



**Resources Department  
Town Hall, Upper Street, London, N1 2UD**

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## **AGENDA FOR THE LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE B**

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Members of Licensing Sub Committee B are summoned to a meeting, which will be held in Committee Room 1, Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on **28 January 2020 at 6.30 pm.**

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Despatched : 20 January 2020

### **Membership**

Councillor Phil Graham (Chair)  
Councillor Vivien Cutler (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor Matt Nathan

### **Substitute**

All other members of the Licensing committee

Quorum: is 3 Councillors

**Welcome :** Members of the public are welcome to attend this meeting.  
Procedures to be followed at the meeting are attached.



## A. Formal matters

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1. Introductions and procedure
2. Apologies for absence
3. Declarations of substitute members
4. Declarations of interest

If you have a **Disclosable Pecuniary Interest\*** in an item of business:

- if it is not yet on the council's register, you **must** declare both the existence and details of it at the start of the meeting or when it becomes apparent;
- you may **choose** to declare a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest that is already in the register in the interests of openness and transparency.

In both the above cases, you **must** leave the room without participating in discussion of the item.

If you have a **personal** interest in an item of business **and** you intend to speak or vote on the item you **must** declare both the existence and details of it at the start of the meeting or when it becomes apparent but you **may** participate in the discussion and vote on the item.

**\*(a) Employment, etc** - Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.

**(b) Sponsorship** - Any payment or other financial benefit in respect of your expenses in carrying out duties as a member, or of your election; including from a trade union.

**(c) Contracts** - Any current contract for goods, services or works, between you or your partner (or a body in which one of you has a beneficial interest) and the council.

**(d) Land** - Any beneficial interest in land which is within the council's area.

**(e) Licences**- Any licence to occupy land in the council's area for a month or longer.

**(f) Corporate tenancies** - Any tenancy between the council and a body in which you or your partner have a beneficial interest.

**(g) Securities** - Any beneficial interest in securities of a body which has a place of business or land in the council's area, if the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body or of any one class of its issued share capital.

This applies to **all** members present at the meeting.

5. Order of Business
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**C. Urgent non-exempt items**

Any non-exempt items which the Chair agrees should be considered urgently by reason of special circumstances. The reasons for urgency will be agreed by the Chair and recorded in the minutes.

**D. Exclusion of public and press**

To consider whether, in view of the nature of the remaining items on the agenda, any of them are likely to involve the disclosure of exempt or confidential information within the terms of the Access to Information Procedure Rules in the Constitution and, if so, whether to exclude the press and public during discussion thereof.

**E. Urgent Exempt Items (if any)**

Any exempt items which the Chair agrees should be considered urgently by reason of special circumstances. The reasons for urgency will be agreed by the Chair and recorded in the minutes.

## **ISLINGTON LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEES -**

### **PROCEDURE FOR HEARING LICENSING REVIEW APPLICATIONS UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **TIME GUIDE**

- 1) The Chair of the Sub-Committee will open the meeting and invite all members of the Sub-Committee, Officers, the applicant and anybody making representations, including witnesses (who have been given permission to appear) to introduce themselves.
- 2) The Chair will introduce the application and draw attention to the procedure to be followed as detailed below.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS:**

**N.B. The Sub-Committee have read all the papers. All parties should use this time to present a summary of their key points and not to repeat the detail already provided in the report.**

- 3) **The Licensing Officer** will report any further information relating to the application or representations.  
Where necessary the relevant parties will respond to these points during their submissions.
- 4) **The applicant (interested party or responsible authority)** to present the key points of their representations; and clarify any points requested by the Authority. Witnesses, given permission by the Authority, may appear. 10 mins
- 5) The Sub-Committee to question the applicant (interested party or responsible authority) on matters arising from their submission.
- 6) **Other representatives (interested party or responsible authority)** to present the key points of their representations; and clarify any points requested by the Authority. Witnesses, given permission by the Authority, may appear. 10 mins
- 7) The Sub-Committee to question the other representatives (interested party or responsible authority) on matters arising from their submission.
- 8) **The licensee** to present the key points of their application, address the representations and clarify any points requested by the Authority. Witnesses given permission by the Authority may appear. 10 mins
- 9) The Sub-Committee to question the applicants on matters arising from their submission.
- 10) If required, the Licensing Officer to clarify matters relating to the application and the Licensing Policy.
- 11) The Chair may give permission for any party to question another party in the order of representations given above.

#### **CASE SUMMARIES**

- 12) **Applicant**
  - 13) **Other representatives**
  - 14) **Licensee**
- 2  
mins  
each

#### **DELIBERATION AND DECISION**

- 15) The Sub-Committee may retire to consider its decision. The Committee Clerk and Legal Officer will remain with the Sub-Committee.
- 16) If the Sub-Committee retires, all parties should remain available to provide further information or clarification.
- 17) The chair will announce their decision giving reasons and any conditions to be attached to the licence. All parties will be informed of the decision in writing.



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

<b>Meeting of:</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Ward(s):</b>
Licensing Sub-Committee -	28/01/2020	Bunhill

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**SUBJECT: PREMISES LICENCE REVIEW APPLICATION**  
**RE: CLUB AQUARIUM, 256-260 OLD STREET,**  
**LONDON EC1V 9DD**

**1. Synopsis**

- 1.1 This is an application by **The Metropolitan Police** for a Review of the Premises Licence under Section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003. A copy of the review application is attached as Appendix 1.
- 1.2 The grounds for review is related to the following licensing objectives:
- i) The prevention of crime and disorder;
  - ii) Public Safety;
  - iii) The prevention of public nuisance;

**2. Relevant Representations**

Licensing Authority	Yes
Metropolitan Police	Applicant
Noise	No
Health and Safety	No
Trading Standards	No
Public Health	No

Safeguarding Children	No
London Fire Brigade	No
Local residents	No:
Other bodies	Yes-Night Time Industry Association & Adonis cabaret in support of the premises

### 3. Background

3.1 The premises currently holds a licence allowing:

- i) The sale by retail of alcohol, Monday and Tuesday; from 09:00 to 02:30, Wednesday, from, 09:00 to 03:30, Thursday from, 09:00 to 06:00, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, from 09:00 to 09:00 the following day.
- ii) The provision of late night refreshment, Monday and Tuesday, from 23:00 to 03:00, Wednesday and Thursday and Sunday from 23:00 to 04:00, Friday and Saturday, from 23:00 to 05:00.
- iii) The provision of regulated entertainment by way of, the performance of live music; Monday and Tuesday 09:00 to 03:00, Wednesday from 09:00 to 04:00, Thursday, 09:00 to 06:00, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 09:00 to 09:00 the following day.
- iv) The playing of recorded music, Monday to Sunday, from 00:00 to 00:00
- v) The performance of dance, Monday and Tuesday, from 09:00 to 03:00, Wednesday, from 09:00 to 04:00, Thursday, from 09:00 to 06:00, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, from 09:00 to 09:00 the following day.

3.2 Licensing History:

- In July 2005 an application was made to convert the Justice's On Licence into a premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003 which came into effect in November 2005.
- The premises also applied to vary the licence at the same time and at the Licensing Sub Committee on 8 August 2005 it was granted.
- The premises licence holder is Aquarium Management Ltd,
- The Designated Premises Supervisor was Hassan Amirhosseini
- On 20 December 2019 the Designated Premises Supervisor was varied to Alper Satici.
- On 27 February 2014 the Licensee and DPS were invited to attend the Licensing Officers Panel to discuss concerns regarding the management of the premises and the door supervisor provision. Assurances were given from the licensee that the security company had been changed, will check that all SIA registrations are legitimate, all staff to enter their details in log book, security staff to be fully briefed in relation to their duties, incident log book to be kept to record details of any refusals, ejections and calls to Police.
- On 9 September 2017 Licensing officers attended the premises following a complaint that strip tease was being offered at the premises without a valid SEV licence. Adonis Cabaret are the company providing hen entertainment at the club and they advertise on their website. The premises were advised that if they wanted to provide strip tease they need to obtain the correct SEV licence.
- On 5 October 2017 the DPS and the director of Adonis Cabaret attended the Licensing Officers Panel following the complaint of unauthorised striptease entertainment being offered at the premises, CCTV not covering the stage at the time of visit.
- On 14 October 2017 a visit was made to the premises by Council and Police Licensing Officers. A full Police 696 assessment was carried out looking at various information and documents relating to door supervisors time sheets, incident book, CCTV, first aid training, door supervisor details and badges and premises licence.

- On 27 April 2018 Council and Police Licensing Officers carried out a visit to the premises and spoke to the DPS Hassan. The Police had received intelligence that there could possibly be a serious incident occurring involving the DJ.
- On 27 September 2018 the licensee was invited to attend the Licensing Officers Panel on 11 October 2018 regarding a request from police in regard to an assault at the premises, recent police and licensing visits and the new door team.
- On 23 January 2019 a minor variation application to update the premises licence conditions was submitted following liaison with Police Licensing Officers.
- On 11 June 2019 the Licensee and DPS attended the Licensing Officers Panel following poor crowd control and lack of security at the premises where they were hosting of the Arsenal v Chelsea Europa League Final, which took place on 29 May 2019 for those fans who didn't travel to Baku.
- On 13 August 2019 a minor variation was submitted, the variation was to remove all conditions relating to the swimming pool as it had been removed, to add a bar within the new VIP seating area and amend Annex 2 Condition 7 in relation to capacity and Annex 2 Condition 11 due to the removal of the pool.
- On 14 September 2019 a visit to the premises was made by Council and Police Licensing Officers, to obtain requested CCTV footage, the DPS advised the officers he has been in communication with licensing regarding the ongoing minor variation. The premises were getting busy but no issues at the time of the visit.
- On 6 December 2019 the review application submitted.

#### **4. Recommendations**

- 4.1 To determine the application to review the premises licence under Section 52 of the Licensing Act.
- 4.2 The Committee must have regard to the application and any relevant representations. The Committee must take such steps as necessary for the promotion of the four licensing objectives.
- 4.3 The steps stated in Sections 52(4) of the Act are as follows:
  - a) to modify the conditions of the licence; and for this purpose the conditions of the licence are modified if any of them are altered, omitted or any new condition is added;
  - b) to exclude a licensable activity from the scope of the licence;
  - c) to remove the designated premises supervisor;
  - d) to suspend the licence for a period not exceeding three months;
  - e) to revoke the licence;
  - f) the Committee also have the option to leave the licence in its existing state;
  - g) the Committee also has the power in relation to steps a) and b) to provide that the modification and exclusion only has effect for a limited period not exceeding three months.

## 5. 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 as appropriate to promote the licensing objectives.

### Appendices:

- Appendix 1: The application and Police witness statement;  
Appendix 2: Representations;  
Appendix 3: Current premises licence and plan of premises.

### Background papers:

None.

### Final report clearance:

### Signed by:



Service Director – Public Protection

Date 14/01/2020

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**TOTAL POLICING**

Form 691

## Application for the Review of a Premises Licence or Club Premises Certificate under the Licensing Act 2003

### PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

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

**I Petros Loizou Pc 3757CN**
**apply for the review of a premises licence under Section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003  
for the premises described in Part 1 below**

### Part 1 – Premises or club premises details

**Postal address of premises or club premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description:**

256-260 Old Street, London

**Post town:**

Islington

**Post code:**  
(if known)

EC1V 9DD

**Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known):**

Aquarium Management Ltd

**Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known):**

LN/11384-130819

### Part 2 – Applicant details

I am:

Please tick Yes

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|----------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b> | <b>an individual, body or business which is not a responsible authority</b><br>(please read guidance note 1 and complete (A) or (B) below) | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <b>2</b> | <b>a responsible authority (please complete (C) below)</b>   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>3</b> | <b>a member of the club to which this application relates (please complete section (A) below)</b>  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

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<b>(A) DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT</b> (fill in as applicable)									
Mr	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mrs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Miss	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ms	<input type="checkbox"/>	Any other title (e.g. Rev.)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Surname:				First Names:					
I am 18 years old or over							<input type="checkbox"/>		
Current postal address if different from premises address:									
Post town:				Post code:					
Daytime Tel. No.:				Email: (optional)					

<b>(B) DETAILS OF OTHER APPLICANT</b> (fill in as applicable)	
Name and Address:	
Telephone Number (if any):	
Email address: (optional)	

<b>(C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY APPLICANT</b> (fill in as applicable)	
Name and Address:	
Metropolitan Police	
Telephone Number (if any):	07919547416
Email address: (optional)	CNMailbox-.IslingtonPoliceLicensingTeam@met.police.uk

<b>This application to review relates to the following licensing objective(s)</b>	
	Please tick one or more boxes
1 The prevention of crime and disorder	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2 Public safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3 The prevention of public nuisance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4 The protection of children from harm	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Please state the ground(s) for review:</b> (please read guidance note 2)	
<p>This application is to review the premises licence for Club Aquarium 256-260 Old Street, Islington, EC1V 9DD. There are two premises licenses held by the venue. LN/11384-120819, held by Aquarium Management Ltd, Bullescroft Road, Edgware, Middlesex, HA8 8RW granted 24th November 2005. The second is held by New Albert House Ltd c/o CITCO B.V.I Ltd, Flemming House, P.O. Box 662, Wickhams Cay, GV1110 Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, granted 02nd June 2015. LN/15407-020615.</p> <p>This review is entered following ongoing concern with regard to the following Licensing Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The prevention of crime and disorder</li> <li>- Public Safety</li> <li>-The prevention of public nuisance</li> </ul> <p>This review is submitted after several incidents of disorder and serious crime occurring at the premises, and after ongoing attempts at engagement. Police feel that the above licensing objective's are not being upheld and that a change/ improvement to operating procedures is necessary in order to allow the venue to operate safely and in keeping with the licensing objectives.</p>	

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The decision to enter into review at this point has been made due to an incident that occurred on Sunday 20th October 2019 at 0205 hours. CAD 834/20Oct refers.

