



Report of: Service Director, Public Protection

Meeting of:	Date:	Ward(s):
Licensing Sub-Committee - B	02/07/2019	Finsbury Park

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SUBJECT: PREMISES LICENCE VARIATION APPLICATION
RE: ISLINGTON SPORTS BAR AND GRILL, 274
HOLLOWAY ROAD, LONDON, N7 7NE

1. Synopsis

1.1 This is an application for the variation of a premise licence under the Licensing Act 2003.

1.2 The premises currently holds a licence allowing:

- The sale by retail of alcohol on and off the premises on Monday to Sunday from 10:00 until 00:00
- The provision of late night refreshment on Monday to Sunday from 23:00 until 00:00
- The opening hours of the premises on Monday to Sunday from 10:00 until 00:30 the day following.

1.3 The variation application is to:

- Amend the premises licence to remove conditions so as to enable the premises to sell alcohol other than as an ancillary to a meal.

All currently authorised licensable hours and activities to remain unchanged.

2. Relevant Representations

Licensing Authority	Yes
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Metropolitan Police	No
Noise	No - Conditions Agreed
Health and Safety	No
Trading Standards	No
Public Health	No
Safeguarding Children	No
London Fire Brigade	No
Local residents	Yes: Seven local residents, 4 other representations have been submitted in support. These representations are not from immediate neighbours.
Other bodies	No:

3. Background

- 3.1 This is an application to amend the current licence conditions to enable the premises to operate as a traditional public house / sports bar.
- 3.2 The application is subject to representations from the Licensing Authority, as well as four local residents. In addition, the Noise Team have served an abatement notice on the premises licence holder for people and music noise.
- 3.3 The premises were originally licensed by Islington Council from 2016 as The Study and latterly as the Herbert Chapman. These premises had a licence to provide regulated entertainment and alcohol on Monday to Saturday from 11:00 until 02:00 the day following, and on Sunday from 12:00 until 02:00 the day following.
- 3.4 This licence was allowed to lapse in 2015.
- 3.5 The current licence was applied for in December 2015, and was granted under delegated authority on the 03 February 2016.
- 3.6 This licence was granted for a chicken restaurant called the Chicken Shop. The main two conditions restricting the sale of alcohol at the premises to accompany food as set out below.
- The premises shall only operate as a restaurant which provides food in the form of substantial meals that are prepared on the premises
 - Alcohol shall not be sold or supplied otherwise than to persons who are purchasing a meal from the advertised menu displayed at the premises and the consumption of alcohol by such persons is ancillary to taking such meals.
- 3.7 In addition, the layout of the premises was for a sit down restaurant.

- 3.8 The current licence holders transferred on to the licence in November 2018. This was after a period where the premises had been completely closed for a time. On the 18 November 2018 the current licence holder submitted a minor variation to amend the layout plan of the premises.
- 3.9 The licence holder consulted with the Police and Licensing Authority and they were advised that any application to amend the conditions of the present licence, to change the nature of the business from a restaurant to a public house, would have to be made by a full variation application.
- 3.10 The Police and Licensing Authority met with the applicants on 16 January 2019 and agreed conditions to be imposed on the variation application. It was stressed at that meeting that until the variation was granted, the premises must operate under the terms of the current licence. They were also advised they could operate on occasions as a public house by applying for temporary event notices. These temporary event notices have primarily been focused on Arsenal FC home match days.
- 3.11 The licence holder used their full allocation of temporary event notices of 21 days in 2018, and have applied for 16 temporary event notices to date in 2019. Whenever the premises have not had a temporary event notice in effect the premises have to legally be operating as a restaurant.
- 3.12 The premises were found to operating without a temporary event notice until 06:00 on 02 December 2018, when they were open to the public serving alcohol for the Fury v Wilder boxing match in the USA.
- 3.13 There has been very little evidence that the licensee has been fully complying with the condition in respect of substantial meals on dates when there is no TEN in force. Officers witnessed the premises full to capacity, with customers standing drinking right up to the entrance door on 10 March 2019 the day Arsenal were playing Manchester Utd. There was a "one in one out" being operated at the door. So clearly in breach of their licensing conditions.
- 3.14 The previous licence application for the removal of these conditions was heard on 11 March 2019. Members of the Licensing Sub Committee refused the application.
- 3.15 Since the hearing on 11 March 2019 the applicant has been found to be broadly complying with the terms of the restaurant licence. All customers requested to purchase or eat food on the premises.
- 3.16 In addition, the premises have agreed to close to start the sound insulations works. The licence produced a supporting plan for a meeting held on 22 May 2019. This document is attached at appendix 1.

4. Planning Implications

- 4.1 There are no planning implications from this application.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 To determine the application for a variation of the premises licence under Section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003.

5.2 These premises are located in the Holloway Road and Finsbury Park Cumulative Impact Area therefore the Licensing Committee will need to consider Licensing Policy 3, which states that there is a presumption of refusal unless the Committee is satisfied that there will be no adverse cumulative impact on the licensing objectives.

5.3 If the Committee grants the application it should be subject to:

- i. conditions prepared by the Licensing Officer which are consistent with the Operating Schedule (see appendix 4); and
- ii. any conditions deemed appropriate by the Committee to promote the four licensing objectives.(see appendix 4)

6. Reasons for recommendations

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

Appendices:

- Appendix 1: application form;
Appendix 2: current premises licence;
Appendix 3: representations;
Appendix 4: suggested conditions and map of premises location.

Background papers:

None.

Final report clearance:

Signed by:



Service Director – Public Protection

Date

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* required information

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System reference

This is the unique reference for this application generated by the system.

Your reference

You can put what you want here to help you track applications if you make lots of them. It is passed to the authority.

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

Yes No

Put "no" if you are applying on your own behalf or on behalf of a business you own or work for.

Applicant Details

* First name

* Family name

* E-mail

Main telephone number

Include country code.

Other telephone number

Indicate here if the applicant would prefer not to be contacted by telephone

Is the applicant:

- Applying as a business or organisation, including as a sole trader
 Applying as an individual

A sole trader is a business owned by one person without any special legal structure. Applying as an individual means the applicant is applying so the applicant can be employed, or for some other personal reason, such as following a hobby.

Applicant Business

Is the applicant's business registered in the UK with Companies House?

Yes No

Note: completing the Applicant Business section is optional in this form.

Registration number

Business name

If the applicant's business is registered, use its registered name.

VAT number

Put "none" if the applicant is not registered for VAT.

Legal status

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Applicant's position in the business

Home country

The country where the applicant's headquarters are.

Registered Address

Address registered with Companies House.

Building number or name

Street

District

City or town

County or administrative area

Postcode

Country

Agent Details

* First name

* Family name

* E-mail

Main telephone number

Include country code.

Other telephone number

Indicate here if you would prefer not to be contacted by telephone

Are you:

- An agent that is a business or organisation, including a sole trader
- A private individual acting as an agent

A sole trader is a business owned by one person without any special legal structure.

Agent Business

Is your business registered in the UK with Companies House? Yes No

Note: completing the Applicant Business section is optional in this form.

Registration number

Business name

If your business is registered, use its registered name.

VAT number

Put "none" if you are not registered for VAT.

Legal status

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Your position in the business

Home country

The country where the headquarters of your business is located.

Agent Registered Address

Address registered with Companies House.

Building number or name

Street

District

City or town

County or administrative area

Postcode

Country

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APPLICATION DETAILS

This application cannot be used to vary the licence so as to extend the period for which the licence has effect or to vary substantially the premises to which it relates. If you wish to make that type of change to the premises licence, you should make a new premises licence application under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003.

I/we, as named in section 1, being the premises licence holder, apply to vary a premises licence under section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in section 2 below.

* Premises Licence Number

Are you able to provide a postal address, OS map reference or description of the premises?

- Address OS map reference Description

Postal Address Of Premises

Building number or name

Street

District

City or town

County or administrative area

Postcode

Country

Premises Contact Details

Telephone number

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Non-domestic rateable value of premises (£)

29,750

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VARIATION

Do you want the proposed variation to have effect as soon as possible? Yes No

Do you want the proposed variation to have effect in relation to the introduction of the late night levy?

Yes No

You do not have to pay a fee if the only purpose of the variation for which you are applying is to avoid becoming liable to the late night levy.

If your proposed variation would mean that 5,000 or more people are expected to attend the premises at any one time, state the number expected to attend

Describe Briefly The Nature Of The Proposed Variation

Describe the premises. For example the type of premises, its general situation and layout and any other information which could be relevant to the licensing objectives. Where your application includes off-supplies of alcohol and you intend to provide a place for consumption of these off-supplies, you must include a description of where the place will be and its proximity to the premises.

The premises consist of the ground floor and basement area of the property, the location of the premises is on the busy A1 Holloway Road, it is located approximately 300 metres from Holloway Road Underground Station and approximately 400 metres from the Emirates Football Stadium.

