have received the following attached application for a Club Premises Certificate (New):  
Proposed licence holder: Richard Young, Buro Four

Premises name: Merlin's Club

Address: 1 Naoroji Street, London, WC1X 0GB

Application received: 30 August 2012

Last date for representations: 27 September 2012

Licensable activities and timings applied for:

The sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises: 1700 to 2130 from Monday to Wednesday and 1600 to 2300 on Friday and Saturday.

As a member of the council you are able to make a representation. The representation must be received in writing by the Licensing Team before the last date for representation, be premises specific and relate to one or more of the licensing objectives, i.e:

- the prevention of crime and disorder
- the protection of children from harm
- public safety
- the prevention of public nuisance.

If you submit a representation you will be invited to attend the Licensing Committee hearing the application.

Regards

Aiden Fitzsimons

Licensing Support Officer  
Licensing Team  
Public Protection Division  
Islington Council  
222 Upper Street,  
London,  
N1 1XR  
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**Fitzsimons, Aiden**

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**From:** ..... com>  
**Sent:** 15 October 2012 23:04  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Application for Club Premises Certificate: Merlin's Club, 1 Naoroji Street, Islington, London, WC1X 0GB

Your Ref: WK/121359410

To: Simon Gallacher, Licensing Officer

I write in response to a notice I received regarding the above-referenced application, and wish to make a representation in opposition to the application.

I live in the vicinity of the premises, at 6 Naoroji Street, Islington, London WC1X 0GD.

I object to the licence application on the following grounds:

Naoroji Street is a quiet, largely residential street (though with one commercial office building), that is the site of a doctor's surgery and a parochial school. The presence of a club that sells alcohol during the afternoon through late night hours (16:00 - 23:00) on this street will have severely negative effects on the residents of Naoroji Street and the immediate surrounding area. A club that sells alcohol will:

- \* lead to an increase in crime and disorder, such as violence and disorderly conduct, prostitution, illegal drugs and other unlawful activity associated with the consumption of alcohol;
- \* potentially expose children who live in the residences or attend the school to all of the harms caused by an increase in crime and disorder, as described above;
- \* potentially expose patients of the Amwell Street Practice NHS surgery -- and the sick, infirm and elderly, generally -- to all of the harms caused by an increase in crime and disorder, as described above;
- \* threaten public safety not only due to the aforementioned increase in crime and disorder, but also due to the unsanitary conditions, such as the presence of vomit, open containers of alcohol, food refuse and other club-related rubbish, which are associated with alcohol consumption and club premises; and
- \* lead to public nuisances such as severe noise pollution, both from music that might be played at late night hours as well as from the likely drunken patrons, and vermin and bacteria that accompany the unsanitary conditions described above.

For these reasons, this licence application should be denied.

Regards,

Aiden Fitzsimons

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Mobile: 07 700 111 111

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**Fitzsimons, Aiden**

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**From:** 17 October 2012 23:49  
**Sent:** Licensing  
**To:** Objection to the Application for Merlin's Club Premises Certificate, 1 Naoroji Street,  
**Subject:** London, WC1X 0GB

Dear Licensing Team,

pls find here below some considerations on the application for a club premises certificate and my OBJECTION on that regard

I believe that a club selling alcohol in a residential neighbourhood and in particular in a narrow and quiet street as Naoroji street would have a significant impact on the lifestyle of its residents and would be detrimental from many point of view.

Among the other things (but not limiting to)

- a) noise due to an increase in people leaving the premises much later than currently and music
- b) smokers and potentially drunk people inevitably standing around the entrance and stepping to the building to the very late hours potentially jeopardizing the standards of living of the residents
- c) potential harm to the many young children living in the vicinity and studying at the Primary school located at the end of Naoroji Street
- d) increase activity and light for longer hours having impact on the residents on 6 naoroji street having their bedrooms and living areas facing the street Pls consider the above for the application to the council's Lecensing Committee.

Many Thx

Personal Details:

As granted by my rights, I would like my details to be kept confidential Regards

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22 October 2012

Licensing Support Team  
222 Upper Street  
London N1 1XR

Re: Application for Club Premises Certificate, Merlin's Club, 1 Naorji Street London WC1X 0GB

Dear Mr. Gallacher,

We are residents of 6 Naorji Street, London WC1X 0GD. We understand that the Islington Council has received an application for a club premises certificate for 1 Naorji Street for the sale of alcohol from 1700 to 2130 from Monday to Wednesday and 1600 to 2300 on Thursday and Friday.

We strongly object to the granting of a club premises certificate. We believe that allowing a club in our small quiet residential street to sell alcohol would create a public nuisance. There would be a significant increase in noise levels as more people come in and out of the club premises, especially after having consumed alcohol. We would also expect a greater number of people loitering and smoking in front of the club premises which would also significantly impact noise levels. The increase in noise levels would create a nuisance for the many residents living directly opposite the club premises in the small quiet residential street. In addition, the greater number of intoxicated people coming in and out of the club premises could contribute to disorder and could impact public safety.

Based on the above we strongly object to the granting of the club premises certificate. We request that you take our objection into account in considering whether to grant this club premises certificate. We also kindly request that you please keep confidential and do not publicly list our names and addresses within the published report.

Very truly yours,

FULL NAME	FLAT NUMBER	SIGNATURE
		<i>[Signature]</i>
		<i>[Signature]</i>
		<i>[Signature]</i>

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**Fitzsimons, Aiden**

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**From:** Aiden Fitzsimons  
**Sent:** 22 October 2012 23:05  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Objection to proposal Re Merlin's Club, 1 Naoroji Street

To whom it may concern,  
I wish to object to the proposal for a club selling alcohol in the quiet residential street of Naoroji based on the following points:

- \* My first floor flat overlooks Buro 4 group and I object to the impact that the noise will have to as late as 23.00
- \* I am an asthma sufferer and will not want to open my balcony door or bedroom window and have cigarette smoke coming in from the smokers standing outside the club.
- \* The sale of alcohol from as early as 16.00 will create a nuisance and possible anti-social behavior
- \* This is a very hot building and especially in the summer it will be impossible to open windows without being disturbed.
- \* The lights directly opposite my windows will be on much later than usual.

I hope that these points will be taken on board.  
Many thanks for your time



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**Fitzsimons, Aiden**

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 27 September 2012 23:34  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Planning objection to License for 1 Naoroji Street - WK/121359410

Objection to application from Naoroji Street:

I strongly object to the licensing of club premises at 1 Naoroji Street, on the ground that such a license would greatly increase the already existing problem of late-night noise nuisance directly beneath my bedroom window.

These offices already host 2 unlicensed late-night outdoor parties per month, creating a huge amount of noise (usually on week-nights). The parties need to be curtailed, rather than sanctioned.

These nuisance events take place in the yard at the rear of 1 Naoroji Street – that is, directly below my bedroom window on Fernsbury Street. Even if the club licence being applied for were to specify that drinks are to be sold inside the building, it is inevitable that the drinking and noise will move outdoors – witness the situation outside most pubs. I moved to this flat because it is on a quiet residential street. I have no wish to overlook a beer garden.

As for availability of licensed premises, there are 5 established neighbourhood pubs (located on commercial streets) within 400 meters of 1 Naoroji Street: the Union, the Easton, the Wilmington Arms, the Old China Hand, and Filthy McNasty's. We are not short of places to drink.

There is also a continuing problem of private rubbish collection and deliveries to the rear of 1 Naoroji Street that happen during hours proscribed by residential by-laws (often before 7am on weekends). These offices behave as if they are in a commercial neighbourhood. The fact is that this neighbourhood is overwhelmingly residential. Aside from a primary school (which causes no out-of-hours noise) and a GP's surgery, 1 Naoroji Street is surrounded on all sides by homes. It cannot even be described as a mixed-use neighbourhood. It is residential.

The fact is that 1 Naoroji Street is already a prime noise nuisance. The management of the building should be seeking ways to make peace with its neighbours, rather than assault us with more noise.

Let's be reasonable and keep this street residential and quiet.

Many thanks,

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: 22 October 2012 15:43  
To: Gallacher, Simon  
Cc: Licensing  
Subject: 1 Naoroji street licence application

Could you please email me to confirm that this email will be added to any other objections to this licence application

Mobile:

22nd October 2012

Dear Sir

Licensing Act 2003 - Application for a Club Premises Certificate

Merlin's Club, 1 Naoroji Street WC1X 0EB

Thank you for your notification regarding the above application.

I would like to register my objection to the application which I regard as wholly inappropriate for a number of reasons. I have resided at 6 Naoroji Street since the building was completed in 2003. The building contains a doctor's surgery and adjoins a boys and girls school which is a central part of the community. The suggestion that there should be a drinking club opposite the building is little short of ridiculous.

The company making the application Buro4 Group have admitted that they have been having on-going drinks in the basement area for some long time. On a number of such occasions that there have been social gatherings in the building and alcohol consumed the noise has been extremely intrusive and has had a very detrimental impact on the immediate neighbourhood both in terms of noise (music and loud conversations of smokers and those departing and arriving during the evening) and lights on in the building till late at night. As smoking is not permitted in the building the break out area will be the street which is bound to cause noise and disruption; the building is extremely poorly insulated and alcohol induced behaviour five days a week directly opposite my home is extremely worrying. My bedroom faces onto Naoroji Street so the effect of the club will inevitably be considerable especially given the extended closing time of 11pm on Thursday and Friday

This street is a quiet enclave and no 1 Naoroji Street is surrounded by residential accommodation. Such activity in this location could not be more inappropriate and the lack of concern the Buro 4 Group already show when they do have social activities in their building would indicate that the potential disruption and erosion to the quiet enjoyment at night in this residential quarter will be severely affected.

Other issues that cause serious concern are the application for use at weekends. This is a single company building in the middle of the City, surrounded by residential homes. We enjoy peace and quiet this will be severely damaged if more events are encouraged at weekends and the traffic would become intolerable in a quiet cul de sac once all the staff drive in to attend.

The idea that this is a small area for a few members of staff to enjoy a quiet drink is at odds with the fact that each member is able to bring 7 guests. This already is clearly indicating the intention to hold large client events on the premises

Further there is absolutely no need for a drinking club in this immediate area given the proximity of Exmouth Market - barely 100 metres away - and Islington High Street - a short distance further, and an environment with many bars and restaurants perfectly well suited to the occupants of 1 Naoroji Street. Indeed, it is little short of remarkable that an application of this kind has been made and it shows a cavalier disregard of the interests of the residential community.

There are numerous residents who share these very strong objections and I would be grateful if you would do all you can to ensure that the application is rejected in its entirety.

I am certainly planning to attend the application hearing itself and make these representations in person.

Many thanks in advance.

Yours sincerely



**Fitzsimons, Aiden**

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 21 October 2012 10:30  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Your Ref: WK/121359410 - Application for A Club Premises Certificate - Merlin's Club, 1 Naoroji Street, WC1X 0GB

Dear Sir\Madam,

I write to make representations regarding the above Licensing Act Application - your undated letter, reference WK/121359410.

I make the following points, referencing your specified criteria - (i) crime and disorder \ (ii) nuisance (ie, noise) \ (iii) public safety \ (iv) protection of children:

- 1) In a narrow street in quiet residential area, with alleys at the far end - (i) \ (ii) \ (iii)
- 2) Entrance directly opposite main entrances to flats at 6 Naoroji Street - (i) \ (ii) \ (iii)
- 3) Entrance directly opposite living and sleeping accommodation of flats in 6 Naoroji Street facing Naoroji Street - (ii)
- 4) Entrance directly opposite NHS GP surgery - (iii) \ (iv)
- 5) Entrance almost directly opposite infants\junior school - (iii) \ (iv)
- 6) Minimal space for cars to park\wait; no space to turn – will block roads, increase noise with engines running (ii) \ (iii)
- 7) Lots of the flats in the immediate area have children and young families - (iii) \ (iv)
- 8) Smokers will congregate on the steps outside the building - (ii) \ (iii)
- 9) Noise when people are leaving the club will be later in the day and greater in volume if alcohol has been drunk - (i) \ (ii) \ (iii)
- 10) St Mungo's short term hostel for homeless people is close, on Margery Street - (i) \ (ii) \ (iii)

In addition, there are already plenty of facilities – clubs, restaurants, pubs – on nearby main roads such as Amwell Street, Rosebery Avenue, Exmouth Market.

