# Open Agenda



# **Licensing Sub-Committee**

Thursday 5 September 2024
10.00 am
Ground Floor Meeting Room G02C - 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

# Membership

# Reserves

Councillor Renata Hamvas (Chair) Councillor Jon Hartley Councillor Margy Newens Councillor Ian Wingfield

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Members of the committee are summoned to attend this meeting **Althea Loderick** Chief Executive

Date: 27 August 2024





# **Licensing Sub-Committee**

Thursday 5 September 2024 10.00 am Ground Floor Meeting Room G02C - 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

# **Order of Business**

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# **PART A - OPEN BUSINESS**

# 1. APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies for absence.

# 2. CONFIRMATION OF VOTING MEMBERS

A representative of each political group will confirm the voting members of the committee.

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

In special circumstances, an item of business may be added to an agenda within five clear days of the meeting.

# 4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

Members to declare any interests and dispensation in respect of any item of business to be considered at this meeting.

5. LICENSING ACT 2003: FOX ON THE HILL, 149-153 DENMARK 1 - 52 HILL, LONDON SE5 8EH

ANY OTHER OPEN BUSINESS AS NOTIFIED AT THE START OF THE MEETING AND ACCEPTED BY THE CHAIR AS URGENT.

# **PART B - CLOSED BUSINESS**

# **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

The following motion should be moved, seconded and approved if the sub-committee wishes to exclude the press and public to deal with reports revealing exempt information:

"That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1-7, Access to Information Procedure rules of the Constitution."

ANY OTHER CLOSED BUSINESS AS NOTIFIED AT THE START OF THE MEETING AND ACCEPTED BY THE CHAIR AS URGENT.

Date: 27 August 2024

| Meeting name:                         | Licensing Sub-Committee   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Date:                                 | 5 September 2024  |
| Report Title                          | Licensing Act 2003: Fox on the Hill, 149-153 Denmark Hill, London SE5 8EH |
| Ward(s) or groups affected:           | Champion Hill   |
| Classification:                       | Open  |
| Reasons for lateness (if applicable): | N/a   |

# RECOMMENDATION

 That the licensing sub-committee considers an application submitted by an Other Person under Section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003 (the Act) for the review of the premises licence held by J D Wetherspoon PLC in respect of the premises known as Fox on the Hill, 149-153 Denmark Hill, London SE5 8EH.

# 2. Notes:

- a) The grounds for the review are stated in paragraphs 12 to 14 of this report. A copy of the premises licence review application is attached as Appendix A.
- b) The review application is supported by 8 Other Persons and accompanied by a representation submitted by the Metropolitan Police (Licensing Division) as a responsible authority, copies of which can be found at Appendixes C and D.
- c) A map showing the location of the premises is attached as Appendix G.
- 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 applications 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. 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.
- 8. The premises licence once issued remains valid for the life of the business unless surrendered or revoked. However, under section 51 of the Act it remains open to any Responsible Authority or other person to apply to the local Licensing Authority for a review of the premises licence where there are ongoing concerns regarding one or more of the four stated licensing objectives.

# **KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION**

# The premises licence

- 9. The premises licence allows the provision of licensable activities as follows:
  - Recorded music indoors:

Monday to Saturday: 09:00 to 23:00

Sunday: 12:00 to 22:30

Late night refreshment – indoors:

Sunday to Thursday: 23:00 to 00:30Friday and Saturday: 23:00 to 01:00

- The sale by retail of alcohol to be consumed on and off the premises:
  - Sunday to Thursday: 09:00 to 00:00Friday and Saturday: 09:00 to 00:30
- Opening hours:
  - o Sunday to Thursday: 07:00 to 00:30
  - Friday and Saturday: 07:00 to 01:00.
- 10. The licence is subject to the mandatory conditions set down under the Act and further conditions consistent with the operating schedule submitted with the application for the licence. A copy of the full premises licence is attached as Appendix A.

# **Designated premises supervisor (DPS)**

11. The current designated premises supervisor (DPS) named on the licence is Adrian Latkowski.

# The review application

- 12. On 14 July 2024, an application was submitted by an other person under Section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003 (the Act) for the review of the premises licence known as Fox on the Hill, 149-153 Denmark Hill, London SE5 8EH.
- 13. The applicant has submitted the review application was submitted in respect of the prevention of crime and disorder and the prevention of public nuisance licensing objectives, citing the following:

"Continued issues, multiple dates and times; customers leaving the pub and using the our residential grounds to smoke (cigarettes and drugs) to drink after closing time, public urination on residential grounds, and customers of the pub using our residential grounds to park.

Various groups exiting the pub to smoke drugs in our residential estates grounds, then returning into the pub, both day and night".

14. A copy of the review application can be found at Appendix B.

# Representations from responsible authorities

- 15. During the public consultation period, a representation was received from the Metropolitan Police Service (Licensing Division). It lists crime reports at the premises, however, it should be noted that this does not list crime reports on the nearby residential estate that may or may not be linked to patrons of the premises.
- 16. The representation is available at Appendix C.

# Representations from other persons

- 17. During the consultation period, a total of eight additional representations were received from members of the public in support of the review. Combined, these indicate that there are ongoing issues with:
  - Patrons from the premises causing noise and antisocial behaviour in the neighbouring estate
  - Patrons from the premises urinating and consuming drugs and alcohol in the estate
  - Lack of adequate signage
  - Lack of adequate security staff
  - Additional CCTV required
  - Easier contact with the premises management needs to be stablished.
- 18. Copies of the responses sent by those members of the public supporting the review can be found at Appendix D.

# Conciliation

19. At the time of writing this report, a letter had been forthcoming from the premises licence holder to the reviewer. A copy is available in Appendix E. The licence holder has also requested that an online meeting be arranged between all parties. None of the representations have been withdrawn.

# **Operating history**

- 20. The venue was first issued premises licence was issued to JD Wetherspoon on the 23 January 2006.
- 21. The licence was reviewed by a local resident in October 2014. The licence was modified with conditions. A copy of the notice of decision from that hearing is available at Appendix F.
- 22. There have been several alterations to the DPS, up to the most recent in December 2023.
- 23. There is no recent history of temporary event notices.
- 24. There is one recent complaint, made by other person A (who resides with the applicant for the review). This complaint is included in the representations.

# The local area

25. A map showing the location of the premises is attached as Appendix G. There are no other licenced premises in the immediate vicinity (100 metres).

# **Southwark Council statement of licensing policy**

26. Council assembly approved Southwark's statement of licensing policy 2021-2026 on 25 November 2020 and it came into effect on 1 January 2021.

- 27. 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 licenses 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.
- 28. 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.
- 29. Members should take into consideration both the Southwark statement of licensing policy and the Section 182 Guidance when making decisions. The links for these are below.

Southwark policy:

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

# Section 182 Guidance:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attac hment\_data/file/1178789/Revised\_guidance\_issued\_under\_section\_182\_of\_the\_L icensing\_Act\_2003\_removal\_of\_minor\_variation\_relating\_to\_off\_sales.pdf

# **Cumulative impact area (CIA)**

- 30. The premises are not situated in a cumulative impact area. However, under the council's statement of licensing policy 2021 2026, the following closing times are recommended as appropriate within the local area:
  - Public houses, wine bars, or other drinking establishments and bars in other types of premises:
    - Monday to Sunday: 23:00
  - Restaurants, cafes and cinemas:
    - Monday to Sunday: 23:00.

# Climate change implications

- 31. Following council assembly on 14 July 2021, the council is committed to considering the climate change implications of any decisions.
- 32. Climate change is not a legal factor in the consideration of a grant of a premises license under the current licensing objectives, however members can make enquiries and request an agreement from applicants to promote the reduction of the impact of climate change that may be caused by the operation of the premises.
- 33. Examples of such an agreement may be:
  - Not to use single use plastics, such as disposable plastic glasses, when selling alcohol at the premises.
  - Encourage patrons not to drive to venues by providing details of public transport on their webpages/tickets.
- 34. The council's climate change strategy is available at:

https://www.southwark.gov.uk/assets/attach/48607/Climate-Change-Strategy-July-2021-.pdf

# Community, equalities (including socio-economic) and health impacts

# **Community impact statement**

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

# Equalities (including socio-economic) impact statement

- 36. This report does not result in a policy decision and each application is required to be considered upon its own individual merits with all relevant matters taken into account. In considering the recommendations of this report, due regard must be given to the public sector equality duty set out in section 149 of the Equality Act 2010. This requires the council to consider all individuals when carrying out its functions.
- 37. Importantly, the council must have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation, or other prohibited conduct; advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between people who have protected characteristics and those who do not. The relevant protected characteristics are age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation. The public sector equality duty also applies to marriage and civil partnership, but only in relation to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation, or other prohibited conduct.
- 38. The equalities impact statement for licensing decisions is contained within the Southwark statement of licensing Policy 2021 2026 at:

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

39. The equalities impact assessment is available at:

https://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/documents/s92016/Appendix%20F%20-%20Equalities%20Impact%20Assessment.pdf

# **Health impact statement**

40. Health impacts cannot be considered by law when making decisions under the Licensing Act 2003.

# **Resource implications**

41. There is no fee associated with this type of application.

# Consultation

42. Consultation has been carried out on this application in accordance with the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003.

# SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

# Assistant Chief Executive - Governance and Assurance

43. The sub-committee is asked to determine, under Section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003, following an application, made under Section 51 of the same act, for a review of premises licence. At any stage, following the grant of a premises licence, a responsible authority or any other person may ask the licensing authority to review the licence because of a matter arising at the premises in connection with any of the four licensing objectives.

44. The principles, which sub-committee members must apply, are set out below.

# Principles for making the determination

- 45. Under Section 51 the licensing authority must hold a hearing to determine the review and any relevant representations.
- 46. The four licensing objectives are:
  - The prevention of crime and disorder
  - The protection of public safety
  - The prevention of nuisance
  - The protection of children from harm.
- 47. Each objective must be considered to be of equal importance. The authority must, having regard to the application and any relevant representations, take such of the following steps as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives. The steps are to:
  - Modify the conditions of the licence by altering, omitting or adding any condition
  - Exclude a licensable activity from the scope of the licence
  - Remove the designated premises supervisor
  - Suspend the licence for a period not exceeding three months
  - Revoke the licence.
- 48. For the purpose of determining a relevant representation under section 52 of the Act a "relevant representation" means representations which:
  - Are relevant to one or more of the licensing objectives
  - Are made by the holder of the premises licence, a responsible authority or another person within the prescribed period
  - Have not been withdrawn
  - If made by another person (who is not also a responsible authority), that they are not, in the opinion of the relevant licensing authority frivolous or vexatious.
- 49. Modifications of conditions and exclusions of licensable activities may be imposed either permanently or for a temporary period of up to three months.
- 50. The authority may decide that no action is necessary if it finds that the review does not require it to take any steps appropriate to promote the licensing objectives.
- 51. In deciding what remedial action if any it should take, the authority must direct its mind to the causes or concerns that the representations identify. The remedial action should generally be directed at these causes and should always be no more than an appropriate and proportionate response.

52. It is of particular importance that any detrimental financial impact that may result from a licensing authority's decision is appropriate and proportionate to the promotion of the licensing objectives in the circumstances that gave rise to the application for review.

# Reasons

- 53. Where the authority determines an application for review it must notify the determination and reasons why for making it to:
  - The holder of the licence
  - The applicant
  - Any person who made relevant representations
  - The chief officer of police for the area (or each police area) in which the premises are situated.

# **Hearing procedures**

- 54. 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
    - o If given permission by the committee, question any other party.
    - o 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:
    - o 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.

55. This matter relates to the review of the premises licence under section 51 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

- 56. 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.
- 57. 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 quasijudicial 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.
- 58. 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.
- 59. 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.
- 60. 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.
- 61. The sub-committee can only consider matters within the application that have been raised through representations from other persons and responsible authorities.
- 62. 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.

63. 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

64. Members are required to have regard to the Home Office 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**

65. 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                         | Southwark Licensing, C/o   | Kirty Read<br>Phone number: |
| Home Office Revised<br>Guidance to the Act | Community Safety &<br>Enforcement, 160 Tooley<br>Street, London, SE1 2QH | 020 7525 5748               |
| Secondary Regulations                      |  |                             |
| Southwark Statement of Licensing Policy    |  |                             |
| Case file                                  |  |                             |

# **APPENDICES**

| Name       | Title   |
|------------|---|
| Appendix A | Copy of current premises licence                    |
| Appendix B | Copy of the review application                      |
| Appendix C | Representation from the Metropolitan Police Service |
| Appendix D | Representations from other persons                  |
| Appendix E | Letter to the applicant for the reivew              |
| Appendix F | Notice of decision - December 2014                  |
| Appendix G | Map of the locality                                 |

# **AUDIT TRAIL**

| Lead Officer   |               | cting Strategic Director | , Environment,    |
|--|---------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
|  | Neighbourhoo  | ds and Growth            |                   |
| Report Author  | Andrew Heron  | n, Principal Licensing C | fficer            |
| Version  | Final         |                          |                   |
| Dated  | 19 August 202 | 24                       |                   |
| Key Decision?  | No            |                          |                   |
| CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET    |               |                          |                   |
| MEMBER   |               |                          |                   |
| Officer Title  |               | Comments sought          | Comments included |
| Assistant Chief  | Executive -   | Yes                      | Yes               |
| Governance and Assurance                                     |               |                          |                   |
| Strategic Director of Finance                                |               | Yes                      | Yes               |
| Cabinet Member   |               | No                       | No                |
| Date final report sent to Constitutional Team 19 August 2024 |               |                          |                   |

# **APPENDIX A**

# Licensing Act 2003 Premises Licence



Regulatory Services Licensing Unit Hub 1, 3rd Floor PO Box 64529 London, SE1P 5LX

**Premises licence number** 

881989

# Part 1 - Premises details

| Postal address of premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description |           |  |
|--|-----------|--|
|  |           |  |
| Fox On The Hill  |           |  |
| 149-153 Denmark Hill   |           |  |
|  |           |  |
| Ordnance survey map reference (if applicable): 532810175738                          |           |  |
| Post town  | Post code |  |
| London   | SE5 8EH   |  |
| Telephone number   | ·         |  |
| -  |           |  |

# Licensable activities authorised by the licence

Recorded Music - Indoors

Late Night Refreshment - Indoors

Sale by retail of alcohol to be consumed on premises

Sale by retail of alcohol to be consumed off premises

# The opening hours of the premises. For any non standard timings see Annex 2 Monday 07:00 - 00:30 Tuesday 07:00 - 00:30 Wednesday 07:00 - 00:30 Thursday 07:00 - 01:00 Saturday 07:00 - 01:00 Sunday 07:00 - 00:30

# Where the licence authorises supplies of alcohol whether these are on and/ or off supplies

Sale by retail of alcohol to be consumed on premises

Sale by retail of alcohol to be consumed off premises

# The times the licence authorises the carrying out of licensable activities

For any non standard timings see Annex 2 of the full premises licence

# **Recorded Music - Indoors**

| Monday    | 09:00 - 23:00 |
|-----------|---------------|
| Tuesday   | 09:00 - 23:00 |
| Wednesday | 09:00 - 23:00 |
| Thursday  | 09:00 - 23:00 |
| Friday    | 09:00 - 23:00 |
| Saturday  | 09:00 - 23:00 |
| Sunday    | 12:00 - 22:30 |

