

Item No. 6.	Classification: Open	Date: 13 August 2018	Meeting Name: Licensing Sub-Committee
Report Title		Licensing Act 2003: Forza Win, Fifth Floor, 133 Rye Lane, London SE15 4ST	
Ward(s) of group(s) affected		Rye Lane	
From		Strategic Director of Environment and Social Regeneration	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the licensing sub-committee considers whether an application made by Forza Win Limited for a premises licence be granted under the Licensing Act 2003 in respect of the premises known as Forza Win, Fifth Floor, 133 Rye Lane, London SE15 4ST.
2. Notes:
 - a) This application forms a new application for a premises licence, submitted under Section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003. The application is subject to representations from responsible authorities and is therefore referred to the sub-committee for determination.
 - b) Paragraphs 8 to 11 of this report provide a summary of the application under consideration by the sub-committee. A copy of the full application is attached as Appendix A.
 - c) Paragraphs 12 to 17 of this report deal with the representations submitted in respect of the application. Copies of the representations are attached to this report as Appendices B and C. A map showing the location of the premises is attached to this report as Appendix D.
 - d) A copy of the council's approved procedure for hearings of the sub-committee in relation to an application made under the Licensing Act 2003, along with a copy of the hearing regulations, has been circulated to all parties to the meeting.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Licensing Act 2003

3. The Licensing Act 2003 provides a licensing regime for:
 - The sale of and supply of alcohol
 - The provision of regulated entertainment
 - The provision of late night refreshment.
4. Within Southwark, the licensing responsibility is wholly administered by this council.
5. The Act requires the licensing authority to carry out its functions under the Act with a view to promoting the four stated licensing objectives. These are:

- The prevention of crime and disorder
 - The promotion of public safety
 - The prevention of nuisance
 - The protection of children from harm.
6. In carrying out its licensing functions, a licensing authority must also have regard to
- The Act itself
 - The guidance to the act issued under Section 182 of the Act
 - Secondary regulations issued under the Act
 - The licensing authority's own statement of licensing policy
 - The application, including the operating schedule submitted as part of the application
 - Relevant representations.
7. The premises licence application process involves the provision of all relevant information required under the Act to the licensing authority with copies provided by the applicant to the relevant responsible bodies under the Act. The application must also be advertised at the premises and in the local press. The responsible authorities and other persons within the local community may make representations on any part of the application where relevant to the four licensing objectives.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

The premises licence application

8. On 14 May 2018 Forza Win Limited applied to this council for the grant of a premises licence in respect of Forza Win, 5th Floor, 133 Rye Lane, London SE15 4ST.
9. The application and is summarised as follows:
- **The provision of late night refreshment**
 - Sunday to Wednesday from 23:00 to 00:00 (midnight)
 - Thursday to Saturday from 23:00 to 02:00 the following day.
 - **The sale of alcohol to be consumed on and off the premises**
 - Sunday to Wednesday from 10:00 to 00:00
 - Thursday to Saturday from 10:00 to 02:00 the following day.
 - **Proposed opening hours of the premises**
 - Sunday to Wednesday from 10:00 to 00:30 the following day
 - Thursday to Saturday from 10:00 to 02:30 the following day.
 - **Non standard timings**
 - On New Year's Eve 23:00 - 02:30 on New Year's Day
 - On the morning that Greenwich Mean Time changes to British Summer Time one hour will be added to the terminal hour of any activities and to the closing time for the premises where the existing terminal hour for the activities and/or closing hour for the premises ends after 01.00.

- The premises are described as a restaurant / bar.
10. The premises licence application form provides the applicant's operating schedule. Parts I, J, K, L, and M of the operating schedule set out the proposed licensable activities, operating hours and operational control measures in full, with reference to the four licensing objectives as stated in the Licensing Act 2003. Should a premises licence be issued in respect of the application the information provided in part M of the operating schedule will form the basis of conditions that will be attached to any licence granted subsequent to the application. A copy of the application is attached to this report as appendix A.