I add four observations about the process:  
(a) the letter from the council was undated;  
(b) the reference on the letter bears no relation to the Planning Application Number, which was unhelpful when searching the council website;  
(c) the letters were only delivered to residents at 6 Naoroji Street on 10th October;  
(d) the Islington Council website search facility was particularly unhelpful and I was unable to find the planning application on it  
Regards  
6 Naoroji Street resident

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**Fitzsimons, Aiden**

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 22 October 2012 10:42  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Merlin's Club, 1 Naoroji Street, WC1X 0GB

Dear Simon Gallacher,

I would like to make a representation regarding the license application for Merlin's Club at 1 Naoroji Street.

As a resident I am against granting a license to open and run a club.

Naoroji Street is currently a quiet, mostly residential street. And the businesses operating in our street ( a surgery, Buro 4 and a school) are all closed by late afternoon/evening. The impact of smoking, drinking and the associated noise would be extremely negative, change the character of our street and disturb the quality of life for all residents.

my contact details are :

Best regards,

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**Fitzsimons, Aiden**

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 19 October 2012 15:31  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Licensing for Merlin's Club, 1 Naoroji Street, Islington

To Whom it may concern:

I am writing with regard to the proposed club at 1 Naoroji Street, Islington.

I am opposed to the granting of this license for the following reasons:

1. Increased alcohol consumption will lead to more disorder in an area already marred by crime.
2. Reasonable people become unreasonable when they consume alcohol. This street constitutes part of a cul de sac, the back of which will provide cover for those who choose not to use private indoor toilets when necessary.
3. Increased alcohol will lead to drinkers spending time outside smoking, lingering with open containers. With lowered inhibitions, a club will turn a quiet, residential/office street into a nuisance area where office workers and residents cannot come and go without fear of harassment.
4. The primary school on this street brings means the area is heavily residential with many families with young children living directly across the street. Children should not be exposed to drinking office workers on their way home from school.

This street will lose its character as a quiet street that is comfortable for a range of residents if a new club is allowed to open at 1 Naoroji Street. Less than a 5-minute walk away are numerous pubs at Exmouth Market and Amwell Street; 10 minutes away are the numerous pubs of Bloomsbury; 10 minutes in the other direction are numerous pubs at Angel. This should be entertainment enough for all who want it. A club at 1 Naoroji Street will serve no good end.

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18 October 2012

Islington City Council – The Licensing Support Team  
Attn: Simon Gallagher, licensing officer  
222 Upper Street  
London N1 1XR

Dear Sir,

I am writing in reference to the application received for Merlin's Club on 1 Naoroji Street.

As a resident of 6 Naoroji Street, directly across the site which is subject to the application, I would like to make the following comment on the application:

- Naoroji Street is a very quiet and residential street, in a very quiet and residential neighbourhood.
- There is literally no noise in the evening. Car traffic is minimal as the street is not a thoroughfare; there is no evening activity at the medical practice in our building, nor at the architects' office across the street. I, for example, regularly sleep with the windows open, without any disturbance.
- The quiet nature of the street and neighbourhood was very important in my decision to live in Naoroji Street.
- There is also a school in the immediate vicinity
- As a result of these facts, I think that the opening of a club in the street would result in serious nuisance, for the following reasons:
  - o The noise from patrons and from the activity of the club would significantly alter living conditions for all residents.
  - o There is no doubt that some of the clients will smoke in front of the club; the smell of cigarette smoke will disturb residents.
  - o The presence of a club will also imply more light, including as late as 11pm.
  - o Opening a club so close to a primary school can only disturb and could create safety and security issues for children.
  - o A club will also undoubtedly generate more vehicle (cars and motorcycles) traffic in the street.
  - o The presence in the area of people having consumed alcohol as early as 4pm on certain days is also a source of nuisance and could create security issues.

In conclusion, I am of the opinion that authorising a club to open at 1 Naoroji Street would represent a major nuisance for residents in this quiet, residential area, and significantly alter the character of the area. This application should be rejected

Regards,

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**Fitzsimons, Aiden**

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**From:** Fitzsimons, Aiden  
**Sent:** 25 September 2012 11:54  
**To:** Gallacher, Simon  
**Subject:** FW: application for a private club license from Buro4 at 1 Naorji Street

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [aiden.fitzsimons@bt.com](mailto:aiden.fitzsimons@bt.com)  
**Sent:** 22 September 2012 17:16  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** application for a private club license from Buro4 at 1 Naorji Street

Dear Sir or Madam

I write to oppose the application by Buro4 for a license for the Merlin club at 1 Naorji Street, and request in the strongest terms that Islington does not grant this.

My request is based on two considerations:

1. No evident benefit but known potential harm to the neighbourhood of a private license

Naorji Street, Lloyd Square and St Helena form an oasis of calm between the drug dealing of Wilmington Square and the increasing noise from the drinking establishments in Amwell Street. The granting of a license albeit for a private club is highly likely to disturb this for no evident local benefit but clear potential harm.

We already have experience locally of Buro4 disturbing residents with an office party. We therefore have experience of them being unable to control rowdiness induced by alcohol. Consumption of more alcohol on their premises is not something I believe they have the motivation or ability to control, which will involve late night noise from smokers being in the streets, raised voices and the slamming of car doors in the early hours of the morning. The request for a license allowing members of the club to bring up to seven guests is particularly alarming.

There are many bars in Islington selling alcohol and good food. There is no evident need for a private club in a residential area that has already experienced irresponsible consumption of alcohol by Buro4 employees and guests.

2. Government alcohol policy

The Home Office published this government's alcohol policy in March 2012. This recognises the damage caused to drinkers and non-drinkers by the excessive consumption of alcohol in England which has increased three fold in the last 60 years. The policy report also clearly describes the adverse social effects of alcohol consumption which include antisocial behaviour of the kind I have described above, as well as violence including domestic violence and road traffic accidents. Two factors have contributed to this huge increase in the consumption of alcohol in England: low price and wide availability, two variables that will be in play with the granting of a private license to Buro4. From April 2013 local authorities will be given wider powers to control excessive alcohol consumption, chief amongst which will be not awarding more licenses for the sale or consumption of alcohol. It would run counter to government policy to issue new licenses of the kind being requested by Buro4.

I very much hope that you will accord these considerations the due weight they deserve.

Yours faithfully



Anon (13)

**Fitzsimons, Aiden**

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 22 October 2012 23:23  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Merlin's Club Application for a Club Premises Certificate

To whom it may concern:

I respectfully object to the application for the license to sell alcohol at 1 Naoroji Street. The opening of a club selling alcohol in a quiet street in a residential neighbourhood late in the evening will have a significant impact in terms of noise and disruption in the area. People will be leaving the premises late in the evening after having consumed alcohol, and are likely to be boisterous. Smokers will inevitably smoke near the entrance increasing the noise levels on Naoroji Street. Lights will be on much later that is the case currently as the proposed club will be open until 2300 on Thursday and Friday. The bedrooms in my flat face Naoroji Street, and the disruption is likely to be significant. In order to keep the peace and tranquility we currently have in this neighbourhood, I object to the proposal regarding Merlin's Club.

Kind Regards

PS Please keep my name and address confidential.

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**Fitzsimons, Aiden**

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**From:** FITZSIMONS, AIDEN >  
**Sent:** 23 October 2012 17:09  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Merlin club Naoroji Street

Dear Simon Gallacher,

I write concerning the licence application for a new club in Naoroji Street, to which I would like to express my strongest objections. Naoroji Street is a quiet residential street with little traffic and no business activity after normal office hours. It is therefore an entirely inappropriate location for an establishment of the nature proposed, which inevitably will affect residents' quality of life adversely. It must be the council's responsibility to protect the interests of residents against unsuitable developments of this kind.

Best wishes,

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*West City One*  
*6 Naoroji Street*  
*LONDON WC1X 0GD*  
*Mobile:*

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17 October 2012

Islington  
Licensing Team  
Public Protection Division  
222 Upper Street  
LONDON N1 1XR

And by e-mail – [licensing@islington.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@islington.gov.uk)

Dear Sir

**Licensing Act 2003 – Application for a Club Premises Certificate**  
**Merlin's Club, 1 Naoroji Street WC1X 0GB**

Thank you for your notification regarding the above application.

Would you kindly accept this letter as my objection in the strongest possible terms to the application which I regard as wholly inappropriate for a number of reasons. I have resided at 6 Naoroji Street (also known as "West City One") since the building was completed in 2003. It has over 40 residential flats and is a highly regarded and desirable residence. The building contains a highly valued doctor's surgery – the Amwell Street Surgery – and adjoins an equally highly regarded boys and girls school which is a central part of the community. The suggestion that there should be a drinking club opposite the building is little short of intolerable.

In particular:-

- 1 The entrance to 1 Naoroji Street is immediately opposite the main entrance to the residential block and that of the Surgery.
- 2 The main school entrance is less than 50 metres away.

- 3 Aside from the inevitable noise during school hours, the street is a quiet street and environment and totally unsuitable for any sort of drinking establishment whether one that is in-house to the building or otherwise.

If as I currently understand some sort of informal drinking is continuing to be in the building where there appear to be unlicensed parties, this in itself is a breach of local regulation and is a nuisance upon the quiet enjoyment that the residents of this highly regarded locality are entitled to expect.

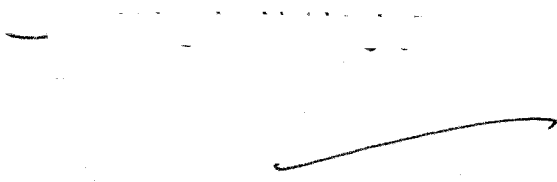
Further, and on any realistic view, there is absolutely no need for a drinking establishment in this immediate area given the proximity of Exmouth Market EC1 – barely 100 metres away – and an environment with many bars and restaurants perfectly well suited to the occupants of 1 Naoroji Street. Indeed, it is little short of remarkable that an application of this kind has been made without any regard to the obvious attractions of Exmouth Market and it shows a cavalier disregard of the interests of the residential community.

There are numerous residents who share these very strong objections and I would be grateful if you would do all you can to ensure that the application is rejected in its entirety.

I am certainly willing – and indeed would welcome – the opportunity to attend the application hearing itself and make these representations in person if that would assist.

Many thanks in advance.

Yours sincerely



**Fitzsimons, Aiden**

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**From:** .k>  
**Sent:** 23 October 2012 10:05  
**To:** Gallacher, Simon  
**Subject:** Application for club premises certificate: Merlin's Club, 1 Naoroji Street

Dear Mr Gallagher

As a resident of 6 Naoroji Street, I am submitting this written representation against the application for a club premises' certificate for the sale of alcohol at 1 Naoroji Street, the commercial building immediately opposite the block of flats in which I live.

The location of club premises is a factor that can impact on all four licensing objectives in the Licensing Act 2003. I believe that the operation of licensed club premises in 1 Naoroji Street has the potential to impact each objective and that it will adversely affect me and other residents in Naoroji Street.

Naoroji Street is a short, narrow street with no through traffic. On my side of the street, there is our block of flats (6 Naoroji Street), an NHS surgery, and a school entrance. On the opposite side, a small block of flats and the commercial building, 1 Naoroji Street.

Let me set out my concerns with reference to each of the licensing objectives.

**1. Prevention of crime and disorder**

As residents of a block of flats, we are conscious of the need for vigilance in crime prevention by being aware of street activity and taking care to prevent unauthorised access to our building. We choose to live here because Naoroji Street is, essentially, a quiet residential street during the evenings, as there is no commercial activity and no through traffic. The introduction of licensed club premises operating every week night would affect the character of the street to the detriment of residents.

Increased street activity (guests of club members coming for a drink, mini-cabs looking for fares, members and their guests leaving on club closure) could encourage opportunistic thieves to operate during the evening. And with the best of intentions, how could club management prevent the potential for alcohol-related disorder as club members and their guests leave the area?

Islington Council has recognised the statistical evidence for alcohol-related crime and disorder in the borough. Why would it be desirable to add to the more than 1300 premises in Islington licensed to sell alcohol and thus adversely affect our local environment? Why increase the potential for crime and disorder?