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| Late Night Re  | freshment - Indoors                                   |  |  |
| Monday         | 23:00 - 00:30   |  |  |
| Tuesday        | 23:00 - 00:30   |  |  |
| Wednesday      | 23:00 - 00:30   |  |  |
| Thursday       | 23:00 - 00:30   |  |  |
| Friday         | 23:00 - 01:00   |  |  |
| Saturday       | 23:00 - 01:00   |  |  |
| Sunday         | 23:00 - 00:30   |  |  |
| Sale by retail | of alcohol to be consumed on premises                 |  |  |
| Monday         | 09:00 - 00:00   |  |  |
| Tuesday        | 09:00 - 00:00   |  |  |
| Wednesday      | 09:00 - 00:00   |  |  |
| Thursday       | 09:00 - 00:00   |  |  |
| Friday         | 09:00 - 00:30   |  |  |
| Saturday       | 09:00 - 00:30   |  |  |
| Sunday         | 09:00 - 00:00   |  |  |
| Sale by retail | Sale by retail of alcohol to be consumed off premises |  |  |
| Monday         | 09:00 - 00:00   |  |  |
| Tuesday        | 09:00 - 00:00   |  |  |
| Wednesday      | 09:00 - 00:00   |  |  |
| Thursday       | 09:00 - 00:00   |  |  |
| Friday         | 09:00 - 00:30   |  |  |
| Saturday       | 09:00 - 00:30   |  |  |
| Sunday         | 09:00 - 00:00   |  |  |

# Part 2

Name, (registered) address, telephone number and email (where relevant) of holder of premises licence

JD WETHERSPOON PLC WETHERSPOON HOUSE Reeds Crescent Watford WD24 4QL

Registered number of holder, for example company number, charity number (where applicable) 01709784

Name, address and telephone number of designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises for the supply of alcohol

Adrian Latkowski



Personal licence number and issuing authority of personal licence held by designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises for the supply of alcohol

Licence No.:

Authority: LB Wandsworth

Licence Issue date: 15/12/2023



Head of Regulatory Services Hub 1, 3rd Floor PO Box 64529 London, SE1P 5LX 020 7525 5748 licensing@southwark.gov.uk

# **Annex 1 - Mandatory conditions**

- 100 No supply of alcohol may be made under the Premises Licence -
- (a). At a time when there is no Designated Premises Supervisor in respect of the Premises Licence; or
- (b). At a time when the Designated Premises Supervisor does not hold a Personal Licence or his Personal Licence is suspended.
- **101** Every supply of alcohol under the Premises Licence must be made, or authorised by, a person who holds a Personal Licence.
- 107 Any individual carrying out security activities at the premises must be licensed by the Security Industry Authority. This does not apply where the premises are being used primarily as a Qualifying Club under a Club Premises Certificate, under a Temporary Event Notice, or primarily as a cinema, restaurant or theatre 485 (1) The responsible person must ensure that staff on relevant premises do not carry out, arrange or participate in any irresponsible promotions in relation to the premises.
- (2) In this paragraph, an irresponsible promotion means any one or more of the following activities, or substantially similar activities, carried on for the purpose of encouraging the sale or supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises –
- (a) games or other activities which require or encourage, or are designed to require, encourage, individuals
- (i) drink a quantity of alcohol within a time limit (other than to drink alcohol sold or supplied on the premises before the cessation of the period in which the responsible person is authorised to sell or supply alcohol), or (ii) drink as much alcohol as possible (whether within a time limit or otherwise);
- (b) provision of unlimited or unspecified quantities of alcohol free or for a fixed or discounted fee to the public or to a group defined by a particular characteristic in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;
- (c) provision of free or discounted alcohol or any other thing as a prize to encourage or reward the purchase and consumption of alcohol over a period of 24 hours or less in a manner carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;
- (d) selling or supplying alcohol in association with promotional poster or flyers on, or in the vicinity of, the premises which can reasonably be considered to condone, encourage or glamorise anti-social behaviour or to refer to the effects of drunkenness in any favourable manner; and
- (e) dispensing alcohol directly by one person into the mouth of another (other than where that other person is unable to drink without assistance by reason of disability).
- **487** The responsible person must ensure that free potable water is provided on request to customers where it is reasonably available.
- **488** (1) The premises licence holder or club premises certificate holder must ensure that an age verification policy is adopted in respect of the premises in relation to the sale or supply of alcohol.
- (2) The designated premises supervisor in relation to the premises licence must ensure that the supply of alcohol at the premises is carried on in accordance with the age verification policy.

- (3) The policy must require individuals who appear to the responsible person to be under 18 years of age (or such older age as may be specified in the policy) to produce on request, before being served alcohol, identification bearing their photograph, date of birth and either
- (a) a holographic mark; or
- (b) an ultraviolet feature.
- 489 The responsible person shall ensure that -
- (a) Where any of the following alcoholic drinks is sold or supplied for consumption on the premises (other than alcoholic drinks sold or supplied having been made up in advance ready for sale or supply in a securely closed container) it is available to customers in the following measures -
- (i) Beer or cider: 1/2 pint;
- (ii) Gin, rum, vodka or whisky: 25 ml or 35 ml; and
- (iii) Still wine in a glass: 125 ml;
- (b) these measures are displayed in a menu, price list or other printed material which is available to customers on the premises; and
- (c) where a customer does not in relation to a sale of alcohol specify the quantity of alcohol to be sold, the customer is made aware that these measures are available,
- **491** 1. A relevant person shall ensure that no alcohol is sold or supplied for consumption on or off the premises for a price which is less than the permitted price.
- 2. For the purpose of the condition set out in paragraph (1):
- (a) "duty" is to be construed in accordance with the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979;
- (b) "permitted price" is the price found by applying the formula

 $P = D + (D \times V),$ 

where-

- (i) P is the permitted price,
- (ii) D is the amount of duty chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the duty were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol, and
- (iii) V is the rate of value added tax chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the value added tax were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol;
- (c) "relevant person" means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a premises licence –
- (i) the holder of the premises licence:
- (ii) the designated premises supervisor (if any) in respect of such a licence; or
- (iii) the personal licence holder who makes or authorises a supply of alcohol under such a licence;
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given by that sub-paragraph rounded up to the nearest penny.

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- (2) the permitted price which would apply on the first day applies to sales or supplies of alcohol which take place before the expiry of the period of 14 days beginning on the second day.

# Annex 2 - Conditions consistent with the operating Schedule

- **109** Alcohol shall not be sold or supplied except during permitted hours and on New Year's Eve from the end of permitted hours on New Year's Eve to the start of permitted hours on the following day (or, if there are no permitted hours on the following day, mid night on 31st December).
- **110** No statutory regulations for music and dancing shall apply so as to require any licence for the provision in the premises of public entertainment by the reproduction of wireless (including television) broadcasts or of programmes included in any programme service (within the meaning of the Broadcasting Act 1990) other than a sound or television broadcasting service, or of public entertainment by way of music and singing only which is produced solely by the reproduction of recorded sound is permitted.
- **111** This licence provides for the provision of private music and dancing entertainment that is promoted for private gain;
- **112** This licence allows for the premises to be open for non standard timings from 0900 0100 hours on the following days :
- 25 January Burns Night
- 26 January Australia Day
- 01 March St David's Day
- 07 March St Patrick's Day
- 23 April St George's Day
- 30 November St Andrew's Day
- 24 December Christmas Eve
- 26 December Boxing Day
- **113** This licence allows the premises to remain open for the sale or supply of alcohol for non standard timings from 0900 0030 hours as stated below on the following days:
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- **115** This licence allows for the premises for the provision of late night refresment for non standard timings on the following days:
- 25 January Burns Night
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- 01 March St David's Day
- 07 March St Patrick's D ay
- 23 April St George's Day

- 30 November St Andrew's Day
- 24 December Christmas Eve
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- **122** No person under fourteen shall be in the bar of the licensed premises during the permitted hours unless one of the following applies
- a.He is the child of the holder of the premises licence
- b.He resides in the premises, but is not employed there
- c.He is in the bar solely for the purpose of passing to or from some part of thepremises which is not a bar and to and from which there is no other convenient means of access or egress
- d. The bar is in railway refreshment rooms or other premises constructed, fit ted and intended to be used bona fide for any purpose to which the holding of the licence is ancilla. In this condition "bar" includes any place exclusively or mainly used for the consumption of intoxicating liquor. But an area is not a bar when it is usu al for it to be, and it is, set apart for the service of tablemeals and alcohol is only sold or supplied to persons as ancillary to their table meals.
- **127** Alcohol shall not be sold or supplied unless it is paid for before or at the time when it is sold or supplied, except alcohol sold or supplied:
- a. With and for consumption at a meal supplied at the same time, consumed with the meal and paid for together w ith the meal;
- b. For consumption by a person residing in the premises or his guest and paid for together with his accommodation;
- c.To a canteen or mess.