Police were called to the venue following reports of a 300+ crowd outside the venue, irate and disorderly having been refused entry. The crowd were angry as they had legitimately purchased tickets for the event yet were being turned away as the venue was at capacity. There was confusion as to whether tickets to the event had been oversold. The venue was hosting the event 'Afro Beats in the City', which according to the management at a previous meeting (16/10/19), had been a regular event over recent months.

Enquiries with the DPS revealed that 215 tickets had been sold online, however there is no evidence to confirm how many additional tickets were sold by the promoters. Over selling of tickets is the likely explanation for the cause of the disorder and overcrowding.

On the night in question the number of people attending was a lot higher than the venue had anticipated, resulting in them shutting its doors and stopping anyone else from entering. This highlights concern surrounding pre-event risk assessment and staffing levels.

As a result of the venue shutting, and the SIA team being unable to cope, police officers were left to deal with a large number of angry customers and attempting to diffuse an escalating situation. It is clear that the incident could, without police intervention, have escalated into a very large scale public order situation.

The scale of the situation, and the severity of the disorder, was such that Police officers had to be drafted in from different boroughs to deal with the incident.

Evidence offered in statements and bodyworn video footage from the attending officers demonstrate the huge numbers of people left outside and the anger and volatility shown by those not being afforded entry to the club. Members of the public can be heard protesting and arguing after alleging they had paid money to attend the event and were informed they could not enter. In the main it was left to the police to relay information, diffuse anger, and disperse the crowd. It was deemed that the venues security did very little to assist with the dispersal of the crowds.

Post Event the police licensing team contacted the management and requested an incident pack which should have included a risk assessment. The DPS gave the following response in an email dated 26/10/19;

"Regarding the advanced ticket sales online, I can confirm the total ticket sale online on the date in question where 215 sold and out of these sold tickets 28 ticket holders where not able to enter, we have been informed by our promoters they have been fully reimbursed, please see attached as evidence, we feel these where the ticket holders that where communicating their frustration towards our staff and Police."

It is impossible to determine the exact number of people who had purchased tickets prior to attending the venue but from viewing the CCTV footage there is indication that there were vastly more than 28 individuals who were not able to enter.

In relation to this incident the management have failed in the following areas.

- A well run premises would be expected to have clear communication with their promoters and failsafes in place to prevent over-selling of tickets. The management were unable to confirm numbers sold by the promoters, a failing which directly resulted in disorder.
- There has been a failure by the venue to identify early warnings of overcrowding due to poor risk assessment and execution of a dispersal plan resulting in the venue shutting its doors and calling the police.
- Following initial poor judgement by the DPS, who was on the premises running the event, there was a time delay in the venue contacting the police. As a result the situation escalated further creating a volatile environment, risk to public and ultimately risk to officers and a general strain on the emergency services.

The venue is located on the Old Street roundabout, an area which poses challenges in the night time economy due to a high number of licensed premises with late operating hours attracting audiences from around the metropolitan district.

Police submit evidence detailing recorded crimes linked to the premises prior to the 20th October 2019 which paint a clear picture of the problems faced by the venue and the need for urgent improvement.

Research carried out on the premises over the past 12 months (Sep18 – Sep19) show there have been 75 crimes reported. These can be categorised as follows;

- Thefts 35
- GBH 9
- Assaults 12
- Sexual Assaults 4
- Other 14

The crimes recorded suggest that Club Aquarium attracts clientele who are prepared to engage in violent and unlawful behaviour. Ongoing engagement has been undertaken, in the form of repeated liaison, meetings and visits, in the hope of assisting the venue preventing this trend from becoming a bigger problem. However no improvement has been apparent and the venue can still not be

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deemed as being a safe place for members of the public to attend. Evidence of this engagement will be submitted as part of the review.

The research reveals high, and often serious, levels of violence where victims have often required hospital attendance. There has been a strain on police resources as the crimes often happen over the weekends in the early hours of the morning whilst police resources are already over-stretched. This was evident in the most recent, highlighted, incident of Sunday 20th October 2019. This came at a significant time where police had been dealing with various high profile demonstrations in London.

### Summary

The venue is located on the Old Street roundabout and due to its late operating hours attracts audiences from around the metropolitan district.

The venue hosts an event that is advertised a "Afro Beats in the City" held every Friday and Saturday, this has seen an increase in people attending the venue. The event held on Saturday 19th October 2019 and in the early hours of Sunday morning saw hundreds of people arriving at the venue only to be turned away as the venue was full. This was an event that had been running for a few months prior, it was shocking that such a mistake in respect of the sale of tickets was allowed to occur, and that once the incident started to unfold, the DPS and management failed to act decisively and promptly. The police have lost confidence in the management and would suggest the removal and replacement of Mr Hassan Amirhosseini as DPS.

The club management have engaged with police and changes to the licence have been made by way of variation. At the last meeting it was suggested to the licensee that the venue should employ a last admission time of 0130 hours however the licensee Mr Ruber was opposed to this and declined to implement the suggested changes. Since 2017 the management has engaged at least three different security companies and currently employ ASM security, however levels of crime have continued to rise despite a change in security team. This ongoing trend leads me to believe that it is the management of the premises, rather than the security teams, causing the problem.

The police has lost confidence in the management and would seek the following;

- Reduction of operating hours (0900 - 0130 7-days)
- Removal and replacement of DPS
- Full overhaul of Operating Manual to the satisfaction of Police and Licensing Authority.

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

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Have you made an application for review relating to this premises before?  (Please tick yes)

**PROTECTIVE MARKING**

Day	Month	Year

**If yes, please state the date of that application:**

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

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Please tick Yes

I have sent copies of this form and enclosures to the responsible authorities and the premises licence holder or club holding the club premises certificate, as appropriate.



I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected.



IT IS AN OFFENCE, LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE UP TO LEVEL 5 ON THE STANDARD SCALE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION.

Part 3 – Signatures (please read guidance note 4)

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

Signature:

*AS [unclear] PC 3757CW*

Date:

6/12/2019

Capacity:

Metropolitan Police

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

Islington Police Station, 2 Tolpuddle Street.

Post town:

Islington

Post code:

N1 0YY

Telephone Number (if any):

07919 547 416

If you would prefer us to correspond with you using an e-mail address, your e-mail address (optional):

Notes for Guidance

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

Retention Period: 7 years  
MP 321/12

## WITNESS STATEMENT

**Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B**

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Statement of: Petros Loizou Pc 3757Cn

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Police Officer

This statement (consisting of 9 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Witness Signature: Petros Loizou PC 3757 CN Date: 5/12/19

I am Police constable Petros Loizou PC 3757CN and I have worked for the Metropolitan Police since 2007. My current role is a licensing enforcement officer based at Islington Police Station. I am part of a team of officers responsible for dealing with all licensing premises across Islington Borough. My role involves proactive patrols of these premises, offering help and reassurance to both patrons and management, as well as ensuring that venues fully uphold the licensing objectives. I am also responsible for working with venues when incidents do occur and submitting reports, action plans and review files when necessary.

This statement is submitted in support of the application for a review of the premises licence under section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003 for Club Aquarium 256-260 Old Street, Islington, EC1V 9DD. It details an incident where police were left to deal with 300+ people left outside the venue following the overselling of tickets to an event that was due to take place on 19th October 2019. The subsequent investigation into the incident reveals failings by the management at the venue.

The following statement outlines the police position in relation to Club Aquarium's premise licence. Police believe these premises are being run in a manner that undermines the licensing objectives: Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Public Safety and the Prevention of Public Nuisance objective.

### Venue & Location

The venue is located on the OLD Street EC1 roundabout and due to its geographical location appeals to people from the Islington, Hackney Borough and the City of London. It sits in between other late night venues such as Golden Bee located a few meters away and Club Xoyo which also operate late night hours. The majority of venues in the neighbouring boroughs either shut after 2am or do not admit new customers. Club Aquarium has one of the longest operating hours and as such attracts audiences from around the metropolitan district.

The venue consists of 2 floors and has a capacity of 540 people. The venues main entrance and exit point is located at the front and is accessible from Old Street EC1. The venue previously had a swimming pool on the lower ground floor. On 12th August 2019 Anthony Ruber made an application to the council for a minor variation to remove all conditions

Witness Signature: Petros Loizou PC 3757 CN

Signature Witnessed by Signature: .....

Continuation of Statement of: *PC 3757CN*

relating to swimming pool area as it is no longer there, to add a bar to serve alcohol. There are total of 4 bar areas that can serve alcohol.

There are two premises licenses held by the venue. LN/11384-120819, held by Aquarium Management Ltd, Bullescroft Road, Edgware, Middlesex, HA8 8RW granted 24<sup>th</sup> November 2005. The second is held by New Albert House Ltd c/o CITCO B.V.I Ltd, Flemming House, P.O. Box 662, Wickhams Cay, GV1110 Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, granted 02<sup>nd</sup> June 2015. LN/15407-020615.

The premises licence (for both) allows for the sale by retail of alcohol from following hours;  
*Monday to Tuesday - 0900hrs to 0230hrs*  
*Wednesday – 0900 – 0330 hours*  
*Thursday – 0900 – 0600 hours*  
*Friday – Saturday 0900 – 0900 hours*

The designated premises supervisor for the venue is Mr Hassan Amirhosseini. Mr Amirhosseini has been DPS since the premises licence was granted in 2005. The DPS for the second (shadow) licence is Mr Alun Richard Thomas.

I have documented incidents of crime and disorder at the venue spanning from the September 2018 until September 2019, Details in these reports will only reinforce the police's concerns over the management's ability to operate a well-run venue with its current hours. In the majority of these cases the crimes involve high levels of violence occurring after 3am.

Since 2018 the venue has been invited by the Police Licensing team and Islington council to attend panels in order to address concerns and to invite the management to put measures in place to make improvements whilst ensuring the licensing objectives are promoted. (The meetings have been included in this statement)

I have documented the meetings Police and Islington Council have held with the licence holder in an effort to address the problems, this highlights efforts made by both police and council to try and work with the venue to ensure all options were considered. This information when read together makes it clear that an improvement in the working practices at the venue and a reduction in hours is essential in order to uphold the licensing objectives.

## History

Police indices show between September 2018 – September 2019 there have been 75 crimes reported. The crimes can be categorised as follows;

- Thefts 35
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- Other 14

Witness Signature: *Alun Richard Thomas PC 3757CN*

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Continuation of Statement of: *PC 3757 CW***Crimes of note in Chronological order****Sexual Assault****Cris: 4621257/18****Date: Saturday 18th August 2018****Time: 0400****Brief circumstances:** The victim was in the pool area where she met the suspect.

At around 0400 the security team began moving people out of the pool area. The victim and suspect then move to a different area with seats

Whilst sitting at a booth the suspect placed his hand on victims lower back before the victim removed it informing that she did not want to progress things. The suspect continued to touch the victim. The victim alleges the suspect digitally penetrated in her anus.

Friends of the victim informed one of the security members who did not take any details and did not challenge the suspect.

The following day the victim contacted the venue. She received a response via Facebook and offered 2 free entry tickets.

**Conclusion:** In this instance there has been failure by the security team to detain a suspect identified by the victim. The venue failed to act on the serious allegation disclosed by the victim at the time. There has been some acknowledgement by the venue as the victim states she was offered free entry as compensation. The matter was not reported to the police, this is wholly unacceptable and it would be expected for management to have conducted a more thorough investigation due to the seriousness of the incident.**GBH****Cris: 2721461/18****Date: Saturday 08th Sep 2018****Time: 0600****Brief circumstances:** Police and the ambulance service were called to the venue after a female was knocked unconscious.

The victims boyfriend who was stood by the bar at the time saw the suspect approach his girlfriend and started throwing punches, hitting her a number of times causing her to fall on the floor. The attack was extremely upsetting for the victims' boyfriend who recalled seeing her legs going to jelly, which only highlights the severity of the assault

**Conclusion:** The suspect was arrested by police and subsequently charged for the assault. A member of the bar staff had witnessed some of the assault and initially agreed to provide a statement. A further update on the report confirms this member of staff no longer wished to provide a statement despite telling officers he had seen some of the altercation. There is an expectation that staff members would assist with police investigation. The venue has failed on this occasion and the management had done little to address this.**ABH****Cris: 2723653/18****Date: Sunday 30th September 2018****Time: 0500**Witness Signature: *Peter Lee PC 3757 CW*

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**Brief Circumstances:** The victim had been out for drinks with his son and a group of people in ANGEL Islington. He then met a secondary unknown group of people during the course of the night and attended CLUB AQUARIUM with his new company around 0200 hours. The victim cannot recall exactly the chain of events as he had consumed a quantity of alcohol. Whilst inside the venue by a stairwell, the victim alleged that he was held by around 4 staff members while a 5th attacked him, punching him to head face and body in the stairwell. Victim was subsequently attended hospital and received treatment which included a believed fractured rib at the time.

**Conclusion:** Due to level of intoxication the victim could not recall much from that evening. It had also been discovered that the CCTV had failed that evening during the pre-opening checks at around 17:00. Further enquires made reveal the entry in the log for the CCTV going down was not recorded until the morning after the incident, which was of concern.