Designated premises supervisor

11. The proposed designated premises supervisor (DPS) is Sebastian Redford.

Representations from responsible authorities

12. Representations have been submitted by this council's director of public health and this council's licensing responsible authority. The Metropolitan Police Service has also submitted a representation.
13. The director of public health's representation has been submitted in respect of all of the licensing objectives. The representation notes that the premises are situated in the Peckham cumulative impact policy (CIP) area and contends that the application has not adequately rebutted the presumption that the premises will add to the cumulative impact of alcohol related harm in the local area. The representation notes that there are a high number of licensed premises in the locale, that the local population is relatively young, that out of all the Southwark ward areas Rye Lane ward has had the second highest number of warden reports made in respect of it and a high number of alcohol related ambulance call outs have been made in regards to Rye Lane ward. The representation notes that the closing times applied for are later than those recommended in this council's statement of licensing policy for public houses, wine bars or other drinking establishments where the premises are located. The representation recommends that the finish times for alcohol sales be reduced to 22:30 on Sunday to Thursday and to 23:30 on Friday and Saturday.
14. The licensing responsible authority's representation has been submitted in respect of the prevention of crime and disorder, the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm licensing objectives. The representation notes that the premises are situated in both Peckham major town centre area (as defined in the council's statement of licensing policy) and the Peckham CIP area. The representation contends that the application has not addressed the presumption to refuse the application. The representation notes that the premises are described as a restaurant / bar and that the council's statement of licensing policy recommends different closing times for public houses, wine bars or other drinking establishments then for restaurants. The representation also notes that the CIP applies to public houses, wine bars or other drinking establishments, but not to restaurants. The representation suggests that the application is amended so that the closing times of the premises are congruent with those suggested in the council's statement of licensing policy for restaurants and that various conditions are included in the application.
15. The Metropolitan Police Service's representation notes that the premises are described as a restaurant, but that the application does not specify that alcohol will only be supplied as ancillary to food. The Metropolitan Police Service therefore

contend that the premises could be considered a bar. The representation states that the closing times suggested in the council's statement of licensing policy for bars are earlier than those applied for. The representation is concerned that no consideration has been given to the provision of SIA door supervisors in the application, to the total number of customers permitted on the premises at any one time or to the management of customers who leave the premises temporarily to smoke. The representation suggests that the application is amended so that the closing times of the premises are congruent with those suggested in this council's statement of licensing policy for restaurants and that various conditions are included in the application.

16. The representations submitted by responsible authorities are attached as Appendix B.

Representations from other persons

17. Six representations in support of the application have been submitted by 'other persons'. The representations submitted by other persons are attached as Appendix C.

Conciliation

18. The applicant has received copies of the representations submitted by responsible authorities and has been advised to contact the responsible authorities directly, if the applicant so wishes, to conciliate the responsible authorities. At the time of the writing of this report all of the responsible authorities' representations remain outstanding and must be considered by the licensing sub-committee. At the hearing to determine the application the licensing sub-committee will be updated as to any conciliation of the responsible authorities.

Premises history

19. No licensing authorisation has been issued in respect of the premises under the Licensing Act 2003 or any previous legislation.
20. No temporary event notices have been submitted in regards to the premises.
21. On 14 May 2018 Forza Win Limited applied to this council for the grant of a premises licence in respect of Forza Win, 5th Floor, 133 Rye Lane, London, SE15 4ST.
22. A licensing sub-committee hearing to determine the application was scheduled for 19 July 2018. The applicant requested that the hearing be postponed to the illness of a family member. The hearing was postponed until 13 August 2018 in accordance with section 11 of The Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005 as it was deemed in the public interest to do so.

