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Dear Sir/Madam

Re:- Masq London, 185 Tower Bridge Road, London SE1 2UF

Police are in possession of an application from the above for a new premises licence. The applicant describes the premises as a Restaurant and bar occupying the ground floor and basement.

The hours applied for are considerably outside that recommended in the Southwark statement of licensing police for the area. We would recommend that the application is amended to reflect the hours within the policy.

The area is not designated as residential within the policy however; there is a large residential block opposite the premises and a large residential estate off Tooley Street in close proximity, which includes a primary school on Tower Bridge road close to the premises.

No accommodation limit has been supplied within the application so we are unable to fully determine what impact it would have on the area.

This application offers a number of measures with the schedule but does not contain many precise or enforceable control measures. The Home office guidance issued under Sec 182 of the licensing Act 2003 'General principles' state that it is important in setting the parameters within which the premises may operate. Conditions must be precise and enforceable and as such should be refused in its current format.

In order to promote the licensing objectives Police want the following conditions placed on the licence.

1. That a CCTV system be installed at the premises and be maintained in good working order 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.

2. That all 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.
3. That all staff are trained in their responsibilities under the licensing act 2003 and training records to be kept and updated every 6 months and shall, upon request, be made immediately available to Officers of the Police and the Council.
4. That suitable notices shall be displayed requesting people to leave the premises in a quiet and orderly manner so as not to disturb local residents.
5. Details of the premises opening and closing will be clearly displayed upon the premises for the information of customers
6. That the accommodation limit for the premises is ??? people (including staff).
7. That a written dispersal policy shall be kept at the premises with the licence and be made available for inspection by authorised officers on request.
8. That all staff shall be trained in the use of the dispersal policy.

If the premises wish to extend the hours to that of a restaurant, they should include the following condition

9. Intoxicating liquor shall not be sold or supplied on the premises otherwise than to persons taking table meals there and for consumption by such person as an ancillary to his meal. All off sales of alcohol will be in sealed containers for the consumption away from the premises.

Submitted for consideration

Yours Sincerely

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MEMO: Licensing Unit

To Licensing Unit Date 1 October 2020

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From Jayne Tear Telephone

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Subject Masq London, Basement & Ground Floor 185 Tower Bridge Road, London, SE1 2UF

– Application for a premises licence

I write with regards to the above application to for a premises licence submitted by Masq London Limited under the Licensing Act 2003, which seeks the following licensable activities:

- Live music; recorded music, performance of dance and anything of a similar description to live music; recorded music and performance of dance (all indoors) on Monday to Wednesday from 18:00 to 00:00, Thursday from 18:00 to 01:00 the following day, Friday and Saturday from 18:00 to 02:00 the following day and on Sunday from 18:00 to 01:00 the following day
- Late night refreshment (indoors) on Monday to Wednesday from 23:00 to 00:00, Thursday from 23:00 to 01:00 the following day, Friday and Saturday from 23:00 to 02:00 the following day and on Sunday from 23:00 to 01:00 the following day
- Supply of alcohol (on and off the premises) on Monday to Wednesday from 09:00 to 00:00, Thursday from 09:00 to 01:00 the following day, Friday and Saturday from 09:00 to 02:00 the following day and on Sunday from 09:00 to 01:00 the following day
- Overall opening times shall be on Monday to Wednesday from 08:00 to 01:00, Thursday from 08:00 to 02:00 the following day, Friday and Saturday from 08:00 to 03:00 the following day and on Sunday from 08:00 to 02:00 the following day

Non standard timings requested:

- Live music; recorded music, performance of dance and anything of a similar description to live music; recorded music and performance of dance - from 6pm to 3am on Fridays to Mondays of bank holiday weekends, and from 6pm to 3am on Boxing Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day.
- Late night refreshment - from 11pm to 3am on Fridays to Mondays of bank holiday weekends, and from 11pm to 3am on Boxing Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day.
- Supply of alcohol (on and off the premises) - from 9am to 3am on Fridays to Mondays of bank holiday weekends, and from 9am to 3am on Boxing Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day.
- Opening times - 9am to 3am on Fridays to Mondays of bank holiday weekends, and from 9am to 3am on Boxing Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day

The premises is described within the application as:

The Building Address is 185 Tower Bridge Road, London, SE1 2UF. This is a 4,090 sq. ft. Grade II Listed former bank building on the corner of Tower Bridge Road and Tooley Street. Benefits from excellent natural light, high ceilings, many original features and excellent footfall. 200m from Tower Bridge, 800m from London Bridge Station. It is a detached building of 5 level of Floors in total. The Building comprises Basement, Ground, 1st, 2nd and 3rd floors. Although it's a 5 Floor Level building altogether. Masq London Ltd will only occupy the ground & basement floor & the outside space/outdoor area, and which will all serve as a Restaurant and Bar. The building also benefit from an open area, which will serve as outside seating area for dinners. There are other office floors above the ground floor & basement which will have nothing to do with Masq London Ltd. The type of properties surrounding the premises is generally mixed, consisting of residential and commercial, and the area generally benefit from traffic of working professionals, city professional and influx of Tourists from all around the world.

MASQ London Ltd will be creating a Restaurant, Bar and public entertainment venue, serving drinks and providing bar meals that will usually operate late into the night with the inclusion of a stage for live subtle music such as (Jazz music/ Karaoke) Ground floor will have the Bar/ Restaurant and a disabled Toilet, and

Basement will have Kitchen, Toilets, Lounge Bar, We will be providing food and drinks on the premises, and also open to offering take-away service to fit the current economic climate. As well as serving food and drink, we will be engaging in functions such as dinner dances, weddings, meetings and the provision of conference facilities. We will be managing Private Events on and off premises. The Company will be running the following activities from the premises. The sale or supply of alcohol. The provision of public entertainment. The provision of late night hot food and drink. And the Sale and supply of food and drink off-premises as a means of extra Catering services for outside Parties or Events. (These are Events done outside our facility, (i.e. a wedding held in a wedding hall, wedding receptions, a birthday Party held in a different Premises from ours) Clients can look for any suitable Event Venue (only indoor .e.g hotels, wedding venue) themselves and then employ or contract our services to provide them with catering services (Foods and Drinks). Our venue will promote, but can accommodate Casual entry for the Restaurant, but our Bar will operate an advance booking policy, or casual entry on the door with a cover charge because we want the type of regulars that we will end up attracting, to fit the type of person we imagined when we are setting up our Bar & Restaurant. So, we will bear in mind the drinks, the food, the events, or all the above to entice our preferred crowd. These regulars that we anticipate will want a quiet, intimate, and beautiful atmosphere that matches their level of sophistication. They will want to hang out at our bar/restaurant to have a relaxed dinner that includes real, healthy entrees. A theme bar, such as a wine bar, a cigar bar, or a martini bar draws a very specific crowd that is attracted to what the Bar has to offer. Overall, we want our regulars to be well-to-do (or aspiring to be so), we want them to come to our bar in small, or intimate groups (e.g. mature city professionals in smart business casual). But we don't want to attract in large crowd, unless it's a private party. We just want a mixed but sophisticated crowd age about 25 and up, and because no matter what our theme is, our guests will expect a large amount of variety and some level of slickness from us. (If I may put it that way), and so, No matter if they're male or female, everyone in our bar must have spent some time prepping to go out for the night in trendy and nicer clothing, such as smart business casual'

My representation is based on the Southwark Statement of Licensing policy 2019 – 2021 and relates to the licensing objectives for the prevention of crime and disorder and the prevention of public nuisance.

This premises is situated in the Bankside, Borough, London Bridge Strategic Cultural & London Bridge District Town Centre Area and under the Southwark Statement of Licensing policy 2019 – 2021 the appropriate closing time for restaurants and cafes on Sunday to Thursday is 00:00 hours and for Friday and Saturday is 01:00 hours, closing time for public houses, wine bars or other drinking establishments on Sunday to Thursday is 23:00 hours and for Friday and Saturday 00:00 hours and the closing time for take-away establishment is Sunday to Thursday is 00:00 hours and for Friday and Saturday is 01:00 hours

The closing times asked for within this application exceed that which is appropriate for a bar or a restaurant/café in the licensing policy for this area.

To promote the licensing objectives I ask the applicant to consider amending the operating schedule to bring the closing hours in line with the hours recommend as appropriate within the policy and in turn the other licensable activities, but to also allow half an hour drinking up time for 'on sales' to finish as follows. There are two options:

Option 1 - If the premises wish to operate as a restaurant/cafe

- Opening times on Sunday to Thursday to cease at 00:00 hours and for Friday and Saturday to cease at 01:00 hours
- Supply of alcohol (on the premises) on Sunday to Thursday to cease at 23:30 hours and for Friday and Saturday to cease at 00:30 hours (this allows for half an hour drinking up time)
- Supply of alcohol (off the premises) on Sunday to Thursday to cease at 00:00 hours and for Friday and Saturday to cease at 01:00 hours
- Late night refreshment to cease on Sunday to Thursday to cease at 00:00 hours and for Friday and Saturday to cease at 01:00 hours
- Live music; recorded music, performance of dance and anything of a similar description to live music; recorded music and performance of dance on Sunday to Thursday to cease at 00:00 hours and for Friday and Saturday to cease at 01:00 hours

If this option is chosen I would also request that the following condition is added to the premises licence to ensure the premises retains its nature as a restaurant:

- Intoxicating liquor shall not be sold or supplied on the premises otherwise than to persons taking table meals there and for consumption by such person as an ancillary to his meal.

Option 2 - If the premises wish to operate as a bar

- Opening times on Sunday to Thursday to cease at 23:00 and on Friday and Saturday to cease at 00:00 hours
- Supply of alcohol (on the premises) on Sunday to Thursday to cease at 22:30 and on Friday and Saturday to cease at 23:30 hours (this allows for half an hour drinking up time)
- Supply of alcohol (off the premises) on Sunday to Thursday to cease at 23:00 and on Friday and Saturday to cease at 00:00 hours
- Late night refreshment to be removed from the operating schedule for Sunday to Thursday (as not required after 23:00) and on Friday and Saturday to cease at 00:00
- Live music; recorded music, performance of dance and anything of a similar description to live music; recorded music and performance of dance on Sunday to Thursday to cease at 23:00 and on Friday and Saturday to cease at 00:00 hours

Further to this, the operating schedule is has not adequately addressed the licensing objectives and does not provide any control measures around dispersal of patrons. I therefore ask the applicant to provide the following information:

- A dispersal policy for the premises (to be conditioned)
- An accommodation limit for the premises (to be conditioned)

And to consider adding the following conditions to promote the licensing objectives:

- All 'off sales' of alcohol shall be provided in sealed containers and taken away from the premises.
- That clear legible signage shall be prominently displayed where it can be easily seen and read, requesting that 'off sales' of alcohol are not be opened and consumed in the vicinity of the premises

I therefore submit this representation and welcome any discussion with the applicant.

Southwark's Statement of Licensing Policy 2019 – 2021 can be found on the following link:

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/business/licences/business-premises-licensing/licensing-and-gambling-act-policy>

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In the capacity of the Licensing Responsible Authority