The layout consists of a relatively large open plan area and three permeant booths running along one wall, the kitchen is compact and well equipped with the latest in commercial cooking appliances. The bar area is visible from all areas of the premises and this allow the bar staff to effectively monitor the entire bar (save for the toilet area) quickly and efficiently.

The variation is proposed to allow for a great level of flexibility to serve alcohol without the need to serve food on every occasion of the purchase of an alcoholic beverage, the nature of the offering (being a Sports Bar and Grill) results on occasion of patrons seeking to consume a light meal or unsubstantial meal/snack whilst watching the sports offering on the HD TV Screens located on the premises. The licence currently does not allow for such types of transaction requiring the premises to be operate as a restaurant serving substantial meals, and additional to the restriction that alcohol cannot be sold to anymore not ordering a meal results in an offering not that does not appeal to a significant portion of patrons and those seeking to available of a local "bar" in the area, which is well known for the number of closed bars/pubs in recent years.

In addition, the close proximity to the Emirates Stadium results in the need to apply to the local authority on a regular basis for TEN applications. The intention of the Licence Holder is to main a strong food offering but in order ensure full compliance with licencing conditions it believed that the most appropriate course of action is to seek to full variation to remove the conditions as set out in section 15 of this application.

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PROVISION OF PLAYS

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will the schedule to provide plays be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

- Yes No

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PROVISION OF FILMS

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will the schedule to provide films be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

- Yes No

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PROVISION OF INDOOR SPORTING EVENTS

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will the schedule to provide indoor sporting events be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

- Yes No

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PROVISION OF BOXING OR WRESTLING ENTERTAINMENTS

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will the schedule to provide boxing or wrestling entertainments be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

- Yes No

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PROVISION OF LIVE MUSIC

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will the schedule to provide live music be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

- Yes No

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PROVISION OF RECORDED MUSIC

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will the schedule to provide recorded music be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

- Yes No

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PROVISION OF PERFORMANCES OF DANCE

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

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Will the schedule to provide performances of dance be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

Yes No

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PROVISION OF ANYTHING OF A SIMILAR DESCRIPTION TO LIVE MUSIC, RECORDED MUSIC OR PERFORMANCES OF DANCE

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will the schedule to provide anything similar to live music, recorded music or performances of dance be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

Yes No

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PROVISION OF LATE NIGHT REFRESHMENT

Will the schedule to provide late night refreshment be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

Yes No

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SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL

Will the schedule to supply alcohol be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

Yes No

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ADULT ENTERTAINMENT

Highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, or other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children.

Provide information about anything intended to occur at the premises or ancillary to the use of the premises which may give rise to concern in respect of children, regardless of whether you intend children to have access to the premises, for example (but not exclusively) nudity or semi-nudity, films for restricted age groups etc gambling machines etc.

No adult entertainment or gaming or any ancillary use that may give rise to concern in respect of children.

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HOURS PREMISES ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Standard Days And Timings

MONDAY

Start

End

Start

End

Provide timings in 24 hour clock (e.g., 16:00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.

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TUESDAY

Start

End

Start

End

WEDNESDAY

Start

End

Start

End

THURSDAY

Start

End

Start

End

FRIDAY

Start

End

Start

End

SATURDAY

Start

End

Start

End

SUNDAY

Start

End

Start

End

State any seasonal variations.

For example (but not exclusively) where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.

Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises to be open to the members and guests at different times from those listed above, list below.

For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.

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Identify those conditions currently imposed on the licence which you believe could be removed as a consequence of the proposed variation you are seeking.

Please see additional enclosure detailing conditions to be removed and amended.

- I have enclosed the premises licence
- I have enclosed the relevant part of the premises licence

Reasons why I have failed to enclose the premises licence or relevant part of premises licence.

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LICENSING OBJECTIVES

Describe the steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives:

a) General – all four licensing objectives (b,c,d,e)

List here steps you will take to promote all four licensing objectives together.

We have strong management controls and deliver effective training to all staff so that they are aware of the premises licence and the requirements to meet the four licensing objectives.

Our licensee and other managers are aware of their obligations regarding "day-to-day" control of the premises, with each having undertaken or been enrolled on training for staff on the Licensing Act.

Our operating schedule details our hours of operation and licensable activities during those hours.

Particular attention is given to:

- No selling of alcohol to underage people
- No drunk and disorderly behaviour on the premises area
- Vigilance in preventing the use and sale of illegal drugs at the retail area
- No violent and anti-social behaviour
- No any harm to children

We operate the "Challenge 25" criteria, to prevent the supply of alcohol to under-age drinkers.

A robust CCTV system has been installed with full recording.

We have arranged for an exterior window shutter to be installed so that we can ensure that shop front is safe and secure at all times

As a licensed premise, we know that it is necessary to carry out our functions or operate their businesses with a purpose of promoting these objectives. We promise to support these objectives through our operating schedules and other measures (including staff training and qualifications, policies, and strategic partnerships with other agencies).

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

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A state of the art CCTV system has been installed to monitor entrances, exits, and all other parts of the premises (excluding bathrooms) in order to address our prevention of crime objective.

We have clear and legible notices outside the premises indicating the normal hours under the terms of the premises licence (during which licensable activities are permitted).

We also have clear and conspicuous notices warning of potential criminal activity, such as theft, not selling alcohol to drunk or intoxicated customers. Signs are also prevalent that warn that any persons found to be dealing or consuming illegal drugs will have their details shared with the Metropolitan Police.

Staff are trained in asking customers to use premises in an orderly and respectful manner and prevent drinking alcohol at the retail unit (ex. canned or bottled beer).

c) Public safety

Internal and external lighting fixed to promote the public safety objective.

Our staff have been trained (or are enrolled for training) in adherence to:

- Environmental health requirements.
- Implementation of underage ID checks.

A log book and recording system is kept upon the premises in which we enter details of any incidents or inspections made. This Log Book shall be kept available for inspection when required by persons authorised by the Licensing Act 2003 or associated legislation.

Fire and health risk assessments have been undertaken by external bodies.

We are aware of our obligations under both statute and licencing, and fully comply with any guidance given to us regarding public safety.

All parts of the premises and all fittings and apparatus therein, are maintained at all times in good order and in a safe condition, including:

- Door fastenings
- Notices
- Lighting
- Heating
- Electrical
- Air conditioning
- Sanitary accommodation
- All other installations

d) The prevention of public nuisance

As per Council, we have engaged RBA Acoustics to undertake a full survey of the premises. Their initial site visit took place on Wednesday 16th of January 2019. As a continued sign of our transparent operating practices, we will share a copy of this report and recommendations in their entirety with you. In any Event we will implement the following recommendation and conditions set out by the Local Authorities Pollution Team received 18 January 2019 as set out below:

- Noise or vibration must not emanate from the premises so as to cause a nuisance to nearby properties.
- The sound insulation properties of the premises must be maintained and kept in good order.
- Prominent, clear and legible notices must be displayed at all exits requesting the public to respect the needs of local

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residents and to leave the premises and the area quietly.

- The licensee shall appoint a noise consultant registered with the Institute of Acoustics or Association of Noise Consultants to prepare a scheme of sound insulation and noise control measures, which may include the installation of a noise limiting device, to prevent persons in the neighbourhood from being unreasonably disturbed by noise of music from the premises. The scheme shall be submitted for approval by the Council, and the approved scheme fully implemented to the satisfaction of the Council and the licensee notified in writing accordingly, prior to the premises being used for regulated entertainment.
- Upon completion of the above survey, the premises licence shall include the maximum sound levels permitted at the premises to the satisfaction of the Pollution Team. The maximum sound levels quoted on the premises licence shall replace the above condition.
- All amplified voices and music played within the premises shall be subject to the control of an entertainment noise control system. All pre-recorded music played through the in-house music system shall be controlled by an automatic electronic noise limiting device which restricts the sound system output to below pre-set threshold levels. All music from live bands, or DJs utilising their own amplification equipment, shall be controlled by a continual music noise level monitoring device which cuts the power supply to the sound system if a pre-set threshold is exceeded.
- The entertainment noise control system shall be monitored, checked and calibrated as necessary, so that the levels approved by the Council, are not exceeded.
- The entertainment noise control system shall be located in a secure, lockable cupboard or similar location. It is to be independent of control by persons other than the licensee. Access to the entertainment noise control system is to be restricted to the Licensee or a designated manager.
- In the event of any changes to the position of the speakers and distribution of sound, the limiter shall be recalibrated and the new calibration certificate shall be sent to the Licensing team for file
- Doors and windows to the premises will be kept closed, so far as practicable, at all times when noise generating entertainment is taking place i.e. live and recorded music
- No collections of waste or recycling materials (including bottles) from the premises shall take place between (23.00) and (08.00) on the following day.
- No deliveries to the premises shall take place between (23.00) and (08.00) on the following day.
- Any outside furniture shall be rendered unusable from 23.00 hours until the commencement of the next day's trading
- The contact telephone number for the premises licence holder/designated premises supervisor/duty manager shall be displayed inside the premises or immediately outside the premises such that it is clearly visible from outside without the need to enter the premises.
- Noise and/or Odour from any flue used for the dispersal of cooking smells serving the building shall not cause nuisance to the occupants of any properties in the vicinity
- In the event of a noise complaint substantiated by authorised officers, the licensee shall reduce all levels of amplified sound until such works are carried out to contain sound and re-assess sound levels at the premises to the satisfaction of the Pollution Team.
- The licensee shall develop a Noise Management and Dispersal Policy to control noise coming from the venue, including people noise, and to control noise from customers either congregating outside or leaving the area. The Noise Management and Dispersal Policy shall be agreed with the Council's Licensing Authority and be reviewed and revised periodically or after incidences to ensure that public nuisance is prevented from recurring.