Map

23. A map showing the location of the premises is attached to this report as appendix D. The following licensed premises are also shown on the map and provide licensable activities as stated:

PECKHAMPLEX, 95A Rye Lane, SE15 4ST licensed for:

- Films
 - Sunday to Thursday from 09:00 to 00:00 (midnight)
 - Friday and Saturday from 09:00 to 02:00 the following day.
- Sale of alcohol to be consumed on the premises:
 - Monday to Thursday from 14:00 to 22:00
 - Friday to Sunday from 12:00 to 23:00.

Roof B (Bussey Building), 133 Copeland Road SE15 3SN licensed for:

- The sale of alcohol to be consumed on the premises:
 - Monday to Friday from 17:00 to 22:30
 - Saturday from 12:00 to 22:30.
- Films:
 - Monday to Sunday from 12:00 to 00:00.
- The provision of live music:
 - Monday to Sunday from 12:00 to 22:00.
- The provision of plays:
 - Monday to Sunday from 12:00 to 23:00.

Forza Win Ltd, Unit 4.1, Copeland Industrial Park, 133 Copeland Road, SE15 3SN licensed for:

- The sale of alcohol to be consumed:
 - Wednesday to Saturday from 12:00 to 23:30
 - Saturday from 12:00 to 22:30.

The Last Refuge Arts, 133 Unit, 9a Copeland Road, SE15 3SN licensed for:

- The provision of films:
 - Monday to Friday from 18:00 to 00:00
 - Saturday and Sunday from 12:00 to 00:00.
- The sale of alcohol and the provision of live music and recorded music:
 - Monday to Friday from 17:30 and 00:00
 - Saturday and Sunday from 14:30 to 00:00.
- The provision of plays:
 - Monday to Friday from 19:30 to 22:30
 - Saturday and Sunday from 14:30 to 22:30.

Frank's Café, Levels 9 & 10, Peckham Multi Story Car Park, 95A Rye Lane, London, SE15 4ST licensed for:

- The sale of alcohol to be consumed on the premises:
 - Monday to Sunday from 11:00 to 23:00.

Frank's Café, Levels 7 & 8, Peckham Multi Story Car Park, 95A Rye Lane, London, SE15 4ST licensed for:

- The sale of alcohol to be consumed on the premises:
 - Tuesday to Friday from 17:00 to 23:00
 - Saturday from 12:00 to 23:00
 - Sunday from 12:00 to 22:00.

Bold Tendencies, Levels 7 & 8, Peckham Multi Story Car Park, 95A Rye Lane, London, SE15 4ST licensed for:

- The provision of live and recorded music:
 - Friday from 17:00 to 23:00
 - Saturday from 12:00 to 23:00
 - Sunday from 12:00 and 22:00.

Tonkotsu, 133 Rye Lane, Peckham, SE15 4ST licensed for:

- The sale of alcohol to be consumed on the premises:
 - Sunday to Thursday from 11:00 to 23:30
 - Friday and Saturday from 11:00 to 00:30.
- The provision of late night refreshment:
 - Sunday to Thursday from 23:00 to 00:30
 - Friday and Saturday from 23:00 to 01:00.

Rye Express, 137-139 Unit 1 Rye Lane SE15 4ST licensed for:

- The sale of alcohol to be consumed off the premises:
 - Monday to Sunday from 08:00 to 00:00.

Iceland Frozen Foods, 74 Rye Lane, SE15 5DQ licensed for:

- The sale of alcohol to be consumed on the premises:
 - Monday to Saturday from 08:00 to 23:00
 - Friday to Saturday from 10:00 to 22:30.

Il Giardino Restaurant, 7 Blenheim Grove, SE15 4QS licensed for:

- The sale of alcohol to be consumed on the premises:
 - Monday to Saturday from 11:00 to 00:00
 - Sunday from 12:00 to 23:30.
- The provision of late night refreshment:
 - Monday to Saturday from 11:00 to 00:00
 - Sunday from 12:00 to 23:30.