### Meeting held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Due to the concerns of the police and council with the levels and frequencies of crimes occurring at the premises the management of Aquarium was invited to attend an officer panel at council offices at 222 UPPER STREET N1 on 11/10/2018 after council invite recent 695 visit to discuss police and council concerns

Attending for premises at 1100 hrs were owner Tony Ruber, DPS Hassan Amirhosseini and Bridgegate Security area manager Nick Epstein

Premises agreed to make minor variation in line with police recommendations. (Minutes and variation will be submitted in a separate document)

### ABH

Cris: 4631090/18

Date: Sunday 25th November 2018

Time: 0400 hours

**Brief Circumstances:** The victim had been out drinking when she attended the venue. At around 0400 hours the female left venue and was quite drunk. Whilst she was outside the main entrance of the club she was approached by suspect who assaulted her. The suspect lunged at the victim and struck her and caused the victim to fall back onto the floor. The victim sustained bruising to her face and body, due to her injuries the victim attended the hospital.

**Conclusion:** The venue confirmed that CCTV had captured an incident but no suspect could be identified.

This is yet another incident involving patrons attending the venue in the early hours, enabling them to become increasingly intoxicated and at risk. On this occasion there is a female made vulnerable due to levels of intoxication which results in her being a victim of crime.

### GBH/Serious Wounding

Cris: 2730821/18

Date: Saturday 22nd December 2018

Time: 0548

**Brief Circumstances:** Security had to remove two males due to levels of intoxication. The incident quickly escalated and the males began fighting with security. Additional security members were called down to assist and the males were eventually ejected from the club.

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The fracas continued outside and one of the males had to be restrained on the floor. The males were eventually released but continued to attack security and became involved with another group. As a result one of the two males who had been ejected was stabbed in the neck with a glass bottle.

It later transpired that one of the security members was arrested after he was captured on CCTV assaulting the male who had been slashed.

**Conclusion:** The door team at the time were Bridge Gate Security. One of the members was arrested for assault at the time. The crime was closed as the victim did not wish to pursue the matter. A change of security team was made. This incident confirms yet again customers attending the venue in the early hours, drunk. On this occasion the repercussions are a lot more serious. The males had been fighting with security and members of the public which results with one of them receiving what could have been life changing/threatening injuries. The venue has failed to keep members of the public safe.

### GBH

Cris: 2700032/19

Date: Tuesday 01st January 2019

Time: 0128

**Brief Circumstances:** Police were called to the venue after the victim a security member was hit in the face by the suspect who had been evicted from the club due to his behaviour. The victim sustained cuts to under both eyes and was knocked to the floor in the assault. Police spoke to the victim however he did not want the matter investigated.

**Conclusion:** It is evident that from the report the venue is not doing all it can to deter the type of clientele that attend who cause criminal behaviour. Here is another example where security have had to remove someone due to their conduct which resulted in an assault. The victim received fairly serious injuries and it would be best practice for a venue to support such an investigation. Crime closed as victim did not wish to pursue matter

### Sexual Assault

Cris 2708789/19 & 2709036/19

Date: Tuesday 01<sup>st</sup> January 2019 Tuesday (late reported on 09th April 2019)

Time: 0100

**Brief Circumstances:** This report contains two separate allegations of sexual assault, with the same victim against two separate suspects.

The victim had been drinking and stated she was very drunk when she was assaulted. In the first incident the victim accidentally bumped into the suspect. The pair were familiar to one another through social media and after exchanging greetings the suspect lifted the victim up and started to swing her around. She felt the suspect sucking her lower lip. Victim felt uncomfortable she didn't like it and has shifted her head away telling the suspect to stop but he didn't as he continued to suck her lower lip.

The second incident took place later that evening. The victim was still very drunk was walking towards the cloakroom with a friend when an unknown male forcefully dragged victim away from her friend and forced his face on victim's kissing her. The male started to drag victim around towards dark area and forcing his hand into her left bra eventually grabbed her breast. A witness noticed the male's inappropriate actions and has rescued the victim.

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**Conclusion:** The premises has failed to protect a member of public left vulnerable due to high levels of intoxication resulting in her being sexually assaulted by two separate suspects. This is highlighting the type of clientele attending the venue and the type of serious crimes that take place inside the venue.

Assault

Cris: 2710535/19

Date: Sunday 28th April 2019

Time: 0555

**Brief Circumstances:** Two females had been detained for fighting inside the club. Officers were informed that that two groups of females were fighting in the toilets and two females were detained downstairs in the club

One of the female victim who was intoxicated. She alleged to have been assaulted by a group in the female toilets. The incident had been witnessed by the venues toilet attendant. The female toilet attendant declined to assist police with statement as she was too tired and wanted to go home.

**Conclusion:** The Police Licensing team contacted the DPS and the toilet attendant provide a statement at a later date. This incident has involved up to 8 females most of who are intoxicated. What has started off as a verbal altercation has quickly escalated into a physical assault with cross allegations being made. The most reliable witness was the toilet attendant who did not want to provide a statement due to wanting to go home. It is clear the aggravating factor in this incident is the high levels of intoxication and another incident of crime and disorder.

GBH

Cris: 2713373/19

Date: Wednesday 29th May 2019

Time: 2145

**Brief Circumstances:** Police were called to the venue following reports multiple males had been assaulted. The premises was screening the Europa League football final.

It transpires that an altercation had taken place inside the venue. A group of males left the venue and whilst they were stood outside were attacked by a suspect. The victims involved required further treatment at hospital due to the extent of their injuries.

**Conclusion:** The suspect had been seen on CCTV inside the bar it appeared the suspect appeared to be looking for trouble as the suspect had nudged another male moments before the fight broke out. Shortly after the suspect and his friends leave the venue. The attending officers at the time noted the victims were very intoxicated and were struggling to recall the details of the incident. One of the victims required further surgery due to a broken ankle, whilst the other needed stitches for a cut to his chin.

This only demonstrates that even when the venue tries host a different type of event the mitigating factors are the same. Repetitive issues such as high levels of intoxication and violence are at the forefront of offences and it is left to the police and ambulance to deal with.

Meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019

On Tuesday 11th June 2019 the management for AQUARIUM attended ISLINGTON COUNCIL OFFICES 222 UPPER STREET N1 for an Officer Panel with Police and Council Licensing team following poor control of crowd and lack of security on the night of the

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 ARSENAL V CHELSEA match in the EUROPA CUP FINAL and to discuss the chain of the events that led to the assaults.

(Minutes of meeting are submitted in separate document exhibited as PLL/11)

### Sexual Assault

Cris: 2721399/19

Date: Saturday 24th August 2019

Time: 0200

**Brief Circumstances:** Female reported to police she had been touched by a male whilst inside the venue. She also alleged that the male had thrown a drink at her.

**Conclusion:** This assault documents the similarities with the previous sexual type crimes. On this occasion it is unclear if staff are made aware at time but it still remains an issue that males attending the venue are able to sexually assault females.

### GBH

Cris 2722181/19

Date: Sunday 01st September 2019

Time: 0420

**Brief Circumstances:** A disagreement occurred between two parties whilst in the main room. One of the security team saw the situation escalate and immediately tried to diffuse the things. The DPS was informed by a female that her sister was assaulted after someone had thrown a drink at her.

**Conclusion:** The victim's sister alleges that when she told the manager (DPS) what had happened he would only call police if the victim had an injury. The incident occurred in an area which is advertised online as VIP area. The licensee has told officers that this is not a VIP area just a seating area where booths can be hired and larger bottles of alcohol can be ordered. The circumstances in the report echo the similarities with previous incidents. The licensee has dedicated an area where vast quantities of alcohol can be consumed with inadequate levels of security.

### Assault

Cris 2723879/19

Date: Monday 16th September (late report incident occurred 23rd August 2019)

Time: TBC

**Brief Circumstances:** The victim had attended the venue. He left the club and was outside talking to some girls when he was approached by a male. An altercation occurred and it has been alleged the suspect used a weapon possibly a knuckle duster and started hitting the victim on the head and face until he lost consciousness. The Victim received fractured skull and broken nose. The victim attended hospital where it was confirmed his injuries consisted of a broken nose and fractures to the face and skull. He has had metal plates put in his nose, eye socket and head.

**Conclusion:** This assault provides further evidence of the issues the immediate area outside of the venue is plighted with. This yet another example of a patron being seriously injured. On this occasion the victim has been inside of the venue drinking once outside the venue he has been left vulnerable and is seriously assaulted.

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Officers from the Islington Police licensing team invited the management from the venue in for a meeting. It was felt that significant time had passed and despite changes made by the management the crimes were still occurring.

### Meeting held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 2pm officers from the Islington Police Licensing team held a meeting with the Licensee Tony Ruber and DPS Hassan Amirhosseini of Club Aquarium 256 – 260 Old Street EC1V 9DD. The meeting was held at Holborn police station. Also present was the premises head of security Lar Harris.

Officers present from the licensing team were PS Fraser and Pc Loizou.  
(Minutes of meeting will be submitted in a separate document)

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Date: Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Time: 0205 hours

Following the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019 the police were called to the premises on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2019 following reports that the venue had oversold tickets to an event creating a situation where large numbers of people congregated in the street causing a public order incident. The DPS was contacted to explain what had happened. The DPS confirmed in an email that the venue had sold 215 tickets and out of those only 28 were not granted entry. (This email will be submitted as a separate document).

### Conclusion

The venue has been operating since 2006 and has had the same DPS in that time. It would be expected that any venue that has been operating for that length of time would have had the experience to evolve into a well-run establishment.

Police fear that should the venue continue to operate in the same manner it continue to be a destination for crime involving violence and injury. It is felt that the levels of crimes documented in this review demonstrate the challenges faced by the venue and the problems that can occur particularly in the early hours. Police are aware of patrons loitering outside the venue getting involved in arguments with one another as well as local youths who frequent the area. The area in particular suffers from drug dealers who loiter in the area offering nitrous oxide as well as drugs. Often these individuals known in the area as "Balloon Sellers" assault unsuspecting victims. The research reveals high and often very serious levels of violence where victims have often required further treatment in hospital. There has been a strain on police resources as the crimes often happen over the weekends in the early hours of the morning where officers are already stretched.

The event held on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2019 saw hundreds of people arriving at the venue only to be turned away as the venue was full.

According to the management these events that had been a regular feature in the months prior, it is shocking that such a mistake with the sale of tickets occurred.

This situation quickly escalated with the potential to result in disorder on the largest scale. Had it not have been for the quick deployment of police officers to de-escalate the situation it could have become out of control.

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Police were drafted in from different boroughs to deal with 300 plus people who had been left in the street due to overselling of tickets. Officers were left to deal with hundreds of angry customers which in itself caused issues and potentially caused a very large scale public order situation. This came at a significant time where police had been dealing with various high profile demonstrations in London. A statement provided by Inspector Lewington who was the on duty inspector that evening, documents the logistical challenge to try and draft in additional officers on a busy Saturday night to try and prevent a large scale disorder from occurring.

I have provided statements from the attending police officers documenting what they were faced with. There is body worn video from the officers and CCTV provided by Hackney council that demonstrates the sheer volumes of people left outside the premises.

The incident happened within days after the management was involved for a meeting and officers discussed the concerns on the subject of late admissions of customers. The management have failed to put measures in place, such as having a last entry policy to try and alter the trends of crimes from occurring as highlighted in the joint meetings with the police and council.

There is a clear link between levels of intoxication and later operating times that results in crime and disorder occurring at the venue.

## Recommendations

The Police Licensing Unit acknowledges the current owners willingness to cooperate with police, however incidents of crime and disorder remain at an unacceptable level and despite extensive support and intervention by police licensing officers the premises continue to undermine the licensing objectives.

The Police invite the Sub-Committee to consider all options available to them in order to deal with this issue. Police are seeking the following;

- Reduction of operating hours (0900 - 0130 7-days)
- Removal and replacement of the DPS
- Full overhaul of Operating Manual to the satisfaction of Police and Licensing Authority.

Police believe all of these recommendations are proportionate to promoting the licensing objectives.

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Dear Sir / Madam,

Premises Licence LN/11384-130819

Please find enclosed an application on behalf of the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police to review the premises licence for Club Aquarium, 256–260 Old Street, Islington, London, EC1V 9DD. This application is made under section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003.

Yours sincerely,

PC Petros Loizou  
Islington Police Licensing Team

**Licensing Authority Representation  
Licensing Act 2003 – Premises Licence Review**

**Premises:** CLUB AQUARIUM, 256/260 OLD STREET LONDON EC1V 9DD  
**Applicant:** Metropolitan Police Service  
**Licensee:** Aquarium Management Limited

I am submitting a representation on behalf of the Licensing Authority in respect of this application for a Premises Licence Review submitted by the Metropolitan Police Service. This representation relates to promotion of public safety, prevention of public nuisance and prevention of crime and disorder licensing objectives.

### **Background**

The premises are on the basement level of the building. The premises currently have a licence for:

The provision of live music and the performance of dance from 09:00 until 03:00 Monday and Tuesday, 09:00 until 04:00 on Wednesday, 09:00 until 06:00 on Thursday and 09:00 until 09:00 on Friday to Sunday.

The provision of recorded music twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

The provision of late night refreshment from 23:00 until 03:00 Monday and Tuesday, 23:00 until 04:00 on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday, 23:00 until 05:00 Friday and Saturday

The sale by retail of alcohol On and Off Supplies from 09:00 until 02:30 Monday and Tuesday, 09:00 until 03:30 on Wednesday, 09:00 until 06:00 on Thursday and 09:00 until 09:00 Friday to Sunday.

The premises have been licensed since at least 2005 when it was converted from a Justices On Licence. At the same time as the conversion, an application was made to vary the licence to extend the hours to sell alcohol and provide public entertainment. The application was referred to a meeting of the Licensing Sub Committee and was granted on 8 August 2005.