In addition to the above council/recommendations and conditions and as an interim measure, we have implemented a number of additional procedures, including all of those detailed in your aforementioned correspondence.

These include, but are not limited to:

- Volume of music/televisions

We have installed temporary devices in the main area of the building which measure sound.

After 21:45, we have imposed self-restrictions of 60dB. From 22:15 this reduces to 40dB and music is entirely finished at

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22:45.

- Signage

Additional signage has been placed both inside and outside of the premises reminding patrons that we are based in a residential area and that they should respect our neighbours accordingly.

- Lighting

As per your guidance, we have commenced increasing the lighting from 22:00 so that it is at it's brightest at closing time.

- Lollipops

As a novel idea to reduce patrons talking excessively when they leave the establishment, we have devised a complimentary lollipop tray by the exit which we put out from approximately 21:00.

- Smoking

Staff who smoke are now prohibited from doing so in front of the building and must do so in the rear "garden" area of the establishment.

- Patrons Exiting

The Duty Manager now says good night to all patrons and reminds them to leave quietly.

Customers are not permitted to be on the premises beyond opening hours.

- Communication

We intend to host monthly Saturday morning meetings where neighbours will be invited to inform us of any issues they may have had and ways in which they believe we can operate more efficiently.

These meetings will be minuted and circulate to residents in close proximity who either cannot or do not want to attend in person.

- Delivery of Goods

Deliveries of goods necessary for the operation of the business will be carried out at a time and manner as to prevent nuisance and disturbance to nearby residents. The Licensee will ensure that staff who arrive early morning or depart late at night (ex. for unpacking, pricing newly delivered goods) when the business has ceased trading conduct themselves in such a manner to avoid causing disturbance to nearby residents.

- Other Duties of Care

The movement of bins and rubbish outside the premises will be kept to a minimum and only during socially acceptable hours. This will help to reduce the levels of noise produced by the premises. Any lighting on or outside the premises will be repositioned and screened in such a way so as to not cause a disturbance to nearby residents. Adequate waste receptacles for use by customers will be provided in the local vicinity

Since implementing the above procedures, we have not had any concerns raised to us either directly or through a third party.

e) The protection of children from harm

We are participants of "Challenge 25" which is a retailing strategy that encourages anyone who is over 18 but looks under

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25 to carry acceptable ID (a card bearing the PASS hologram, a photographic driving license or a passport) if they wish to buy alcohol.

Our staff are aware and have been trained regarding the requirements for persons' identification, age establishment etc. (all training details are maintained in Training Record Book).

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NOTES ON REGULATED ENTERTAINMENT

In terms of specific **regulated entertainments** please note that:

- Plays: no licence is required for performances between 08:00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
- Films: no licence is required for 'not-for-profit' film exhibition held in community premises between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day provided that the audience does not exceed 500 and the organiser (a) gets consent to the screening from a person who is responsible for the premises; and (b) ensures that each such screening abides by age classification ratings.
- Indoor sporting events: no licence is required for performances between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 1000.
- Boxing or Wrestling Entertainment: no licence is required for a contest, exhibition or display of Greco-Roman wrestling, or freestyle wrestling between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 1000. Combined fighting sports – defined as a contest, exhibition or display which combines boxing or wrestling with one or more martial arts – are licensable as a boxing or wrestling entertainment rather than an indoor sporting event.
- Live music: no licence permission is required for:
 - o a performance of unamplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, on any premises.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a workplace that is not licensed to sell alcohol on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a church hall, village hall, community hall, or other similar community premises, that is not licensed by a premises licence to sell alcohol, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance from a person who is responsible for the premises.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, at the non-residential premises of (i) a local authority, or (ii) a school, or (iii) a hospital, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance on the relevant premises from: (i) the local authority concerned, or (ii) the school or (iii) the health care provider for the hospital.
- Recorded Music: no licence permission is required for:
 - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a church hall, village hall, community hall, or other similar community premises, that is not licensed by a premises licence to sell alcohol, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance from a person who is responsible for the premises.
 - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, at the non-residential premises of (i) a local authority, or (ii) a school, or (iii) a hospital, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance on the relevant premises from: (i) the local authority concerned, or (ii) the school proprietor or (iii) the health care provider for the hospital.

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* Full name	<input type="text" value="Brian Francis Taggart"/>
* Capacity	<input type="text" value="Company Solicitor"/>
* Date	<input type="text" value="26"/> / <input type="text" value="04"/> / <input type="text" value="2019"/> dd mm yyyy

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2. Go back to <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-a-licence/premises-licence/islington/change-1> to upload this file and continue with your application.

Don't forget to make sure you have all your supporting documentation to hand.

IT IS AN OFFENCE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION. THOSE WHO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT MAY BE LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE OF ANY AMOUNT.

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Welch Consultants Limited trading as Islington Sports Bar and Grill

Full variation application dated 26 April 2019

Remove the following conditions:

Annex 2.1

Annex 2.2

Annex 2.3 and 2.4 replaced with the following:

Off sales shall not be permitted after 11pm

Sales of alcohol for consumption off the premises shall only be made when ancillary to the purchase of a main meal to take away, and only up to a maximum of four beers of 330ml or a single 750ml bottle of wine per order.

Regarding all off sales by way of delivery from telephone/internet orders, the following will be adhered to.

- a) Couriers will be trained on relevant aspects of the Licensing Act 2003 including underage sales, sales to a person who is drunk, obtaining alcohol for a child or a person who is drunk and delivering alcohol to someone under the age of 18.
- b) Any person taking an order for the supply of alcohol on behalf of the premises licence holder will inform all customers that proof of age by way of photographic driving licence, passport or a form of identification with the PASS hologram will be required before alcohol is supplied.
- c) The licensee shall ensure that any delivery service employed to facilitate the delivery of alcohol, as an ancillary to a food order, has an adequate proof of age

scheme in place, such as the Challenge 25 scheme, to be undertaken at the point of delivery to any customer.

Replace Annex 2.5 with the following:

In the event that any assault, serious crime or disorder is, or appears to have been, committed on the premises, the management will arrange upon becoming aware of it that:

- (a) The police (and, where appropriate, the London Ambulance Service) are called without unreasonable delay
- (b) Where staff consider it safe to do so, all reasonable measures are taken to apprehend any suspect pending the arrival of the police
- (c) Where it is noted that police attendance will occur, any crime scene is preserved until the arrival of police, so as to enable a full forensic investigation to be carried out by the police
- (d) Such other measures are taken, as far as is reasonably practicable, to fully protect the safety of all persons present on the premises.

Replace Annex 2.6 with:

An incident log shall be kept at the premises, and made available on request to the police or an authorised officer, which will record the following

- (a) All crimes reported to the venue
- (b) Any complaints received
- (c) Any incidents of disorder
- (d) Any faults in the CCTV system
- (e) Any visit known to (or brought to the attention of), the management, by a relevant authority or emergency service

- (f) Any and all ejections of patrons
- (g) Any and all seizures of drugs or offensive weapons
- (h) Any refusal of the sale of alcohol

Replace Annex 2.7 with the following:

The holder of the premises licence shall participate fully in the local pub watch scheme.