**2. Prevention of public nuisance**

I question the physical suitability of 1 Naoroji Street as a venue for licensed club premises. Dispersal of patrons from a club in Naoroji Street is likely to cause significant noise disturbance to residents. Patrons may well be waiting for taxis (as there is no immediate access to public transport) or simply gathering in the narrow street, as there is no through traffic to discourage them. Despite the best efforts of the club management, it would be impossible to eliminate noise disturbance as patrons leave the vicinity. And this would affect me and other residents every evening in the week.

There is the added possibility of public nuisance caused by alcohol-related antisocial behaviour. As a resident, I would not want to return home to find noisy or antisocial patrons in the street or outside the entrance to my building.

**3. Public safety**

There are valid public-safety concerns related to patrons, particularly antisocial ones, loitering in the street after club closure or mini-cabs waiting in the street to acquire business once the club closes. Also, the entrances to our block of flats provide the only places to shelter in Naoroji Street should it be raining, which is a further concern.

Islington suffers from well above the London average for violent crimes attributable to alcohol. I do not want to become fearful of coming and going from my home on my own during the evening.

#### 4. Protection of children from harm

It is a given that the club would exclude children from their premises when alcohol is for sale. However, it should be remembered that 1 Naoroji Street is located opposite a school entrance. I accept that the club would not start the sale of alcohol until after children had been collected from that school: it is under the control of the club management to ensure that this happens. However, they do not have control over what happens on the street. Should there ever be a instance of alcohol-related antisocial behaviour on the street after club closure, with vomiting or other soiling of the pavement or highway, the detritus would be there early the next morning when parents bring their children to school. It would be unacceptable for young children to be exposed to such an environment.

In summary, the granting of a club premises' licence for the sale of alcohol at 1 Naoroji Street would subject residents in the street to noise disturbance (an occasional noisy night is something we all have to deal with; habitual evening noise disturbance is unacceptable), the risk of public nuisance caused by alcohol-related social behaviour, the potential for alcohol-related crime and disorder, and the possible exposure of young school children to an inappropriate environment outside their school.

1 Naoroji Street provides award-winning refurbished offices (British Council for Offices Award 2012) and you will find on-line that a selling proposition for taking office space in the building is its location close to Exmouth Market and the numerous bars and restaurants of Clerkenwell and Angel. There is no reason for its own premises to add to the increasing concentration of licensed premises in Clerkenwell nor any reason to provoke conflict between the offices and its residential neighbours by granting a licence for the sale of alcohol.

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Gallacher, Simon

From: Gallacher, Simon  
Sent: 19 October 2012 15:03  
To: 'Kate Richards'; kate.richards@justice.gsi.gov.uk  
Subject: RE: Alcohol License ; 1 Naoroji Street

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> -----Original Message-----  
> From: ilto:  
> Sent: 14 October 2012 12:25  
> To: Licensing  
> Subject: Alcohol License ; 1 Naoroji Street

> Dear Sir/Madam

> It has come to my attention that an alcohol license was applied for by the Buro 4 Group so that they can run a members club for their employees in the basement of 1 Naoroji Street five days a week. I understand that comments were required to be submitted to the Council by 27th September.

> I live directly opposite no 1 Naoroji Street in Flat , West City One, 6 Naoroji Street; there are over 40 dwellings in the building. I never received any notification from the Council nor from the applicant about the proposal and consequently until very recently was completely unaware of the application. To my knowledge there was no prominent notice on the building - at least I have not seen any. As I never received any notification it is probable that others in no 6 Naoroji Street are also unaware of the application. Consequently it has not been possible to make the Council aware of my views.

> I have endeavoured to access details on line of the application but the Council's web site consistently displays an error message.

> For the record I strongly object to the application. On the few occasions that there have been social gatherings in the building and alcohol is consumed the noise has been extremely intrusive and has had a very detrimental impact on the immediate neighbourhood both in terms of noise (music and loud conversations of smokers and those departing and arriving during the evening) and lights on in the building till late at night. As smoking is not permitted in the building the break out area will be the street which is bound to cause noise and disruption ;the building is extremely poorly insulated and alcohol induced behaviour five days a week directly opposite my home is extremely worrying. All the habitable rooms in no 6 Naoroji Street ( bedrooms and living rooms) face onto Naoroji Street so the effect of the club will inevitably be considerable.

> This street is a quiet enclave and no 1 Naoroji Street is surrounded by residential accommodation and a primary school. Such activity in this location could not be more inappropriate and the lack of concern the Buro 4 Group already show when they do have social activities in their building would indicate that the potential disruption and erosion to the quiet enjoyment at night in this residential quarter will be severely affected.

> Can you please

> 1. Inform me what the current situation is concerning this application 2. Forward full details of what was proposed 3. Advise why I was never formally notified 4. Forward this object and request to whomever it should be informed in case you are not the department dealing this matter and let me know to whom you have forwarded this email.

> I am sending a copy of this email to my Councillors as I am very annoyed that I was not informed by the Council and nor Buro 4 and if September 27th is indeed the final date when comments could be submitted, I have in effect been denied such an opportunity.

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**Fitzsimons, Aiden**

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 17 September 2012 21:31  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** APPLICATION FOR LICENSE: MERLIN CLUB | NAOROJI STREET, WC1X 0GB

Dear Simon Gallacher,

We wish to make representation concerning this application for licence primarily on the grounds of the prevention of nuisance. We live in [redacted] backing onto the proposed licensed Club and are likely to be directly affected by it.

1. The club is in quiet residential area, with a primary school, a doctors' surgery and an office block (namely 1 Naoroji St & 1 Fernsbury St). Naoroji street, St Helena and Fernsbury St are currently a quiet haven free from the sale of alcohol, which is all too freely available in the immediate vicinity. Amwell Street has one pub and one off license. Recently a drinking school has moved into the area and is routinely seen in and around Amwell Street. Just above Wilmington Square Rosebery Avenue has two pubs and at least two shops selling alcohol. Wilmington Square is recognised trouble spot frequented by rowdy drinkers and drug dealers. These with all their negative social aspects surround the quiet haven that so far we enjoy.

2. The sale of alcohol is almost invariably associated with a degree of public nuisance. As smokers are not permitted by law to smoke inside licensed premises, they stand outside often with their non smoking friends. The application brushes away this standing up drinking. But as everyone knows who passes by pubs, these outside standing groups can and do make a considerable amount of convivial noise. In the summer months when residents' windows are open it is inconceivable that this noise will not be a public nuisance. It is clear from the reference to BBQs that the club owners have in mind to extend their activities outside the club's basement premises.

3 Given that each club member is entitled to invite no fewer than seven guests the potential for noise from a number of members and guests partying around the BBQ in the space surrounding the offices is not discussed in the application. Nor is music; is it to be played outside the club premises when they have their BBQs? This would have a horrendous impact on their neighbours, noisy alcohol fuelled outdoor parties are the stuff of nightmares. It is not that these are the inevitable outcome of giving Merlin Club a license, but there is nothing in their application which can give any peace of mind to their neighbours.

We trust that that Islington's licensing body will take these concerns on board and reject the application.

Yours truly

Mobile



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22<sup>nd</sup> October 2012

**Licensing Act 2003- Application for a club premises certificate.**

**Re: Merlin's Club, 1 Naoroji Street, London, WC1X 0GB.**

Dear Sir/ Madam

Thank you for your letter regarding the above application, I received it last week although I am not sure when it was delivered as there is no visible date.

It was very disappointing to hear that your officer had difficulty accessing our portered building previously and we are receiving this notification so close to the already extended closing date.

I have been residing at West City One (No. 6 Naoroji Street) for over 4 years and our building is situated directly opposite 1 Naoroji Street. I was particularly surprised to see that an application had been made for the sale of alcohol (especially as early as 16:00) in such close proximity to residential flats, a primary school and a General Practice Surgery.

This application for a club premises is bound to cause an increase in traffic, noise, lighting and litter in the area and I suspect there will also be smoking in the street since smoking will not be allowed inside the office building.

Therefore I feel it is highly improper of Buro Four to suggest a club premises in this quiet residential neighbourhood. I am also aware that residents facing 1 Naoroji Street have already been disturbed by these after work events. I myself have noticed the increased week night activity outside 1 Naoroji's Street's entrance, which is opposite our reception.

Please accept this letter as my objection to this application. I would be very grateful for receipt of this representation and would also be happy to attend the public hearing.

Yours faithfully,

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**Fitzsimons, Aiden**

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**From:** < >  
**Sent:** 23 October 2012 16:40  
**To:** Licensing  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Representation for the application for a club premises certificate at Merlin's club, 1 Naoroji Street, London, WC1X 0GB

For the attention of Simon Gallacher.

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am a soon to be resident of Flat \_\_\_\_\_, 6 Naoroji Street, WC1X 0GD. The building opposite the front entrance of 1 Naoroji Street.

This representation is in relation to the application for a club premises certificate at Merlin's club, 1 Naoroji Street, London, WC1X 0GB. I am in the process of purchasing the above property and have been informed of this application through my lawyer.

I believe that a club selling alcohol would result in an increase in the number of people leaving the building much later than currently, especially on Thursday and Friday nights, which would lead to an increase in noise levels in a quiet street which is in a residential neighbourhood. In addition, noise levels are also likely to be impacted by any music played by the members club, by smokers who will inevitably smoke around the front entrance of the building and an increase in taxis picking up members of the club leaving late and dropping off members to the club, especially on Thursday and Friday nights. All of the above are likely to result in an increase in public nuisance.

The bedroom and living room look directly into the front of 1 Naoroji Street and, in addition to any noise on Naoroji Street, they are impacted by any lights left on in the building. The creation of a members club will mean that lights will be left on much later than currently, especially on Thursday and Friday nights, which is likely to impact on a good night's sleep.

There is a primary school located at the end Naoroji Street and as a result there are many children that live in the neighbourhood. The protection of children from any harm is paramount. The sale of alcohol from as early as 4pm will result in an increase in the number of people leaving 1 Naoroji Street in the early evening having consumed alcohol, which may create a nuisance for residents.

Please confirm receipt of this email.

Regards

Aiden (21)

**Fitzsimons, Aiden**

**From:** [simon.gallacher@islington.gov.uk](mailto:simon.gallacher@islington.gov.uk)  
**Sent:** 23 October 2012 14:49  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** RE: Representation in relation to the application for a club premises certificate at Merlin's club, 1 Naoroji Street, London, WC1X 0GB

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**From:** [simon.gallacher@islington.gov.uk](mailto:simon.gallacher@islington.gov.uk)  
**To:** [licensing@islington.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@islington.gov.uk)  
**Subject:** Representation in relation to the application for a club premises certificate at Merlin's club, 1 Naoroji Street, London, WC1X 0GB  
**Date:** Tue, 23 Oct 2012 13:38:46 +0000

For the attention of Simon Gallacher.

This representation is in relation to the application for a club premises certificate at Merlin's club, 1 Naoroji Street, London, WC1X 0GB.

My name is , \_\_\_\_\_, 6 Naoroji Street, WC1X 0GD. The building opposite the front entrance of 1 Naoroji Street.

Although the notification letter states that a representation must be sent via a letter or via your website, I have spoken to Simon Gallacher, who informed me that an email is sufficient as we did not receive the notification until last week and the deadline for a representation is today.

I believe that a club selling alcohol would result in an increase in the number of people leaving the building much later than currently, especially on Thursday and Friday nights, which would lead to an increase in noise levels in a quiet street which is in a residential neighbourhood. In addition, noise levels are also likely to be impacted by any music played by the members club, by smokers who will inevitably smoke around the front entrance of the building and an increase in taxis picking up members of the club leaving late and dropping off members to the club, especially on Thursday and Friday nights. All of the above are likely to result in an increase in public nuisance.

My bedroom and living room look directly into the front of 1 Naoroji Street and, in addition to any noise on Naoroji Street, they are impacted by any lights left on in the building. The creation of a members club will mean that lights

will be left on much later than currently, especially on Thursday and Friday nights, which is likely to impact my ability to sleep at night.

There is a primary school located at the end Naoroji Street and as a result there are many children that live in the neighbourhood. The protection of children from any harm is paramount. The sale of alcohol from as early as 4pm will result in an increase in the number of people leaving 1 Naoroji Street in the early evening having consumed alcohol, which will create a nuisance for residents.

