



Report of: Service Director, Public Protection

Meeting of:	Date:	Ward(s):
Licensing Sub-Committee	14/07/2021	Holloway

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SUBJECT: PREMISES LICENCE SUMMARY REVIEW APPLICATION RE: Viva La Pizza, 367 Holloway Road, London, N7 0RN.

1. Synopsis

- 1.1 This is an application by **Metropolitan Police** for an Expedited Review of the Premises Licence under Section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003. The application and certificate was received on July 13th 2021 and was accompanied by a supporting witness statement from PC Adam Peace.
- 1.2 The Licensing Service received the application at 09:56 on 13th July 2021.
- 1.3 The incident itself relates to an extremely serious criminal offence and the ongoing investigation by Metropolitan Police. The actions of employees of the venue during this investigation constitute not only a stance completely contrary to the licensing objectives but an apparently concerted effort to protect a suspect and stymie a police investigation.

Police are of the view that such serious failings, highlighting as they do grave and ongoing deficiencies in the attitude and behaviour of the staff at the venue, not only demonstrate an association with serious crime but constitute a continuing risk of serious crime.
- 1.4 Within 48 hours of receipt of the chief officer's application, the Licensing Authority must consider whether it is necessary to take interim steps.

2. Background/History

- 2.1 The premises is currently held by Finsbury Limited having been approved by way of a Licensing Sub-Committee on 12th May 2020.
- 2.2 The current Designated Premises Supervisor is Mr Besnik Hoxha having been named by way of a DPS variation. This application was approved on 25th November 2020.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 To determine the application to review the premises licence under Section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003.
- 3.2 The Committee must, having regard to the application and any relevant representations, take such steps as mentioned in Section 53B(3) of the Act (if any) as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.
- 3.3 The interim steps stated in Sections 53B(3) of the Act are as follows:
 - a. the modification of the conditions of the premises licence;
 - b. the exclusion of the sale of alcohol by retail from the scope of the licence;
 - c. the removal of the designated premises supervisor from the licence; or
 - d. the suspension of the licence.

4. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

- 4.1 The Council is required to consider this summary review application in the light of all relevant information, and must take such steps as is considers appropriate to promote the licensing objectives.

Appendices:

- Appendix 1: Application form and Certificate;
- Appendix 2: Witness Statement of PC Adam Peace;
- Appendix 3: Current Premises Licence.

Background papers:

None.

Final report clearance:

Signed by:



Service Director – Public Protection

Date 14/07/2021

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