

Item No. 5.	Classification: Open	Date: 20 September 2018	Meeting Name: Licensing Sub-Committee
Report Title		Licensing Act 2003: Restaurant 2A – 8 Castle Square, London SE17 1EN	
Ward(s) of group(s) affected		North Walworth Ward	
From		Strategic Director of Environment and Social Regeneration	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the licensing sub-committee considers an application made by Miamara Limited applied for a premises licence to be granted under the Licensing Act 2003 in respect of the premises known as Restaurant 2A – 8 Castle Square, London, SE17 1EN.
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 a representation from a responsible authority 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 19 of this report deal with the representation submitted in respect of the application. A copy of the representations submitted by The Metropolitan Police and the Council's Public Health Department which are conciliated are attached to this report in Appendix B, along with the outstanding representations from Licensing and Environmental Protection. 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 10 July 2017 Miamara Limited applied to this council for the grant of a premises licence in respect of Restaurant 2A – 8 Castle Square, London, SE17 1EN. The premises are described in the application simply as:

'...[A] restaurant.'

9. The application and is summarised as follows:

The supply by retail of alcohol (both on and off sales)

- Sunday to Thursday 08:00 to 23:00
- Friday and Saturday 08:00 to 00:00

The provision of late night refreshment (both indoors and outdoors)

- Sunday to Thursday 23:00 to 23:30
- Friday and Saturday 23:00 to 00:30

Opening hours

- Sunday to Thursday 08:00 to 23:30
- Friday and Saturday 08:00 to 00:30

10. The proposed designated premises supervisor of the premises is Marco Giovanni Mario Sandrini who has a personal licence by London Borough of Islington.

11. The premises licence application form provides the applicant's operating schedule. Parts A, B, C, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, and M of the operating schedule set out the proposed licensable activities, operating hours and operating 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 in Appendix A.

Representations from responsible authorities

12. A representation has been submitted by the Metropolitan Police (licensing unit). The representation requests additional conditions to be added to the operating schedule. The applicant's agent has agreed to the conditions and the representation has been subsequently withdrawn. A copy of the representation and subsequent withdrawal are attached to this report in Appendix B.
13. A representation has been submitted by this council's public health authority. The representation has concerns in relation to the availability of alcohol within the hours applied. The applicant's agent has agreed to the conditions and the representation has been subsequently withdrawn. A copy of the representation and subsequent withdrawal are attached to this report in Appendix B.
14. A representation has been received from the licensing authority within concern regarding the hours in the application. Further conditions have been requested from the applicant's agent. A copy of the representation is attached to this report in Appendix B.
15. A representation has been received from this council's environmental protection team. Concerns remain regarding the use of the external area. The representation is available in Appendix B.
16. A letter has been received from the council's planning department. This has not been accepted as a representation, but is available for members' information in Appendix C.

Representations from other persons

17. No other representations have been received.

Conciliation

18. The applicant's agent was sent copies of the representations that were submitted. The representations from the Police and Public Health have been conciliated and subsequently withdrawn. The following additional conditions have been agreed:
 - A CCTV system will be installed at the premises and will be maintained in good working order to the satisfaction of the Metropolitan Police and be continually recording at all times the premises are in use under the licence. The CCTV System must be capable of capturing a clear facial image of every person who enters the premises and all licensable areas including any outside areas;
 - CCTV footage shall be kept for a period of thirty one (31) days and shall, upon request be made immediately available to Officers of the Police and the Council;
 - Clear and legible notices will be prominently displayed at all exits asking customers to respect local residents and to leave quietly;
 - Alcohol sold for consumption off the premises will only be to:

- a) persons purchasing a takeaway meal and will be ancillary to that meal.
Or
 - b) Persons who are seated at tables lawfully placed in the external area marked on the plan by waiter/waitress service
- Substantial food will be available at all times the premises are open;
 - Prior to 11:00 and after 22:00, each day, alcohol will only be sold with table meals, for consumption ancillary to this food, or having already been eaten;
 - Save for persons waiting for a table or consuming drinks following their meal at the bar alcohol will be supplied by waiter/waitress to persons seated at tables;
 - The maximum number of persons, excluding staff, to be present on the premises (including the external dining area) at any one time shall not exceed 150 persons;
 - The external area will be managed and any customers causing nuisance will be required to leave;
 - Any complaints received concerning nuisance will be recorded and appropriate action taken. A record will be kept for 6 months and made immediately available for inspection by officers of the Council or police on request.
19. Communications have taken place between licensing and the applicant's agent. At the time this report went to print, the representation had not been withdrawn. In relation to the representation from environmental protection, the applicant has refused to restrict the use of the external area after 22:00, contrary to the Southwark Licensing Policy. This remains the main outstanding issue.

Premises history

20. This is a brand new premises in a new-build development, with no former history of having been licensed previously.
21. There is no history of complaints associated with the premises received by the Licensing Authority. However, the council has received complaints regarding noise and anti-social behaviour in the Castle Square area immediately adjacent to the premises.