Replace Annex 2.8 with the following:

CCTV shall be installed, operated and maintained, at all times that the premises is open for licensable activities, so as to comply with the following criteria:

- (a) The licensee will ensure that the system is checked every week to ensure that the system is working properly and that the date and time are correct. A record of these checks, showing the date and name of the person checking, shall be kept and made available to Police or authorised Council officers on request, subject to meeting the tests contained within the Data Protection Act 1998
- (b) The Police must be informed if the licence holder becomes aware that said system will not be operating for longer than one day of business for any reason
- (c) One camera will show a close-up of the entrance to the premises
- (d) The system will provide full coverage of the publicly accessible interior of the premises (excluding the toilet areas), and any exterior part of the premises accessible to the public
- (e) The system shall record in real time and recordings will be date and time stamped
- (f) Recordings will be kept for a minimum of 31 days and downloaded footage will be provided free of charge to Police or authorised Council officers on request (subject to the Data Protection Act 1998) within 24 hours of any request

(g) At all times when the premises are open for licensable activities, there will be a person on the premises who can operate the system sufficiently to allow Police or authorised Council officers to view footage on request and to supply a copy of footage immediately to Police to assist with the immediate investigation of an offence

Replace Annex 2.11 with the following:

Clear and prominent signage will be displayed on the premises advising patrons of the following:

(a) That CCTV is in operation

(b) That Challenge 25 Age Verification is in operation

(c) That thieves operate in the area and patrons should be vigilant, safeguard their belongings, and report any concerns to the venue management.

Replace Annex 2.17 with the following:

The premises will operate a proof of age scheme, such as challenge 25

(a) Staff engaged in alcohol sales shall be trained in the promotion of the licensing objectives.

(b) Only suitable forms of photographic identification, such as passport or UK driving licence, or holographically marked PASS scheme cards, will be accepted.

Add the following conditions under Annex 2:

1) All staff training records shall be kept readily available on the premises for inspection by the Licensing Authority and Police.

2) The licensee shall train and instruct the management and staff to prevent the admission of, and promote the orderly departure of:

- a) Any persons who appear to be drunk or disorderly
- b) Any persons displaying signs of other substance abuse

3) On days when Arsenal Football Club are playing at home:

a) There shall be a minimum of two SIA licenced security staff on duty at the premises from 4hrs before kick off until closure. Said members of SIA staff shall be clearly identifiable, in every case wearing suitable high visibility clothing and with SIA accreditation clearly and openly displayed

b) There shall be no alcohol sales in glass containers at any time. All sales will be supplied in plastic receptacles, and any bottled drinks will be decanted into a suitable receptacle.

c) A risk assessment shall be undertaken by the management for every upcoming matchday to consider the need for an uplift in SIA provision and any other measure deemed relevant. Said assessment will take account of any advice offered by the police and security company engaged in relation to that particular game, as well as the licensees own knowledge of the profile of any persons likely to attend the venue during that matchday. Said assessment will be recorded in a suitable log and made available to the police and local authority upon reasonable request.

4) A register shall be maintained recording all SIA door supervisors employed at the premises. This register shall include, in clear and legible text:

- a) Full name
- b) SIA badge number
- c) Agency worked for
- d) Shift start date and time

e) Shift finish date and time.

5) Staff shall carry out routine patrols to monitor customer behaviour and a member of staff shall be tasked with monitoring customer dispersal at closing time to encourage customers to leave quietly and not to loiter in the vicinity.

6) The total number of persons (to include customers, staff, performers etc), on the premises shall not in any circumstances exceed 170, the number determined on the current fire risk assessment. This figure may be amended with the approval of the London Fire Brigade. On match days and any other days when the management anticipate approaching capacity a suitable clicker or other monitoring system shall be employed to ensure compliance.

Noise Pollution Minimisation

Full implementation to the attached schedule of works as attached hereto, as recommend in the RBA Acoustics report also attached hereto, within 3 months of the granting of any the full variation under this application, until such works have been signed off by the Licence Holders contractors the capacity of the premises on the match day shall be limited to 110 customers at any one time. A photographic schedule of all works will be carried regular intervals during the key milestones of the work and shall be evidenced and made available to the Islington Noise control and noise pollution team.



PREMISES LICENCE LICENSING ACT 2003

Premises licence number	LN/16074-141118	Date of original grant*	03 February 2016
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**An annual fee associated with this licence is to be paid on the anniversary of the original grant date.*

Postal address of premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description			
CHICKEN SHOP 274 – 276 HOLLOWAY ROAD			
Post town	London	Post code	N7 6NE
Telephone number			

Where the licence is time limited the dates
Not Applicable

Licensable activities authorised by the licence
Ground floor and basement
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Gaming Machine Provision:
Not applicable

The opening hours of the premises:

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

On and off supplies

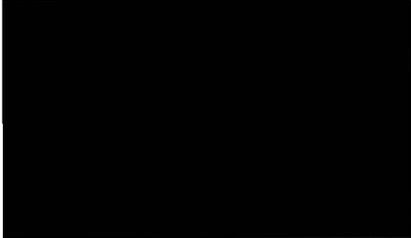
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Welch Consultants Limited,


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

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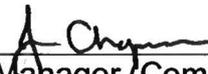
Name, address and telephone number of designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises the supply of alcohol



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



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Service Manager (Commercial)

30th November 2018
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. 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 premises shall only operate as a restaurant which provides food in the form of substantial meals that are prepared on the premises
2. Alcohol shall not be sold or supplied otherwise than to persons who are purchasing a meal from the advertised menu displayed at the premises and the consumption of alcohol by such persons is ancillary to taking such meals.
3. Off Sales shall cease at 23.00, 7 days
4. Sales of alcohol for consumption off the premises shall only be supplied with, and ancillary to a take away meal. In respect of this, off-sales will be limited to either two bottles of beer or two alcoholic shakes per take away meal
5. In the event that a serious assault is committed on the premises (or appears to have been committed) the management will immediately ensure that:
 - (a) The police (and, where appropriate, the London Ambulance Service) are called without delay;
 - (b) All measures that are reasonably practicable are taken to apprehend any suspects pending the arrival of the police;
 - (c) The crime scene is preserved so as to enable a full forensic investigation to be carried out by the police; and
 - (d) Such other measures are taken (as appropriate) to fully protect the safety of all persons present on the premises.
6. An incident log shall be kept at the premises, and made available on request to the police or an authorised officer, which will record the following:
 - a) All crimes reported to the venue
 - b) Any complaints received
 - c) Any incidents of disorder
 - d) Any faults in the CCTV system
 - e) Any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service
 - f) All ejections of patrons

- g) All seizures of drugs or offensive weapons
 - h) Any refusal of the sale of alcohol"
7. The holder of the premises licence shall subscribe to and participate fully in the local pub/club/shop watch scheme.
 8. CCTV shall be installed, operated and maintained in agreement with the Police. Maintained means that the system will be regularly serviced (at least once a year) and checked every two weeks to ensure that it is storing images correctly and a log kept and signed by a Supervisor to this effect. The system will provide an identifiable full head and shoulder image of everyone entering the premises and will operate in any light conditions within the premises. The system will cover the full exterior of the premises and shall record in real time, date and time stamped and will operate whilst the premises is open for licensable activities. The recordings will be kept for a minimum of 31 days and copies will be made available to an Authorised Officer or a Police Officer (subject to the Data Protection Act 1998) within 24hrs of any request free of charge. There will always be a member of staff on duty who can operate the system, to allow Officers to view recordings and if required by a Police Officer, provide a copy of images immediately free of charge to assist in the immediate investigation of offences. If the system malfunctions and will not be operating for longer than one day of business then Police must be informed
 9. Staff shall carry out routine patrols to monitor customer behaviour and ensure all customer litter is removed. A member of staff shall be tasked with monitoring customer dispersal at closing time to encourage customers to leave quietly and not to loiter in the vicinity
 10. The highway and public spaces in the vicinity of the premises shall be kept free of litter from the premises at all material times. All litter and sweepings shall be collected and stored in accordance with the approved refuse storage arrangements
 11. Clear and prominent notices shall be displayed on the premises warning customers of the need to guard their property and to be aware of the operation of pickpockets, bag snatchers, etc. The notices shall advise customers to report concerns to the designated premises supervisor or the person in charge of the licensed premises
 12. All exit routes shall be kept unobstructed, with non-slippery and even surfaces, free of trip hazards and clearly identified
 13. Noise or vibration must not emanate from the premises so as to cause a nuisance to nearby properties.
 14. Prominent, clear and legible notices must be displayed at all exits requesting the public to respect the needs of local residents and to leave the premises and the area quietly
 15. Notices shall be prominently displayed at any area used for smoking requesting patrons to respect the needs of local residents and use the area quietly
 16. Refuse must be placed into receptacles outside the premises at times that will minimise the disturbance to nearby properties
 17. The licensee shall adopt the Challenge 25 and the BII National Standards Proof of Age Scheme
 18. The licensee shall ensure that staff are trained about age restricted products and ensure that they sign to confirm that they have understood the training. The licensee shall keep records of training and instruction given to staff
 19. No collections of waste or recycling materials (including bottles) from the premises shall take place between **(23.00)** and **(08.00)** on the following day.