# **407** JDW's APPROACH TO RESPONSIBLE DRINKS RETAILING JDW's APPROACH TO RESPONSIBLE DRINKS RETAILING

The issue of binge drinking is a very big one in the media at the current time, combined with the fear of the unknown with the introduction of the Licensing Act 2003, and we all know that a minority of peopl e behave very badly after a few drinks. It is particularly noticeable when people let their hair down for a special occasion, and some feel it is okay to behave in a way that is offensive to the majority of the population, or to those not involved in the 'party'.

At Wetherspoon, we understand that we are in the business of selling alcohol, and cannot take the high moral ground, but we have tried to create a convivial environment, which encourages people, within reason, to behave well.

In many licensing applications around the country, trade competitors over the years have tried to say that Wetherspoon 'causes trouble' in the areas in which our pubs are located. However, when the issue has been examined in court, the evidence strongly indicates that there is no increase in crime or disorder in the locality of our pubs as a result of our openings. In a planning application in South Shields, the local inspector telephoned all the licensing districts in which we traded and indicated that Wetherspoons had an extremely good reputation.

Some of the things we have done over the years have been: -

#### a) NO SELLING UP

Our most recent move in this area is to remove incentives for people to drink more alcohol than they intended by, for example, stopping two for one offers, reducing the number of shots in pitchers from 6 to 4, and stopping selling spirit doubles for less than the price of two single measures.

Wetherspoon is the only substantial national pub company, of which we are aware, that has introduced t his restriction. We have now tried to remove all financial incentives to 'trade up' to a larger quantity of alcohol. Some people say that our prices are lower than average and this is true. However, working men's clubs and breweries like Samuel Smiths a nd Joseph Holts also charge less than average, but are not generally regarded as sources of binge drinking. In any event, supermarkets charge less than half our prices for most products.

# b) NO 'ALL YOU CAN DRINK FOR A '£10' OFFERS

These offers have become notorious and most people in the industry strongly disapprove of them. Obviously, we do not have these offers at Wetherspoon.

# c) GOOD SELECTION OF LOW PRICED SOFT DRINKS

As well as selling competitively priced beer, Wetherspoon also sells a wide range of soft drinks at considerably lower prices than almost all other pubs. Studies have shown that the availability and prominent display of soft drinks, coffee and tea have a helpful effect on excessive alcohol consumption. Infact we sell more cups of coffee than our best selling bottle lager -Budweiser.

# d) GOOD TRAINING FOR MANAGERS AND STAFF AND A HIGH RATIO OF MANAGERS PER PUB Wetherspoon has led the way in training for managed house pub companies and we recently won the Supreme Training Award fr om the BII for three years in a row. We have won numerous other awards over the years and our training programmes for managers are second to none. We also have a high number of managers per pub, aiming for 5 on average in our pubs. Our managers are ALL trained to the NLC standard set by the BIT and in addition will shortly be trained and certificated under the SIA; we believe this to be unique in the licensed industry.

Good training and a high management presence are regarded as important factors in cur tailing bad behaviour resulting from alcohol consumption.

# e) WORKING WEEK

The introduction of a 48-hour working week for all mangers and staff and the fact that all managers are allowed two days off a week is evidence of the company's commitment to ensuring proper working conditions for all its managers and staff.

# f) FOOD AVAILABLE ALL DAY AT A REASONABLE PRICE

Wetherspoon's food sales have increased from 5~o of sales in 1992 to about 25~o now and, combined with soft drinks, are approaching 40~.00 f overall sales. Availability of food, as with the ready availability of soft drinks, is known to be a helpful factor in reducing the possible ill effects of excessive a!cohol consumption, and to that end we provide a full menu of hot and cold food from opening until one hour before closing or midnight which ever is the later in all our outlets.

# 9) PREMISES ATTRACT A BROAD RANGE OF AGE GROUPS. NOT 'JUST YOUNG PEOPLE

Wetherspoon pubs, but not Lloyds bars, have no music and this, combined with the range of products mentioned above, as well as an emphasis on drinks such as traditional ales, results in the attraction of a broad range of age groups from pensioners at one end of the spectrum to students at the other. In addition, we have recently been permit ted to allow families to dine in most of our pubs and this has increased again the range of age groups.

Studies over the years have indicated that pubs which do not target a predominantly young age group have better behaviour.

Even in Lloyds bars, we attract a broad range of age groups for a considerable part of the time and sell a far higher level of food and soft drinks than almost any competitor.

# h) AIM FOR AS MANY FEMALE CUSTOMERS AS MALE CUSTOMERS

Over the years, we have tried to make our pub s appeal to women, since the presence of both sexes can have a beneficial effect on behaviour. In this area, we invested heavily, for example, in toilet facilities and won 'Loo of the Year' for England, Scotland and Wales for two years in a row. A high st andard of loos, as well as helping the overall ambience of our pubs is particularly important, research shows, for women.

# i) QUICK AND EFFICIENT SERVICE

Wetherspoon has consistently increased the number of managers, rates of pay and bonuses for staff to try and ensure quick service and good standards. We also have approximately six mystery visitor calls per pub per month to check on service. Efficient and friendly service is a strong factor in creating the convivial atmosphere, which encourages good behaviour.

# j) CCTV

Many years ago, we were asked by Bournemouth police, as a condition of our licence, to include CCTV's in our pub in that town. Our pub managers felt it was an effective deterrent and encouraged responsible behaviour and we spent many millions of pounds introducing CCTVs throughout the company.

# k) ENCOURAGE DINERS WITH NO SMOKING AREAS

As part of our efforts to encourage food sales, as well as appealing to non-smokers, we introduced non-smoking areas in our pubs over 10 years ago. We subsequently introduced non-smoking areas around the bar

serveries themselves. The combined effect of these moves is to make the pubs more attractive to diners and this has played a part of the big increase in our food sales. We also now operate 1 0 pubs as non-smoking and aim to trade all our outlets as non-smoking by summer 2006 well in advance of the government's target of 2008.

# I) HIGH STANDARDS OF MAINTENANCE CREATING CONVIVIAL ATMOSPHERE

Pubs are often poorly maintained and this can have a subconscious effect on the behaviour of customers. It is part of our policy to have excellently maintained pubs and is encompassed in our motto of 'CQSMA' which stands for cleanliness, quality, service maintenance and atmosphere

# m) PUBWATCH

All our managers are encouraged to be members of Pubwatch and if none exists we would aim to be instrumental in setting up a Pubwatch. In addition, the Company is a member of National Pubwatch and an associate member of The Portman Group which aims to promote a sensible and responsible approach to the retailing of alcohol. We will always endeavour to participate in city centre alcohol harm reduction strategy and have many examples of successful schemes which we have participated in such as Manchester City Safe and All Bar None in Croydon to name but a few.

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**OVERVIEW OF OPERATIONS** 

# A.PROCEDURAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE LICENSING OBJECTIVES

- 1. JD Wetherspoon pic currently operates over 550 licensed premises throughout England and Wales. Over the last 25 years the company has developed a sophisticated range of procedures aimed at providing a safe and convivial environment in which the public may enjoy the wide range of facilities which the company offers.
- The procedures which the company has put in place are subject to constant review and improvement and are the result of careful consideration by our experienced team of directors, managers and professional advisors.
- 3. It has always been the company's policy to work closely with the statutory authorities and to adopt their recom mendations where appropriate. The result is that our operating procedures address each of 1he Licensing Objectives under the Licensing Act 2003 and comply closely with other regulatory requirements.
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# Annex 3 - Conditions attached after a hearing by the licensing authority

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- 843 That there are no emptying of bottles after 23:00 hrs.
- **844** That the premises management shall hold quarterly meetings to address any issues regarding the operation of the premises under the licence with staff; and with local residents and interested parties.
- **845** That the car park be secured from/closed to vehicular access from 01:00 hrs Sunday to Thursday and 01:30 hrs on Fridays and Saturdays.
- 805 Signage reminding customers to leave quietly shall be prominently displayed within the pub.
- **846** The front beer garden will be closed to customers at 22.00.
- 847 The small car park adjacent to Denmark Hill shall be the designated smoking area after 22.00 each day.
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# Annex 4 - Plans - Attached

Licence No. 881989

Plan No. JD0134 / AM01
Plan Date 12 Feb 2014

# **APPENDIX B**

14/07/2024

Application for a review of a premises licence or club premises certificate under the Licensing Act Ref No. 2260408

Please enter the name of applicant who is applying for the review of a premises licence under section 51/ applying for the review of a club premises certificate under section 87 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in part 1

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# Notes for Guidance

- 1. A responsible authority includes the local police, fire and rescue authority and other statutory bodies which exercise specific functions in the local area.
- The ground(s) for review must be based on one of the licensing objectives.
- 3. Please list any additional information or details for example dates of problems which are included in the grounds for review if available.
- 4. The application form must be signed.
- 5. An applicant's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
- 6. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.