The premises licence is held by Aquarium Management Ltd and the Designated Premises Supervisor was Hasan Amirhosseini. On 20 December 2019 a vary DPS application was submitted and the current Designated Premises Supervisor is now Alper Satici.

In April 2015 an application was made by A & A Albert House Limited who are the freeholders of the premises for a shadow premises licence on the same terms as the existing licence 11384-190913. The application was heard by the Licensing Sub Committee on 2 June 2015 where it was granted. In July 2016 a transfer application was made by New Albert House Limited who are the current licence holders of the shadow licence

### **The review application**

This review application presents evidence of extremely poor management of people inside and outside of the premises and of the premises itself. There has been an increase in violent incidents at the premises, involving serious disturbances and violence where the police have been called. The summary of crime reports provided in the application raise concerns about the management of these premises:

The Licensing Service is concerned that without robust measures in place, including competent and able management, further serious incidents will occur.

**Licensing Policy considerations:**

The following Policies, determined by the Licensing Authority as being appropriate to promote the licensing objectives, are relevant to this application:

**Licensing Policies 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 14, 20,**

- The premises are located in the Bunhill Cumulative Impact policy area. It is questionable whether the licensee has demonstrated a commitment to the highest standards of management and the Metropolitan Police have questioned the suitability of the licence holder and the hours of operation.
- The majority of the incidents of crime and disorder have occurred outside the favoured hours, which are 1am (2am Fridays and Saturdays) for nightclubs.
- The licensee has failed to demonstrate the highest standard of management: they have been slow to implement advice from responsible authorities.
- There is evidence of violent crime at these premises and the opportunity to use glass vessels as weapons should be removed.
- There are reports that customers are obstructing the public highway and by illegally parking outside. This causes significant obstruction as the area is busy with vehicle movements associated with Old Street and the works at the roundabout and is a popular route for taxi drivers.

**Recommendation**

The Licensing Authority is making a representation having considered all the evidence presented by the Metropolitan Police and having reviewed the Licensing Service's records, the licence holders have been called to attend at Officer panel each year since 2017 for reasons of noncompliance with licence conditions and assaults at the premises.

It is recommended that the Licensing Committee consider the full options available under Section 52 of the Licensing Act. The Licensing Authority fully support the recommendations made by the Metropolitan Police in particular the reduction of hours and removal of the current management team.

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3 January 2020

Club Aquarium  
Basement  
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Dear Sir or Madam

Reference Application: Review of Premises License – LN/11384-130819

We are writing with regard to the recent review of the license for Club Aquarium, Basement, Albert House, 256 260 Old Street, London EC1V 9DD.

We are a Night Time Industry Association which supports the sustainability of the Night Time Economy within the United Kingdom, representing the Industry and our members at the frontline. We work alongside the industry, authorities and members of the public to ensure that we protect businesses within the sector.

Club Aquarium is a heritage venue, opening in March 1995 and quickly developing a reputation as one of the most innovative music venues within London.

It is geographically located within the Shoreditch Area attracting people from all over London, and the UK as a venue which has a broad range of cultural and dynamic entertainment offerings, as well as a safe space for communities of protected characteristics and the arts.

Club Aquarium is one of only an estimated 9% of Night Time Economy sites within the UK with a license that allows it to operate for 24 hours across the weekend in line with the Mayor of London's Night Time Economy Strategy. Licenses which have recently been placed under pressure whilst flying the flag for the future of 24-hour London.

Throughout its 20 years within the capital, its Management and operational team have displayed exemplary operational standards with a consistent working relationship with authorities throughout.

I would urge you to consider the factors represented within this letter, and continue to work towards a reasonable collaborative working position for the venue to continue to trade and support the Night Time Economy and the future of London as a 24 Hour City of Culture.

Kind Regards

  
  
Night Time Industry Association

**O'Donoghue, Natasha**

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**From:** Lane, Terrie  
**Sent:** 09 January 2020 13:40  
**To:** O'Donoghue, Natasha  
**Subject:** FW: Aquarium

Email of support

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

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 09 January 2020 13:24  
**To:** Lane, Terrie <Teresa.Lane@islington.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Aquarium

To whom it may concern,

I have operated weekly Adonis Cabaret shows at Club Aquarium for over 15 years.

I've found Tony extremely professional, acting on issues with dignity and care working closely with us to resolve any problems, and adapting to an ever changing market.

We have looked for other suitable venues in London in the past for our shows but there simply are none who can host a comedy cabaret the way Club Aquarium can and serve our acts and customers needs.

If we were forced to close our London cabaret events we would more than likely have to close all 6 around the country.

Live performances and night time economy is facing very challenging market nationally and without our London flagship show the Adonis Cabaret network of events would not be viable. Moreover, I believe that Club Aquarium offers diversity in the local area for night time entertainment, attracting a range of customers across all ages for its combination of live entertainment and events it holds.

We are willing to help Tony Ruber and his team in anyway we can to overcome any issues licensing has to keep this venue open.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

**PREMISES LICENCE  
LICENSING ACT 2003**

<b>Premises licence number</b>	LN/11384-201219	<b>Date of original grant*</b>	24 November 2005
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*\*An annual fee associated with this licence is to be paid on the anniversary of the original grant date.*

<b>Postal address of premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description</b>			
<b>CLUB AQUARIUM 256 - 260 OLD STREET</b>			
<b>Post town</b>	London	<b>Post code</b>	EC1V 9DD
<b>Telephone number</b>			

<b>Where the licence is time limited the dates<sup>24/</sup></b> Not Applicable
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- The sale by retail of alcohol:

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Except on:

From the start of permitted hours on New Years Eve until the end of permitted hours on New Years Day

#### **Gaming Machine Provision:**

Notification of up to 2 Category C or D machines.

Gaming Machine Permit numbered 0 allowing up to:

0 Category C machines;

0 Category D machines.

#### **The opening hours of the premises:**

Monday	09.00	to	03.30	the following day
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#### **Where the licence authorises supplies of alcohol whether these are on and/or off supplies**

On and Off Supplies

**Name, (registered) address, telephone number and e-mail (where relevant) of holder of premises licence**

Aquarium Management Ltd,  
Bullescroft Road  
Edgware  
Middlesex HA8 8RW.

**Registered number of holder, for example company number, charity number (where applicable)**

[REDACTED]

**Name, address and telephone number of designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises the supply of alcohol**

Mr Alper Satici,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Personal licence number and issuing authority of personal licence held by designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises the supply of alcohol**

[REDACTED]

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Service Manager (Commercial)

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Date of Issue

## **Annex 1 - Mandatory conditions**

1. No supply of alcohol may be made under the premises licence:
  - a) at a time when there is no designated premises supervisor in respect of the premises licence, or
  - b) at a time when the designated premises supervisor does not hold a personal licence or his personal licence is suspended.
2. Every supply of alcohol under the premises licence must be made or authorised by a person who holds a personal licence.
3. All door supervisors shall be licensed by the Security Industry Authority.
4. The admission of children to the exhibition of a film shall be restricted in accordance with the recommendation of a film classification body as defined in the Video Recordings Act 1984 or Islington Council acting as the licensing authority where it has given notice in section 20(3) of the Licensing Act 2003.

There are further 'Mandatory conditions' applicable to licences authorising the supply of alcohol. A full list of the current mandatory conditions is available from the licensing pages on Islington's web site, [www.islington.gov.uk](http://www.islington.gov.uk). This list is subject to change by order of the Secretary of State and licensees and other responsible persons are advised to ensure they are aware of the latest conditions.

## **Annex 2 - Conditions consistent with the Operating Schedule**

1. The sale of alcohol is not authorised after midnight on any day on which music and dancing is not provided after midnight.

On any day that music and dancing ends between midnight and two o'clock in the morning the sale of alcohol shall cease when the music and dancing end.

The sale of alcohol shall cease at midnight on any Sunday on which music and dancing is not provided after midnight;

Where music and dancing end between midnight on any Sunday and 00.30hours, sale of alcohol on that Sunday shall end when the music and dancing end.

Where music and dancing end between midnight and 02.00 hours on any Sundays immediately before a bank holidays the sale of alcohol on that Sunday shall cease when the music and dancing end.

The sale of alcohol must be ancillary to the use of the premises for music and dancing and substantial refreshment.

2. No person under fourteen shall be in the bar of the licensed premises during the permitted hours for the sale by retail of alcohol unless one of the following applies:
  - a) He is the child of the holder of the premises licence.
  - b) He resides in the premises, but is not employed there.
  - c) He is in the bar solely for the purpose of passing to or from some part of the premises which is not a bar and to or from which there is no other convenient means of access or egress.
  - d) The bar is in railway refreshment rooms or other premises constructed, fitted and intended to be used bona fide for any purpose to which the holding of the licence is ancillary.

In this condition "bar" includes any place exclusively or mainly used for the consumption of intoxicating liquor. But an area is not a bar when it is usual for it to be, and it is, set apart for the service of table meals and alcohol is only sold or supplied to persons as an ancillary to their table meals.

3. Unless otherwise specified on this licence no regulated entertainment shall take place at the premises with the exception of pre-booked private events limited to the provision of music and dancing for pre-invited guests.

4. This licence is subject to such further conditions as are consistent with any restrictions imposed on the use of the premises for the existing licensable activities under the licence by virtue of the enactments hereinafter set out:  
Children and Young Persons Act 1933  
Cinematograph (Safety) Regulations 1955  
Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol Etc) Act 1985
5. The licence shall be subject to the Council's standard conditions for Places of Entertainment
6. The licence shall be subject to the Council's technical standards for Places of Entertainment
7. The maximum number of persons accommodated at any one time in the premises shall not exceed the following: Front Bar 50, Main room 310, Back Bar 180.
8. The licence is subject to the following Additional Conditions referred to in the Standard Conditions for Places of Public Entertainment:
  - ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS D: APPLICABLE TO PREMISES USING DOOR SUPERVISORS.
  - ADDITIONAL CONDITION GO: APPLICABLE TO THE KEEPING OF GOOD ORDER.
9. The name and contact number of the person in charge of the premises shall be displayed on the premises in a prominent position so that it can be seen by passers-by.
10. Notices shall be displayed on the premises:
  - a. with the telephone number of at least one local Taxi Cab company;
  - b. showing the Club's Rules of Management;
  - c. requesting patrons to leave the premises quietly and not to slam car doors.
11. CCTV system shall be maintained inside and outside the premises, including a CCTV unit, which monitors the immediate vicinity of the premises. All cameras shall continually record whilst the premises are open to the public and the video recordings shall be kept available for a minimum of 31 days with time and date stamping. Tape recordings shall be made available to an authorised officer or a police officer within 24 hours of any request.
12. No person shall be allowed in the premises under the age of 18 years when the licence is being used.
13. All security staff shall be equipped with radios, linking them to the other security guards.
14. All staff shall be trained in the premises emergency evacuation measures and first aid procedures.
15. All exits at the premises shall be checked throughout the night.
16. Notices will be prominently displayed at exits requesting the public to respect the needs of local residents and to leave the premises and the area quietly.
17. Members of the security staff shall advise customers to respect the needs of local residents and leave the area quietly.
18. Security Officers registered with the Security Industry Authority shall be on patrol when the cabaret show is taking place, monitoring the audience and the performers.

19. Tickets for the cabaret show must be purchased in advance. There shall be no ticket sales for the cabaret show on the door of the premises.
20. Barriers shall be used outside the premises to control the customers for the cabaret show.
21. The striptease shall be in a location where the performance cannot be seen from the street.
22. The striptease entertainment shall be in a location where the performers/entertainers and the audience shall not be permitted to participate.
23. Whilst striptease entertainment is taking place, no person under the age of 18 shall be on the premises. A clear notice shall be displayed at each entrance to the premises in a prominent position so that it can be easily read by persons entering the premises with the following words '*No person under the age of 18 will be admitted*'.