20. No deliveries to the premises shall take place between (23.00) and (08.00) on the following day.
21. Any outside furniture shall be rendered unusable from 23.00 hours until the commencement of the next day's trading

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

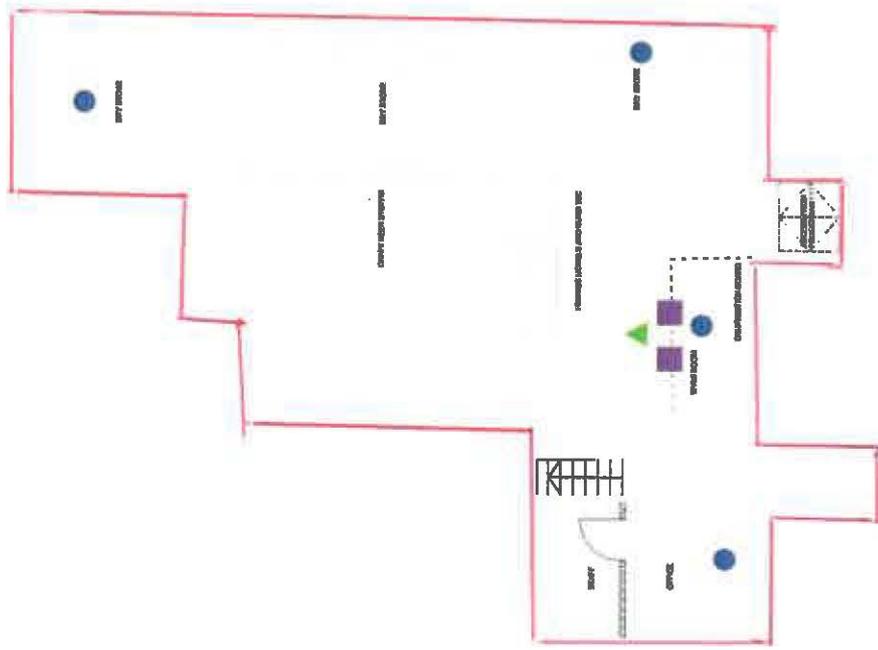
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Annex 4 – Plans

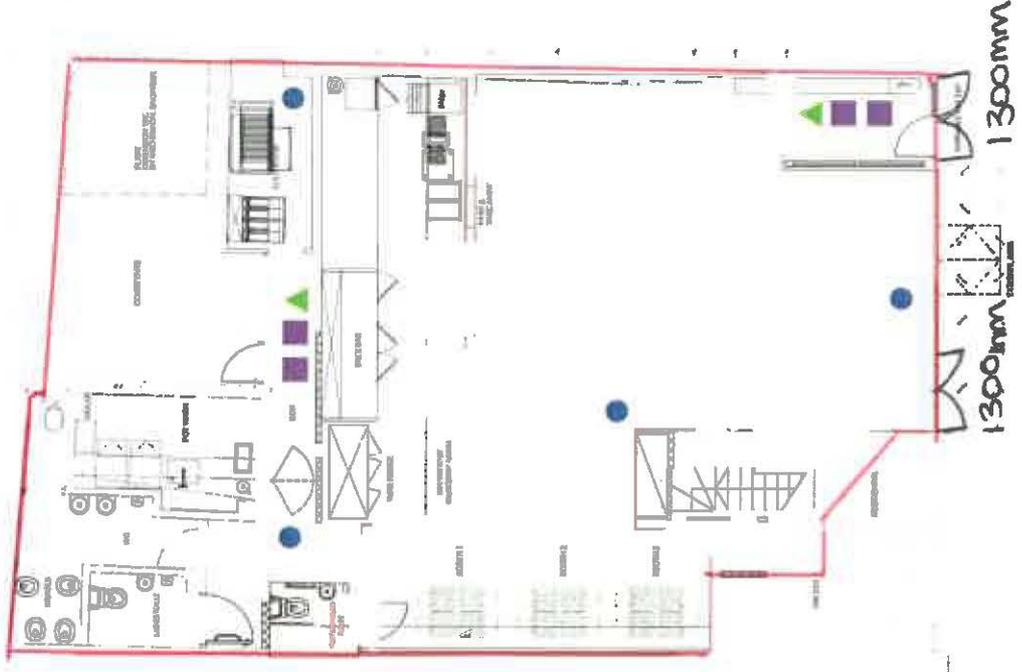
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Licence

-  SMOKE ALARMS
-  CO2 FOAM EXTINGUISHERS
-  FIRE ALARM CALL POINTS
-  AREA TO SELL ALCOHOL



1 Proposed basement plan
W101



2 Proposed ground floor plan
W101

HOLLOWAY ROAD

	
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PRELIMINARY ISSUE

REVISIONS

ALL WORKS TO COMPLY WITH BUILDING REGULATIONS

Rep 1

Licensing Authority Representation: Licensing Act 2003

Application: ISLINGTON SPORTS BAR & GRILL, 274 HOLLOWAY ROAD, ISLINGTON, LONDON, N7 6NE

I am submitting a representation on behalf of the Licensing Authority with respect to the premises licence variation application.

The grounds for the representation are:

- Public nuisance; and
- Crime and disorder.

Although this application is for the same hours and activities as the existing licence, the current licence is for a restaurant, and therefore requires that all sales of alcohol be ancillary to the sale of food.

Licensing Authority, Noise Team and the Police recently met with the applicants and conditions were discussed. We agree with the conditions proposed by the police.

We have continued to receive noise complaints from residents regarding noise of sports events showing on the TV's and customers cheering and shouting. The residents have also seen the premises operating outside of its conditions, in that customers have been consuming alcohol without having a substantial meal.

If the licence was to be granted it should be on condition that all sound insulation works are completed to the Councils satisfaction prior to the premises being used under the licence.

The premises are in a cumulative impact area and as such must be able to demonstrate that the operation of the premises would not contribute to the problems in an already busy and challenging area.

The premises have exceeded their Temporary Event Notice allowance for this year, therefore they would not be able to extend their hours for any special sporting or other occasions.

Licensing Policy Considerations

Licensing Policies 1 & 2

Location, cumulative impact and saturation

Licensing Policies 9 & 10

Standards of management

Licensing Policy 13

Alcohol induced crime

Licensing Policies 18 & 21

Noise and dispersal

Issues of Concern

1. The premises are located within the Holloway Road and Finsbury Park Cumulative Impact policy area. The onus is on the applicant to demonstrate that these premises will not add to the cumulative impact. The applicant has provided a detailed operating schedule but has not demonstrated a high standard of management since taking over the premises and therefore in my opinion, the proposed application will add to the cumulative impact in this location.
2. The licence holder's business model on match days is to operate a vertical drinking premises for football fans. The applicant has verbally offered to not allow drinking

outside on match days, but we would like this placed on the licence as a condition, if the licensing Committee do decide to grant this application.

3. In addition, there are significant concerns that the applicants have failed to carry out any of the noise insulation works despite operating on a daily basis.
4. The licensing authority does appreciate that due to the number of pub closures in and around the Emirates Stadium, there is a need for well-run premises for football supporters to consume alcohol in responsibly before and after the match.
5. We expect a high standard of management in a premises that would be very popular with sports fans and Arsenal fans in particular. In the short time that the applicants have been operating the premises, there have been issues with complaints from residents and officers noting that substantial meals not being served with alcohol. The premises do have a fully operation kitchen, therefore food should be available at all times that alcohol is being served,

6. Recommendation

It is recommended that the Licensing Committee considers the application bearing in mind the concerns of the Licensing Authority and the conditions suggested by Police and Noise Officers and consider whether the applicants can demonstrate that they would not cause a nuisance to residents and that they would provide licensable activities responsibly and promote the licensing objectives.

Terrie Lane

Licensing Manager (Commercial and Licensing)

29 May 2019

terrie.lane@islington.gov.uk

Rep 2

With reference to the recent application ref:- WK/190012675.

I speak on behalf of residents who live [REDACTED] the premises.
I ask that the business opening hours are not extended so as to avoid any more noise than the premises presently creates.

Rep 3

I fully support their application.

It's a wonderful place and I also take my 2 children there and always a lovely atmosphere and good affordable food and drinks

It's also a place to go to on mon football occasions

You should grant their licence it's for families as well and my children also make new friends.

It's a very sociable meeting place and has a great reputation with lovely staff always on hand to help.

Rep 4

Hi,

Im writing on behalf of shewore.com which is an Arsenal based social media company.
I have been eating and drinking in Islington on match days since 1986. Since The Arsenal moved from Highbury I like a lot of others I have always started my day out at Highbury corner and worked my way down Holloway road to the ground. My time and money would often be spent in cafes, take aways, newsagents and a couple of pubs. Sadly since The Bailey, The George and The Metro has closed down it has severely limited our choice apart from the wetherspoons, which I find very impersonal and stale.

Islington bar and Grill opening up on the site of the old Herbert Chapman has been a breath of fresh air to our day.