Peckham Refreshment Rooms, 12-16 Unit 4 Blenheim Grove, SE15 4QL licensed for:

- The sale of alcohol to be consumed on the premises
 - Monday to Friday from 07:00 to 22:30
 - Saturday from 09:00 to 23:30
 - Sunday from 09:00 to 16:30

Honest Burgers, 12-16 Unit 1 To 2 Blenheim Grove, SE15 4QL licensed for:

- The sale of alcohol to be consumed on the premises:
 - Monday to Thursday from 10:00 to 23:00
 - Friday and Saturday from 10:00 to 00:00
 - Sunday from 10:00 to 23:00.
- The provision of late night refreshment:
 - Friday to Saturday from 23:00 to 00:00.

Brick Brewery, Railway Arch 209, Blenheim Grove, SE15 4QL licensed for:

- The sale of alcohol to be consumed on and off the premises:
 - Monday to Friday from 11:00 to 22:30.

Bar Story, Arch 213 Blenheim Grove, SE15 4QL licensed for:

- The sale of alcohol to be consumed on the premises:
 - Monday to Saturday from 10:00 to 00:00
 - Sunday from 10:00 to 23:30.
- The provision of late night refreshment:
 - Monday to Saturday from 10:00 to 00:30
 - Sunday from 10:00 to 00:30.

Little Bird Gin Nights & Weekends, 22a Unit 1, Dovedale Business Centre Blenheim Grove SE15 4QN licensed for:

- The sale of alcohol to be consumed on the premises:
 - Monday to Sunday from 10:00 to 19:00
- The sale of alcohol to be consumed off the premises:
 - Thursday to Sunday from 10:00 to 22:00

Serious Pig, Railway Arch 221 Blenheim Grove, SE15 4QL licensed for:

- The sale of alcohol to be consumed on and off the premises:
 - Monday to Sunday from 10:00 to 19:00.

McDonald's Restaurants Limited, 72-74 Rye Lane, SE15 5DQ licensed for:

- The provision of late night refreshment:
 - Sunday to Thursday from 23:00 to 01:00
 - Friday and Saturday from 23:00 to 02:00.

Southwark council saturation policy for Peckham

24. Council assembly approved the introduction of a special policy for Peckham on the cumulative impact of a concentration of licensed premises (saturation policy) on 12 October 2011. This was renewed in November 2015 when full council assembly approved the 2016 - 2020 statement of licensing policy.
25. The decision to introduce saturation policy was taken with regard to the committee's concern over rising trends of late night alcohol related violence against the person and late night disorder and rowdiness associated with late night licensed premises in the area.
26. The effect of this special policy is that is to create a presumption that applications for new premises licences or variations that are likely to add to the existing cumulative impact will normally be refused, following relevant representations, unless the applicant can demonstrate in their operating schedule that there will be no negative cumulative impact on one or more of the licensing objectives.
27. The applicant has been advised to address the committees concerns around cumulative impact at the meeting.

Southwark council statement of licensing policy

28. Council Assembly approved Southwark's Statement of Licensing Policy 2016 - 2020 on 25 November 2015. The policy came into effect on 1 January 2016. Sections of the statement that are considered to be of particular relevance to the sub-committee's consideration are:
 - Section 3 - Purpose and scope of the policy. This reinforces the four licensing objectives and the fundamental principles upon which this authority relies in determining licence applications.

- Section 5 – Determining applications for premises licences and club premises certificates. This explains how the policy works and considers issues such as location; high standards of management; and the principles behind condition setting.
 - Section 6 – Local cumulative impact policies. This sets out this authority's approach to cumulative impact and defines the boundaries of the current special policy areas and the classifications of premises to which they apply. To be read in conjunction with Appendix B to the policy
 - Section 7 – Hours of operation. This provides a guide to the hours of licensed operation that this authority might consider appropriate by type of premises and (planning) area classification.
 - Section 8 – The prevention of crime and disorder. This provides general guidance on the promotion of the first licensing objective.
 - Section 9 – Public safety. This provides general guidance on the promotion of the second licensing objective.
 - Section 10 – The prevention of nuisance. This provides general guidance on the promotion of the third licensing objective.
 - Section 11 – The protection of children from harm. This provides general guidance on the promotion of the fourth licensing objective.
29. The purpose of Southwark's statement of licensing policy is to make clear to applicants what considerations will be taken into account when determining applications and should act as a guide to the sub-committee when considering the applications. However, the sub-committee must always consider each application on its own merits and allow exceptions to the normal policy where these are justified by the circumstances of the application.
30. The premises are located in Peckham major town centre area. Below are closing times suggested in the statement of licensing policy for various types of premises in Peckham major town centre area.
- Restaurants, cafes and takeaway establishments:
 - Sunday to Thursday: 00:00
 - Friday and Saturday: 01:00.
 - Public houses, wine bars or other drinking establishments:
 - Sunday to Thursday: 23:00
 - Friday and Saturday: 00:00.

Resource implications

31. A fee of £100.00 has been paid by the applicant company in respect of this application being the statutory fee payable for premises within non-domestic rateable value band B.

Consultation

32. Consultation has been carried out on this application in accordance with the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003. A public notice was published in a local newspaper and similar notices were exhibited outside of the premises for a period of 28 consecutive days.

Community impact statement

33. Each application is required by law to be considered upon its own individual merits with all relevant matters taken into account.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Director of Law and Democracy

34. The sub-committee is asked to determine the application for a premises licence under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003.
35. The principles which sub-committee members must apply are set out below.

Principles for making the determination

36. The general principle is that applications for premises licence applications must be granted unless relevant representations are received. This is subject to the proviso that the applicant has complied with regulations in advertising and submitting the application.
37. Relevant representations are those which:
- Are about the likely effect of the granting of the application on the promotion of the licensing objectives
 - Are made by an interested party or responsible authority
 - Have not been withdrawn
 - Are not, in the opinion of the relevant licensing authority, frivolous or vexatious.
38. If relevant representations are received then the sub-committee must have regard to them, in determining whether it is necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives to:
- To grant the licence subject to:
 - The conditions mentioned in section 18 (2)(a) modified to such extent as the licensing authority considers necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives
 - Any condition which must under section 19, 20 or 21 be included in the licence.
 - To exclude from the scope of the licence any of the licensable activities to which the application relates.
 - To refuse to specify a person in the licence as the premises supervisor.
 - To reject the application.

Conditions

39. The sub-committee's discretion is thus limited. It can only modify the conditions put forward by the applicant, or refuse the application, if it is necessary to do so. Conditions must be necessary and proportionate for the promotion of one of the four licensing objectives, and not for any other reason. Conditions must also be within the control of the licensee, and should be worded in a way which is clear, certain, consistent and enforceable.
40. The four licensing objectives are:
- The prevention of crime and disorder
 - Public safety
 - The prevention of nuisance
 - The protection of children from harm.
41. Members should note that each objective is of equal importance. There are no other licensing objectives, and the four objectives are paramount considerations at all times.
42. Conditions will not be necessary if they duplicate a statutory position. Conditions relating to night café and take away aspect of the license must relate to the night time operation of the premises and must not be used to impose conditions which could not be imposed on day time operators.
43. Members are also referred to the Home Office Revised Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 on conditions, specifically section 10.

Reasons

44. If the sub-committee determines that it is necessary to modify the conditions, or to refuse the application for a premises licence application, it must give reasons for its decision.

Hearing procedures

45. Subject to the licensing hearing regulations, the licensing committee may determine its own procedures. Key elements of the regulations are that:
- The hearing shall take the form of a discussion led by the authority. Cross examination shall not be permitted unless the authority considered that it is required for it to consider the representations.
 - Members of the authority are free to ask any question of any party or other person appearing at the hearing.
 - The committee must allow the parties an equal maximum period of time in which to exercise their rights to:
 - Address the authority
 - If given permission by the committee, question any other party.
 - In response to a point which the authority has given notice it will require clarification, give further information in support of their application.