### **Annex 3 - Conditions attached after a hearing by the licensing authority**

1. No coaches or limousines to park outside the premises during the hours of operation.
2. A notice shall be displayed in a prominent place to remind patrons to use the toilet facilities before leaving the premises.
3. In the event that crime or serious disorder is, or appears to have been, committed on the premises, the management will immediately ensure that:
  - a) The police and, where appropriate, the London Ambulance Service, are called immediately;
  - b) As far as is safe and reasonable practicable, all measures will be taken to apprehend any identified suspects pending the arrival of the police;
  - c) As far as is safe and reasonable practicable, all measures will be taken to preserve any identified crime scene pending the arrival of the police;
  - d) Any and all appropriate measures are taken to fully protect the safety of all persons present on the premises at all times during operating hours.
4. An incident log shall be kept at the premises, and made available on request to the police or an authorized officer, which will record:
  - a) Any and all allegations of crime or disorder reported at the venue
  - b) Any and all complaints received by any party
  - c) Any faults in the CCTV system
  - d) Any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service
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6. A proof of age scheme, such as Challenge (25), shall be operated at the premises where the only acceptable forms of identification are recognized photographic identification cards, such as: a driving license or passport / holographic marked PASS scheme identification cards.
7. CCTV shall be installed, operated, and maintained, to function all times that the premises is open for licensable activities. Said CCTV will comply with the following criteria:
  - a) The licensee will ensure that the system is checked daily to ensure that the system is working properly and that the date and time are correct.
  - b) A record of these checks, showing the date and name of the person checking, will be kept and made available to the police or other authorized officer on request;

- c) The Police will be informed if the system will not be operating for longer than one day of business for any reason and the management will undertake to rectify any issue as soon as reasonably practicable;
  - d) One camera will show a close-up of the entrance to the premises, to capture a clear, full-length image of anyone entering;
  - e) The system will provide full coverage of the interior of the premises and any exterior part of the premises accessible to the public;
  - f) The system will record in real time and recordings will be date and timestamped;
  - g) At all times during operating hours, there will be at least 1 member of staff on the premises who can operate the system sufficiently to allow Police or authorized Council officers to view footage on request.
  - h) Recordings will be kept for a minimum of 31 days and downloaded footage will be provided free of charge to the police or other authorized officers on request (subject to the Data Protection Act 1998) within 24 hours of any request.
8. A specific, stand-alone register of security personnel employed on the premises shall be maintained and updated for every event in a legible format and made immediately available to the Local Authority and Police upon request.
  9. A minimum of 1 SIA registered door supervisor per 75 customers present, including customers queuing, shall be on duty at the premises after 2200hr on core club nights, at least one of whom shall be a female.
  10. All door supervisors and stewards engaged at the venue, both internally and managing the queuing system and entry shall be clearly identifiable, with SIA accreditation displayed.
  11. A full and proportionate search procedure to be employed at all times by suitably trained SIA accredited stewards. Bag searches will be conducted without exception.
  12. A computer based identification entry system (i.e. ID-SCAN), shall be installed and maintained to the reasonable satisfaction of the Police. The details of all patrons and visitors (visitors being any person other than Police or Local Authority officers acting in an official capacity) seeking entrance shall be processed through the system without exception after 2300hrs, on core club nights. In the event that the system is not working, all patrons and visitors entering the venue shall have their identification photographed before they are allowed entry to the venue. A copy of the photograph shall be retained for a minimum of 31 days. The Police will be informed if the system will not be operating for longer than one day of business for any reason and the management will undertake to rectify any issue as soon as reasonably practicable.
  13. Zero tolerance to illegal drugs shall be operated. Any person found in possession of illegal drugs, witnessed offering illegal drugs or asking others for illegal drugs, will be immediately ejected (or refused entry) and permanently banned from future entry to the premises. This zero tolerance will be actively and prominently promoted on the venue website and in relevant literature and signage at the venue. [Any medicines will be checked by a trained medical professional before being allowed in to the premises].
  14. Customers shall not be permitted to bring drinks in to the premises at any time or in any circumstances.
  15. (A) code of conduct for the Adonis performers shall be available for inspection by authorized officers. The code of conduct shall include a strict no nudity clause and shall be signed by each performer prior to each show. The Licensing Authority shall approve the code of conduct.

#### **Annex 4 – Plans**

Reference Number: WK/190025104, Scale 1:100

## Premises Licence Summary

### Licensing Act 2003

<b>Premises licence number</b>	LN/11384-201219	<b>Date of original grant*</b>	24 November 2005
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*\*An annual fee associated with this licence is to be paid on the anniversary of the original grant date.*

<b>Postal address of premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description</b>			
<b>CLUB AQUARIUM 256 - 260 OLD STREET</b>			
<b>Post town</b>	London	<b>Post code</b>	EC1V 9DD
<b>Telephone number</b>			

<b>Where the licence is time limited the dates</b>
Not Applicable

<b>Licensable activities authorised by the licence</b>
<b>For the Basement</b>
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**Where the licence authorises supplies of alcohol whether these are on and/or off supplies**

On and Off Supplies

**Name, (registered) address of holder of premises licence**

Aquarium Management Ltd,  
Bullescroft Road  
Edgware  
Middlesex HA8 8RW.

**Registered number of holder, for example company number, charity number (where applicable)**

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**Name of designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises the supply of alcohol**

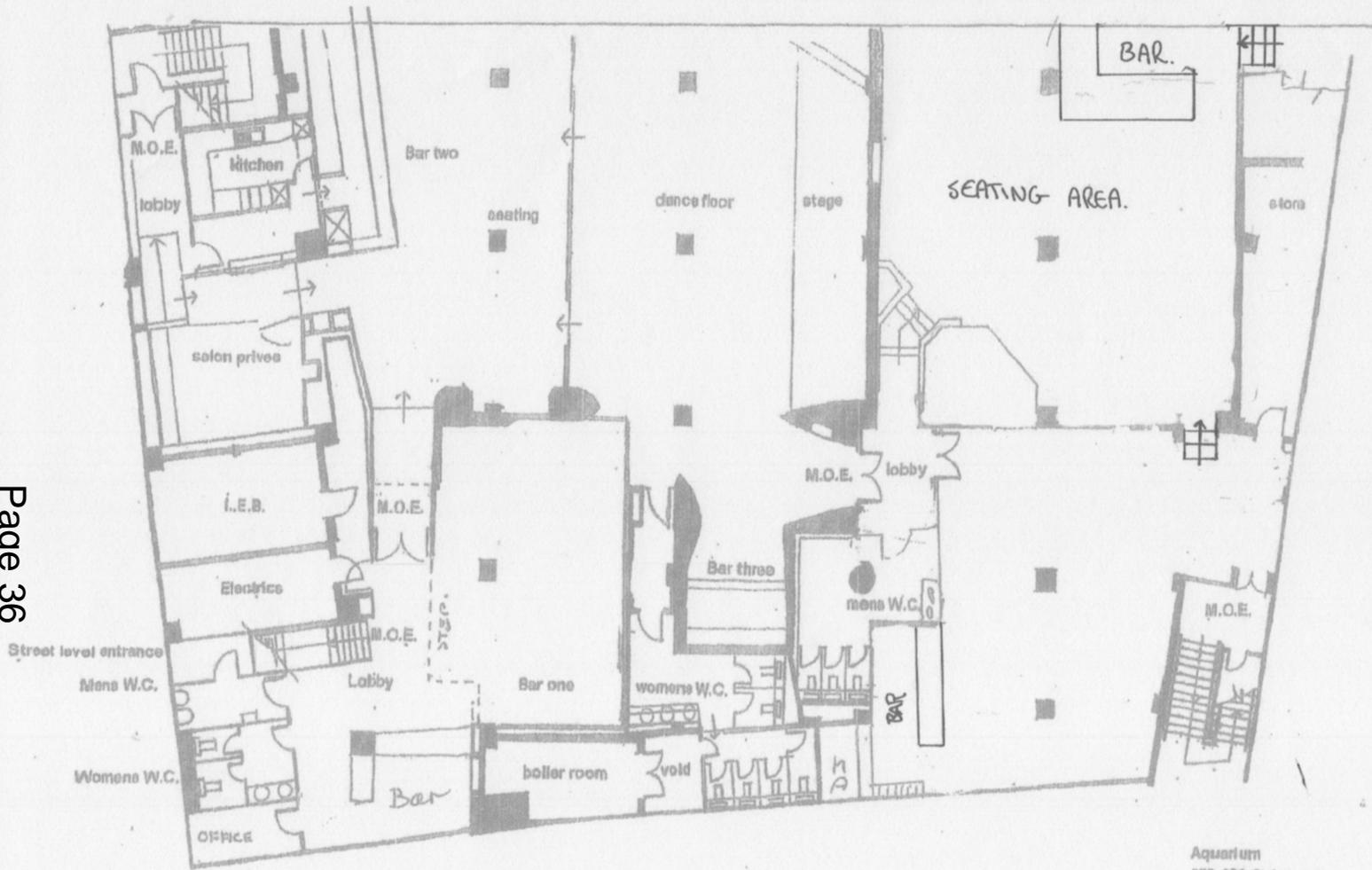
Mr Alper Satici

**State whether access to the premises by children is restricted or prohibited**

No person shall be allowed in the premises under the age of 18 years when the licence is being used. It is an offence to allow persons under the age of 16 years to be on the premises whilst it is open exclusively or primarily for the supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises unless they are accompanied by a person aged 18 or over. No unaccompanied person under the age of 16 years shall be permitted on the premises between 12 midnight and 5am if alcohol is supplied for consumption on the premises.

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Summary



Aquarium  
288-290 Old street  
London EC2  
SCALE 1:100

Plan Reference WK 1900 25104



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

<b>Meeting of:</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Ward(s):</b>
Licensing Sub-Committee -	28/01/2020	Bunhill

	Exempt	Non-exempt
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**SUBJECT: PREMISES LICENCE REVIEW APPLICATION**  
**RE: CLUB AQUARIUM, 256-260 OLD STREET,**  
**LONDON EC1V 9DD**  
**("shadow" premises licence)**

**1. Synopsis**

- 1.1 This is an application by **The Metropolitan Police** for a Review of the Premises Licence under Section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003. A copy of the review application is attached as Appendix 1.
- 1.2 The grounds for review is related to the following licensing objectives:
- i) The prevention of crime and disorder;
  - ii) Public safety;
  - iii) The prevention of public nuisance;

**2. Relevant Representations**

Licensing Authority	Yes
Metropolitan Police	Applicant
Noise	No
Health and Safety	No
Trading Standards	No
Public Health	No

Safeguarding Children	No
London Fire Brigade	No
Local residents	No:
Other bodies	No:

### 3. Background/History

3.1 The premises currently holds a licence allowing:

- i) The sale by retail of alcohol, Monday and Tuesday, from 09:00 to 02:30, Wednesday from 09:00 to 03:30, Thursday from 09:00 to 06:00, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, from 09:00 to 09:00 the following day.
- ii) The provision of late night refreshment, Monday and Tuesday, from 23:00 to 03:00, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday, from 23:00 to 04:00, Friday and Saturday, from 23:00 to 05:00.
- iii) The provision of regulated entertainment by way of, the performance of live music, Monday and Tuesday, from 09:00 to 03:00; Wednesday from 09:00 to 04:00, Thursday, from 09:00 to 06:00, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, from 09:00 to 09:00 the following day.
- iv) The playing of recorded music, Monday to Sunday, from 00:00 to 0:00
- v) The performance of dance, Monday and Tuesday, from 09:00 to 03:00, Wednesday, from 09:00 to 04:00, Thursday, from 09:00 to 06:00, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 09:00 to 09:00 the following day.

3.2 Licensing History:

- On 1 April 2015 an application was made by A&A Albert House Limited who are the freeholder of the premises, for a “shadow” premises licence on the same terms as the premises licence 11384-190913.
- On 2 June 2015 the application was heard by the Licensing sub-committee where it was granted.
- In July 2016 an application to transfer the licence was made by New Albert House Limited.
- On 6 December 2019 a request to be removed as the Designated Premises Supervisor was made by Alun Thomas,
- On 6 December 2019 the review application submitted.

### 4. Recommendations

4.1 To determine the application to review the premises licence under Section 52 of the Licensing Act.

4.2 The Committee must have regard to the application and any relevant representations. The Committee must take such steps as necessary for the promotion of the four licensing objectives.

4.3 The steps stated in Sections 52(4) of the Act are as follows:

- a) to modify the conditions of the licence; and for this purpose the conditions of the licence are modified if any of them are altered, omitted or any new condition is added;
- b) to exclude a licensable activity from the scope of the licence;

- c) to remove the designated premises supervisor;
- d) to suspend the licence for a period not exceeding three months;
- e) to revoke the licence;
- f) the Committee also have the option to leave the licence in its existing state;
- g) the Committee also has the power in relation to steps a) and b) to provide that the modification and exclusion only has effect for a limited period not exceeding three months.

## 5. 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 as appropriate to promote the licensing objectives.

### Appendices:

- Appendix 1: The review application and Police supporting documentation;  
Appendix 2: representations;  
Appendix 3: current premises licence and plan of premises.

### Background papers:

None.

### Final report clearance:

### Signed by:



Service Director – Public Protection

Date 14/01/2020

Report author: Licensing Service

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**Form 691**

## Application for the Review of a Premises Licence or Club Premises Certificate under the Licensing Act 2003

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**I Petros Loizou Pc 3757CN**

**apply for the review of a premises licence under Section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003  
for the premises described in Part 1 below**

### Part 1 – Premises or club premises details

**Postal address of premises or club premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description:**

256-260 Old Street, London

**Post town:**

Islington

**Post code:  
(if known)**

EC1V 9DD

**Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known):**

New Albert House Ltd

**Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known):**

LN/15047-190716

### Part 2 – Applicant details

**I am:**

Please tick Yes

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| <b>1</b> | <b>an individual, body or business which is not a responsible authority</b><br>(please read guidance note 1 and complete (A) or (B) below) | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <b>2</b> | <b>a responsible authority (please complete (C) below)</b>   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>3</b> | <b>a member of the club to which this application relates (please complete section (A) below)</b>  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

**PROTECTIVE MARKING**

(A) DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT (fill in as applicable)									
<b>Mr</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Mrs</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Miss</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Ms</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Any other title (e.g. Rev.)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Surname:</b>				<b>First Names:</b>					
I am 18 years old or over				<input type="checkbox"/>					
<b>Current postal address if different from premises address:</b>									
<b>Post town:</b>				<b>Post code:</b>					
<b>Daytime Tel. No.:</b>				<b>Email: (optional)</b>					

(B) DETAILS OF OTHER APPLICANT (fill in as applicable)	
<b>Name and Address:</b>	
<b>Telephone Number (if any):</b>	
<b>Email address: (optional)</b>	

(C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY APPLICANT (fill in as applicable)	
<b>Name and Address:</b>	
Metropolitan Police	
<b>Telephone Number (if any):</b>	07919547416
<b>Email address: (optional)</b>	CNMailbox-.IslingtonPoliceLicensingTeam@met.police.uk

This application to review relates to the following licensing objective(s)	
	Please tick one or more boxes
<b>1 The prevention of crime and disorder</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>2 Public safety</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>3 The prevention of public nuisance</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>4 The protection of children from harm</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Please state the ground(s) for review: (please read guidance note 2)</b>	
<p>This application is to review the premises licence for Club Aquarium 256-260 Old Street, Islington, EC1V 9DD. There are two premises licenses held by the venue. LN/11384-120819, held by Aquarium Management Ltd, Bullescroft Road, Edgware, Middlesex, HA8 8RW granted 24th November 2005. The second is held by New Albert House Ltd Ltd c/o CITCO B.V.I Ltd, Flemming House, P.O. Box 662, Wickhams Cay, GV1110 Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, granted 02nd June 2015.</p> <p>LN/15407-020615.</p> <p>This review is entered following ongoing concern with regard to the following Licensing Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The prevention of crime and disorder</li> <li>- Public Safety</li> <li>-The prevention of public nuisance</li> </ul>	

## PROTECTIVE MARKING

This review is submitted after several incidents of disorder and serious crime occurring at the premises, and after ongoing attempts at engagement. Police feel that the above licensing objective's are not being upheld and that a change/ improvement to operating procedures is necessary in order to allow the venue to operate safely and in keeping with the licensing objectives.