There is plenty of people of all ages, gender, race etc who meet up there as it's a safe and friendly venue with great staff and security on the door.

I personally meet friends on match days now from all over the country as well as family and friends living in Islington. Meeting before and after games has and always will be part of our day, the same way it was part of our parents and Grandparents way.

After games we always stay and have a drink and a chat about the game, this is due to the huge queues at the train stations as much as it being part of our day.

I am of course writing in support of the said venues licence application in the hope the thousands of Arsenal fans that enter the borough on match days have a choice of venues to meet and engage with other fans.

Without drinking establishments it may give us no choice but to meet elsewhere before games and leave straight after, which transport issues aside would be a loss of income to the many independent shop owners. As a self employed businessman myself I know how hard it is to build up a business from scratch and I'm hoping you will back the licence and encourage new businesses to succeed.

Rep 5

dear islington licensing council,
I am dropping this email to tell you of the above bar
I have been using this bar since its opening, I come from newcastle which is a city renowned
for it,s friendly helpful people,nowhere else have I seen this in london apart from the islington sports bar and grill.
yes other bars retaurants etc in london give good service but islington sports bar gives that special since of community
that I know so well from my home town
the welcome is always one that makes any visitor fell like a valued friend
great food great choices of beverages but what makes it for me is I feel as though I am a local.
In these times of so much instability this place is a good solid refuge from all the stresses of
everyday life, which I believe has always been the purpose of bars /restaurants
from the all of the people that are in charge or work there is
always a warm friendship and a genuine goodwill when you leave.
in the words of an old song with a slight change in the lyrics
"maybe it,s because of islington sports bar that I love london so"
in conclusion this is a home away from home and an essential part of the community
yours faithfully

Rep 6

Dear Licensing Team,

I work in a large intensive care department of an NHS trauma centre and this involves a mix of early morning starts and night shifts. Since the applicant moved in [REDACTED] there has been a lot of noise disturbance, and I've witnessed a number of fights outside. My flatmates and I have had to call the council on numerous occasions for anti-social behaviour.

I thought that when the council told them in March that they definitely had to operate as a restaurant that the noise disturbances would stop. However, I've been woken up by loud crowds on Saturday mornings twice now – on both occasions this had a negative impact on my ability to work that night. I now find it harder to get to sleep, not knowing if / when the people [REDACTED] will next make a huge disturbance and cause public nuisance.

Given the level of rowdy crowds they've been hosting when supposedly operating as a restaurant, it can only get worse if they're allowed to serve people alcohol without food. Especially the football supporters they get who I fear might get violent, as they

have done at the premises several times before. I can't understand how they're able to ask again to become a pub after the council only just told them two months ago that they couldn't. I'd like to ask the council to please reject this application as you did so in March as nothing has changed.

Many thanks,

Rep 7

Dear Licensing Team,

I live in [REDACTED] - [REDACTED] the Islington Sports Bar and Grill. I work in a large intensive care department of an NHS trauma centre and this involves a mix of early morning starts and night shifts. Since the applicant moved in [REDACTED], there has been a lot of noise disturbance, and I've witnessed a number of fights outside. My flatmates and I have had to call the council on numerous occasions for anti-social behaviour.

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Rep 8

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a resident at Holloway Road and recently received a letter about the license application for Islington Sports Bar and Grill.

I would like to register a complaint, as a local resident the bar has been loud and unruly with crowds spilling out onto the street during match days. My girlfriend has felt unsafe whilst walking past.

I don't think it benefits the area and believe that it should not be granted a license.

Best,

Rep 9

Dear Sir,

Re: ISLINGTON SPORTS BAR AND GRILL, 274 HOLLOWAY ROAD, ISLINGTON,
LONDON N7 6NE

OBJECTION TO THE APPLICATION TO VARY THE LICENCE AT THE ABOVE
PROPERTY.

I have lived in the immediate vicinity of this particular establishment for almost 25 years. This property has been problematic in all of its various guises and reinventions. Unfortunately, the Islington Sports Bar and Grill is no exception.

I have witnessed fighting and drunkenness on the street immediately outside of this property on several occasions within recent months. It is clear that the people involved were/had been patrons of this establishment. I have seen the police outside this establishment on more than one occasion trying to deal with patrons who were clearly drunk and disorderly.

Because of this I have grave reservations about any change to increase the amount of time this unpleasant establishment is potentially allowed to operate.

This establishment has always had a shady reputation.

To ask to increase the hours is not appropriate or needed in this area.

It would potentially add to the public nuisance, disorder and (danger to) public safety should the change/variation be granted.

I am disabled and have felt extremely unsafe when walking by this property (on more than one occasion) when there has been fights, disruptive behaviour and unruly crowds who have spilled out of this establishment.

I would urge you most strongly not to allow this potential change to the hours this establishment is asking for.

I have noted that since their last application they have blanked their windows out. I would surmise that this is so one cannot see what is going on inside. I would urge you to inspect this property at your earliest convenience.

Dear sirs

Please grant the license to this establishment as it would create more employment in the area and be of great benefit to the local amenities

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Dear Sirs

I write to you to voice my full support for the full pub licence application being made by the proprietors of the Islington Sports Bar & Grill. It is an extremely well managed, welcoming establishment catering for us sports enthusiasts. The restrictions it currently faces on it's A3 licence are hindering the management's chances of making the bar a viable business. Not everyone wants to eat whilst viewing sporting events, many would rather just enjoy a drink or two as they watch whatever sport is showing in the bar. Too many pubs have closed or been renovated into flats on the Holloway Road in recent years, so it is therefore rather refreshing to see a new bar opening up that offers something a little bit different. I urge you please to cut the people running the Islington Sports Bar a bit of rope & grant them their application for a pub licence as it will certainly invigorate the area & the local community.

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(Letter sent by email)

28th May 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to make a representation against the proposed variation of the premises licence for Islington Sports Bar and Grill, 274 Holloway Road, Islington, London, N7 6NE (ref WK/190012675).

I am a resident of [REDACTED] and my flat is [REDACTED] the premises in question. I have lived there for almost 5 years and have not had any issues with any previous tenants operating below. However, since the applicant moved into the premises last November, there have been problems relating to three of the four stated licensing objectives (The prevention of crime and disorder; the prevention of public nuisance; and public safety). I outlined these in detail in my representation against the previous variation application (ref WK/190002085) and I include that letter as an attachment to this representation.

I'm very surprised that the applicant has reapplied for the same variation such a short time after the council rejected it on 21st March 2019. The problems with Public Nuisance in particular have continued during this period despite the football season coming to an end. The premises has also continued to operate in breach of their restaurant licence despite the very clear message from the council that they needed to adhere to its terms. They can no longer claim ignorance as their lawyer did on their behalf at the previous Licensing Sub-Committee hearing on 21st March. By continuing to operate as before, they are willfully ignoring the terms of their licence. This suggests that any additional commitments or conditions imposed or to which they may agree as part of this variation will also be ignored.

The only noticeable change in behaviour over the last two months has been that the applicant has frosted all the windows of their premises. They did this days after the council's rejection of their previous application. This makes them the only licensed restaurant or pub I know to have done such a thing and I can see little reason for this but to hide their continuing licence breaches from being visible from the street. However, since the weather has improved, their patrons have started drinking alcohol outside the premises without a meal, in contravention of the existing premises licence – evidence of this can be seen in Appendix A and has been shared with the council's licensing team. They also continue to advertise themselves online as a drinking establishment – see recent screenshots from their website and twitter feed in Appendix B.

I also received an abusive phone call and voicemail from a number I did not recognise at 11.30pm on Thursday 18th April which I reported to the Metropolitan Police. I have never in my life received such

a call and it occurred less than a month after the applicant's previous application (where I gave verbal representations) was rejected. The voicemail included references to "coming [REDACTED] to see me" and the caller knew my name and other personal details. Given these facts, as well as the personal identification of the caller (now known to the Metropolitan Police), the police officers who visited me to take a statement were of the opinion it was linked to the premises downstairs. The incident was logged but on the advice of the police about the low chances of conviction from a single call, I opted not to request them to investigate further. This event, however, left me feeling very shaken and fearful of the applicant's potential to incite crime and disorder.

The applicant has also caused a great deal of noise disturbances since opening, as outlined in my previous representation. These repeated violations resulted in them being issued a Section 80 Abatement Notice by Islington Council's ASB team on 28th February 2019. In their previous application, the applicant included some additional conditions concerning noise reduction. However, Anne Brothers of the Council's ASB team (who is currently on sabbatical) nonetheless put in a representation against that proposed variation as she had witnessed the applicant contravene several previous assurances. In her representation she stated "The applicant is not applying his own noise control proposals. This does not give us confidence in the applicant's ability or willingness to control noise at the premises."