Please submit the completed form to along with the payment either by cheque or postal order made payable to London Borough of Southwark and dispatch to the following address below.

Environment and Social Regeneration Regulatory Services – Licensing Team 160 Tooley Street 3rd Floor Hub 1 PO Box 64529 London SE1P 5LX E-mail: licensing@southwark.gov.uk Tel 020 7525 4261

Postal address of premises or club premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description

| Address Line 1                               | FOX ON THE HILL      |
|--|----------------------|
| Address Line 2                               | 149-153 DENMARK HILL |
| Town   | LONDON               |
| County                                       |                      |
| Post code                                    | SE5 8EH              |
| Ordnance survey map reference or description |                      |

| Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known) |  |  |  |
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| Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known)                   |  |  |  |
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I am

| 1) an individual, body or business which is not a responsible<br>br> authority (please read |
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| guidance note 1)  |

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# Personal Details

| Title                     |     |
|---------------------------|-----|
| If other, please specify  |     |
| Surname                   |     |
| Forenames                 |     |
| I am 18 years old or over | Yes |

# **Current Address**

| Address Line 1 |  |
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| Address Line 2 |  |
| Town           |  |
| County         |  |
| Post code      |  |

# **Contact Details**

| Daytime contact telephone number |  |
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| E-mail address<br>(optional)     |  |

Would you like to add a second applicant?

| l No  |
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This application to review relates to the following licensing objective(s)

| Please select one or more as appropriate                                   |
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| the prevention of crime and disorder     the prevention of public nuisance |

| Please state the ground(s) for review (please read guidance note 2)   |  |  |
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| Failure to stop public nuisance and disorder in the surrounding residential area.   |  |  |
| Please provide as much information as possible to support the application (please read guidance note 3)   |  |  |
| Continued issues, multiple dates and times; customers leaving the pub and using the our residential grounds to smoke (cigarettes and drugs) to drink after closing time, public urination on residential grounds, and customers of the pub using our residential grounds to park.  Various groups exiting the pub to smoke drugs in our residential estates grounds, then returning into the pub, both day and night. |  |  |
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| Have you made an application for review relating to this premises before?   |  |  |
| No  |  |  |
| If yes, please state the date of the application  |  |  |
| If you have made representations before relating to these premises please state what they were and when you made them   |  |  |
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| Checklist   |  |  |
| I have sent copies of this form and enclosures to the responsible authorities and the premises licence holder or club holding the club premises certificate, as appropriate I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected  |  |  |
| IT IS AN OFFENCE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION. THOSE WHO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT MAY BE LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE OF ANY AMOUNT  |  |  |
| Declaration (please read guidance note 5)   |  |  |
| Applicant Full Name Applicant or  |  |  |

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Application for a review of a premises licence or club premises certificate under the Licensing Act

| Applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent |            |
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| Date   | 14/07/2024 |
| Capacity   |            |

### Notes for guidance

5. An applicant's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.

Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 6)

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| ⊥ Full name |  |
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Address (please read guidance note 6)

| Address Line 1            |  |
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| Address Line 2            |  |
| Town                      |  |
| County                    |  |
| Postcode                  |  |
| Telephone number (if any) |  |
| Email                     |  |

#### Notes for Guidance

6. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.

35 APPENDIX C



The Licensing Unit Floor 3 160 Tooley Street London SE1 2QH

#### **Metropolitan Police Service**

Licensing Office Southwark Police Station, 323 Borough High Street, LONDON, SE1 1JL

Tel: 020 7232 6758

Email: SouthwarkLicensing@met.police.uk

Our reference: 798/24

Date: 1st August 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

### Re:- Fox On the Hill, 149-153 Denmark Hill, SE5 8EH

Police are in possession of an application for a review of the above premises licence in relation to the following licensing objectives; the prevention of public nuisance.

The application provides details of the concerns they have with regard to the operation of the premises, the continued noise and nuisance disturbance caused by patrons from the premises.

The police have the following comment to make in relation to this application to review the premises licence.

I have carried out searches on the police intelligence and recording systems and found the following in the last 12 months.

- 01/418619/24 Crime report of criminal damage. Masked individuals of the public went into the premises and were throwing glass and smashing it. No suspects identified
- 3006486/24 Crime report of an assault that occurred at the venue. No suspects were identified due to bad CCTV quality.
- 3000879/24 Crime report of an assault that occurred in the premises.
   Investigation concluded with No further action as victim did not support police action.
- 3027331/23 Crime report of an assault where the victim was ganged up on after having a conversation with other patrons. Investigation concluded with No further action as victim did not support police action.

I found a number of calls and incidents in the locality of the premises but could not directly link them to the operation of Fox on the Hill, 149-153 Denmark Hill.

This is submitted for the information of the licensing subcommittee.

The Following is submitted for your consideration. Yours Sincerely

**PC Walter MINKA AGYEMAN 1264AS** 

Southwark Police Licensing Unit

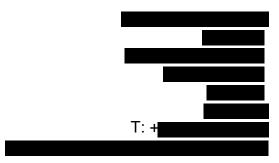
Tel: 0207 232 6758

#### OTHER PERSON A

From:

Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2024 2:38 PM

**To:** Regen, Licensing < <u>Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk</u>> **Subject:** Fox on the Hill - License review representation



2024/08/01

License number - 883605 - Fox On The Hill

Dear Southwark Council,

I am writing to lodge a formal complaint against the Fox on the Hill pub, 149-153 Denmark Hill, London SE5 8EH.

I am a local resident, living across the road from the pub on the Ruskin Park house estate. I have lived in second for years and have not had cause to complain, and often go to the pub myself.

However, in the summer months this year the pub has lost control of it's customers, who frequent our private estate, carry their drinks over, consume drugs, and cause a disturbance.

I live on the floor with my and have been disturbed on more than one occasion by people from the pub stood outside our flat late at night (which is on a private road) drinking their drinks from the pub and smoking weed.

We live in a quiet residential area and the pub must take steps to make sure their customers are not spilling out into our private estate. They used to have security, but this year is non existent.

Yours sincerely,

I wish to make a representation with respect to the License Review of

#### The Fox on The Hill

149-153 Denmark Hill, London SE5 8EH

The current license states that the following are required:

# 805 - Signage reminding customers to leave quietly shall be prominently displayed within the pub.

This is inadequate and prominent signage (there is a very small sign) is required at the Champion Hill exit. This sign should also explain that any customer found trespassing on to the estate opposite will be on CCTV and barred from returning to the pub.

#### 846 - The front beer garden will be closed to customers at 22.00.

This is mostly adhered to but sometimes customers return to this garden and cause noise nuisance after 10pm and sometimes through to 0100. There is inadequate monitoring of this out of hours activity and residents of Ruskin Park House often have to call to ask the pub staff to remove customers from the garden.

## 847 - The small car park adjacent to Denmark Hill shall be the designated smoking area after 22.00 each day.

Customers often hang out in the wider car park area and adjacent to Champion Hill between 10pm and closing time, making noise. These customers are not managed and there are no security personnel who are checking the outside areas regularly.

