

Licensing Sub-Committee

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on Thursday 25 May 2017 at 10.00 am at Ground Floor Meeting Room G02C - 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

PRESENT:	Councillor Renata Hamvas (Chair) Councillor Sandra Rhule Councillor Lorraine Lauder MBE
OTHER S PRESENT:	Reece Wood, applicant P.C. Graham White, Metropolitan Police Service
OFFICER SUPPORT:	Debra Allday, legal officer (observing) Helena Crossley, legal officer Wesley McArthur, licensing officer Carolyn Sharpe, public health officer Andrew Weir, constitutional officer

1. APOLOGIES

There were none.

2. CONFIRMATION OF VOTING MEMBERS

The members present were confirmed as the voting members.

3. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

There were none.

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

5. LICENSING ACT 2003: FLAT IRON SQUARE (PHASE 2), 53 SOUTHWARK STREET, LONDON SE1 1RU

It was noted that this item had been conciliated prior to the meeting.

6. LICENSING ACT 2003: WATLING STREET BREWERY, UNIT 1, 95 HAYMERLE ROAD, LONDON, SE15 6SJ

The licensing officer presented their report. Members had questions for the licensing officer.

The applicant addressed the sub-committee. Members had questions for the applicant.

The Metropolitan Police Service representative addressed the sub-committee. Members had questions for the police representative

The public health officer addressed the sub-committee. Members had no questions for the public health officer.

All parties were given five minutes for summing up.

The meeting went into closed session at 11.03am.

The meeting resumed at 11.59am. The chair did not read out the decision of the sub-committee as none of the parties were present.

RESOLVED:

That the application made by Mr Reece Wood, for a variation of the premises licence, granted under the Licensing Act 2003 in respect of the premises known as Watling Street Brewery, Unit 1, 95 Haymerle Road, London, SE15 6SJ is granted as follows:

Licensable activity	Hours
To extend the hours permitted for the sale of alcohol to be consumed on the premises and the performance of live music and recorded music to:	Friday and Saturday between 12:00 and 02:30 the following day
To extend the hours for the provision of late night refreshment to	Friday and Saturday between 23:00 and 02:30 the following day
To amend the opening hours of the premises to	Friday and Saturday between 12:00 and 03:00 the following day

Conditions

The operation of the premises under the licence shall be subject to relevant mandatory conditions, conditions derived from the operation schedule highlighted in Section M of the

application form, the conditions agreed with the environmental protection team and the trading standards team during conciliation and the following additional conditions agreed by the sub-committee:

1. That a comprehensive dispersal policy in regards to both customers and staff shall be devised in respect of the premises. The dispersal policy shall include (but not necessarily be limited to) the following topics:
 - (a) Details as to how customer / staff egress at the premises shall be managed to minimise causing nuisance.
 - (b) Details of public transport in the vicinity and how customers will be advised in respect of it.
 - (c) The management of taxis to and from the premises. Patrons and taxis will be advised that taxis should collect patrons from Bianca Road only.
 - (d) The management of any 'winding down' period at the premises.
 - (e) The use of security and stewarding in respect of managing customer dispersal from the premises.
 - (f) Details of any cloakroom facility at the premises and how it is managed.
 - (g) Road safety in respect of customers leaving the premises.
 - (h) Management of ejections from the premises.
 - (i) Management of staff dispersal from the premises late at night / in the early morning.
 - (j) Management shall sign up to the Southwark women's safety charter.
 - (k) That the premises shall offer lollipops to patrons as they exit the premises.
 - (l) The dispersal policy shall be kept / be accessible at the premises at all times that the premises are in use and shall be made immediately available to officers of the council or police on request. All staff at the premises shall be trained in respect of the dispersal policy, shall be aware of where it is kept / how it is accessed and shall have access to it at all times that the premises are in operation. Records of staff training in regards to the dispersal policy shall be kept / be accessible at the premises at all times that the premises are in operation and shall be made immediately available to officers of the council or the police on request. Such training records shall include the capitalized name of the trainee and trainer, the date that the training was provided, a declaration that the training has been received and the signatures of the trainee and trainer.
2. That there shall be no DJ promoted events at the premises.
3. That there shall be a maximum capacity of 200 at the premises
4. That all guests shall be registered with the premises for the late evening events (after 20:00).

5. That there shall be a maximum of 10 smokers at any one time in the designated smoking area.
6. That alcohol taken out of the premises shall be in sealed containers only.

Reasons

The reasons for the decision are as follows:

The licensing sub-committee heard from the applicant who informed the sub-committee that after the success of several music and entertainment nights at the premises which had been organised by an external company he would like to run these events himself. He explained the usual format of the events that usually involve two live music performers and one spoken word performer. The extension of hours was designed to allow the applicant to host these events, and allow time for patrons to enjoy the performances, and to allow performers time to pack up their equipment. He stated that the venue's capacity was 200 patrons and that patrons are currently required to register via Eventbrite prior to attendance at an event. The applicant also emphasised that the premises is a brewery and therefore not designed to hold large club night events, and that his events were designed to show case up and coming music artists. The applicant had hosted several events using temporary event notices (TENs) for up to 200 people and no complaints had been received. The applicant also stated that local residents were frequently patrons of the premises and attended their events.

The licensing sub-committee heard from the Metropolitan Police Service representative who advised that they were concerned that the premises late hours exceeded those recommended in the statement of licensing policy. He also explained that residents some of whom are 75 – 80 metres away from the premises may be disturbed by patrons leaving to make their way to local transport links. The Metropolitan Police Service stated that a dispersal policy would help to alleviate their concerns.

The licensing sub-committee heard from the public health officer who advised that her concerns were similar to those that had been expressed by the Metropolitan Police Service regarding possible disturbance to residents and the hours extending beyond those recommended in the statement of licensing policy.

The licensing sub-committee noted that the environmental protection team and the trading standards team had conciliated with the applicant.

The licensing sub-committee considered all of the oral and written representations before it and were of the opinion that the conditions agreed between the applicant and the responsible authorities, and those imposed by the sub-committee satisfied the licensing objectives.

In reaching this decision the sub-committee had regard to all the relevant considerations and the four licensing objectives and considered that this decision was appropriate and proportionate.

Appeal rights

The applicant may appeal against any decision to modify the conditions of the licence; and

Any person who made relevant representations in relation to the application who desire to contend that:

- a) That variation ought not to have been made; or
That, when varying the licence, the licensing authority ought not to have modified the conditions of the licence, or ought to have modified them in a different way
may appeal against the decision.

Any appeal must be made to the magistrates' court for the area in which the premises are situated. Any appeal must be commenced by notice of appeal given by the appellant to the justices' clerk for the magistrates' court within the period of 21 days beginning with the day on which the appellant was notified by the licensing authority of the decision appealed against.

The meeting ended at 12.00 pm

CHAIR:

DATED: