

Licensing Sub-Committee

Thursday 14 August 2025

10.00 am

Online/Virtual

Membership

Councillor Renata Hamvas (Chair)
Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle MBE
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Councillor Sunil Chopra

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Members of the committee are summoned to attend this meeting

Althea Loderick

Chief Executive

Date: 5 August 2025



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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: 5 August 2025

Meeting Name:	Licensing Sub-Committee
Date:	14 August 2025
Report title:	Licensing Act 2003: The Grand Lounge, First Floor, 777 Old Kent Road, London SE158 1NZ
Ward(s) or groups affected:	Old Kent Road
Classification:	Open
Reason for lateness (if applicable):	Not applicable
From:	Strategic Director, Environment, Sustainability and Leisure

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the licensing sub-committee considers an application made by Grand Empire Group Limited for a premises licence to be granted under the Licensing Act 2003 in respect of the premises known as The Grand Lounge, First Floor, 777 Old Kent Road, London SE158 1NZ.
2. Notes:
 - a) This application is for a premises licence and has been submitted under Section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003. The application is subject to two outstanding representations from responsible authorities and is therefore referred to the Licensing Sub Committee for determination.
 - b) Paragraphs 8 to 13 of this report provide a summary of the application. A copy of the application submitted with the application are attached to this report as Appendix A.
 - c) Paragraphs 14 to 19 of this report deal with the representations submitted in respect of the application by the responsible authorities, both available in Appendix B. A map showing the location of the premises is attached to this report as Appendix C.
 - d) A copy of the council's approved procedure for hearings of the sub-committee in relation to an application made under the Licensing Act 2003, along with a copy of the hearing regulations, has been circulated to all parties to the meeting.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Licensing Act 2003

3. The Licensing Act 2003 provides a licensing regime for:
 - The sale of and supply of alcohol
 - The provision of regulated entertainment
 - The provision of late night refreshment.
4. Within Southwark, the licensing responsibility is wholly administered by this council.
5. The Act requires the licensing authority to carry out its functions under the Act with a view to promoting the four stated licensing objectives. These are:
 - The prevention of crime and disorder
 - The promotion of public safety
 - The prevention of nuisance
 - The protection of children from harm.
6. In carrying out its licensing functions, a licensing authority must also have regard to:
 - The Act itself
 - The guidance to the act issued under Section 182 of the Act
 - Secondary regulations issued under the Act
 - The licensing authority's own statement of licensing policy
 - The application, including the operating schedule submitted as part of the application
 - Relevant representations.
7. The premises licence application process involves the provision of all relevant information required under the Act to the licensing authority with copies provided by the applicant to the relevant responsible bodies under the Act. The application must also be advertised at the premises and in the local press. The responsible authorities and other persons within the local community may make representations on any part of the application where relevant to the four licensing objectives.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

The premises licence application

8. On 21 May 2025 Grand Empire Group Limited applied to this Council for a premises licence to be granted under the Licensing Act 2003 in respect of the premises known as The Grand Lounge – First Floor, 777 Old Kent Road, London SE158 1NZ.

9. The hours applied for are summarised as follows:

- The sale by retail of alcohol (both on and off sales):
 - Sunday to Wednesday from 11:00 to 00:00
 - Thursday from 11:00 to 01:00
 - Friday and Saturday from 11:00 to 03:00
- The provision of late night refreshment (both indoors and outdoors):
 - Sunday to Wednesday from 23:00 to 00:00
 - Thursday from 23:00 to 01:00
 - Friday and Saturday from 23:00 to 03:00
- The provision of regulated entertainment (indoors):
 - Sunday to Wednesday from 11:00 to 00:00
 - Thursday from 11:00 to 01:00
 - Friday and Saturday from 11:00 to 03:00
- Opening hours:
 - Sunday to Wednesday from 11:00 to 00:00
 - Thursday from 11:00 to 01:00
 - Friday and Saturday from 11:00 to 03:00
- Non-standard hours for licensable activities and opening hours:
 - On the following days the permitted hours may be extended for an additional hour:
 - Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the Easter weekend. Friday, Saturday and Sunday of both May bank holidays and the August bank holiday, Christmas Eve and Boxing Day
 - From the end of permitted hours on New Year's Eve to the start of permitted hours on the following day
 - On the trading day on which the clocks go forward (i.e. the start of British Summer Time) permitted hours may be extended for an additional hour.

10. The premises, and the intended operation of the premises, are described in the application simply as follows:

“Licensed bar and restaurant.”

11. The premises licence application form provides the applicant's operating schedule. Parts A, B, E, F, G, H, J, K, L, and M of the operating schedule set out the proposed licensable activities, operating hours and operating control measures in full, with reference to the four licensing objectives as stated in the Licensing Act 2003. Should a premises licence be issued in respect of the application the information provided in part M of the operating schedule will form the basis of conditions that will be attached to any licence granted subsequent to the application.
12. A copy of the application is attached to this report as Appendix A.

Designated premises supervisor (DPS)

13. The proposed DPS is George Nwachukwu who holds a personal licence with the London Borough of Lewisham. Mr. Nwachukwu is also the Director of Grand Empire Group Limited, the applicant.