848 - Staff shall keep a log of any noise related disturbance arising from the external areas of the pub. Such records shall be kept for a minimum of 90 days and shall be made available for inspection by any responsible authority.

I would be grateful to know whether this exists and how the pub would know, because there is no regular monitoring of the outside areas.

849 - Staff will supervise the dispersal of customers from 23:00 until all customers have left the premises to ensure that noise from departing customers is kept to a minimum.

This does not happen.

# 850 - Customers shall be encouraged to depart the pub via the exits closest to Denmark Hill after 22.00.

This does not happen. Customers regularly trespass on to Ruskin Park House estate to two particular areas, take their drinks across, take drugs, and make noise

#### **Our desired mitigations**

At a meeting with the pub management and JDW legal representative on 08 August 2024, ten residents of Ruskin Park House were very clear that they would like to see the following mitigations, the first of which we consider of crucial importance:

- More security personnel presence in the front external areas, especially between 10pm and closing time, to ensure that noise and lingering by customers in the external areas is minimised and that customers do not trespass on to Ruskin Park House to drink and take drugs
- CCTV covering the exit from the Fox on to Champion Hill so that drug dealing, drug taking and trespass on to Ruskin Park House estate can be monitored and offenders dealt with by the Fox
- Improved signage at the Champion Hill exit to deter customers from trespassing on to Riskin Park House
- A WhatsApp enabled phone so that Ruskin Park House residents are able to record and send across instances of anti-social activity whilst they are happening

#### Appendix - recent resident experience -

- Repeated groups of young people congregating on the bench on the central garden, making
  noise sometime till 1 am and being very rude when asked to leave. We now check that they
  are pub customers through either seeing glasses in their hands or watching them walking
  back over to the pub. They are often smoking weed.
- Noise from the front garden and car park area after 10pm either because customers are lingering in the garden or enter it after 10pm, or because when customers leave, they do have a long and loud chat in the car park before doing so
- People parking their cars and playing music from their cars loudly
- People playing music through speakers in the front garden
- People playing live music in the front garden
- People revving their motorbikes at length in the car park
- E-bikes constantly cluttering our pavement. These are definitely Fox customers as we see them going there once the bike has been dumped. Could the Fox have an e-bike area designated? It would help their custom and us!

| Date         | Issue   |  |  |
|--------------|---|--|--|
| Sat 25 05 24 | Music from car in Fox car park  |  |  |
| Tue 11 06 24 | Trespassers on RPH central bench                                      |  |  |
|              | People after hours in Fox garden                                      |  |  |
| Mon 24 06 24 | Trespassers on RPH central bench                                      |  |  |
|              | Car alarm in Fox car park   |  |  |
| Sat 29 06 24 | Trespassers on RPH bench  |  |  |
| Sun 14 07 24 | Trespassers on RPH bench  |  |  |
|              | People smoking weed in full sight of others on Champion Hill          |  |  |
|              | Knife incident at Fox – perpetrator on RPH grounds – police attending |  |  |
| Mon 22 07 24 | Music from car in Fox car park  |  |  |
| Thu 25 07 24 | Noise from people not leaving in Fox car park                         |  |  |
| Fri 26 07 24 | Noise from people not leaving in Fox car park                         |  |  |
| Sun 28 07 24 | Sun 28 07 24 Musician in Fox garden                                   |  |  |
| Tue 30 07 24 | Trespassers on RPH bench  |  |  |
| Sat 03 08 24 | Musician in Fox garden  |  |  |

Sent: Saturday, August 3, 2024 9:43 AM

To: Regen, Licensing < Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk >

**Subject:** licensing review no 883605

Dear Sir or Madam,

My name is

I am writing this on August 3rd.

I am objecting to the license for the Fox on the Hill Wetherspoons pub. I am objecting because:

- of crime and disorder and related to the pub
- public nuisance related to the pub

Patrons of the pub regularly enter the Ruskin Park House estate, trespassing into public spaces to use and sell drugs. They are clearly visible and aggressive and clearly from the pub, bringing glasses and gold with them.

Patrons of the pub regularly urinate and expose themselves in the Ruskin park house grounds in full view of windows and children. They are also aggressive and intimidating when questioned.

The pub does not provide enough security to stop these people.

Please confirm you received this email if possible.

**Best** 

Sent: Saturday, August 10, 2024 11:01 AM

To: Regen, Licensing < Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk >

Subject: Fox on the Hill licence review

Dear Sir/Madam

I am responding as part of the licence review of the JD Wetherspoon pub the Fox on the Hill 149-153 Denmark Hill, London SE5 8EH.

I am a resident of which is next to the Fox on the Hill. Firstly, I would like to say that the Fox on The Hill is an important community pub, well used and generally well run, and I would like to see the pub continue to operate. It is a large pub and attracts a lot of people particularly in the summer, as it has large gardens. I think it is important that the rights of Ruskin Park House residents to have a quality of life are balanced with the rights of the pub users to enjoy there evening out.

I knew the pub was there when I bought my flat and do not object to a reasonable level of noise during the day and early evening. However, to respect the quality of life of Ruskin Park House residents the noise levels should be actively managed and limited after 10pm.

There have recently been frequent reports of young people who are from the pub using the gardens of Ruskin Park House, as a garden overspill and or to smoke drugs. Ruskin Park House is private property and it is important for the quality of life and security of residents of Ruskin Park House and the pub actively ensure that their clients do not use Ruskin Park House. I think that additional security personnel should be provided by the Fox on the Hill to manage the Champion Hill exit of the car park to ensure as far as possible that their clients do not use the gardens of Ruskin Park House.

Yours faithfully



**Sent:** Sunday, August 11, 2024 10:43 AM

To: Regen, Licensing < Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk >

Cc:

**Subject:** Licence review application: 883605 (Fox on the Hill pub)

Dear all,

I would like to contribute my thoughts to the current licence review ref: 883605, for the Fox on the Hill pub, Denmark Hill, SE5.

I own a flat in right next to the pub, and have lived here for years. When I first moved here, the pub used to cause very few problems: there were not too many noise disturbances, it attracted a pretty standard clientele, and was a nice pub to visit even. In the Covid pandemic, when pubs re-opened in summer 2020, the Fox on the Hill pub quite dramatically expanded its outdoor seating area, to be apparently 'the largest beer garden in London'. There was total carnage and social disorder on the first night of reopening but local residents met with the pub and they addressed the issues by putting on a lot of extra security. Residents were under the impression that the huge expansion of the pub's outdoor table space was to be temporary - just for the pandemic - as no local residents had been consulted on these ultra-rushed plans. I understand that the pandemic was a difficult time for businesses and people socially, but the pub has since then continued to go downhill in the clientele it attracts, and what can be 'got away with' on or around the site of the pub. Two years ago, a pub customer was stabbed in the head in the pub car park by another customer.

The way the pub manages noise disturbances and its security has massively deteriorated since the pandemic:

- The general noise issue day to day is out of hand, with people leaving the pub for cigarettes (post-10pm but before closing time) and being allowed to make as much noise as they want outside the pub.
- Even once the pub closes at night, the staff turn a complete blind eye to what takes place in the pub's car park. As one of the few pubs with a large car park, its pub customers often blast music from their cars parked in the car park or on Champion Hill (our road) in between our block of flats building and the pub. Those are all customers from the pub and it is unacceptable.
- Pub customers regularly now come onto the grounds of our block of flats to urinate, smoke weed, inhale laughing gas balloons, snort cocaine, or do other drugs, so as to not be seen by the pub staff/security. The pub are turning a complete blind eye to this, but it blights the lives of the residents like us that live close to the pub. During the recent Euros football tournament, this occurred **every time that an England game had a brief interval.** Young customers of the pub were (in plain view of its staff and security) sitting on the chain fence of our block of flats and smoking drugs, in quite a few places along the front of our block of flats. The age of some of these young people did not even look to be over 18.