Map

22. A map showing the location of the premises is attached to this report as Appendix D. There are many licenced premises in the local area. An example of premises in the immediate vicinity, are:

TUPI - 2 Castle Square, Elephant Road, SE17 1EN

The sale by retail of alcohol (both on and off sales)

Monday to Sunday from 10:00 to 23:00

Naranjo Restaurant - 113c Elephant Road, SE17 1LB

The sale by retail of alcohol (on sales only)

Monday to Sunday from 07:00 to 22:30

Sainsbury's Supermarkets Ltd - 40 New Kent Road, SE1 6TJ

The sale by retail of alcohol (off sales only)

Monday to Sunday from 06:00 to 00:00

DISTRINDINA - Unit 6, Farrell Court, Elephant Road, SE17 1LB

The sale by retail of alcohol (both on and off sales)

Sunday to Thursday from 08:00 to 03:00

Friday and Saturday from 08:00 to 04:00

The provision of late night refreshment
Sunday to Thursday from 23:00 to 03:00
Friday and Saturday from 23:00 to 04:00

The provision of regulated entertainment in the form of live and recorded music, films, performances of dance and anything similar
Sunday to Thursday from 08:00 to 03:00
Friday and Saturday from 08:00 to 04:00

Corsica Studios - Unit 4 & 5, Farrell Court, Elephant Road, SE17 1LB

The sale by retail of alcohol (both on and off sales)
Monday to Wednesday from 09:00 to 02:30
Thursday from 09:00 to 03:30
Friday from 09:00 to 00:00
Saturday from 00:00 to 00:00
Sunday from 00:00 to 02:30

The provision of late night refreshment
Monday to Wednesday from 23:00 to 02:30
Thursday from 23:00 to 03:30
Friday and Saturday from 23:00 to 05:00
Sunday from 23:00 to 02:30

The provision of regulated entertainment in the form of live and recorded music, films, performances of dance and anything similar
Monday to Wednesday from 09:00 to 02:30
Thursday from 09:00 to 03:30
Friday from 09:00 to 00:00
Saturday from 00:00 to 00:00
Sunday from 00:00 to 02:30

Lost Rivers - Elephant Road, SE17 1AY

The sale by retail of alcohol (both on and off sales)
Monday to Thursday from 11:00 to 23:30
Friday and Saturday from 11:00 to 00:30
Sunday from 11:00 to 23:00

The provision of late night refreshment
Monday to Thursday from 23:00 to 23:30
Friday and Saturday from 23:00 to 00:30

The provision of regulated entertainment in the form of live and recorded music, films, plays, performances of dance and anything similar
Monday to Thursday from 10:00 to 23:30
Friday and Saturday from 10:00 to 00:30
Sunday from 10:00 to 23:00

Southwark council statement of licensing policy

23. Council assembly approved Southwark's statement of licensing policy 2011-14 on 12 October 2011 council assembly approved Southwark's statement of licensing policy 2016-20 on 25 November 2015. The policy came into effect on 1 January 2016.

24. Further 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 – Which 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 - Which 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 – Which 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 – Which 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 – Which provides general guidance on the promotion of the first licensing objective
 - Section 9 – Public Safety – Which provides general guidance on the promotion of the second licensing objective
 - Section 10 – The Prevention of Nuisance – Which provides general guidance on the promotion of the third licensing objective
 - Section 11 – The Protection of Children from Harm – Which provides general guidance on the promotion of the fourth licensing objective.
25. 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.
26. Within Southwark's Statement of Licensing Policy, the premises are identified as being outside of a cumulative impact zone and inside the Elephant and Castle Major Town Centre Area. Relevant closing times recommended in the Statement of Licensing Policy for restaurants and cafes:
- Sunday to Thursday 00:00
 - Friday and Saturday 01:00

Resource implications

27. A fee of £315.00 has been paid by the applicant company in respect of this application being the statutory fee payable for premises within non-domestic rateable value bands D/E.

Consultations

28. 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

29. 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 & Democracy

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

Principles for making the determination

32. 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.
33. 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
34. 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

35. 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.
36. The four licensing objectives are:
 - The prevention of crime and disorder
 - Public safety
 - The prevention of nuisance
 - The protection of children from harm.
37. 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.
38. 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.
39. 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

40. 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

41. 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.
42. 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

43. 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.
44. 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.
45. 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.
46. 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.
47. 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.

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.

48. 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.
49. 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

50. Members are required to have regard to the DCMS 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.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Licensing Act 2003 DCMS 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	Application for a premises licence
Appendix B	Representations submitted by Responsible Authorities – the Metropolitan Police and the Council's Public Health Department, Licensing and EPT
Appendix C	A letter from Planning
Appendix D	Map of the local area

AUDIT TRAIL

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