The decision to enter into review at this point has been made due to an incident that occurred on Sunday 20th October 2019 at 0205 hours. CAD 834/20Oct refers.

Police were called to the venue following reports of a 300+ crowd outside the venue, irate and disorderly having been refused entry. The crowd were angry as they had legitimately purchased tickets for the event yet were being turned away as the venue was at capacity. There was confusion as to whether tickets to the event had been oversold. The venue was hosting the event 'Afro Beats in the City', which according to the management at a previous meeting (16/10/19), had been a regular event over recent months.

Enquiries with the DPS revealed that 215 tickets had been sold online, however there is no evidence to confirm how many additional tickets were sold by the promoters. Over selling of tickets is the likely explanation for the cause of the disorder and overcrowding.

On the night in question the number of people attending was a lot higher than the venue had anticipated, resulting in them shutting its doors and stopping anyone else from entering. This highlights concern surrounding pre-event risk assessment and staffing levels.

As a result of the venue shutting, and the SIA team being unable to cope, police officers were left to deal with a large number of angry customers and attempting to diffuse an escalating situation. It is clear that the incident could, without police intervention, have escalated into a very large scale public order situation.

The scale of the situation, and the severity of the disorder, was such that Police officers had to be drafted in from different boroughs to deal with the incident.

The police has lost confidence in the management and would seek the following;

- Reduction of operating hours (0900 - 0130 7-days)
- Removal and replacement of DPS
- Full overhaul of Operating Manual to the satisfaction of Police and Licensing Authority.

Police would ask that although the licences are separate, and have by necessity to be dealt with via two review applications, they be dealt with as an identical pair. We would ask that they be dealt with in parallel at the same hearing, and that any determination made by the committee be applied to both licences.

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

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Have you made an application for review relating to this premises before?

(Please tick yes)



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Please tick Yes

I have sent copies of this form and enclosures to the responsible authorities and the premises licence holder or club holding the club premises certificate, as appropriate.



I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected.



IT IS AN OFFENCE, LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE UP TO LEVEL 5 ON THE STANDARD SCALE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION.

**Part 3 – Signatures** (please read guidance note 4)

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

Signature:

*Paul Warr OLTTS7CW*

Date:

06/12/2019

Capacity:

Metropolitan Police

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

Islington Police Station, 2 Tolpiddle Street.

Post town:

Islington

Post code:

N1 0YY

Telephone Number (if any):

07919 547 416

If you would prefer us to correspond with you using an e-mail address, your e-mail address (optional):

**Notes for Guidance**

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

Retention Period: 7 years  
MP 32/12

## WITNESS STATEMENT

**Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B**

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Statement of: Petros Loizou Pc 3757Cn

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Police Officer

This statement (consisting of 9 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Witness Signature: Petros Loizou PC 3757 Cn Date: 5/12/19

I am Police constable Petros Loizou PC 3757CN and I have worked for the Metropolitan Police since 2007. My current role is a licensing enforcement officer based at Islington Police Station. I am part of a team of officers responsible for dealing with all licensing premises across Islington Borough. My role involves proactive patrols of these premises, offering help and reassurance to both patrons and management, as well as ensuring that venues fully uphold the licensing objectives. I am also responsible for working with venues when incidents do occur and submitting reports, action plans and review files when necessary.

This statement is submitted in support of the application for a review of the premises licence under section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003 for Club Aquarium 256-260 Old Street, Islington, EC1V 9DD. It details an incident where police were left to deal with 300+ people left outside the venue following the overselling of tickets to an event that was due to take place on 19th October 2019. The subsequent investigation into the incident reveals failings by the management at the venue.

The following statement outlines the police position in relation to Club Aquarium's premise licence. Police believe these premises are being run in a manner that undermines the licensing objectives: Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Public Safety and the Prevention of Public Nuisance objective.

### Venue & Location

The venue is located on the OLD Street EC1 roundabout and due to its geographical location appeals to people from the Islington, Hackney Borough and the City of London. It sits in between other late night venues such as Golden Bee located a few meters away and Club Xoyo which also operate late night hours. The majority of venues in the neighbouring boroughs either shut after 2am or do not admit new customers. Club Aquarium has one of the longest operating hours and as such attracts audiences from around the metropolitan district.

The venue consists of 2 floors and has a capacity of 540 people. The venues main entrance and exit point is located at the front and is accessible from Old Street EC1. The venue previously had a swimming pool on the lower ground floor. On 12th August 2019 Anthony Ruber made an application to the council for a minor variation to remove all conditions

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 relating to swimming pool area as it is no longer there, to add a bar to serve alcohol. There are total of 4 bar areas that can serve alcohol.

There are two premises licenses held by the venue. LN/11384-120819, held by Aquarium Management Ltd, Bullescroft Road, Edgware, Middlesex, HA8 8RW granted 24<sup>th</sup> November 2005. The second is held by New Albert House Ltd c/o CITCO B.V.I Ltd, Flemming House, P.O. Box 662, Wickhams Cay, GV1110 Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, granted 02<sup>nd</sup> June 2015. LN/15407-020615.

The premises licence (for both) allows for the sale by retail of alcohol from following hours;  
*Monday to Tuesday - 0900hrs to 0230hrs*  
*Wednesday – 0900 – 0330 hours*  
*Thursday – 0900 – 0600 hours*  
*Friday – Saturday 0900 – 0900 hours*

The designated premises supervisor for the venue is Mr Hassan Amirhosseini. Mr Amirhosseini has been DPS since the premises licence was granted in 2005. The DPS for the second (shadow) licence is Mr Alun Richard Thomas.

I have documented incidents of crime and disorder at the venue spanning from the September 2018 until September 2019, Details in these reports will only reinforce the police's concerns over the management's ability to operate a well-run venue with its current hours. In the majority of these cases the crimes involve high levels of violence occurring after 3am.

Since 2018 the venue has been invited by the Police Licensing team and Islington council to attend panels in order to address concerns and to invite the management to put measures in place to make improvements whilst ensuring the licensing objectives are promoted. (The meetings have been included in this statement)

I have documented the meetings Police and Islington Council have held with the licence holder in an effort to address the problems, this highlights efforts made by both police and council to try and work with the venue to ensure all options were considered. This information when read together makes it clear that an improvement in the working practices at the venue and a reduction in hours is essential in order to uphold the licensing objectives.

## History

Police indices show between September 2018 – September 2019 there have been 75 crimes reported. The crimes can be categorised as follows;

- Thefts 35
- GBH 9
- Assaults 12
- Sexual Assaults 4
- Other 14

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Continuation of Statement of: *PC 3757 CV***Crimes of note in Chronological order****Sexual Assault****Cris: 4621257/18****Date: Saturday 18th August 2018****Time: 0400****Brief circumstances:** The victim was in the pool area where she met the suspect.

At around 0400 the security team began moving people out of the pool area. The victim and suspect then move to a different area with seats

Whilst sitting at a booth the suspect placed his hand on victims lower back before the victim removed it informing that she did not want to progress things. The suspect continued to touch the victim. The victim alleges the suspect digitally penetrated in her anus.

Friends of the victim informed one of the security members who did not take any details and did not challenge the suspect.

The following day the victim contacted the venue. She received a response via Facebook and offered 2 free entry tickets.

**Conclusion:** In this instance there has been failure by the security team to detain a suspect identified by the victim. The venue failed to act on the serious allegation disclosed by the victim at the time. There has been some acknowledgement by the venue as the victim states she was offered free entry as compensation. The matter was not reported to the police, this is wholly unacceptable and it would be expected for management to have conducted a more thorough investigation due to the seriousness of the incident.**GBH****Cris: 2721461/18****Date: Saturday 08th Sep 2018****Time: 0600****Brief circumstances:** Police and the ambulance service were called to the venue after a female was knocked unconscious.

The victims boyfriend who was stood by the bar at the time saw the suspect approach his girlfriend and started throwing punches, hitting her a number of times causing her to fall on the floor. The attack was extremely upsetting for the victims' boyfriend who recalled seeing her legs going to jelly, which only highlights the severity of the assault

**Conclusion:** The suspect was arrested by police and subsequently charged for the assault. A member of the bar staff had witnessed some of the assault and initially agreed to provide a statement. A further update on the report confirms this member of staff no longer wished to provide a statement despite telling officers he had seen some of the altercation. There is an expectation that staff members would assist with police investigation. The venue has failed on this occasion and the management had done little to address this.**ABH****Cris: 2723653/18****Date: Sunday 30th September 2018****Time: 0500**

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**Brief Circumstances:** The victim had been out for drinks with his son and a group of people in ANGEL Islington. He then met a secondary unknown group of people during the course of the night and attended CLUB AQUARIUM with his new company around 0200 hours. The victim cannot recall exactly the chain of events as he had consumed a quantity of alcohol. Whilst inside the venue by a stairwell, the victim alleged that he was held by around 4 staff members while a 5th attacked him, punching him to head face and body in the stairwell. Victim was subsequently attended hospital and received treatment which included a believed fractured rib at the time.

**Conclusion:** Due to level of intoxication the victim could not recall much from that evening. It had also been discovered that the CCTV had failed that evening during the pre-opening checks at around 17:00. Further enquires made reveal the entry in the log for the CCTV going down was not recorded until the morning after the incident, which was of concern.

**Meeting held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

Due to the concerns of the police and council with the levels and frequencies of crimes occurring at the premises the management of Aquarium was invited to attend an officer panel at council offices at 222 UPPER STREET N1 on 11/10/2018 after council invite recent 695 visit to discuss police and council concerns  
Attending for premises at 1100 hrs were owner Tony Ruber, DPS Hassan Amirhosseini and Bridgegate Security area manager Nick Epstein  
Premises agreed to make minor variation in line with police recommendations. (Minutes and variation will be submitted in a separate document)

**ABH**

Cris: 4631090/18

Date: Sunday 25th November 2018

Time: 0400 hours

**Brief Circumstances:** The victim had been out drinking when she attended the venue. At around 0400 hours the female left venue and was quite drunk. Whilst she was outside the main entrance of the club she was approached by suspect who assaulted her. The suspect lunged at the victim and struck her and caused the victim to fall back onto the floor. The victim sustained bruising to her face and body, due to her injuries the victim attended the hospital.

**Conclusion:** The venue confirmed that CCTV had captured an incident but no suspect could be identified.

This is yet another incident involving patrons attending the venue in the early hours, enabling them to become increasingly intoxicated and at risk. On this occasion there is a female made vulnerable due to levels of intoxication which results in her being a victim of crime.

**GBH/Serious Wounding**

Cris: 2730821/18

Date: Saturday 22nd December 2018

Time: 0548

**Brief Circumstances:** Security had to remove two males due to levels of intoxication. The incident quickly escalated and the males began fighting with security. Additional security members were called down to assist and the males were eventually ejected from the club.

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The fracas continued outside and one of the males had to be restrained on the floor. The males were eventually released but continued to attack security and became involved with another group. As a result one of the two males who had been ejected was stabbed in the neck with a glass bottle.

It later transpired that one of the security members was arrested after he was captured on CCTV assaulting the male who had been slashed.

**Conclusion:** The door team at the time were Bridge Gate Security. One of the members was arrested for assault at the time. The crime was closed as the victim did not wish to pursue the matter. A change of security team was made. This incident confirms yet again customers attending the venue in the early hours, drunk. On this occasion the repercussions are a lot more serious. The males had been fighting with security and members of the public which results with one of them receiving what could have been life changing/threatening injuries. The venue has failed to keep members of the public safe.

### GBH

Cris: 2700032/19

Date: Tuesday 01st January 2019

Time: 0128

**Brief Circumstances:** Police were called to the venue after the victim a security member was hit in the face by the suspect who had been evicted from the club due to his behaviour. The victim sustained cuts to under both eyes and was knocked to the floor in the assault. Police spoke to the victim however he did not want the matter investigated.

**Conclusion:** It is evident that from the report the venue is not doing all it can to deter the type of clientele that attend who cause criminal behaviour. Here is another example where security have had to remove someone due to their conduct which resulted in an assault. The victim received fairly serious injuries and it would be best practice for a venue to support such an investigation. Crime closed as victim did not wish to pursue matter

### Sexual Assault

Cris 2708789/19 & 2709036/19

Date: Tuesday 01<sup>st</sup> January 2019 Tuesday (late reported on 09th April 2019)

Time: 0100

**Brief Circumstances:** This report contains two separate allegations of sexual assault, with the same victim against two separate suspects.

The victim had been drinking and stated she was very drunk when she was assaulted.

