

Environment & Regeneration Municipal Office, 222 Upper Street, London, N1 1XR

# Report of: Service Director, Public Protection

Meeting of	Date	Agenda Item	Ward(s)	
Licensing Sub-Committee	17 May 2016		Bunhill	·

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Subject:

PREMISES LICENCE NEW APPLICATION

THE OFFICE GROUP, GROUND & FIRST FLOOR, 256-260 OLD STREET,

**LONDON EC1V 9DD** 

### 1. Synopsis

- 1.1 This is an application for a new premise licence under the Licensing Act 2003.
- 1.2 The new application is to:
  - I. Supply alcohol for consumption on and off the premises from 10:00 until 23:00 Sunday to Thursday and from 10:00 to 00:00 Friday and Saturday;
  - II. The provision of the regulated entertainment of recorded music and exhibition of films from 10:00 until 23:00 Sunday to Thursday and from 10:00 to 00:00 Friday and Saturday;
  - III. Provision of late night refreshment from 23:00 to 00:00 Friday and Saturday.
  - IV. Opening hours of the premises from 00:00 to 24:00 Monday to Sunday.

# 2. Relevant Representations

Licensing Authority	No
Metropolitan Police	No

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Noise	No
Health and Safety	No
Trading Standards	No
Public Health	No
Safeguarding Children	No
London Fire Brigade	No
Local residents	Yes - 1 Local Resident
Other bodies	No

# 3. Background

3.1 Papers are attached as follows:-

Appendix 1:

application form;

Appendix 2:

representation;

Appendix 3:

suggested conditions and map of premises location.

3.2 The premises is currently unlicensed.

### 4. Planning Implications

4.1 No adverse observations have been received from Planning regarding this new application.

### 5 Recommendations

- 5.1 To determine the application for a new premises licence under Section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003
- 5.2 To consider that this address is in the Bunhill Saturation or "Cumulative Impact Policy" of Islington. This special policy creates a rebuttable presumption that applications for new premises licences, club premises certificates, or variation applications that are likely to add to the existing cumulative impact will normally be refused, unless the applicant can demonstrate why the operation of the premises involved will not add to the cumulative impact or otherwise impact adversely on the promotion of the licensing objectives.
- 5.3 If the Committee grants the application it should be subject to:
  - i. conditions prepared by the Licensing Officer which are consistent with the Operating Schedule (see appendix 4)
  - ii. any conditions deemed appropriate by the Committee to promote the four licensing objectives. (see appendix 4)

#### Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

6.1 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 as appropriate 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 5/5/16

Received by

Head of Scrutiny and Democratic Services

Date

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Application for a premises licence to be granted

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

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State the name and details of the individual whom you wish to specify on the licence as designated premises supervisor:

Name Hayley Anne Murfin		
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Personal licence number (if known) 05/00104		
Issuing licensing authority (if known) Woking Borough Council	**	þ

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

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# The Office Group Albert House 1-4 Singer Street & 256-260 Old Street

# **Proposed Schedule of Conditions**

- 1. The venue shall install and maintain a comprehensive CCTV system at the premises as per the minimum requirements of a Metropolitan Police Licensing Team. All entry and exit points will be covered enabling frontal identification of every person entering in any light condition. The CCTV system shall continually record whilst the venue is open for licensable activities and during all times when customers remain on the premises. All recordings shall be stored for a minimum period of 31 days with date and time stamping. Recordings shall be immediately arranged by a member of staff for hand over to Police or authorised officer following their request, throughout the preceding 31 day period.
- A staff member from the premises who is conversant with the operation of the CCTV
  system shall be on the premises at all times when the premises is open to the public.
  This staff member must be able to show a Police or authorised council officer recent
  data or footage with the absolute minimum of delay when requested.
- Substantial food and non-intoxicating beverages, including drinking water, shall be available in all parts of the premises where alcohol is sold or supplied for consumption on the premises.
- 4. There shall be no advertising displayed on the building of the licensed facilities save for the name and nature of the business.
- 5. The use under this licence shall be ancillary to the office use of the premises and alcohol may only be sold to:
  - a. Office tenants those persons with a minimum three month contract to occupy office space at these or other Office Group premises;
  - b. Club Room members those persons who pay a minimum membership of £150 per calendar month;
  - c. Virtual office members those persons who pay a minimum of £30 per calendar month and who pay a minimum charge of £10 per admission to the premises:
  - d. Persons attending a private pre-booked event or function, a list of functions to be kept at reception for inspection by the relevant authorities;
  - e. Directors and employees of the licence holder and its affiliated companies;
  - f. Persons who have pre-booked a meeting room and paid a minimum charge of £20 per visit;
  - g. Any guests of the above.
- 6. A list of the names and addresses of members shall be kept on the premises at all times together with a book showing the names and dates of attendance of any guests introduced by members. Both the list and the book shall be produced on demand for inspection by the police or an authorised officer of the Council.
- 7. An incident log shall be kept at the premises, and made available on request to an authorised officer of the City Council or the Police, which will record the following:

- a. all crimes reported to the venue
- b. all ejections of patrons
- c. any complaints received concerning crime and disorder
- d. any incidents of disorder
- e. any faults in the CCTV system
- f. any refusal of the sale of alcohol
- g. any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service.
- 8. Notices shall be prominently displayed at exits reminding persons leaving to respect the needs of local residents and to leave the premises quietly.
- 9. No noise shall emanate from the premises nor vibration be transmitted through the structure of the premises which gives rise to a nuisance.
- 10. No deliveries or collections shall be made to or from the premises between 23:00 and 07:00 hours.
- 11. No rubbish, including bottles, shall be moved, removed or placed in outside areas between 2300 hours and 0700 hours.
- 12. The approved arrangements at the premises, including means of escape provisions, emergency warning equipment, the electrical installation and mechanical equipment, shall at all material times be maintained in good condition and full working order.
- 13. All emergency doors shall be maintained effectively self-closing and not held open other than by an approved device.
- 14. Off sales shall be restricted to within the premises at address 1-4 Singer Street and 256-260 Old Street and shall not be permitted to be taken outside of this address.
- 15. Patrons permitted to temporarily leave and then re-enter the premises, e.g. to smoke, shall not be permitted to take drinks or glass containers with them.
- 16. The approved arrangements at the premises, including means of escape provisions, emergency warning equipment, the electrical installation and mechanical equipment, shall at all material times be maintained in good condition and full working order.

# Williams, John

From:

Sent:

14 April 2016 14:34

To:

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Subject:

Representation on application - Albert House, Old St EC1

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Dear Licensing

# The Office Group, Albert House, Old Street EC1

I wish to make a Representation regarding the application for the above premises license application. The grounds for my representation are that I do not believe the application as it currently exists will be able to satisfy the objectives of the Licensing Act 2003. In particular I do not believe that the applicant has succeeded in meeting the following objectives:

- \* The prevention of crime and disorder
- \* Public safety
- \* The prevention of public nuisance

I would like to draw the Licensing Committee's attention to the fact that there is long history of problems associated this particular building, Albert House, together with the neighbouring premises when it was under previous ownership. The name of the establishment in Albert House is what is known as

Across the road, on the other side of Old Street is high density housing stretching from the Old St Roundabout to Piffled Street N1. As residents we are already adversely affected by the night time economy in the Shoreditch area, being one of the main 'gateways' and transport hubs for the area. We are particularly affected by that has frequent crime and disorder and public nuisance matters when disgorging its clientele. Terry Lane will be able to confirm that she has had numerous complaints over the years about this venue.

I would also like to ask the Licensing Committee to consider that the residential side of the road comes under the auspices of Hackney Licensing and it is the intention of LBH to extend the Shoreditch 'Special Policy Area' (SPA) from its current end point of Pitfield Street N1 to the Old Street Roundabout and so it is to be hoped that Islington Licensing will recognise that this proposed measure indicates the scale of the problems that residents have to contend with, particularly Thursday - Sunday nights.

My understanding of the application in question is to enable the offices within Albert House to host seminars, training sessions and so forth and to provide the attendees with some alcoholic refreshment. However the license that has been applied for does not reflect this - the application would be more consistent with a fully fledged bar open to the public at large.

In particular, there is no need for a music license if only background music is to be played, at a level that permits normal conversation. The request for both On and Off Sales is also not consistent with the activity that they purport is to take place, likewise the hours and days that they have applied for. Further, I am unable to see any volunteered conditions such as designated smoking area, a policy on taking glasses and bottles outside of the premises, CCTV and SIS Security to ensure that the users of the alcohol facilities are

monitored. If a full music license is genuinely sought, the sound mitigation must be considered - acoustic glazing, sound limiting equipment and so forth.