If an application is granted, then in the future Merlin's club may apply for an extension to the opening hours granted, which would in turn have an increasing negative impact on the peace and tranquillity currently enjoyed by residents in this quiet neighbourhood.

Please confirm receipt of this email.

Regards

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**Fitzsimons, Aiden**

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 27 September 2012 23:37  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Licensing objection to 1 Naoroji Street - Your Ref:121359410

Objection to application from 1 Naoroji Street:

I strongly object to the licensing of club premises at 1 Naoroji Street, on the ground that such a license would greatly increase the already existing problem of late-night noise nuisance directly beneath my bedroom window.

These offices already host 2 unlicensed late-night outdoor parties per month, creating a huge amount of noise (usually on week-nights). The parties need to be curtailed, rather than sanctioned.

These nuisance events take place in the yard at the rear of 1 Naoroji Street – that is, directly below my bedroom window on Fernsbury Street. Even if the club licence being applied for were to specify that drinks are to be sold inside the building, it is inevitable that the drinking and noise will move outdoors – witness the situation outside most pubs. I moved to this flat because it is on a quiet residential street. I have no wish to overlook a beer garden.

As for availability of licensed premises, there are 5 established neighbourhood pubs (located on commercial streets) within 400 meters of 1 Naoroji Street: the Union, the Easton, the Wilmington Arms, the Old China Hand, and Filthy McNasty's. We are not short of places to drink.

There is also a continuing problem of private rubbish collection and deliveries to the rear of 1 Naoroji Street that happen during hours proscribed by residential by-laws (often before 7am on weekends). These offices behave as if they are in a commercial neighbourhood. The fact is that this neighbourhood is overwhelmingly residential. Aside from a primary school (which causes no out-of-hours noise) and a GP's surgery, 1 Naoroji Street is surrounded on all sides by homes. It cannot even be described as a mixed-use neighbourhood. It is residential.

The fact is that 1 Naoroji Street is already a prime noise nuisance. The management of the building should be seeking ways to make peace with its neighbours, rather than assault us with more noise.

Let's be reasonable and keep this street residential and quiet.

Many thanks,

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6 Naorji Street  
London  
WC1X 0GD

17 October 2012

FAO: Mr S Gallacher  
The Licencing Support Team  
222 Upper Street  
London  
N1 1XR

And by Email: [licensing@islington.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@islington.gov.uk)

Dear Sirs,

**Licensing Act 2003 – Application for a Club Premises Certificate  
Merlin’s Club, 1 Naorji Street, WC1X 0GB**

Thank you for your notification regarding the above application to which I would like to lodge my objection.

I have lived in Flat , 6 Naorji Street since 2004. It is a quiet area and I have always felt very safe living here.

Within the building is a doctors surgery and next door is a primary school, both of which are key to the local community. The prospect of having a club opposite is a cause of significant concern to me and I would like to object on the grounds that:

1. The entrance to 1 Noaroji Street is immediately opposite the main entrance to the residential block and that of the Surgery.
2. The main school entrance is less than 50 metres away.
3. Besides the activity during school hours, the street is a safe, quiet street and environment and unsuitable for any sort of drinking establishment whether one that is in-house to the building or otherwise.

Please can you confirm that you have lodged my objection and whilst writing, I would add that I am surprised there have been no public notices placed on or around Naorji Street advising of this application.

Yours sincerely

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PUBLIC PROTECTION DIVISION  
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**Fitzsimons, Aiden**

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 21 September 2012 10:46  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Objection to Merlin Club Licence

Dear Mr Gallacher,

Objection to the license: MERLIN CLUB, 1 Naoroji Street WC1X 0GB

your ref: WK/121359410

Please acknowledge receipt of this message.

We can see the premises of the proposed Merlin Club at the back of our house. Indeed the lights from the building shine into our back during the night.

Nuisance. On one occasion there was a raucous office party in the building long into the night and a myself and a number of residents from the housing estate went out to ask them to turn the music down. An occasional office party is one thing but a club would be a nightmare. It could mean like a party-like event every night: noise, thumping vibration, spilling into the street (eg to smoke or to "get the air"), queuing in the street, spilling out into the street at the end of the evening, taxi noise. This is not a fiction, even in Lloyd Square we have drunken people staggering up the road and sometimes stationary "drinking groups" in the street. Loud shouting is common.

Crime and disorder. Consultation with the police will remind you of the prevalence of drug dealing in the area. One can SEE it going on and it has been reported. I see the club as a possible conduit for drugs into the area, attracting yet more dealing.

Children. The club would be on the route from a large estate to the local school. There are many children in the area: I can see the Merlin Club building and the school from my house. It is not enough to argue that the school operates at different times than the club would. The time gap between the close of School and the club start times is very short and there might well be mixing. It is just totally irresponsible to put a club right opposite a housing estate, and near a school.

Public safety. The club is on the route from Lloyd Square to Exmouth Market via a passage. I personally use the route every day, often several times. I would feel threatened if there are drunken people behaving in a raucous way on this route. There is already a group which hangs around near Merlin Street.

Finally let me say that this would be the thin end of a wedge. There are areas of London which have grown into multi-venue centres, often in areas of old factories or warehouses. One could see this application as a way to expand the whole building into this kind of centre. But unlike other cases this is an isolated industrial building in a dense residential area and it would be a disaster for the local residents for it to drift towards being a fun palace.

Yours sincerely

PS A number of people have tried made contact you by phone, but only got a voice mail.



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**Fitzsimons, Aiden**

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**From:** .....  
**Sent:** 18 October 2012 18:12  
**To:** Licensing; Gallacher, Simon  
**Subject:** Alcohol License ; 1 Naorji Street

Dear Licensing Team,

I write as a resident of 6 Naorji street with regard to the above application. As a resident directly opposite the entrance to 1 Naorji Street and in particular one with an 8 month old baby, I would like to object to this application on the grounds of increased noise and potentially antisocial behaviour in what is a quiet residential street. What's more, with one of the best set of bars and restaurants in the area on Exmouth Market I'm not entirely sure I understand the logic of this application? Please can you officially lodge my objections on these grounds. I did ring to get more detail on this and left a message for Simon to call me back 3 days ago, as your phone message suggests I should do, however, neither he nor anybody else from your department has rung me back.

Kind regards,

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**Ampoma, Nanayaa**

**From:** Sheehan, Janet on behalf of Planning  
**Sent:** 24 October 2012 08:09  
**To:** Control, Development  
**Subject:** FW: Objection to Application for Premises Licence at 1 Nairoji St

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 23 October 2012 18:12  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Objection to Application for Premises Licence at 1 Nairoji St

**Re:** Merlins Club, 1 Nairoji Street, WC1X 0GB.

I should like to object strongly to the application by B4Group to open a club licensed to sell alcoholic drinks on their premises.

As a resident whose bedroom overlooks the office premises I must alert you to the fact that such a development would transform the entire area and have an adverse effect on the way of life for everyone in our neighbourhood.

I am particularly concerned that Merlins Club would be a place of public entertainment and not a normal Members' Club. The application is for each of the 25 members to invite 7 people - a total of well over 100 drinkers per night - whereas normal members only clubs limit guests to one or two per member. Although it is proposed to be in the basement, smokers will congregate outside at all times of year so it will become an open air drinking establishment. The application to have BBQs in summer would only increase the amount of noise to unbearable levels especially when local residents have their windows open in the heat.

As the company is in the business of organising social conferences for the building trade, it looks as if the application for a license is a back door way of obtaining permission for running a commercial enterprise and selling alcohol to their clients more cheaply than in the local public amenities, which would suffer as a result.

We live in a small residential enclave which is conveniently situated within easy walking distance of many premises that sell alcoholic drinks and several pubs in Exmouth Market and the Angel. There is nothing to stop the office workers using local facilities for their private relaxation. It would cost the council a lot more in complaints about unruly behaviour, noise pollution and cleaning if the drinking zones were to be extended into residential areas. Local residents will have their sleep disturbed and their safety jeopardised.

Please do not allow such a potential for the social degeneration of our area to take place. As local residents, we would appreciate protection by the council.

**Gallacher, Simon**

**From:** Neil, Rebecca  
**Sent:** 22 January 2013 13:13  
**To:** Lane, Terrie; James Clarke'  
**Cc:** Gallacher, Simon; Richard Young  
**Subject:** RE: Merlins Club Application at 1 Naoroji Street WC1X 0GB

Dear All,

Having considered the changes which have been made to the initial proposal, I now accept that the use as described in the letter of 21 December (and attachments) is ancillary to the lawful use of the site as an office, and does not require planning permission.

Please note that we reserve the right to investigate this matter and reassess the situation should we receive future complaints, and this is not formal confirmation of lawfulness (in order to obtain this, a certificate of lawful development is needed).

Kind regards

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21 December 2012

Dear Terrie

**1 Naorji Street, London, WC1X 0GB**

We write in connection with our application for premise licence as noted above, in response to two items:

- The apparent statement from Islington Planning that the application is a change of use and requires a planning application.
- A number of issues raised by local residents to the application.

#### **Residents Issues**

We have been passed correspondence received by Islington Council from local residents, which highlight their concerns. In addition it should be noted that residents also contacted us directly. Those that contacted us directly we have met and discussed the application with and they have raised no further complaint with Islington and withdrawn any complaint with us.

We have attached as Appendix A a list of the complaints received from Islington Council. We have addressed each of these by reference to the club rules.

In summary it would be useful to note:

- The bar area is in the basement, has no access to the front nor any direct access to the street.
- All lights are on presence detectors. If the building is unoccupied, the lights go out.
- We have not held 2 unlicensed late parties each month. Two staff barbecues have been held all year, finishing by 8.30pm / 9.00pm
- There is no issue whatsoever with rubbish or deliveries. Our building is manned 24 hours and has a goods system and recycle refuse to comply with IS14001.

However, to confirm our wish that the bar is only used by staff and professional guests, we have amended the club rules as attached at Appendix B to:

- Reduce guests a member can bring from 7 to 2.
- Change opening times from 4.00pm to 5.30pm to avoid any possible conflict with schools etc.

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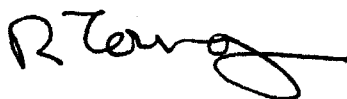
## Planning Matters

With respect to the application and the suggested requirement for planning, we enclose a letter from a Planning Consultant (Appendix C) confirming the application does not need planning. Essentially this is because:

- All users of the club, clients or otherwise will be signed in as guests under the club rules. The facilities will not be used by non club members under any circumstances.
- There is no application for weekends or external use. In the unlikely event this is required, it will form a separate Temporary Event Application.
- The current use is legally established and the area is fully ancillary to the existing office use. Its use and activity is unconnected to the current application, is integral to the building and is not self-contained in any way.

In summary we trust the suggested amendments and attached information satisfies any concerns. We are a local professional business and employer who is only looking for an occasional facility for staff and our professional guests only. We have been in occupation for over 3 years, have extensively refurbished the building and formed a part of the local community. We have no wish to influence our good reputation with the operation of the licenced bar.