In the first incident the victim accidentally bumped into the suspect. The pair were familiar to one another through social media and after exchanging greetings the suspect lifted the victim up and started to swing her around. She felt the suspect sucking her lower lip. Victim felt uncomfortable she didn't like it and has shifted her head away telling the suspect to stop but he didn't as he continued to suck her lower lip.

The second incident took place later that evening. The victim was still very drunk was walking towards the cloakroom with a friend when an unknown male forcefully dragged victim away from her friend and forced his face on victim's kissing her. The male started to drag victim around towards dark area and forcing his hand into her left bra eventually grabbed her breast. A witness noticed the male's inappropriate actions and has rescued the victim.

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**Conclusion:** The premises has failed to protect a member of public left vulnerable due to high levels of intoxication resulting in her being sexually assaulted by two separate suspects. This is highlighting the type of clientele attending the venue and the type of serious crimes that take place inside the venue.

### Assault

Cris: 2710535/19

Date: Sunday 28th April 2019

Time: 0555

**Brief Circumstances:** Two females had been detained for fighting inside the club. Officers were informed that that two groups of females were fighting in the toilets and two females were detained downstairs in the club

One of the female victim who was intoxicated. She alleged to have been assaulted by a group in the female toilets. The incident had been witnessed by the venues toilet attendant. The female toilet attendant declined to assist police with statement as she was too tired and wanted to go home.

**Conclusion:** The Police Licensing team contacted the DPS and the toilet attendant provide a statement at a later date. This incident has involved up to 8 females most of who are intoxicated. What has started off as a verbal altercation has quickly escalated into a physical assault with cross allegations being made. The most reliable witness was the toilet attendant who did not want to provide a statement due to wanting to go home. It is clear the aggravating factor in this incident is the high levels of intoxication and another incident of crime and disorder.

### GBH

Cris: 2713373/19

Date: Wednesday 29th May 2019

Time: 2145

**Brief Circumstances:** Police were called to the venue following reports multiple males had been assaulted. The premises was screening the Europa League football final.

It transpires that an altercation had taken place inside the venue. A group of males left the venue and whilst they were stood outside were attacked by a suspect. The victims involved required further treatment at hospital due to the extent of their injuries.

**Conclusion:** The suspect had been seen on CCTV inside the bar it appeared the suspect appeared to be looking for trouble as the suspect had nudged another male moments before the fight broke out. Shortly after the suspect and his friends leave the venue. The attending officers at the time noted the victims were very intoxicated and were struggling to recall the details of the incident. One of the victims required further surgery due to a broken ankle, whilst the other needed stitches for a cut to his chin.

This only demonstrates that even when the venue tries host a different type of event the mitigating factors are the same. Repetitive issues such as high levels of intoxication and violence are at the forefront of offences and it is left to the police and ambulance to deal with.

### Meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019

On Tuesday 11th June 2019 the management for AQUARIUM attended ISLINGTON COUNCIL OFFICES 222 UPPER STREET N1 for an Officer Panel with Police and Council Licensing team following poor control of crowd and lack of security on the night of the

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 ARSENAL V CHELSEA match in the EUROPA CUP FINAL and to discuss the chain of the events that led to the assaults.  
 (Minutes of meeting are submitted in separate document exhibited as PLL/11)

Sexual Assault

Cris: 2721399/19

Date: Saturday 24th August 2019

Time: 0200

**Brief Circumstances:** Female reported to police she had been touched by a male whilst inside the venue. She also alleged that the male had thrown a drink at her.

**Conclusion:** This assault documents the similarities with the previous sexual type crimes. On this occasion it is unclear if staff are made aware at time but it still remains an issue that males are attending the venue are able to sexually assault females.

GBH

Cris 2722181/19

Date: Sunday 01st September 2019

Time: 0420

**Brief Circumstances:** A disagreement occurred between two parties whilst in the main room. One of the security team saw the situation escalate and immediately tried to diffuse the things. The DPS was informed by a female that her sister was assaulted after someone had thrown a drink at her.

**Conclusion:** The victim's sister alleges that when she told the manager (DPS) what had happened he would only call police if the victim had an injury. The incident occurred in an area which is advertised online as VIP area. The licensee has told officers that this is not a VIP area just a seating area where booths can be hired and larger bottles of alcohol can be ordered. The circumstances in the report echo the similarities with previous incidents. The licensee has dedicated an area where vast quantities of alcohol can be consumed with inadequate levels of security.

Assault

Cris 2723879/19

Date: Monday 16th September (late report incident occurred 23rd August 2019)

Time: TBC

**Brief Circumstances:** The victim had attended the venue. He left the club and was outside talking to some girls when he was approached by a male. An altercation occurred and it has been alleged the suspect used a weapon possibly a knuckle duster and started hitting the victim on the head and face until he lost consciousness. The Victim received fractured skull and broken nose. The victim attended hospital where it was confirmed his injuries consisted of a broken nose and fractures to the face and skull. He has had metal plates put in his nose, eye socket and head.

**Conclusion:** This assault provides further evidence of the issues the immediate area outside of the venue is plighted with. This yet another example of a patron being seriously injured. On this occasion the victim has been inside of the venue drinking once outside the venue he has been left vulnerable and is seriously assaulted.

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Officers from the Islington Police licensing team invited the management from the venue in for a meeting. It was felt that significant time had passed and despite changes made by the management the crimes were still occurring.

**Meeting held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 2pm officers from the Islington Police Licensing team held a meeting with the Licensee Tony Ruber and DPS Hassan Amirhosseini of Club Aquarium 256 – 260 Old Street EC1V 9DD. The meeting was held at Holborn police station. Also present was the premises head of security Lar Harris. Officers present from the licensing team were PS Fraser and Pc Loizou. (Minutes of meeting will be submitted in a separate document)

CAD 834

Date: Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Time: 0205 hours

Following the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019 the police were called to the premises on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2019 following reports that the venue had oversold tickets to an event creating a situation where large numbers of people congregated in the street causing a public order incident. The DPS was contacted to explain what had happened. The DPS confirmed in an email that the venue had sold 215 tickets and out of those only 28 were not granted entry. (This email will be submitted as a separate document).

**Conclusion**

The venue has been operating since 2006 and has had the same DPS in that time. It would be expected that any venue that has been operating for that length of time would have had the experience to evolve into a well-run establishment.

Police fear that should the venue continue to operate in the same manner it continue to be a destination for crime involving violence and injury. It is felt that the levels of crimes documented in this review demonstrate the challenges faced by the venue and the problems that can occur particularly in the early hours. Police are aware of patrons loitering outside the venue getting involved in arguments with one another as well as local youths who frequent the area. The area in particular suffers from drug dealers who loiter in the area offering nitrous oxide as well as drugs. Often these individuals known in the area as "Balloon Sellers" assault unsuspecting victims. The research reveals high and often very serious levels of violence where victims have often required further treatment in hospital. There has been a strain on police resources as the crimes often happen over the weekends in the early hours of the morning where officers are already stretched.

The event held on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2019 saw hundreds of people arriving at the venue only to be turned away as the venue was full.

According to the management these events that had been a regular feature in the months prior, it is shocking that such a mistake with the sale of tickets occurred.

This situation quickly escalated with the potential to result in disorder on the largest scale. Had it not have been for the quick deployment of police officers to de-escalate the situation it could have become out of control.

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Police were drafted in from different boroughs to deal with 300 plus people who had been left in the street due to overselling of tickets. Officers were left to deal with hundreds of angry customers which in itself caused issues and potentially caused a very large scale public order situation. This came at a significant time where police had been dealing with various high profile demonstrations in London. A statement provided by Inspector Lewington who was the on duty inspector that evening, documents the logistical challenge to try and draft in additional officers on a busy Saturday night to try and prevent a large scale disorder from occurring.

I have provided statements from the attending police officers documenting what they were faced with. There is body worn video from the officers and CCTV provided by Hackney council that demonstrates the sheer volumes of people left outside the premises.

The incident happened within days after the management was involved for a meeting and officers discussed the concerns on the subject of late admissions of customers. The management have failed to put measures in place, such as having a last entry policy to try and alter the trends of crimes from occurring as highlighted in the joint meetings with the police and council.

There is a clear link between levels of intoxication and later operating times that results in crime and disorder occurring at the venue.

**Recommendations**

The Police Licensing Unit acknowledges the current owners willingness to cooperate with police, however incidents of crime and disorder remain at an unacceptable level and despite extensive support and intervention by police licensing officers the premises continue to undermine the licensing objectives.

The Police invite the Sub-Committee to consider all options available to them in order to deal with this issue. Police are seeking the following;

- Reduction of operating hours (0900 - 0130 7-days)
- Removal and replacement of the DPS
- Full overhaul of Operating Manual to the satisfaction of Police and Licensing Authority.

Police believe all of these recommendations are proportionate to promoting the licensing objectives.

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**METROPOLITAN  
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(06/12/2019)

Dear Mr Thomas,

Premises Licence LN/15047-190716

Please find enclosed an application on behalf of the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police to review the premises licence for Club Aquarium, 256–260 Old Street, Islington, London, EC1V 9DD. This application is made under section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003.

Yours sincerely,

PC Petros Loizou  
Islington Police Licensing Team



**Licensing Authority Representation  
Licensing Act 2003 – Premises Licence Review**

**Premises:**  
256/260 OLD STREET LONDON EC1V 9DD  
**Applicant:** Metropolitan Police Service  
**Licensee:** New Albert House Limited

I am submitting a representation on behalf of the Licensing Authority in respect of this application for a Premises Licence Review submitted by the Metropolitan Police Service. This representation relates to promotion of public safety, prevention of public nuisance and prevention of crime and disorder licensing objectives.

**Background**

The premises are on the basement level of the building. The premises currently have a licence for:

The provision of live music and the performance of dance from 09:00 until 03:00 Monday and Tuesday, 09:00 until 04:00 on Wednesday, 09:00 until 06:00 on Thursday and 09:00 until 09:00 on Friday to Sunday.

The provision of recorded music twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

The provision of late night refreshment from 23:00 until 03:00 Monday and Tuesday, 23:00 until 04:00 on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday, 23:00 until 05:00 Friday and Saturday

The sale by retail of alcohol On and Off Supplies from 09:00 until 02:30 Monday and Tuesday, 09:00 until 03:30 on Wednesday, 09:00 until 06:00 on Thursday and 09:00 until 09:00 Friday to Sunday.

The premises have been licensed since at least 2005 when it was converted from a Justices On Licence. At the same time as the conversion, an application was made to vary the licence to extend the hours to sell alcohol and provide public entertainment. The application was referred to a meeting of the Licensing Sub Committee and was granted on 8 August 2005.

The premises licence is held by Aquarium Management Ltd and the Designated Premises Supervisor was Hasan Amirhosseini. On 20 December 2019 a vary DPS application was submitted and the current Designated Premises Supervisor is now Alper Satici.

In April 2015 an application was made by A & A Albert House Limited who are the freeholders of the premises for a shadow premises licence on the same terms as the existing licence 11384-190913. The application was heard by the Licensing Sub Committee on 2 June 2015 where it was granted. In July 2016 a transfer application was made by New Albert House Limited who are the current licence holders of the shadow licence

When the licence was granted the licence was issued with identical conditions to the existing operation as of the 2 June 2015 for the premises, save for

**Annex 3 - Conditions attached after a hearing by the licensing authority**

1. *The licence shall have no effect until it is transferred to the operator approved by the police in writing.*
2. *This license cannot be used while the other license number LN11384 or any successor or subsequent amendments to this licence is still in force at premises.*

This licence application was for what was commonly known as a shadow premises licence for the freeholders of the building.

The legal implications for a shadow licence were considered in the High Court decision in *Extreme Oyster/Star Oyster Limited v Guildford Borough Council*.

The current licence holder in this stated case had been in legal dispute with the freeholders of the premises and they are submitting the application in order to protect their interest in the property.

Therefore, by granting a shadow licence New Albert House Ltd were protecting their ability to be co respondents in any review application, in the same terms as the case referenced above.

Having a shadow licence should not prevent both licences being reviewed concurrently, it simply provides the freeholder the opportunity to make their own case of mitigation when presented the facts of the review.

The fact that New Albert House Ltd solicitors was named as the DPS, shows the intention behind holding a shadow licence at this location.

### **The review application**

This review application presents evidence of extremely poor management of people inside and outside of the premises and of the premises itself. There has been an increase in violent incidents at the premises, involving serious disturbances and violence where the police have been called. The summary of crime reports provided in the application raise concerns about the management of these premises:

The Licensing Service is concerned that without robust measures in place, including competent and able management, further serious incidents will occur.

### **Licensing Policy considerations:**

The following Policies, determined by the Licensing Authority as being appropriate to promote the licensing objectives, are relevant to this application:

#### **Licensing Policies 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 14, 20,**

- The premises are located in the Bunhill Cumulative Impact policy area. It is questionable whether the licensee has demonstrated a commitment to the highest standards of management and the Metropolitan Police have questioned the suitability of the licence holder and the hours of operation.
- The majority of the incidents of crime and disorder have occurred outside the favoured hours, which are 1am (2am Fridays and Saturdays) for nightclubs.
- The licensee has failed to demonstrate the highest standard of management: they have been slow to implement advice from responsible authorities.
- There is evidence of violent crime at these premises and the opportunity to use glass vessels as weapons should be removed.
- There are reports that customers are obstructing the public highway and by illegally parking outside. This causes significant obstruction as the area is busy with vehicle movements associated with Old Street and the works at the roundabout and is a popular route for taxi drivers.