- On the night of the Euro final, the suspected attacker involved in the stabbing incident (separate to the one two years ago) ran straight from the pub grounds onto the grounds of our estate, through our main central garden, to escape what then became a very serious crime scene. I know this first hand as I saw it and spoke at length to the police shortly afterwards. That night needed 12+ police cars of officers, and a police helicopter, involved in a heavy search of the local area. Because of its extensive outdoor space and bad reputation, the pub now attracts a very different clientele from across South London than it did in previous years and it is really affecting the lives of the local residents that live right next to it.
- Since the pandemic, the pub seems to have expanded the use of the beer garden quite dramatically, including even a recent giant canopy which was added (again with **no consultation with local residents**) in its back garden, which has made the noise problem of the pub's completely unmanaged customers much greater and all year round, instead of just all the summer months. Again, this further expansion is unacceptable in a residential area. The pub's reputation is now one of cheap drinks, extremely lax security, a huge outdoor area for antisocial behaviour.

Like my fellow residents, I would like the following to be considered:

- Restricting the pub's opening hours at evenings and weekends.
- Limit the time use and capacity of the gardens.
- The canopy at the back of the pub has changed the use of the garden from summers only to year-round. I believe it should be removed as a condition of renewing the licence.
- Imposing restrictions on the use of the car park, perhaps to blue badge holders only, to prevent it becoming a source of antisocial behaviour in itself and discourage the use of polluting vehicles in an area well served by public transport.
- Requiring the increased use of security to ensure that local residents aren't unfairly impacted and the licencing conditions are adhered to.
- Ensure that IDs are routinely checked.

Post regarde

 Ensure that the pub takes greater responsibility for preventing customers trespassing into the grounds of our homes and using them to drink, smoke drugs, urinate and make noise.

|   | best regards, |  |  |  |
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Sent: Saturday, August 10, 2024 8:11 AM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing, Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: FOX ON THE HILL LICENCE REVIEW

### **FAO Licensing Officer**

I understand that local residents have requested a review of the Fox On The Hill's current licence (881989) and would like to lodge a representation.

I live at I the residential estate on the other side of Champion Hill from the Fox. Over the years there have been persistent problems with patrons of the Fox bringing food and drinks over to our gardens and using our property as, in effect, an extension to the Fox's beer garden. If challenged they will often claim our gardens are public land and may become abusive. It is not uncommon to see such Fox customers urinating against our buildings. Additionally, Fox customer use our gardens for the buying, selling and consumption of drugs away from any scrutiny that may exist at the Fox.

I attended a residents meeting with the Fox's management on 08/08/2024 and was not convinced that they take these sort of issues that seriously. Overall, they seemed a little too ready to find reasons why pro-active measures to discourage anti-social behaviour could not be taken.

I believe there should be very clear and prominent signage by the Champion Hill pedestrian exit from the Fox's car park warning that the gardens of the estate opposite are private and must not be used for the consumption of food and drinks by Fox customers. Security staff should be stationed at this point to prevent food and drinks being taken over to our gardens. During periods of lockdown when the beer garden was open this proved effective at reducing nuisance but has since been abandoned. While the Fox has a licence for off sales, I cannot believe this permits its customers to leave its premises with pints of beer and glasses of wine and spirits and drink them in neighbouring gardens.

My name and address are



Thanks

**Sent:** Sunday, August 11, 2024 11:12 AM

**To:** Regen, Licensing < <u>Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk</u>>

Subject: Licence Review 883605 The Fox On The Hill

Dear Sir/ Madam

Ref. licence review 883605- The Fox On The Hill

I have been a resident of years and a customer of the Fox On The Hill for the same length of time. RPH neighbours the pub.

I write to add my support for a full and strict review of the Fox's licence terms, and a review of the current management.

This is the first occasion on which I have submitted concerns to Southwark Licensing regarding the pub. While I have lived next to the pub for a significant number of years and accept that can bring with it some noise or disturbance, the situation has become considerably worse in recent years, associated with increased utilisation by the pub of its outside spaces (front and rear beer gardens).

My concerns are as follows -

- \* Anti-social behaviour is inadequately managed by pub staff and security.
- \* Customers making excessive noise in the outside areas, including beer gardens and car park. Customers screaming and shouting. Customers revving car and motorbike engines and playing car stereos loudly. This is disruptive to neighbours in RPH, including myself and is not being managed or controlled.
- \* Customers are being allowed to bring drinks over to RPH's private gardens and are congregating causing noise and disruption and creating an unpleasant environment for our residents, including families, children, and the elderly. When challenged these trespassers can often be aggressive.
- \* People are leaving the pub/ beer garden to consume drugs off the pub premises including while trespassing on RPH property.
- \* People are leaving the pub premises, typically the garden, to urinate nearby (instead of going in to pub toilets), including trespassing on RPH property to do so. I frequently see this from my flat window. The previous pub manager (Ryan Way) provided Portaloo/ trailers in summer to cater for increased customers in outside areas. The current management no longer does this.
- \* Violence/ criminality- there was a significant criminal assault and police activity on the evening of the Euros football final, and which caused disturbance to local residents.

| * The previous manager-                 | managed the pub comparatively well, and              |
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| liaised effectively and positively with | neighbours. The current management who               |
| replaced appear less effe               | ctive and less capable of managing staff and         |
| security resources with a noticeable    | deterioration in anti-social activity- the events of |
| the Euro final being an example.        |  |

- \* Signage is required at the Champion Hill access point to reinforce to customers that they should not take drinks to or trespass on neighbouring private gardens/property.
- \* More effective security is required to manage anti-social behaviour in the pub's outside areas at all times of the day.
- \* Previously stationed security at the Champion Hill access point, under the current management this is no longer happening.
- \* Consideration of more effective action by Southwark Council, the police, and pub management to deal with drug use and its anti-social effect upon the neighbouring community.
- \* Consideration of police presence at evenings and closing times for a period as management/ security appear incapable of managing busy evenings and pub closure.
- \* Consideration of reducing the pub's late night hours until such time as it is demonstrated closure can be managed safely and without impact to the neighbouring community.
- \* Consideration of reducing the beer garden closing hours until management of this space in the evenings can be demonstrated. The use of the garden has increased considerably in recent years (previously drinks and food were not served in the garden), but this needs significant resource to ensure the garden is used in a way which does not cause disturbance to locals.

The Fox On The Hill could be a great pub, and a great community asset, but I am concerned that the failure of the pub management and of Southwark Licensing to tackle anti-social behaviour is adversely affecting Southwark residents in neighbouring properties. I value having a pub nearby, but much needs to be done to get it back to a standard of decency. I look forward to seeing improvement in the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely,



Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2024 9:55 AM

To: Regen, Licensing < Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk >

Cc:

Subject: Licence Application 883605 Fox on the Hill

Sensitivity: Confidential

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing regarding the licence application number 883605 for the Fox on the Hill on Denmark Hill, SE5. I have serious concerns around how the pub is managing its customers, which is causing problems for local residents.

I am a resident of Ruskin Park House, which is adjacent to the pub and have lived here for almost years. When I bought my flat I was aware that it was next to a pub, so expected a bit of noise in the evenings and weekends, however in recent months the issue seems to be getting more and more out of hand. I would see myself as generally a laid back resident, who uses the pub from time to time, however I feel that in recent months in particular it is a real problem.

After COVID, the pub hugely increased the provision of tables in the garden, which was understandable at the time, however it seems to have generated a focus on the pub as an outdoor drinking free-for-all. There is now a large canopy which covers most of the back garden. Immediately after COVID, there was a strong security presence to ensure customers weren't existing via the Champion Hill side, as it is residential. They were also strict about closing the garden promptly at 10pm (I believe).

This summer in particular, people seem to be using the garden until much later. Customers are routinely existing via Champion Hill and coming onto the private grounds of Ruskin Park House to smoke cannabis or urinate (sometimes carrying their drinks with them) before returning to the pub. Some of these customers look very young, and I wonder whether the pub is properly ensuring that only over 18s are buying drinks.

As one of the few pubs with a large car park, we also have the issue of customers sitting in their cars with loud music playing.

Things came to a head when it was the recent Euros final. The pub had a screen up in the garden. It was really full and really noisy. To some extent I was understanding. However, when the football finished, there was no attempt to clear the pub. There was a lot of noise and antisocial behaviour, such as customers coming onto the grounds of Ruskin Park House. At one point my husband was looking out of the window because of what sounded like a fight. He then saw one of those involved in the fight run into our grounds, looking very suspicious. Lots of police arrived and he discovered someone had been stabbed.