Yours sincerely



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**Appendix A**

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admission application for premises licence

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# Representations Schedule

Issue: 1  
Date: 07/12/12

Ref Number	Objection / Description	Mitigation / Rule Number / Reference
1	<p>The application is defective in terms of its management of smokers</p> <p>Issues of drug dealing and alcohol misuse in the immediate vicinity of the premises which could require special measures.</p>	<p>Rule 28 - "All Merlins' Club members who wish to smoke must do so within the designated smoking areas. The consumption of alcohol is not permitted within these areas"</p> <p>The smoking area will be designated within the 1 Neoroi Street Courtyard and limited to 4 people at once</p> <p>The Merlins' club is located within a building with restricted access. Therefore, will not contribute to any drug dealing.</p> <p>All members will be need to act within the guidelines of their employment contract</p>
2	<p>Lead to an increase in crime and disorder, such as violence and disorderly conduct, prostitution, illegal drugs and other unlawful activity associated with the consumption of alcohol.</p> <p>Potentially expose children who live in the residences or attend the school to all of the arms caused by an increase in crime and disorder, as described above.</p> <p>Potentially expose patients of the Amwell Street practice NHS surgery - and the sick, infirm and elderly, generally - too all of the harms caused by an increase in crime and disorder, as described above;</p> <p>Threaten public safety not only due to the aforementioned increase in crime and disorder, but also due to the unsanitary conditions, such as the presence of vomit, open containers of alcohol, food refuse, and other club related rubbish, which are associated with alcohol consumption and club premises.</p> <p>Lead to public nuisances such as severe noise pollution, both from music that might be played at late night ours as well as from the likely drunken patrons, and vermin and bacteria that accompany unsanitary conditions described above.</p>	<p>Rule 5 - A member shall cease to be a member of the club if he/she is deemed by the club committee to be in contravention of the club rules on more than three occasions.</p> <p>Rule 17 - All Merlins' Club members and guests must behave in a reasonable and respectful manner within and around the Merlins' Club premises. Any member or guest who is deemed to be behaving in a disorderly conduct will be removed from the club premises and banned from the club.</p> <p>Rule 18 - Any Merlins' Club member or guest who is deemed to be drunk will not be sold alcohol. Depending on the members / guest behaviour that person may also be asked by the club secretary or committee member to leave the premises.</p> <p>See rules noted above.</p> <p>See rules noted above.</p> <p>See rules noted above; and</p> <p>- All alcohol will be consumed within glasses. Containers will be disposed off as part of Burro Fours waste strategy and ISO 140001 Accreditation.</p> <p>- The club will not sell and food. Therefore there will be no increase in food refuse.</p> <p>See rules noted above; and</p> <p>Rule 23 - It is not permitted to exhibit any film or other regulated form of entertainment within the Merlins' Club.</p> <p>The application does not include an application to play music.</p>
3	<p>Noise due to an increase in people leaving the premises much later than currently and music</p> <p>Smokers and potentially drunk people inevitably standing around the entrance and stepping to the building to the very late hours potentially jeopardizing the standards of living of the residents.</p> <p>Potentially harm to the many younger children living in the vicinity and studying at the primary school located at the end of Neoroi St</p>	<p>Rule 23 - It is not permitted to exhibit any film or other regulated form of entertainment within the Merlins' Club</p> <p>- The application does not include an application to play music.</p> <p>- Guests will asked to leave the premises quietly. In the event that that do not, they will be contravening the membership rules, and therefore banned from the club. As noted in Rule 5.</p> <p>Rule 28 - "All Merlins' Club members who wish to smoke must do so within the designated smoking areas. The consumption of alcohol is not permitted within these areas."</p> <p>The smoking area will be designated within the 1 Neoroi Street Courtyard and limited to 4 people at once.</p> <p>The club will close at 11pm. This is as per hours noted within the Noise Act 1997</p> <p>Rule 26 - Strictly no children are allowed within the Merlins' Club Premises.</p> <p>- The opening hours will be changed to 17:00hrs to ensure sufficient time between the close of the primary school and opening of the club.</p>

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	<p>Increase activity and light for longer hours having impact on the residents on 61 Nauroji Street.</p>	<p>The club is situated within the basement of 1 Nauroji Street. Therefore, there will be minimal to no additional additional light created. The club will close no later than 23:00hrs to ensure any impact is kept to a minimum.</p>



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4	<p>There would be a significant increase in noise levels as more people come in and out of the club premises</p> <p>A greater number of people loitering and smoking in front of the club premises will significantly impact on noise levels.</p> <p>A great number of intoxicated people coming in and out of the club premises could contribute to disorder and could impact on public safety.</p>	<p>Rule 17 - All Merlins' Club members and guests must behave in a reasonable and respectful manner within and around the Merlins' Club premises. Any member or guest who is deemed to be behaving in a disorderly conduct will be removed from the club premises and banned from the club. -The latest members will leave the club is 23:00hrs. This is as per hours noted within the Noise Act 1997</p> <p>Rule 28 - "All Merlins' Club members who wish to smoke must do so within the designated smoking areas. The consumption of alcohol is not permitted within these areas." The smoking area will be designated within the 1 Naoroji Street Courtyard and limited to 4 people at once. -The latest members will leave the club is 23:00hrs. This is as per hours noted within the Noise Act 1997</p>
5	<p>I am an asthma sufferer and will not want to open my balcony door or bedroom window and have cigarette smoke coming in from smokers standing outside the club</p> <p>The sale of alcohol from as early as 16:00hrs will create a nuisance and possible anti social behaviour</p> <p>This is a very hot building and especially at night in the summer it will be impossible to open windows without being disturbed</p>	<p>Rule 17 - All Merlins' Club members and guests must behave in a reasonable and respectful manner within and around the Merlins' Club premises. Any member or guest who is deemed to be behaving in a disorderly conduct will be removed from the club premises and banned from the club. -The latest members will leave the club is 23:00hrs. This is as per hours noted within the Noise Act 1997</p> <p>Rule 28 - "All Merlins' Club members who wish to smoke must do so within the designated smoking areas. The consumption of alcohol is not permitted within these areas." The smoking area will be designated within the 1 Naoroji Street Courtyard and limited to 4 people at any one time.</p> <p>The opening hours of the club has now been changed to 17:00 hrs.</p> <p>Rule 17 - All Merlins' Club members and guests must behave in a reasonable and respectful manner within and around the Merlins' Club premises. Any member or guest who is deemed to be behaving in a disorderly conduct will be removed from the club premises and banned from the club.</p> <p>Rule 18 - Any Merlins' Club member or guest who is deemed to be drunk will not be sold alcohol. Depending on the members / guest behaviour that person may also be asked by the club secretary or committee member to leave the premises.</p>
6	<p>The lights directly opposite my windows will be on much later than normal</p> <p>Such a license would greatly increase the already existing problem of late noise nuisance directly beneath my bedroom window. These office already host 2 unlicensed late night outdoor parties per month, creating a huge amount of noise.</p>	<p>The club is located within the basement of 1 Naoroji Street and will be also not licenced to play music (see rule 23). Therefore, the noise emanating from the club will be extremely low</p> <p>Rule 17 - All Merlins' Club members and guests must behave in a reasonable and respectful manner within and around the Merlins' Club premises. Any member or guest who is deemed to be behaving in a disorderly conduct will be removed from the club premises and banned from the club.</p> <p>Rule 18 - Any Merlins' Club member or guest who is deemed to be drunk will not be sold alcohol. Depending on the members / guest behaviour that person may also be asked by the club secretary or committee member to leave the premises.</p> <p>-The club is located within the basement of 1 Naoroji Street, which will reduce light exposure due to the minimal amount of windows. -The club will also have no connection to the office floors and will therefore not cause lights to be left on any later than normal.</p> <p>-The claim of Buro Four hosting "2 unlicensed late night outdoor parties per month" is not only unfounded but also erroneous.</p> <p>Rule 17 - All Merlins' Club members and guests must behave in a reasonable and respectful manner within and around the Merlins' Club premises. Any member or guest who is deemed to be behaving in a disorderly conduct will be removed from the club premises and banned from the club.</p>

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	<p>There is also a continuing problem with of private rubbish collection and deliveries to the rear of 1 Naoroji Street that happen during ours proscribed by residential by-laws.</p>	<p>This issue is not connected to the Merlins' club application.</p>

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7	<p>As smoking is not permitted in the building the break out are will be the street, which is bound to cause noise and disruption.</p> <p>My bedroom faces onto Naoroji Street so the effect of the club will inevitably be considerable especially given the extended closing time of 11pm on Thursday and Friday.</p> <p>Other issues that cause serious concern are the application for the use at weekend</p> <p>The idea that this is a small area for a few members of staff to enjoy a quiet drink is at odds with the fact that each member is able to bring 7 guests.</p>	<p>Rule 25 - All Merlins' Club members who wish to smoke must do so within the designated smoking areas. The consumption of alcohol is not permitted within these areas. The smoking area will be designated within the 1 Naoroji Street Courtyard and limited to 4 people at any one time.</p> <p>Rule 17 - All Merlins' Club members and guests must behave in a reasonable and respectful manner within and around the Merlins' Club premises. Any member or guest who is deemed to be behaving in a disorderly conduct will be removed from the club premises and banned from the club. -The latest members will leave the club at 23:00hrs. This is as per hours noted within the Noise Act 1997</p> <p>There is no application in place for use at weekends. Any events that will take place outside of the license agreement will be organised with a temporary events notice, which will be requested from Islington.</p> <p>This rule has now been changed to 2 guests per member.</p> <p>Rule 15 - Members of the Merlins' Club are allowed to invite a maximum of 2 guests (subject to club premises capacity) into the club at any one time. All members must ensure that each of their guests signs into the building at the Buro Four main reception desk and then signs into the Merlins' Club visitor book.</p>
8	<p>Crime &amp; Disorder</p> <p>Nuisance (i.e. noise)</p> <p>Public Safety</p> <p>Protection of Children</p>	<p>The opening hours of the club have now been changed to 17:00hrs.</p> <p>Rule 17 - All Merlins' Club members and guests must behave in a reasonable and respectful manner within and around the Merlins' Club premises. Any member or guest who is deemed to be behaving in a disorderly conduct will be removed from the club premises and banned from the club. -The latest members will leave the club at 23:00hrs. This is as per hours noted within the Noise Act 1997</p> <p>Rule 18 - Any Merlins' Club member or guest who is deemed to be drunk will not be sold alcohol. Depending on the members / guest behaviour that person may also be asked by the club secretary or committee member to leave the premises.</p> <p>Rule 26 - Strictly no children are allowed within the Merlins' Club Premises. The change of opening hours to 17:00hrs will ensure sufficient time between the close of the primary school and opening of the club.</p>
9	<p>The impact of smoking, drinking and the associated noise would be extremely negative, change the character of our street and disturb the quality of life for all residents.</p>	<p>The change of opening time to 17:00 will remove any effect on the school and greatly reduce the any effect on the surgery.</p> <p>Rule 17 - All Merlins' Club members and guests must behave in a reasonable and respectful manner within and around the Merlins' Club premises. Any member or guest who is deemed to be behaving in a disorderly conduct will be removed from the club premises and banned from the club. -The latest members will leave the club at 23:00hrs. This is as per hours noted within the Noise Act 1997</p> <p>Rule 18 - Any Merlins' Club member or guest who is deemed to be drunk will not be sold alcohol. Depending on the members / guest behaviour that person may also be asked by the club secretary or committee member to leave the premises.</p>
10	<p>Increased alcohol consumption will lead to more disorder in an area already marred by crime.</p> <p>Reasonable people become unreasonable when they consume alcohol</p>	<p>A number of rules have been put in place to reduce any possible effect of anti social drinking. These are as follows:</p> <p>Rule 5 - A member shall cease to be a member of the club if he/she is deemed by the club committee to be in contravention of the club rules on more than three occasions.</p> <p>Rule 17 - All Merlins' Club members and guests must behave in a reasonable and respectful manner within and around the Merlins' Club premises. Any member or guest who is deemed to be behaving in a disorderly conduct will be removed from the club premises and banned from the club. -The latest members will leave the club at 23:00hrs. This is as per hours noted within the Noise Act 1997</p> <p>Rule 18 - Any Merlins' Club member or guest who is deemed to be drunk will not be sold alcohol. Depending on the members / guest behaviour that person may also be asked by the club secretary or committee member to leave the premises.</p> <p>Rule 19 - Merlins' Club members or guests are not permitted to purchase alcohol for any individual who has been refused alcohol on the premises. Any member or guest who is seen to do so will be asked to leave the club and their membership will be reviewed by the club secretary and committee.</p> <p>Rule 24 - It is not permitted to carry out or display any type of drinking promotion within the Merlins' Club.</p> <p>Rule 26 - Strictly no children are allowed within the Merlins' Club Premises. The change of opening hours to 17:00hrs will ensure sufficient time between the close of the primary school and opening of the club.</p> <p>See rules noted above.</p>

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	<p>Increased alcohol will lead to drinkers spending time outside smoking, lingering with open containers. With lowered inhibitions, a club will turn a quiet residential / office street into a nuisance area where office workers and residents cannot come and go without fear of harassment.</p>	<p>See rules noted above            Rule 22 - All alcohol sold within the Merlins' Club must be consumed within the Merlins' Club premises. Strictly no alcohol sold within the Merlins' Club can be consumed off the premises. Failure to comply with this rule will result in the termination of a members club membership.</p>