Following the directions of Ms Brothers in January 2019, the premises instructed RBA Acoustics to undertake noise level testing. However, the applicant instructed them to test only for amplified sounds and not also crowd noise as Ms Brothers had instructed. She reiterated verbally during the last hearing on 21st March the urgent need for the applicant to undertake more comprehensive acoustic testing including crowd noise. It has been over two months since the Sub-Committee meeting yet this has not been done and no-one has been in contact with me to arrange a date for RBA to visit my flat for this testing. This shows they do not take seriously the level of nuisance they are causing, nor the requirement to follow instructions from the council's staff.

During the previous application hearing, the lawyer for the applicant suggested that all the issues had been solely the fault of Richard O'Bryan, the previous DPS. This being despite the fact that the Metropolitan Police representative suggested verbally at the last hearing on 21st March that Mr O'Bryan would be valuable to a drinking establishment of the nature the applicant is trying to operate due to his knowledge of the local football supporters. The applicant suggested that under the new DPS, Oliver Taggart (who admits to having no experience running a football pub), everything would improve. However, my only interaction with Mr Taggart has demonstrated this not to be the case.

On Saturday 27th April, my entire household were woken at around 10.30am by loud crowds chanting and the entire structure of the flat shaking. This disturbance was worse than any I have experienced to date, and was caused by large crowds of football fans downstairs drinking heavily and banging on the walls of the premises below. The impact was so severe that my neighbour in [REDACTED] a [REDACTED] me further away from the premises, messaged me saying "Feels like our flat is going to cave in." This disturbance took us all completely by surprise, as there was no Arsenal match that day and no temporary event notice was in place.

Following guidance from the Council, I have been avoiding direct contact with the Sports Bar Management since an incident where I was threatened by their head of security (as outlined in my previous representation). However, the level of noise and vibration disturbance on that morning was so extreme it was not possible to ignore. It made my home effectively uninhabitable that morning. I phoned the Council's ASB Out of Hours Response Team, but could only leave a message as they weren't working at this time. I therefore had no choice but to go downstairs and find out what was going on. It turned out the premises had bussed in coach-loads of Stoke fans (who were playing

Millwall that day) for some pre-match drinking. Photos of the scene I walked into at the premises that morning are included in Appendix C. The premises was full of people standing up and drinking alcohol, which is not consistent with operating as a restaurant as required by the terms of their licence.

I spoke to the bar manager Kayleigh who was apologetic about the level of noise, and said it had taken her by surprise, having never managed a football-supporter pub. She said that the crowd would move on by midday but didn't seem willing or able to take any action to control the crowd or the noise before then. This level of naivety about the type of patrons the premises is looking to attract was one of the reasons the council rejected the previous variation, and this event now provides evidence that the sub-committee was correct in recognising that this would likely lead to problems at the premises in relation to the Licensing Objectives.

I also spoke to her father, Oliver Taggart, who I believe is the new DPS. When I explained that the level of noise was not reasonable or acceptable, his response was to immediately blame me for not having carpet in my flat (which, incidentally I do) and that this was a condition in my lease (which, incidentally, it is not). What really shocked me about this response of his was not just the fact that Oliver was unapologetic about causing nuisance, nor just his level of hostility, but the fact that he would so brazenly fabricate assertions about the terms of my lease and the condition of my flat, when he has neither read my lease nor seen the interior of my flat. Mr Taggart's recklessness in this regard show him to be unreliable and unfit to be a DPS.

In addition, when I suggested they should not be hosting any loud events before installing soundproofing, he scoffed and said that they would carry on as this was their business and "they've got to live". This reveals his total lack of concern for the lives and wellbeing of his neighbours, and lack of respect for the clear instructions given to him by the Council. He has demonstrated clearly that granting this variation under his management will certainly lead to problems relating to the Licensing Objectives (public nuisance in particular, and also public safety with heavy-drinking football fans).

Given this attitude, I was nervous about the level of disturbance that might be caused on 9th May when Arsenal were playing Valencia in the Europa League. However, on this night the premises put up A4 paper posters (since removed) informing patrons that they were operating under a restaurant licence and they needed to have a meal if they wanted to drink while watching the match. I suspect their motivation for doing so was that they had submitted this application by then, and didn't want to totally jeopardise their chances of success.

However, my observation is that on this evening when they did operate as a restaurant as obliged to by their current licence conditions, there was no public nuisance. Contrasting this to the effect of the Stoke fans when the premises was contravening these terms neatly demonstrated the negative cumulative impact that this proposed variation would have on the Council's Licencing Objective of preventing Public Nuisance. It is therefore strong evidence to show that this variation request should be rejected, as it was already in March of this year.

Last time, the applicant's lawyer tried to suggest that the licence variation was needed as a handful of pubs in the area had closed down. However, as the Metropolitan police representative pointed out that evening, there is hardly a shortage of pubs in the local area. Within a mile of the premises I know of over 30 pubs (many showing sport) including:

- The Alwyne Castle
- Arkstar (opened recently)
- Bank of Friendship
- The Bedford Tavern
- Big Red

- Brewhouse and Kitchen – Highbury
- The Cally
- The Coronet
- The Crown Sports Bar (now managed by Richard O'Bryan)
- The Drayton Park
- Duchess of Kent
- The Eaglet
- El Commandante
- Enkel Arms
- Famous Cock
- The Gunners
- The Halfway House Bar
- Hemingford Arms
- Hen & Chickens
- The Highbury Barn Tavern
- Hope & Anchor
- The Horatia
- House of Hammerton (opened recently)
- The Jolly Sisters
- The Lamb
- Landseer Arms
- The Library
- Nambucca
- Prince Edward
- The Swimmer at Grafton Arms
- Tollington Arms
- Two Brewers
- Victoria Tavern (opened recently)
- The White Swan

Given the premises sits in the Holloway and Finsbury Park Cumulative Impact Area, there is a presumption of refusal unless the applicant can prove there will be no adverse cumulative impact on the licensing objectives. In light of the fact that the premises has, even under new management, already been causing detrimental effects on the licensing objective of preventing public nuisance, I do not see how they could credibly demonstrate that they will not further do so if this variation is granted.

Given the lack of any substantive change in behaviour or attitude of the applicant since the very recent rejection of a near-identical application on 21st March 2019, it is hard to see what grounds the Sub-Committee would have to reverse their previous well-deliberated decision. The high concentration of existing pubs and bars in the local area also demonstrates that a further drinking establishment is not required, especially one with the consistently poor management of Islington Sports Bar and Grill. I therefore request that the Sub-Committee refuse the application to vary the license of this premises.

I thank you for your time in considering my representations against this licence application.

Kind regards,

[Redacted Signature]

[Redacted Address]

Suggested conditions of approval consistent with the operating schedule

As per licence and submitted conditions from applicant

The following additional conditions as agreed with the Police

Remove the following conditions:

Annex 2.1

Annex 2.2

Both are obsolete and not relevant to the current operation.

Annex 2.3 and 2.4 relate to off sales.

Is it your intention to retain off sales or to remove it and apply for an On-Licence only?

If you are intending to retain off-sales provision (ie to allow for take-away orders or food deliveries etc), I would wish to see Annex 2.3 and 2.4 replaced with the following:

Off sales shall not be permitted after 11pm

Sales of alcohol for consumption off the premises shall only be made when ancillary to the purchase of a main meal to take away, and only up to a maximum of four beers of 330ml or a single 750ml bottle of wine per order.

Regarding all off sales by way of delivery from telephone/internet orders, the following will be adhered to.

- a) Couriers will be trained on relevant aspects of the Licensing Act 2003 including underage sales, sales to a person who is drunk, obtaining alcohol for a child or a person who is drunk and delivering alcohol to someone under the age of 18.
- b) Any person taking an order for the supply of alcohol on behalf of the premises licence holder will inform all customers that proof of age by way of photographic driving licence, passport or a form of identification with the PASS hologram will be required before alcohol is supplied.
- c) The licensee shall ensure that any delivery service employed to facilitate the delivery of alcohol, as an ancillary to a food order, has an adequate proof of age scheme in place, such as the Challenge 25 scheme, to be undertaken at the point of delivery to any customer.

Replace Annex 2.5 with the following:

In the event that any assault, serious crime or disorder is, or appears to have been, committed on the premises, the management will arrange upon becoming aware of it that:

- (a) The police (and, where appropriate, the London Ambulance Service) are called without unreasonable delay
- (b) Where staff consider it safe to do so, all reasonable measures are taken to apprehend any suspect pending the arrival of the police
- (c) Where it is noted that police attendance will occur, any crime scene is preserved until the arrival of police, so as to enable a full forensic investigation to be carried out by the police
- (d) Such other measures are taken, as far as is reasonably practicable, to fully protect the safety of all persons present on the premises.