### **Recommendation**

The Licensing Authority is making a representation having considered all the evidence presented by the Metropolitan Police and having reviewed the Licensing Service's records, the licence holders have been called to attend at Officer panel each year since 2017 for

reasons of noncompliance with licence conditions and assaults at the premises.

It is recommended that the Licensing Committee consider the full options available under Section 52 of the Licensing Act. The Licensing Authority fully support the recommendations made by the Metropolitan Police in particular the reduction of hours and removal of the current management team.

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3 January 2020



**PREMISES LICENCE  
LICENSING ACT 2003**

<b>Premises licence number</b>	<b>LN/15047-061219</b>	<b>Date of original grant*</b>	<b>2 June 2015</b>
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*\*An annual fee associated with this licence is to be paid on the anniversary of the original grant date.*

<b>Postal address of premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description</b>			
<b>256-260 OLD STREET</b>			
<b>Post town</b>	London	<b>Post code</b>	EC1V 9DD
<b>Telephone number</b>			

<b>Where the licence is time limited the dates</b>
Not Applicable

**Please note, some or all of the below licensable activities and the times the premises may carry out those licensable activities are currently restricted as a result of outstanding conditions as laid out in Annex 3 of this Premises Licence.**

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#### **Gaming Machine Provision:**

N/A

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#### **Where the licence authorises supplies of alcohol whether these are on and/or off supplies**

On and Off Supplies

#### **Name, (registered) address, telephone number and e-mail (where relevant) of holder of premises licence**

New Albert House Ltd,  
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Flemming House,  
P.O. Box 662,  
Wickhams Cay,  
GV1110 Road Town,  
Tortola,  
British Virgin Islands.

Registered number of holder, for example company number, charity number (where applicable)

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Name, address and telephone number of designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises the supply of alcohol

N/A

Personal licence number and issuing authority of personal licence held by designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises the supply of alcohol

N/A

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Service Manager (Commercial)

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Date of Issue

Licensing

## **Annex 1 - Mandatory conditions**

1. No supply of alcohol may be made under the premises licence:
  - a) at a time when there is no designated premises supervisor in respect of the premises licence, or
  - b) at a time when the designated premises supervisor does not hold a personal licence or his personal licence is suspended.
2. Every supply of alcohol under the premises licence must be made or authorised by a person who holds a personal licence.
3. All door supervisors shall be licensed by the Security Industry Authority.
4. The admission of children to the exhibition of a film shall be restricted in accordance with the recommendation of a film classification body as defined in the Video Recordings Act 1984 or Islington Council acting as the licensing authority where it has given notice in section 20(3) of the Licensing Act 2003.

There are further 'Mandatory conditions' applicable to licences authorising the supply of alcohol. A full list of the current mandatory conditions is available from the licensing pages on Islington's web site, [www.islington.gov.uk](http://www.islington.gov.uk). This list is subject to change by order of the Secretary of State and licensees and other responsible persons are advised to ensure they are aware of the latest conditions.

## **Annex 2 - Conditions consistent with the Operating Schedule**

1. The sale of alcohol is not authorised after midnight on any day on which music and dancing is not provided after midnight.

On any day that music and dancing ends between midnight and two o'clock in the morning the sale of alcohol shall cease when the music and dancing end.

The sale of alcohol shall cease at midnight on any Sunday on which music and dancing is not provided after midnight;

Where music and dancing end between midnight on any Sunday and 00.30hours, sale of alcohol on that Sunday shall end when the music and dancing end.

Where music and dancing end between midnight and 02.00 hours on any Sundays immediately before a bank holidays the sale of alcohol on that Sunday shall cease when the music and dancing end.

The sale of alcohol must be ancillary to the use of the premises for music and dancing and substantial refreshment.
2. No person under fourteen shall be in the bar of the licensed premises during the permitted hours for the sale by retail of alcohol unless one of the following applies:
  - a) He is the child of the holder of the premises licence.
  - b) He resides in the premises, but is not employed there.
  - c) He is in the bar solely for the purpose of passing to or from some part of the premises which is not a bar and to or from which there is no other convenient means of access or egress.
  - d) The bar is in railway refreshment rooms or other premises constructed, fitted and intended to be used bona fide for any purpose to which the holding of the licence is ancillary.

In this condition "bar" includes any place exclusively or mainly used for the consumption of intoxicating liquor. But an area is not a bar when it is usual for it to be, and it is, set apart for the service of table meals and alcohol is only sold or supplied to persons as an ancillary to their table meals.
3. Unless otherwise specified on this licence no regulated entertainment shall take place at the premises with the exception of pre-booked private events limited to the provision of music and dancing for pre-invited guests.

4. This licence is subject to such further conditions as are consistent with any restrictions imposed on the use of the premises for the existing licensable activities under the licence by virtue of the enactments hereinafter set out:  
Children and Young Persons Act 1933  
Cinematograph (Safety) Regulations 1955  
Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol Etc) Act 1985
5. The licence shall be subject to the Council's standard conditions for Places of Entertainment
6. The licence shall be subject to the Council's technical standards for Places of Entertainment
7. The maximum number of persons accommodated at any one time in the premises shall not exceed the following: Back Room 100, Main Dance Area and Private Bar 350, Foyer Bar 50 and Swimming Pool Area 40.
8. The licence is subject to the following Additional Conditions referred to in the Standard Conditions for Places of Public Entertainment:
  - ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS D: APPLICABLE TO PREMISES USING DOOR SUPERVISORS.
  - ADDITIONAL CONDITION GO: APPLICABLE TO THE KEEPING OF GOOD ORDER.
9. The name and contact number of the person in charge of the premises shall be displayed on the premises in a prominent position so that it can be seen by passers-by.
10. Notices shall be displayed on the premises:
  - a) with the telephone number of at least one local Taxi Cab company;
  - b) showing the Club's Rules of Management;
  - c) requesting patrons to leave the premises quietly and not to slam car doors.
11. **CONDITIONS FOR SWIMMING POOL AREA:**
  - a) The maximum number of persons accommodated at any one time in the Swimming Pool area shall not exceed 40.
  - b) A lifeguard shall be on duty in the Swimming Pool area during the whole time that it is in use.
  - c) The consumption of drinks in the Swimming Pool area shall be non-alcoholic and shall be served in paper or plastic materials.
  - d) Patrons who appear to be intoxicated shall be prevented from entering the Swimming Pool area.
  - e) A Steward shall guard the entrance to the Swimming Pool area the whole time it is in use.
  - f) When the Swimming Pool area is not in use, the entrance shall be locked shut for the duration of the Club's opening hours.
  - g) Swimming costumes must be worn by all persons using the swimming pool.
12. CCTV system shall be maintained inside and outside the premises, including a CCTV unit, which monitors the immediate vicinity of the premises. All cameras shall continually record whilst the premises are open to the public and the video recordings shall be kept available for a minimum of 31 days with time and date stamping. Tape recordings shall be made available to an authorised officer or a police officer within 24 hours of any request.
13. No person shall be allowed in the premises under the age of 18 years when the licence is being used.
14. All security staff shall be equipped with radios, linking them to the other security guards.

15. All staff shall be trained in the premises emergency evacuation measures and first aid procedures.
16. All exits at the premises shall be checked throughout the night.
17. Notices will be prominently displayed at exits requesting the public to respect the needs of local residents and to leave the premises and the area quietly.
18. Members of the security staff shall advise customers to respect the needs of local residents and leave the area quietly.
19. Security Officers registered with the Security Industry Authority shall be on patrol when the cabaret show is taking place, monitoring the audience and the performers.
20. Tickets for the cabaret show must be purchased in advance. There shall be no ticket sales for the cabaret show on the door of the premises.
21. Barriers shall be used outside the premises to control the customers for the cabaret show.
22. The striptease shall be in a location where the performance cannot be seen from the street.
23. The striptease entertainment shall be in a location where the performers/entertainers and the audience shall not be permitted to participate.
24. Whilst striptease entertainment is taking place, no person under the age of 18 shall be on the premises. A clear notice shall be displayed at each entrance to the premises in a prominent position so that it can be easily read by persons entering the premises with the following words 'No person under the age of 18 will be admitted'.
25. No coaches or limousines to park outside the premises during the hours of operation.
26. A notice shall be displayed in a prominent place to remind patrons to use the toilet facilities before leaving the premises.

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3. 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 frontal 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.
4. Crime prevention literature will be placed in prominent positions in the premises and in all toilets used by visitors. Signs will be placed on the back of cubicle doors in the ladies and on the wall above the men's urinals. The content of this literature will be agreed and reviewed in conjunction with the local Police.

5. The venue will operate a computer based ID system which will operate at all times the venue is open and every person entering premises shall have their ID scanned and verified before entry.
6. The venue will operate a full search regime, every person entering will be searched by door staff and search wands will be used. Persons re-entering the venue will also be subject to a further search.
7. A minimum of 3 working search wands will be used at all times.
8. There will be no entry or re-entry after 0100hrs on a Friday & Saturday.
9. A minimum of 8 SIA registered door staff be at the venue at all times it is open until 30 minutes after closing time.
10. There will be a minimum of two qualified/certificated designated first aiders at the premise during all times it is open.
11. A defibrillator and a person qualified in its use will be at the premise at all times it is open.

#### **Annex 4 – Plans**

Reference Number: 201580905 Date: 2 April 2015

## Premises Licence Summary

### Licensing Act 2003

<b>Premises licence number</b>	LN/15407-061219	<b>Date of original grant*</b>	2 June 2015
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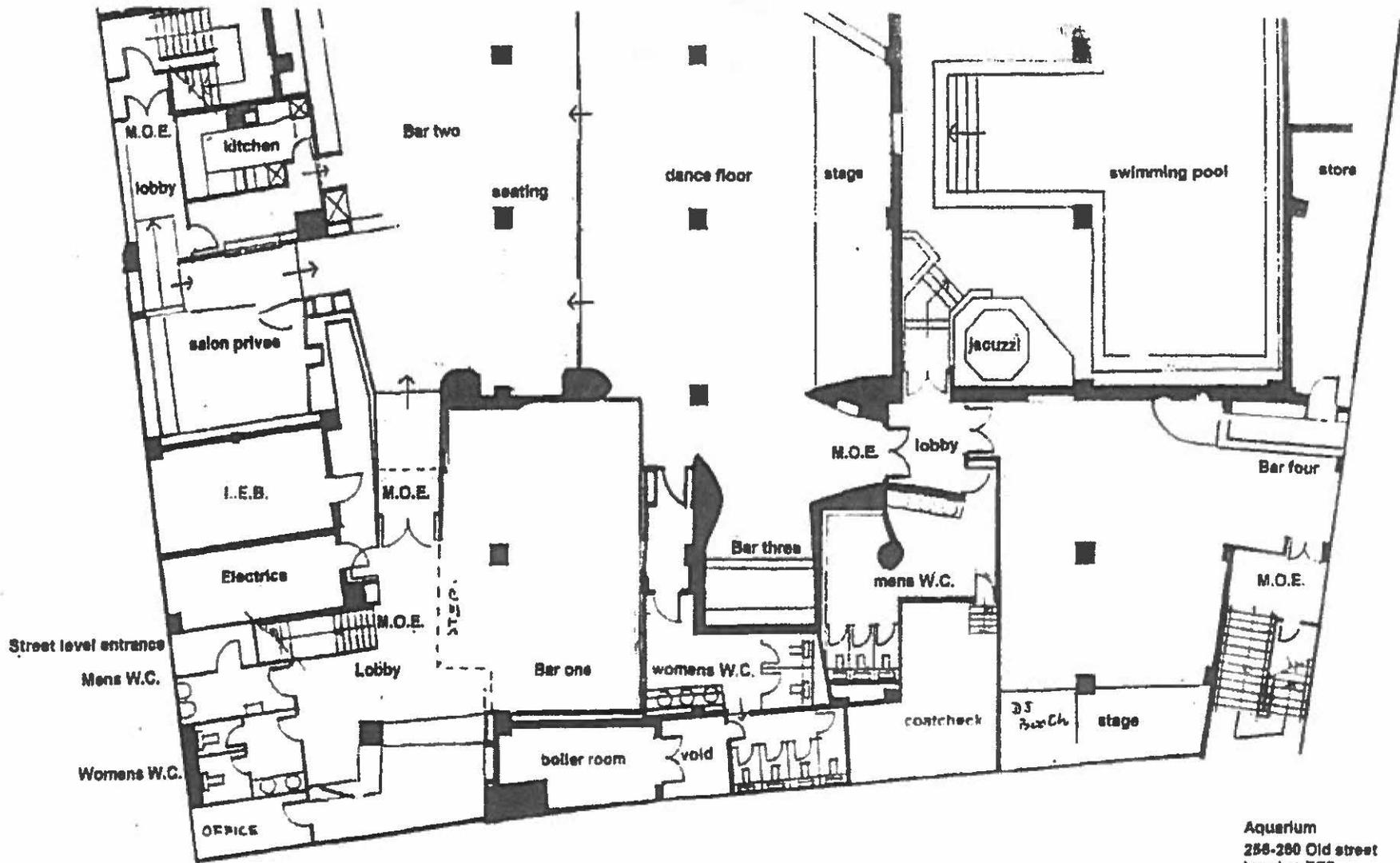
**Name of designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises the supply of alcohol**

N/A

**State whether access to the premises by children is restricted or prohibited**

No person shall be allowed in the premises under the age of 18 years when the licence is being used. It is an offence to allow persons under the age of 16 years to be on the premises whilst it is open exclusively or primarily for the supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises unless they are accompanied by a person aged 18 or over. No unaccompanied person under the age of 16 years shall be permitted on the premises between 12 midnight and 5am if alcohol is supplied for consumption on the premises.

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