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<p>The noise from patrons and from activity of the club would significantly alter living conditions for all residents.</p> <p>There is no doubt that some of the clients will smoke in front of the club, the smell of cigarette smoke will disturb all residents</p> <p>The presence of a club will also imply more light, including as late as 11pm.</p> <p>Opening a club so close to a primary school can only disturb and could create safety and security issues for children.</p> <p>A club will also undoubtedly generate more vehicle (car and motor cycles) traffic in the street</p> <p>11</p>	<p>- The club is located within the basement of 1 Naoroji Street and is not licensed to play music. Therefore, noise from patrons and activity will be extremely low.</p> <p>Rule 2B - "All Merlins' Club members who wish to smoke must do so within the designated smoking areas. The consumption of alcohol is not permitted within these areas."</p> <p>The smoking area will be designated within the 1 Naoroji Street Courtyard and limited to 4 people at any one time.</p> <p>- The club is located within the basement of 1 Naoroji Street, which will reduce light exposure due to the minimal amount of windows.</p> <p>The club will also have no connection to the office floors and will therefore not cause lights to be left on any later than normal.</p> <p>The opening time of the club has now been changed to 17:00hrs to ensure there is no impact or risk to children</p> <p>The Merlins' club will close at 11pm, which will allow members to still use the tube to travel home.</p> <p>The opening time of the club has now been changed to 17:00hrs</p> <p>Rule 5 - A member shall cease to be a member of the club if he/she is deemed by the club committee to be in contravention of the club rules on more than three occasions.</p> <p>Rule 17 - All Merlins' Club members and guests must behave in a reasonable and respectful manner within and around the Merlins' Club premises. Any member or guest who is deemed to be behaving in a disorderly conduct will be removed from the club premises and banned from the club.</p> <p>-The latest members will leave the club is 23:00hrs. This is as per hours noted within the Noise Act 1997</p> <p>Rule 18 - Any Merlins' Club member or guest who is deemed to be drunk will not be sold alcohol. Depending on the members / guest behaviour that person may also be asked by the club secretary or committee member to leave the premises</p> <p>A number of rules have been put in place to reduce any possible effect of anti social drinking. These are as follows:</p> <p>Rule 5 - A member shall cease to be a member of the club if he/she is deemed by the club committee to be in contravention of the club rules on more than three occasions.</p> <p>Rule 17 - All Merlins' Club members and guests must behave in a reasonable and respectful manner within and around the Merlins' Club premises. Any member or guest who is deemed to be behaving in a disorderly conduct will be removed from the club premises and banned from the club.</p> <p>-The latest members will leave the club is 23:00hrs. This is as per hours noted within the Noise Act 1997</p> <p>Rule 18 - Any Merlins' Club member or guest who is deemed to be drunk will not be sold alcohol. Depending on the members / guest behaviour that person may also be asked by the club secretary or committee member to leave the premises.</p> <p>Rule 19 - Merlins' Club members or guests are not permitted to purchase alcohol for any individual who has been refused alcohol on the premises. Any member or guest who is seen to do so will be asked to leave the club and their membership will be reviewed by the club secretary and committee.</p> <p>The change of opening hours to 17:00hrs will ensure sufficient time between the close of the primary school and opening of the club.</p>	
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<p>The club will have a significant impact in terms of noise and disruption in the area.</p> <p>13</p> <p>Smokers will inevitably smoke near the entrance increasing the noise levels on Naoroji Street</p>	<p>A number of rules have been put in place to reduce any possible effect of anti social drinking. These are as follows:</p> <p>Rule 5 - A member shall cease to be a member of the club if he/she is deemed by the club committee to be in contravention of the club rules on more than three occasions.</p> <p>Rule 17 - All Merlins' Club members and guests must behave in a reasonable and respectful manner within and around the Merlins' Club premises. Any member or guest who is deemed to be behaving in a disorderly conduct will be removed from the club premises and banned from the club</p> <p>-The latest members will leave the club is 23:00hrs. This is as per hours noted within the Noise Act 1997</p> <p>Rule 18 - Any Merlins' Club member or guest who is deemed to be drunk will not be sold alcohol. Depending on the members / guest behaviour that person may also be asked by the club secretary or committee member to leave the premises.</p> <p>Rule 19 - Merlins' Club members or guests are not permitted to purchase alcohol for any individual who has been refused alcohol on the premises. Any member or guest who is seen to do so will be asked to leave the club and their membership will be reviewed by the club secretary and committee.</p> <p>The change of opening hours to 17:00hrs will ensure sufficient time between the close of the primary school and opening of the club.</p>	

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lights will be on much later		<p>The club is located within the basement of 1 Nauroff Street, which will reduce light exposure due to the minimal amount of windows. The club will also have no connection to the office floors and will therefore not cause lights to be left on any later than normal.</p>

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14	<p>General objection on the basis of increased noise.</p>	<p>There are a number of club rules put in place to ensure that alcohol consumption is controlled and the disruption to residents in the surrounding areas will be kept to a minimum. These are as follows:            Rule 5 - A member shall cease to be a member of the club if he/she is deemed by the club committee to be in contravention of the club rules on more than three occasions.            Rule 17 - All Merlins' Club members and guests must behave in a reasonable and respectful manner within and around the Merlins' Club premises. Any member or guest who is deemed to be behaving in a disorderly conduct will be removed from the club premises and banned from the club.            -The latest members will leave the club is 23:00hrs. This is as per hours noted within the Noise Act 1997            Rule 18 - Any Merlins' Club member or guest who is deemed to be drunk will not be sold alcohol. Depending on the members / guest behaviour that person may also be asked by the club secretary or committee member to leave the premises.            Rule 19 - Merlins' Club members or guests are not permitted to purchase alcohol for any individual who has been refused alcohol on the premises. Any member or guest who is seen to do so will be asked to leave the club and their membership will be reviewed by the club secretary and committee</p>
15	<p>The entrance to 1 Naarolj Street is immediately opposite the main entrance to the residential block and that of the surgery.            The main school entrance is less than 50 meters away.</p> <p>The street is a quiet and environment and totally unsuitable for any sort of drinking establishment whether one that is in-house to the building or otherwise.</p>	<p>The opening hours of the club have now been changed to 17:00hrs. This will reduce the impact on the residential block and will also remove the impact on the school.            Rule 17 - All Merlins' Club members and guests must behave in a reasonable and respectful manner within and around the Merlins' Club premises. Any member or guest who is deemed to be behaving in a disorderly conduct will be removed from the club premises and banned from the club.            Rule 5 - A member shall cease to be a member of the club if he/she is deemed by the club committee to be in contravention of the club rules on more than three occasions            Rule 17 - All Merlins' Club members and guests must behave in a reasonable and respectful manner within and around the Merlins' Club premises. Any member or guest who is deemed to be behaving in a disorderly conduct will be removed from the club premises and banned from the club.            -The latest members will leave the club is 23:00hrs. This is as per hours noted within the Noise Act 1997            Rule 18 - Any Merlins' Club member or guest who is deemed to be drunk will not be sold alcohol. Depending on the members / guest behaviour that person may also be asked by the club secretary or committee member to leave the premises.            Rule 19 - Merlins' Club members or guests are not permitted to purchase alcohol for any individual who has been refused alcohol on the premises. Any member or guest who is seen to do so will be asked to leave the club and their membership will be reviewed by the club secretary and committee</p>
16	<p>Prevention of Crime and disorder</p> <p>Prevention of public nuisance</p>	<p>There are a number of club rules put in place to ensure that alcohol consumption is controlled and the disruption to residents in the surrounding areas will be kept to a minimum. These are as follows:            Rule 5 - A member shall cease to be a member of the club if he/she is deemed by the club committee to be in contravention of the club rules on more than three occasions.            Rule 17 - All Merlins' Club members and guests must behave in a reasonable and respectful manner within and around the Merlins' Club premises. Any member or guest who is deemed to be behaving in a disorderly conduct will be removed from the club premises and banned from the club.            -The latest members will leave the club is 23:00hrs. This is as per hours noted within the Noise Act 1997            Rule 18 - Any Merlins' Club member or guest who is deemed to be drunk will not be sold alcohol. Depending on the members / guest behaviour that person may also be asked by the club secretary or committee member to leave the premises.            Rule 19 - Merlins' Club members or guests are not permitted to purchase alcohol for any individual who has been refused alcohol on the premises. Any member or guest who is seen to do so will be asked to leave the club and their membership will be reviewed by the club secretary and committee</p> <p>See rules noted above.</p>

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Flat Number	Objection / Description	Mitigation / Rule Number Reference
Public Safety		See rules noted above.
Protection of Children from harm		See the above rules Rule 26 - Strictly no children are allowed within the Merlins' Club Premises.



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Ref Number	Objection / Description	Mitigation / Rule Number Reference
	There was no prominent notice on the building	2nr notices were place on the railings along the front of 1 Naoroji Street and along the rear wall along Fernsbury Street. These signs were inspected by Islington Borough Council and approved. They are also still in place to date
17	Smokers  Loud Music & Disruption  lights will be on much later	<p>Rule 28 - "All Merlins' Club members who wish to smoke must do so within the designated smoking areas. The consumption of alcohol is not permitted within these areas."</p> <p>The smoking area will be designated within the 1 Naoroji Street Courtyard and limited to 4 people at any one time.</p> <p>The Merlins club will not play music as is does not licensed to play music. There are also a number of club rules put in place to ensure that alcohol consumption is controlled and the disruption to residents in the surrounding areas will be kept to a minimum. These are as follows:</p> <p>Rule 5 - A member shall cease to be a member of the club if he/she is deemed by the club committee to be in contravention of the club rules on more than three occasions.</p> <p>Rule 17 - All Merlins' Club members and guests must behave in a reasonable and respectful manner within and around the Merlins' Club premises. Any member or guest who is deemed to be behaving in a disorderly conduct will be removed from the club premises and banned from the club.</p> <p>The latest members will leave the club is 23:00hrs. This is as per hours noted within the Noise Act 1997</p> <p>Rule 18 - Any Merlins' Club member or guest who is deemed to be drunk will not be sold alcohol. Depending on the members / guest behaviour that person may also be asked by the club secretary or committee member to leave the premises.</p> <p>Rule 19 - Merlins' Club members or guests are not permitted to purchase alcohol for any individual who has been refused alcohol on the premises. Any member or guest who is seen to do so will be asked to leave the club and their membership will be reviewed by the club secretary and committee</p> <p>The club is located within the basement of 1 Naoroji Street, which will reduce light exposure due to the minimal amount of windows. The club will also have no connection to the office floors and will therefore not cause lights to be left on any later than normal.</p>
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File Number	Objection / Description	Mitigation / Rule Number Reference
	Music is not listed within the application	The Merlins club has not made a license application to play music. Therefore, no music will be played within the preemies.