Replace Annex 2.6 with the following:

An incident log shall be kept at the premises, and made available on request to the police or an authorised officer, which will record the following

- (a) All crimes reported to the venue
- (b) Any complaints received
- (c) Any incidents of disorder
- (d) Any faults in the CCTV system
- (e) Any visit known to (or brought to the attention of), the management, by a relevant authority or emergency service
- (f) Any and all ejections of patrons
- (g) Any and all seizures of drugs or offensive weapons
- (h) Any refusal of the sale of alcohol

Replace Annex 2.7 with the following:

The holder of the premises licence shall participate fully in the local pub watch scheme.

Replace Annex 2.8 with the following:

CCTV shall be installed, operated and maintained, at all times that the premises is open for licensable activities, so as to comply with the following criteria:

- (a) The licensee will ensure that the system is checked every week to ensure that the system is working properly and that the date and time are correct. A record of these checks, showing the date and name of the person checking, shall be kept and made available to Police or authorised Council officers on request, subject to meeting the tests contained within the Data Protection Act 1998
- (b) The Police must be informed if the licence holder becomes aware that said system will not be operating for longer than one day of business for any reason
- (c) One camera will show a close-up of the entrance to the premises
- (d) The system will provide full coverage of the publicly accessible interior of the premises (excluding the toilet areas), and any exterior part of the premises accessible to the public
- (e) The system shall record in real time and recordings will be date and time stamped

(f) Recordings will be kept for a minimum of 31 days and downloaded footage will be provided free of charge to Police or authorised Council officers on request (subject to the Data Protection Act 1998) within 24 hours of any request

(g) At all times when the premises are open for licensable activities, there will be a person on the premises who can operate the system sufficiently to allow Police or authorised Council officers to view footage on request and to supply a copy of footage immediately to Police to assist with the immediate investigation of an offence

Replace Annex 2.11 with the following:

Clear and prominent signage will be displayed on the premises advising patrons of the following:

- (a) That CCTV is in operation
- (b) That Challenge 25 Age Verification is in operation
- (c) That thieves operate in the area and patrons should be vigilant, safeguard their belongings, and report any concerns to the venue management.

Replace Annex 2.17 with the following:

The premises will operate the Challenge 25 proof of age scheme.

(b) Only suitable forms of photographic identification, such as passport or UK driving licence, or holographically marked PASS scheme cards, will be accepted.

Add the following conditions under Annex 2:

1) All staff training records shall be kept readily available on the premises for inspection by the Licensing Authority and Police.

2) The licensee shall train and instruct the management and staff to prevent the admission of, and promote the orderly departure of:

- a) Any persons who appear to be drunk or disorderly
- b) Any persons displaying signs of other substance abuse

3) The front windows of the premises shall be clear and transparent, without any form of concealing film or curtain, so as to allow an unobstructed view of the interior from the street.

4) On days when Arsenal Football Club are playing at home:

a) There shall be a minimum of two SIA licenced security staff on duty at the premises from 4hrs before kick-off until closure. Said members of SIA staff shall be clearly identifiable, in

every case wearing suitable high visibility clothing and with SIA accreditation clearly and openly displayed

- b) There shall be no alcohol sales in glass containers at any time. All sales will be supplied in plastic receptacles, and any bottled drinks will be decanted into a suitable receptacle.
- c) A risk assessment shall be undertaken by the management for every upcoming matchday to consider the need for an uplift in SIA provision and any other measure deemed relevant. Said assessment will take account of any advice offered by the police and security company engaged in relation to that particular game, as well as the licensees own knowledge of the profile of any persons likely to attend the venue during that matchday. Said assessment will be recorded in a suitable log and made available to the police and local authority upon reasonable request.
- d) There shall be a minimum of one personal licence holder on duty at the premises whilst open for licensable activities.
- e) The venue may not open before midday on the date of any Football League Designated Football Match played within the boundaries of the M25 unless otherwise agreed with the Metropolitan Police Licensing Team, Metropolitan Police Football Unit, and Local Authority.

5) A register shall be maintained recording all SIA door supervisors employed at the premises. This register shall include, in clear and legible text:

- a) Full name
- b) SIA badge number
- c) Agency worked for
- d) Shift start date and time
- e) Shift finish date and time.

6) Staff shall carry out routine patrols to monitor customer behaviour and a member of staff shall be tasked with monitoring customer dispersal at closing time to encourage customers to leave quietly and not to loiter in the vicinity.

7) The total number of persons (to include customers, staff, performers etc), on the premises shall not in any circumstances exceed the number determined on the current fire risk assessment. This figure may be amended with the approval of the London Fire Brigade. On match days and any other days when the management anticipate approaching capacity a suitable clicker or other monitoring system shall be employed to ensure compliance.

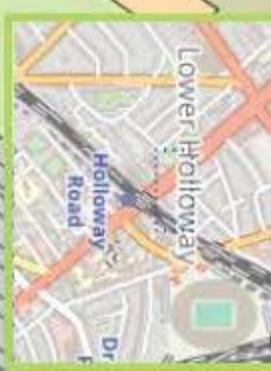
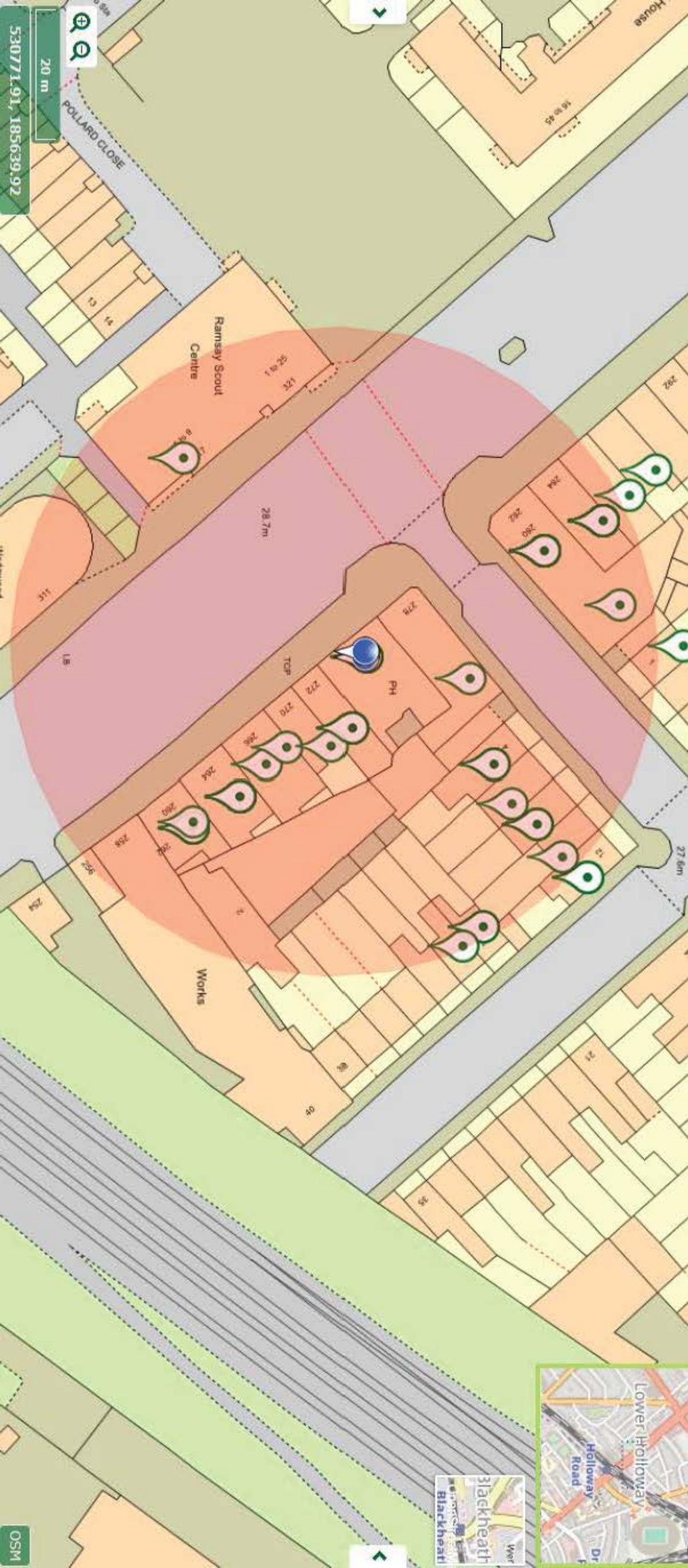
8) Staff engaged in alcohol sales shall be trained in the promotion of the licensing objectives.

Additional conditions from Councils Noise Team (Agreed)

The licence is not to become effective until all sound insulation works and noise control measures detailed in the RBA Acoustics Report, reference 9152.ATN01.AAR.1, revision 1, dated 5th April 2019, have been completed to the satisfaction of the Council.

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