I feel like the pub's reputation is now one of cheap drinks and late night opening with a huge garden. This seems inappropriate in a residential area.

I would like the committee to consider:

- Restricting the pub's opening hours at evenings and weekends.
- Limit the time use and capacity of the gardens.
- The canopy at the back has changed the use of the garden from summers only to year-round. I believe it should be removed as a condition of renewing the licence.
- Imposing restrictions on the use of the car park, perhaps to blue badge holders only, to prevent it becoming a source of antisocial behaviour in itself and discourage the use of polluting vehicles in an area well served by public transport.
- Requiring the increased use of security to ensure that local residents aren't unfairly impacted and the licencing conditions are adhered to.
- Ensure that IDs are routinely checked.
- Ensure that the pub takes greater responsibility for preventing customers trespassing into the grounds of our homes and using them to drink, smoke drugs, urinate and make noise.



Kind regards,



J D Wetherspoon plc, PO Box 616, Watford, WD24 4QU | Tel: 01923 477777 | Fax: 01923 219810 jdwetherspoon.com



30<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Via e-mail c/o Andrew.Heron@southwark.gov.uk

Dear

The Fox on the Hill, 149-153 Denmark Hill, London - Review of Premises Licence

Dear

I write in respect of the review application that you have recently lodged with the London Borough of Southwark in respect of the Fox on the Hill, Denmark Hill.

I have read the grounds of review contained in the application but it would be very helpful to get a fuller understanding of the issues that you have raised in order that we can try, where possible and where they may relate to the operation of the pub, to address them.

The pub has developed a constructive relationship with a number of residents and meetings do take place to discuss issues of mutual concern, which, given the proximity of Ruskin Park House to the pub, inevitably do arise. It may well be the case that you were not made aware of such meetings taking place but if you think it would be a good idea, we would be more than happy to meet you individually, either in person or virtually, to try and resolve the concerns you have with the operation of the pub and which prompted you to bring your application.

I am more than happy to correspond with you directly if you would prefer, to continue to liaise via the Borough's licensing team.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Nigel Connor Legal Department JD Wetherspoon PLC



#### NOTICE OF DECISION

#### LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE - 2 DECEMBER 2014

LICENSING ACT 2003: FOX ON THE HILL, 149 DENMARK HILL, LONDON SE5 8EH

1. That the application by for Review of the Premises Licence issued under the Licensing Act 2003 in respect of Fox On The Hill, 149 Denmark Hill, London SE5 8EH is agreed as follows:

#### 2. **Conditions**

- 1. That the front beer garden will be closed to customers at 22.00.
- 2. That the small car park adjacent to Denmark Hill shall be the designated smoking area after 22.00 each day.
- 3. That staff shall keep a log of any noise related disturbance arising from the external areas of the pub. Such records shall be kept for a minimum of 90 days and shall be made available for inspection by any responsible authority.
- 4. That staff will supervise the dispersal of customers from 23.00 until all customers have left the premises to ensure that noise from departing customers is kept to a minimum.
- That vehicles shall not be permitted to enter the large car park at the front of the premises after 22.00. Any cars parked in this area prior to this time will, however, be permitted to exit the car park.
- 6. That signage reminding customers to leave quietly shall be prominently displayed within the premises.
- 7. That customers shall be encouraged to depart the premises via the exits closest to Denmark Hill after 22.00.
- 8. That local residents shall be provided with the email address and contact telephone numbers for both the Fox on the Hill and the area manager.

#### 3. Reasons

The licensing sub-committee heard from the applicant for the review who advised that he submitted the application following intermittent public nuisance disturbance. He had noticed an increase of disturbance between March 2014 and September 2014. Since submitting the review application, a meeting had been held with senior management from the premises and a number of conditions were agreed. The conditions had been in place for a trial period since mid-October and appeared to address his concerns.

The licensing sub-committee noted that the Metropolitan Police Service had withdrawn their representation.

The licensing sub-committee heard from the representative from the premises who accepted that there had been issues relating to the control of dispersal from the premises. They advised that in line with their licence conditions, they had quarterly meetings with residents. At the meeting on 13 October 2014, the conditions listed above were proposed and agreed with the applicant for the review and other residents. In addition, further physical changes were being made to the premises to control any future risk of disturbance to the residents. They also advised that they had commissioned six feet tall signage asking customers to leave in a quiet and responsible manner. They advised that the conditions and the additional physical measures would address the applicant's concerns and prevent similar issues occurring in the future.

The licensing sub-committee noted the positive engagement between the applicant for the review and the premises. The sub-committee were satisfied that the conditions agreed in addition to the physical works proposed would address the previous concerns raised by the applicant for the review.

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 necessary and proportionate.

#### 4. 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:

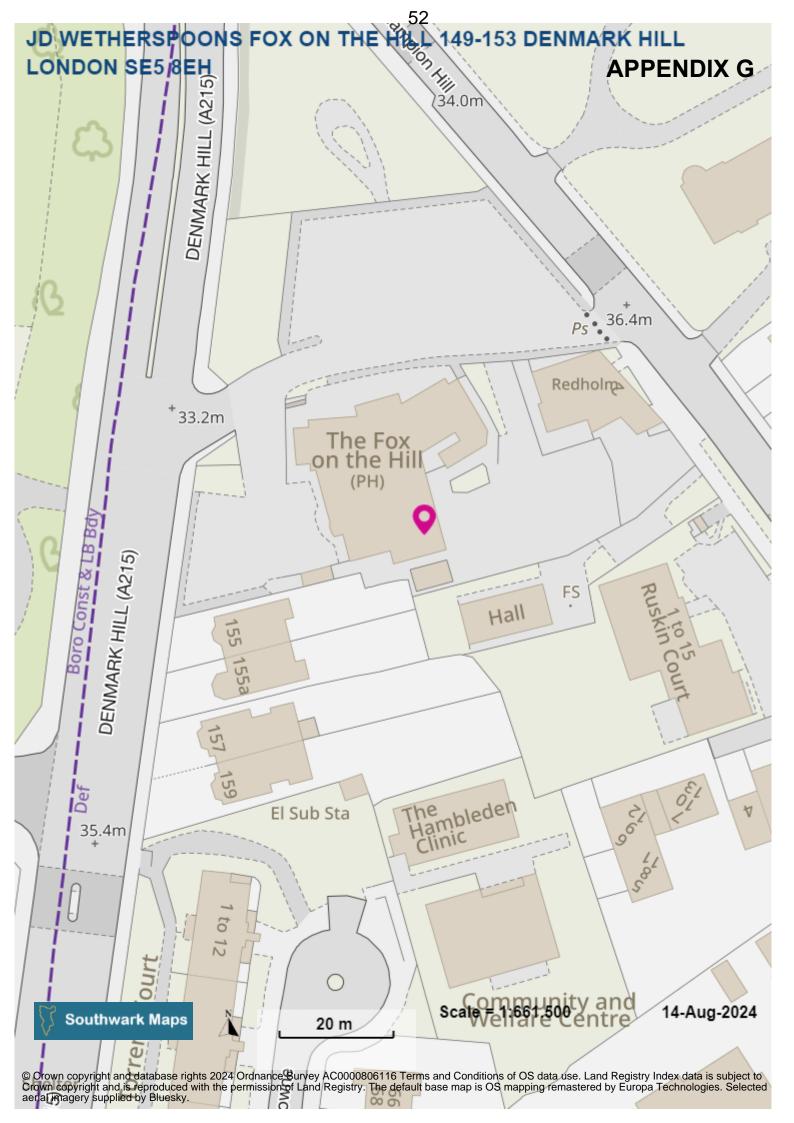
- a) That variation ought not to have been made; or
- b) That, when varying the licence, the licensing authority ought not to have modified the conditions of the licence, or ought to have modified them in a different way

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.

Issued by the Constitutional Team on behalf of the Director of Legal Services.

Date: 2 December 2014



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