- The committee shall disregard any information given by a party which is not relevant to the particular application before the committee and the licensing objectives.
 - The hearing shall be in public, although the committee may exclude the public from all or part of a hearing where it considers that the public interest in doing so outweighs the public interest in the hearing, or that part of the hearing, taking place in private.
 - In considering any representations or notice made by a party the authority may take into account documentary or other information produced by a party in support of their application, representations or notice (as applicable) either before the hearing or, with the consent of all the other parties, at the hearing.
46. This matter relates to the determination of an application for a premises licence under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003. Regulation 26(1) (a) requires the sub-committee to make its determination at the conclusion of the hearing.

Council's multiple roles and the role of the licensing sub-committee

47. Sub-committee members will note that, in relation to this application, the council has multiple roles. Council officers from various departments have been asked to consider the application from the perspective of the council as authority responsible respectively for environmental health, trading standards, health and safety and as the planning authority.
48. Members should note that the licensing sub-committee is meeting on this occasion solely to perform the role of licensing authority. The sub-committee sits in quasi-judicial capacity, and must act impartially. It must offer a fair and unbiased hearing of the application. In this case, members should disregard the council's broader policy objectives and role as statutory authority in other contexts. Members must direct themselves to making a determination solely based upon the licensing law, guidance and the council's statement of licensing policy.
49. As a quasi-judicial body the licensing sub-committee is required to consider the application on its merits. The sub-committee must take into account only relevant factors, and ignore irrelevant factors. The decision must be based on evidence, that is to say material, which tends logically to show the existence or non-existence of relevant facts, or the likelihood or unlikelihood of the occurrence of some future event, the occurrence of which would be relevant. The licensing sub-committee must give fair consideration to the contentions of all persons entitled to make representations to them.
50. The licensing sub-committee is entitled to consider events outside of the premises if they are relevant, i.e. are properly attributable to the premises being open. The proprietors do not have to be personally responsible for the incidents for the same to be relevant. However, if such events are not properly attributable to the premises being open, then the evidence is not relevant and should be excluded. Guidance is that the licensing authority will primarily focus on the direct impact of the activities taking place at the licensed premises on members of the public, living, working or engaged in normal activity in the area concerned.
51. Members will be aware of the council's code of conduct which requires them to declare personal and prejudicial interests. The code applies to members when

considering licensing applications. In addition, as a quasi-judicial body, members are required to avoid both actual bias, and the appearance of bias.

52. The sub-committee can only consider matters within the application that have been raised through representations from other persons and responsible authorities. Other persons must live in the vicinity of the premises. This will be decided on a case to case basis.
53. Under the Human Rights Act 1998, the sub-committee needs to consider the balance between the rights of the applicant and those making representations to the application when making their decision. The sub-committee has a duty under section 17 Crime and Disorder Act 1998 when making its decision to do all it can to prevent crime and disorder in the borough.
54. Other persons, responsible authorities and the applicant have the right to appeal the decision of the sub-committee to the magistrates' court within a period of 21 days beginning with the day on which the applicant was notified by the licensing authority of the decision to be appealed against.

Guidance

55. Members are required to have regard to the Home Office Revised Guidance in carrying out the functions of licensing authority. However, guidance does not cover every possible situation, so long as the guidance has been properly and carefully understood, members may depart from it if they have reason to do so. Full reasons must be given if this is the case.

Strategic Director of Finance and Governance

56. The head of community safety and enforcement has confirmed that the costs of this process are borne by the service.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Licensing Act 2003 Home Office revised Guidance to the Act Secondary Regulations Southwark statement of licensing Policy Case file	Southwark Licensing, C/O Community Safety & Enforcement, 160 Tooley Street, London, SE1 2QH	Kirty Read Tel: 020 7525 5748

APPENDICES

Name	Title
Appendix A	Copy of the application
Appendix B	Copies of representations submitted by responsible authorities
Appendix C	Copies of representations submitted by other persons
Appendix D	Map of the local area

AUDIT TRAIL

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