I would be prepared to withdraw my objection if the application for music is withdrawn and that permitted days are restricted to Monday - Friday and the hours limited to 10.00 - 22.00. I would also like the fire capacity to be made known of the area that is intended for the sale and consumption of alcohol and that all nearby residents (as mentioned above) are provided in writing (a mail drop) with the names and telephone numbers of the DPS and the Premises License holder(s).

Yours sincerely

# Suggested conditions of approval consistent with the operating schedule

- 1. CCTV shall be installed, operated and maintained in agreement with the Police. Maintained means that the system will be regularly serviced (at least once a year) and checked every two weeks to ensure that it is storing images correctly and a log kept and signed by a Supervisor to this effect. The system will provide an identifiable full head and shoulder image of everyone entering the premises and will operate in any light conditions within the premises. The system will cover the full exterior of the premises and shall record in real time, date and time stamped and will operate whilst the premises is open for licensable activities. The recordings will be kept for a minimum of 31 days and copies will be made available to an Authorised Officer or a Police Officer (subject to the Data Protection Act 1998) within 24hrs of any request free of charge. There will always be a member of staff on duty who can operate the system, to allow Officers to view recordings and if required by a Police Officer, provide a copy of images immediately free of charge to assist in the immediate investigation of offences. If the system malfunctions and will not be operating for longer than one day of business then Police must be informed.
- 2. Substantial food and non-intoxicating beverages, including drinking water, shall be available in all parts of the premises where alcohol is sold or supplied for consumption on the premises.
- 3. There shall be no advertising displayed on the building of the licensed facilities save for the name and nature of the business.
- 4. The use under this licence shall be ancillary to the office use of the premises and alcohol may only be sold to:
  - a. Office tenants those persons with a minimum three month contract to occupy office space at these or other Office Group premises;
  - b. Club Room members those persons who pay a minimum membership of £150 per calendar month;
  - c. Virtual office members those persons who pay a minimum of £30 per calendar month and who pay a minimum charge of £10 per admission to the premises;
  - d. Persons attending a private pre-booked event or function, a list of functions to be kept at reception for inspection by the relevant authorities;
  - e. Directors and employees of the licence holder and its affiliated companies;
  - f. Persons who have pre-booked a meeting room and paid a minimum charge of £20 per visit;
  - g. Any guests of the above.
- 5. A list of the names and addresses of members shall be kept on the premises at all times together with a book showing the names and dates of attendance of any guests introduced by members. Both the list and the book shall be produced on demand for inspection by the police or an authorised officer of the Council.
- 6. An incident log shall be kept at the premises, and made available on request to an authorised officer of the City Council or the Police, which will record the following:
  - a. all crimes reported to the venue
  - b. all ejections of patrons
  - c. any complaints received concerning crime and disorder
  - d. any incidents of disorder
  - e. any faults in the CCTV system
  - f. any refusal of the sale of alcohol
  - g. any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service.
- 7. Notices shall be prominently displayed at exits reminding persons leaving to respect the needs of local residents and to leave the premises quietly.
- 8. No noise shall emanate from the premises nor vibration be transmitted through the structure of the premises which gives rise to a nuisance.

- 9. No deliveries or collections shall be made to or from the premises between 23:00 and 07:00 hours.
- 10. No rubbish, including bottles, shall be moved, removed or placed in outside areas between 2300 hours and 0700 hours.
- 11. The approved arrangements at the premises, including means of escape provisions, emergency warning equipment, the electrical installation and mechanical equipment, shall at all material times be maintained in good condition and full working order.
- 12. All emergency doors shall be maintained effectively self-closing and not held open other than by an approved device.
- 13. Off sales shall be restricted to consumption within the premises and terrace at address 1-4 Singer Street and 256-260 Old Street and shall not be permitted to be taken outside of this address.
- 14. Patrons permitted to temporarily leave and then re-enter the premises, e.g. to smoke, shall not be permitted to take drinks or glass containers with them.
- 15. The approved arrangements at the premises, including means of escape provisions, emergency warning equipment, the electrical installation and mechanical equipment, shall at all material times be maintained in good condition and full working order.
- 16. Where alcohol as a result of an off sale on the premises is consumed on the third floor terrace the terrace perimeter shall be sufficiently protected and barriered so as to prevent anything being dropped over the edge.
- 17. The premises shall be operated as a serviced office space only (serviced office definition to include drop-in/co-working shared workspace, meeting rooms, and private offices on flexible agreements, along with meeting rooms, and uses ancillary to this main use)