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Prop Number	Objection / Description	Mitigation / Rule Number Reference
19	<p>Opening hours of 16.00 is to early</p> <p>Lighting</p> <p>Smokers</p> <p>Letter</p> <p>Increased Traffic</p>	<p>The opening hours of the club have now been changed to 17:00hrs. This will reduce the impact on the residential block and will also remove the impact on the school.</p> <p>Rule 17 - All Merlins' Club members and guests must behave in a reasonable and respectful manner within and around the Merlins' Club premises. Any member or guest who is deemed to be behave</p> <p>- The club is located within the basement of 1 Naoroji Street, which will reduce light exposure due to the minimal amount of windows. The club will also have no connection to the office floors and will therefore not cause lights to be left on any later than normal.</p> <p>Rule 28 - "All Merlins' Club members who wish to smoke must do so within the designated smoking areas. The consumption of alcohol is not permitted within these areas."</p> <p>The smoking area will be designated within the 1 Naoroji Street Courtyard and limited to 4 people at any one time.</p> <p>Rule 17 - All Merlins' Club members and guests must behave in a reasonable and respectful manner within and around the Merlins' Club premises. Any member or guest who is deemed to be behaviour</p> <p>Rule 5 - A member shall cease to be a member of the club if he/she is deemed by the club committee to be in contravention of the club rules on more than three occasions.</p> <p>The Merlins' club will close at 11pm, which will allow members to still use the tube to travel home.</p>
20	<p>The club would lead to an increase in noise levels</p> <p>Smoking</p> <p>Increased number of Taxi's</p> <p>Lights will be on much later</p> <p>Impact on the school</p>	<p>- The club is located within the basement of 1 Naoroji Street and is not licensed to play music. Therefore, noise from patrons and activity will be extremely low.</p> <p>Rule 17 - All Merlins' Club members and guests must behave in a reasonable and respectful manner within and around the Merlins' Club premises. Any member or guest who is deemed to be behave</p> <p>Rule 28 - "All Merlins' Club members who wish to smoke must do so within the designated smoking areas. The consumption of alcohol is not permitted within these areas."</p> <p>The smoking area will be designated within the 1 Naoroji Street Courtyard and limited to 4 people at any one time.</p> <p>The Merlins' club will close at 11pm, which will allow members to still use the tube to travel home.</p> <p>- The club is located within the basement of 1 Naoroji Street, which will reduce light exposure due to the minimal amount of windows. The club will also have no connection to the office floors and will therefore not cause lights to be left on any later than normal.</p> <p>The opening hours of the club have now been changed to 17:00hrs. This will reduce the impact on the residential block and will also remove the impact on the school.</p> <p>Rule 17 - All Merlins' Club members and guests must behave in a reasonable and respectful manner within and around the Merlins' Club premises. Any member or guest who is deemed to be behave</p> <p>Rule 5 - A member shall cease to be a member of the club if he/she is deemed by the club committee to be in contravention of the club rules on more than three occasions.</p> <p>The club is located within the basement of 1 Naoroji Street and is not licensed to play music. Therefore, noise from patrons and activity will be extremely low.</p> <p>The club will also have no connection to the office floors and will therefore not cause lights to be left on any later than normal.</p> <p>Rule 28 - "All Merlins' Club members who wish to smoke must do so within the designated smoking areas. The consumption of alcohol is not permitted within these areas."</p> <p>The smoking area will be designated within the 1 Naoroji Street Courtyard and limited to 4 people at any one time.</p>
21	<p>General Nuisance</p> <p>Disruption caused by music</p> <p>Lights will be on much later</p> <p>Smokers</p>	<p>Rule 17 - All Merlins' Club members and guests must behave in a reasonable and respectful manner within and around the Merlins' Club premises. Any member or guest who is deemed to be behaviour.</p> <p>Rule 5 - A member shall cease to be a member of the club if he/she is deemed by the club committee to be in contravention of the club rules on more than three occasions.</p> <p>The club is located within the basement of 1 Naoroji Street and is not licensed to play music. Therefore, noise from patrons and activity will be extremely low.</p> <p>The club will also have no connection to the office floors and will therefore not cause lights to be left on any later than normal.</p> <p>Rule 28 - "All Merlins' Club members who wish to smoke must do so within the designated smoking areas. The consumption of alcohol is not permitted within these areas."</p> <p>The smoking area will be designated within the 1 Naoroji Street Courtyard and limited to 4 people at any one time.</p>

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	Impact on the school	The opening hours of the club have now been changed to 17:00hrs. This will reduce the impact on the residential block and will also remove the impact on the school. Rule 17 - All Merlin's Club members and guests must behave in a reasonable and respectful manner within and around the Merlin's Club premises. Any member or guest who is deemed to be behave
	increased number of Taxi's	The Merlin's club will close at 11pm, which will allow members to still use the tube to travel home.

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22	<p>These already host 2 unlicensed late night outdoor parties per month, creating a huge amount of noise.</p> <p>There is also a continuing problem with of private rubbish collection and deliveries to the rear of 1 Naoeroji Street that happen during ours proscribed by residential by-laws.</p>	<p>The Claim that Buro Four "2 unlicensed late night outdoor parties per month" is not only unfounded but also erroneous.  <b>Rule 17 - All Merlins' Club members and guests must behave in a reasonable and respectful manner within and around the Merlins' Club premises. Any member or guest who is deemed to be behaviour</b></p> <p>This issue is not connected to the Merlins' club application.</p>
23	<p>impact on the surgery and school</p>	<p>The opening hours of the club have now been changed to 17:00hrs. This will reduce the impact on the residential block and will also remove the impact on the school.  <b>Rule 17 - All Merlins' Club members and guests must behave in a reasonable and respectful manner within and around the Merlins' Club premises. Any member or guest who is deemed to be behave</b></p>
24	<p>Nuisance</p> <p>Noise</p> <p>Smokers</p> <p>Taxi Noise</p> <p>Impact on Children</p>	<p>A number of rules have been put in place to reduce any possible effect of anti social drinking. These are as follows:  <b>Rule 5 - A member shall cease to be a member of the club if he/she is deemed by the club committee to be in contravention of the club rules on more than three occasions.</b>  <b>Rule 17 - All Merlins' Club members and guests must behave in a reasonable and respectful manner within and around the Merlins' Club premises. Any member or guest who is deemed to be behaving in a disorderly conduct will be removed from the club premises and banned from the club.</b>  <b>The latest members will leave the club is 23:00hrs. This is as per hours noted within the Noise Act 1997</b>  <b>Rule 18 - Any Merlins' Club member or guest who is deemed to be drunk will not be sold alcohol. Depending on the members / guest behaviour that person may also be asked by the club secretary or committee member to leave the premises.</b>  <b>Rule 19 - Merlins' Club members or guests are not permitted to purchase alcohol for any individual who has been refused alcohol on the premises. Any member or guest who is seen to do so will be asked to leave the club and their membership will be reviewed by the club secretary and committee.</b></p> <p>As well as the controlled explained within the rules noted above the Merlins club will control noise. There will be music played within the club as this has not been included within the application. Therefore, there will be minimal noise and no "thumping vibration". Furthermore, as the club is a small members bar for employees use, it is highly unlikely that there will be queuing in the street.</p> <p><b>Rule 28 - "All Merlins' Club members who wish to smoke must do so within the designated smoking areas. The consumption of alcohol is not permitted within these areas."</b>  <b>The smoking area will be designated within the 1 Naoeroji Street Courtyard and limited to 4 people at any one time.</b></p> <p>The Merlins' club will close at 11pm, which will allow members to still use the tube to travel home.</p> <p>The opening hours of the club have now been changed to 17:00hrs. This will reduce the impact on the residential block and will also remove the impact on the school.  <b>Rule 17 - All Merlins' Club members and guests must behave in a reasonable and respectful manner within and around the Merlins' Club premises. Any member or guest who is deemed to be behave</b></p>

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25	Increased noise and anti social behaviour.	<p>A number of rules have been put in place to reduce any possible effect of anti social drinking. These are as follows.</p> <p>Rule 5 - A member shall cease to be a member of the club if he/she is deemed by the club committee to be in contravention of the club rules on more than three occasions.</p> <p>Rule 17 - All Merlins' Club members and guests must behave in a reasonable and respectful manner within and around the Merlins' Club premises. Any member or guest who is deemed to be behaving in a disorderly conduct will be removed from the club premises and banned from the club.</p> <p>The latest members will leave the club is 23:00hrs. This is as per hours noted within the Noise Act 1997</p> <p>Rule 18 - Any Merlins' Club member or guest who is deemed to be drunk will not be sold alcohol. Depending on the members / guest behaviour that person may also be asked by the club secretary or committee member to leave the premises.</p> <p>Rule 19 - Merlins' Club members or guests are not permitted to purchase alcohol for any individual who has been refused alcohol on the premises. Any member or guest who is seen to do so will be asked to leave the club and their membership will be reviewed by the club secretary and committee.</p>

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Public Entertainment 7hr guests per member.		No public entertainment has been included within the license.  This rule has now been changed to 2 guests per member. Rule 15 - Members of the Merlins' Club are allowed to invite a maximum of 2 guests (subject to club premises capacity) into the club at any one time. All members must ensure that each of their guests signs into the building at the Buro Four main reception desk and then signs into the Merlins' Club visitor book.
26 Smokers		Rule 28 - "All Merlins' Club members who wish to smoke must do so within the designated smoking areas. The consumption of alcohol is not permitted within these areas." The smoking area will be designated within the 1 Naoroji Street Courtyard and limited to 4 people at any one time.
Application for BBQ's		No application has been made for BBQ's. Any such event would require a temporary events notice application, which would be made through Islington Council.
Back door way of obtaining permission for running a commercial enterprise.		This is not the case, which is explained in rule 8. Rule 8 - - All Merlins' Club members are kept informed of the Merlins' Club matters. - No one individual receives a commission or percentage deriving from the sale of alcohol within the Merlins' Club. - Expenses incurred in managing the club shall be recorded in the club's cash account. - All money generated from the operation of Merlins' Club will be reinvested back into the Merlins' Club as appropriate.

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**Appendix B**

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# Merlins' Club Rules



Issue: 3

Date: 12/02/13

Rule Number	Rule Description
1	<p>The Merlins' Club is operated and managed by a club committee, which is lead by a club secretary (key administrator for the club) and 5 club committee members. The committee is elected and run under the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Merlins' Club committee members must be elected by the club members</li> <li>- Merlins' Club committee members will run for 12 months</li> <li>- Merlins' Club committee members must be elected by at least two members of the Merlins' Club.</li> </ul>
2	Merlins' Club must always have a minimum of 25 members.
3	<p>The Merlins' Club is open to any employee of Buro Four or building tenant* at 1 Naoroji Street. All applications need to be over the age of 18 and should complete an application as per the details listed in rule number 4 (below).</p> <p><i>*Note: In this case a building tenant is defined as an individual who is part of an organisation that pays a specified rent to occupy or use part of the 1 Naoroji Street building. In the event that a tenants lease is terminated, their Merlins' Club membership will also be terminated.</i></p>
4	<p>A prospective member of the Merlins' club must apply directly to the club secretary for approval.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Applicants will be informed of their membership approval / refusal by the club secretary within 5 days of their application.</li> <li>- Following approval by the club secretary an applicant must wait a period of 2 consecutive days prior to their admission as a club member.</li> <li>-The club reserves the right to refuse admission to any person without giving a reason</li> </ul>
5	A member shall cease to be a member of the club if he/she is deemed by the club committee to be in contravention of the club rules on more than three occasions.
6	Merlin Club has a free membership policy and will therefore not involve an associated fee.
7	The Merlins' Club will only open and operate when at least one member of the Merlins' Club committee is present within the club premises.
8	<p>The Merlins' Club committee are responsible for ensuring that the Merlins' Club is always conducted in good faith and is conducted in accordance with the letter and spirit of the club description implemented by the members. The club description may only be changed by agreement of not less than 75% of current members of the club.</p> <p>As a result the Merlins' Club Committee are responsible for ensuring that the following criteria are always followed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All Merlins' Club members are kept informed of the Merlins' Club matters.</li> <li>- No one individual receives a commission or percentage deriving from the sale of alcohol within the Merlins' Club.</li> <li>- Expenses incurred in managing the club shall be recorded in the club's cash account.</li> <li>- All money generated from the operation of Merlins' Club will be reinvested back into the Merlins' Club as appropriate.</li> </ul>
9	All cheques or BACS payment drawn on the club's account shall require an authorised signature from the club secretary and financial director at Buro Four
10	No club member shall make any commitment on behalf of the club or commit club funds without written authorisation to do so.
11	The club secretary will lead a Merlins' Club committee meeting once a month. The minutes from these meetings will be issued to all club members to ensure they are kept up to date with the clubs affairs, finances and proceedings.
12	A Merlins' Club meeting will take place once a year. All members will be invited to the meeting and the minutes of these meetings will be circulated to all members to ensure that all members are aware of any issue discuss or decisions made.
13	The rules of the Merlins' Club may be amended or rescinded at a properly constituted meeting of the club subject to agreement by at least 75% of members present.
14	<p>The Merlins' Club committee must inspect the club premises at least once a month to ensure that the premises reaches the appropriate standards of a club premises under the Licensing Act 2003.</p> <p>Any necessary improvements or repairs will be paid for through the club operating profits and will be approved by the club secretary.</p>
15	Members of the Merlins' Club are allowed to invite a maximum of <del>7</del> 2 guests (subject to club premises capacity) into the club at any one time. All members must ensure that each of their guests signs into the building at the Buro Four main reception desk and then signs into the Merlins' Club visitor book.
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18	<p>Any Merlins' Club member or guest who is deemed to be drunk will not be sold alcohol. Depending on the members / guest behaviour that person may also be asked by the club secretary or committee member to leave the premises.</p> <p>Note: It is a legal offence to not leave a licenced Premises at the request of the club secretary, licence or committee member. If such a situation does arise, the person on on duty will notify the police and ask for you to be removed.</p>
19	Merlins' Club members or guests are not permitted to purchase alcohol for any individual who has been refused alcohol on the premises. Any member or guest who is seen to do so will be asked to leave the club and their membership will be reviewed by the club secretary and committee.

## Merlins' Club Rules



20	The Merlins' Club committee is responsible for the purchase and supply of alcohol to all club members and their guests. Further to this, the club committee will ensure that no one individual receives a commission or percentage deriving from the sale of alcohol within the Merlins' Club premises.
21	The sale of alcohol to club members and guests within the Merlins' Club is only permitted during the defined Merlins' Club opening hours as specified in the club certificate.
22	All alcohol sold within the Merlins' Club must be consumed within the Merlins' Club premises. Strictly no alcohol sold within the Merlins' Club can be consumed off the premises. Failure to comply with this rule will result in the termination of a members club membership.
23	It is not permitted to exhibit any film, music, or other regulated form of entertainment within the Merlins' Club.
24	It is not permitted to carry out or display any type of drinking promotion within the Merlins' Club.
25	Merlins' Club members must gain the permission of the Club secretary if they wish to hold an event within the Merlins' Club outside of the defined opening hours. As part of any request to hold such an event the member must provide a written description of the event and complete a temporary event notice for the club secretary to sign off and issue to Islington Council.
26	Strictly no children are allowed within the Merlins' Club Premises.
27	The Merlins' Club premises is capped to 100 people. Once maximum capacity has been reached admittance into the club will be restricted to a "one in, one out" policy to ensure the premises is never over capacity.
28	All Merlins' Club members who wish to smoke must do so within the designated smoking area within the 1 Naorjol Street Courtyard. The consumption of alcohol is not permitted within these areas. There can be a maximum of 4 smokers within the smoking area at any one time.
29	Any disputes as to the interpretation of these rules shall be decided by the club secretary unless notice is properly served requesting that the matter should be resolved by a special general meeting of club members.



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**1 NAOROJI STREET**

You have asked me about the need for planning permission for your company hospitality suite in Insurance House and I understand that you have applied for a premises licence for this which has precipitated discussion about this with the Borough's planning officers.

The position is quite simple. As a large former school that was converted to offices in the 1930's Insurance House has a lawful use as offices as a result of this being in existence on the 'appointed day' when the post war planning system came into effect.

The planning unit relating to the lawful use as offices is all of Insurance House and its site. This is a large office occupied by your company and other tenants and, as is the norm with offices of this type, there is a wide range of facilities that go to make up the primary offices use. These ancillary uses include meeting suites, training facilities and catering facilities. It is quite normal for offices to have these ancillary uses and I am sure that the original Insurance company would have had extensive catering and hospitality facilities for staff when it originally converted the school.

The modern generation of offices in London (and especially those in the creative and IT sectors) are very much focussed on creating informal working and social spaces within the workplace and your recent refurbishment is a very good example of this. Hospitality facilities within offices for use by staff clients and others are commonplace.

The role of your hospitality suite as an ancillary use subsumed within the primary office use is not at all affected by the fact that you have chosen to apply for a premises licence. It is the use and activity that matters and not the question of whether you have a licence or not.

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The key factor is the ancillary nature of the suite in Insurance House and the pattern of its use which is integral to the use of the building as a large office. It remains a part of the main planning unit and is not used as a separate self-constrained facility It is part of the offices.

All these factors mean that there is no material change in the use of your building as a result of the granting of a license and it follows that there is no need for planning permission.

Yours sincerely  
Metropolis Planning & Design LLP

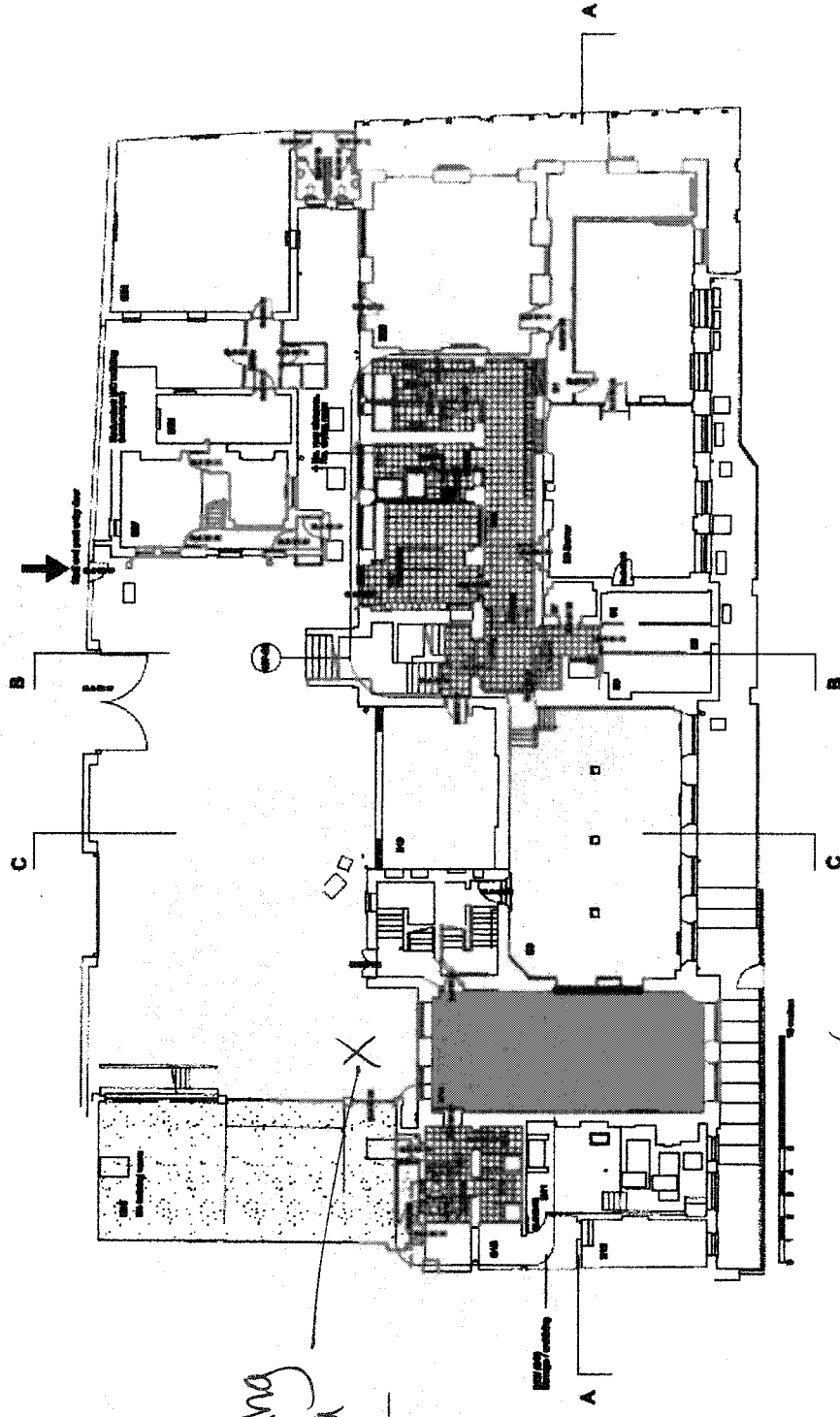
Greg Cooper  
Partner

**Suggested conditions of approval consistent with the operating schedule**

1. All staff shall be informed regarding the promotion of the licensing objectives through email and via website updates.
2. A copy of the club rules will be located within the bar where they can be easily seen.
3. Members and their guests shall be encouraged to sit down when consuming alcohol.
4. An appropriate number of staff shall be present behind the bar.
5. An effective system for monitoring the club capacity shall be employed to avoid overcrowding.
6. No drink promotions shall be permitted.
7. A security guard shall be on duty at the premises from 18:00 to 06:00.
8. CCTV shall be maintained at the premises with cameras covering all access/egress routes.
9. A security card, or similar system, shall be used to ensure only employees are able to freely enter the premises. Non-employees shall be required to sign in before entering the bar area.
10. Lights shall be switched off when not required.
11. Cigarette bins shall be provided within designated smoking areas.
12. Children shall not be permitted in the bar area during club operating times.

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Smoking area

- Proposed Bar Area**
- Unfinished concrete
  - Carpet, Wickström Linnar Nordic Grey M857120
  - Vinyl flooring M857120
  - Door (not used floor schedule)

Room Data - Revision Comments



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Proposed lower ground GA  
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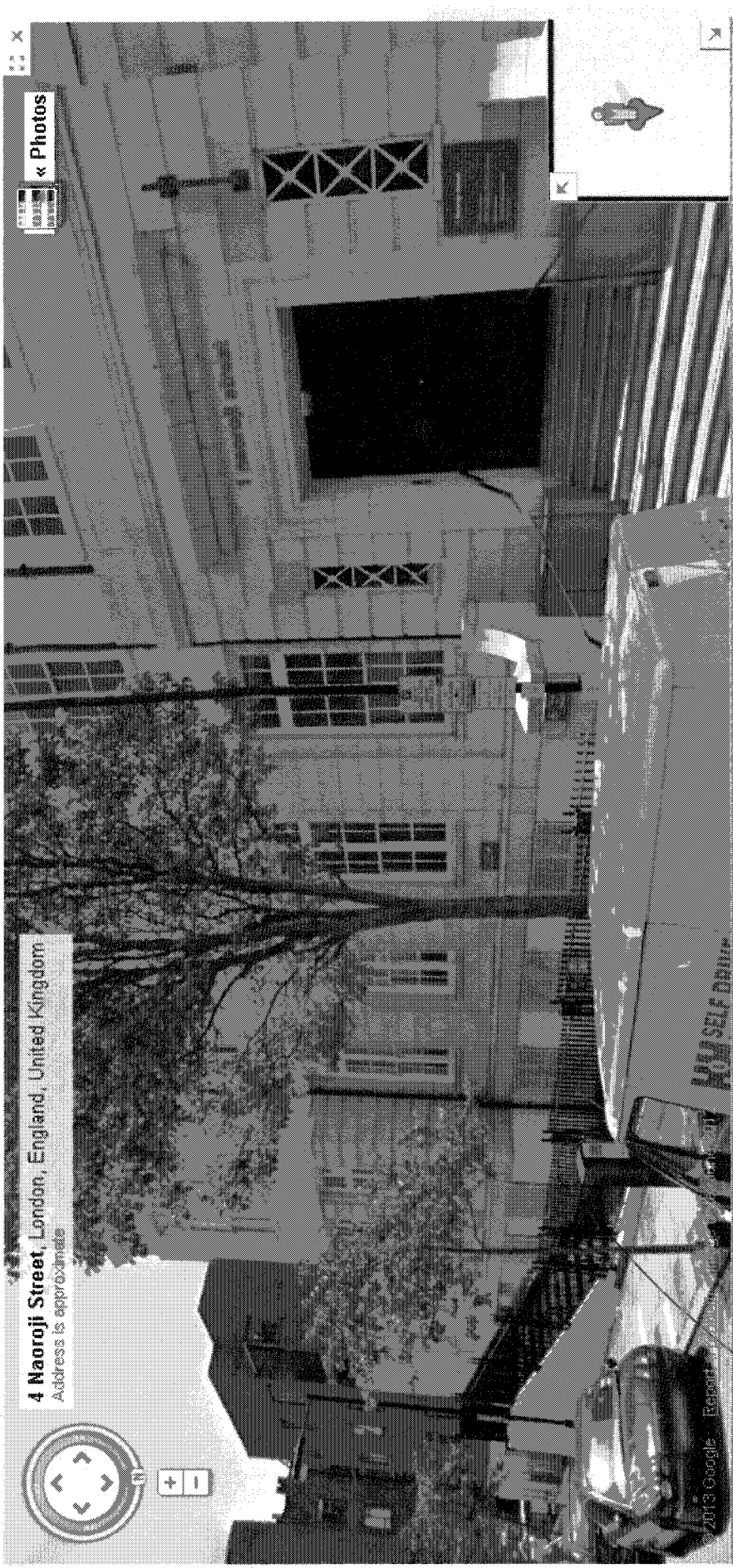


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View from Naoroji Street

Club

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