Representations from responsible authorities

14. There were two representations from the responsible authorities, namely the Metropolitan Police Service (Licensing Division) and the council's environmental protection team.
15. The representation from the police points to a similar existing licensed premises on the ground floor that has caused issues with anti-social behaviour. The Police are concerned that the description of the premises is scant and lacking in proposed control measures. The hours applied for are excessive to those recommended in the Southwark statement of licensing policy for a premises in a residential area. The police believe that the licence, if granted as applied, would have a negative impact on all four of the licensing objectives.
16. The representations from the council's environmental protection team also points to the applied hours being excessive to the licensing policy, thereby creating a potential risk of public nuisance. The existing premises on the ground floor already generates complaints from local residents. It is also noted that there is a similar application on the floor above, potentially tripling the potential for issues with the number of patrons. There is also no clear separation between the three licences as they are connected by the same stairwell. There is also a lack of planning permissions in place.
17. Both representations are available in Appendix B.

Representations from other persons

18. There are no representations from other persons.

Conciliation

19. All representations were sent to the applicant's legal representative, but no response has been forthcoming.

Premises history

20. There is a premises licence for the ground floor, but with a different licence holder to the Applicant.
21. There is no history of complaints or Temporary Events Notices for the first floor.

Map

22. A map showing the location of the premises is attached to this report as Appendix C. The following is a list of licensed premises in the immediate vicinity (100m) of the premises application:

The Empire Lounge, Unit 1 and 2, 777 Old Kent Road, London SE15 1NZ, licensed for:

- The sale by retail of alcohol (both on and off sales):
 - Sunday to Wednesday: 11:00 to 00:00
 - Thursday: 11:00 to 01:00
 - Friday and Saturday: 11:00 to 03:00
- The provision of late night refreshment (indoors and outdoors):
 - Sunday to Wednesday: 23:00 to 00:00
 - Thursday: 23:00 to 01:00
 - Friday and Saturday: 23:00 to 03:00
- The provision of regulated entertainment in the form of recorded music (indoors):
 - Sunday to Wednesday: 11:00 to 00:00
 - Thursday: 11:00 to 01:00
 - Friday and Saturday: 11:00 to 03:00

Iceland, 789-799 Old Kent Road, London SE15 1NZ licensed for:

- The sale by retail of alcohol (off sales):
 - Monday to Saturday: 08:00 to 23:00
 - Sunday: 10:00 to 22:30

Lidl, 760 Old Kent Road, London SE15 1NJ, licensed for:

- The sale by retail of alcohol (off sales):
 - Monday to Sunday: 07:00 to 23:00

805 Restaurant, 805-809 Old Kent Road, London SE15 1NX, licensed for:

- The sale by retail of alcohol (on sales):
 - Monday to Sunday: 14:00 to 00:30
- The provision of late night refreshment (indoors):
 - Monday to Sunday: 23:00 to 00:30
- The provision of regulated entertainment in the form of live music (indoors):
 - Monday to Sunday: 21:00 to 00:00
- The provision of regulated entertainment in the form of recorded music (indoors):
 - Monday to Sunday: 14:00 to 00:30

Esquire Bar and Grill, 817 Old Kent Road, London SE15 1NX, licensed for:

- The sale by retail of alcohol (on sales):
 - Sunday to Thursday: 10:00 to 00:00
 - Saturday and Sunday: 11:00 to 03:00
- The provision of late night refreshment (indoors):
 - Sunday to Thursday: 23:00 to 00:30
 - Saturday and Sunday: 23:00 to 03:00
 - Saturday and Sunday: 11:00 to 01:00.

Southwark Council statement of licensing policy

23. Council assembly approved Southwark's statement of licensing policy 2021-2026 on 25 November 2020 and it came into effect on 1 January 2021.
24. 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.
25. The purpose of Southwark's statement of licensing policy is to make clear to applicants what considerations will be taken into account when determining applications and should act as a guide to the sub-committee when considering the applications. However, the sub-committee must always consider each application on its own merits and allow exceptions to the normal policy where these are justified by the circumstances of the application.
26. 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://www.gov.uk/government/publications/explanatory-memorandum-revised-guidance-issued-under-s-182-of-licensing-act-2003>

Cumulative impact area (CIA)

27. The premises is located outside a cumulative impact area a residential area.
28. The recommended closing hours for restaurants and public houses under the statement of licensing policy for that location is:
- Monday to Sunday: 23:00.

29. Night clubs (with 'sui generis' planning classification) are not considered appropriate for this area.

Climate change implications

30. Following council assembly on 14 July 2021, the council is committed to considering the climate change implications of any decisions.
31. 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.
32. 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.
33. 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

34. 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

35. 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.
36. 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.

37. 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>.

38. The equalities impact assessment is available at:

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

Health impact statement

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

Resource implications

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

Consultation

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

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Assistant Chief Executive - Governance and Assurance

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

Principles for making the determination

44. The sub-committee is asked to determine the application for a premises licence under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003.
45. The principles which sub-committee members must apply are set out below.
46. The general principle is that applications for premises licence applications must be granted unless relevant representations are received. This is subject to the proviso that the applicant has complied with regulations in advertising and submitting the application.

47. Relevant representations are those which:

- Are about the likely effect of the granting of the application on the promotion of the licensing objectives
- Are made by an interested party or responsible authority
- Have not been withdrawn
- Are not, in the opinion of the relevant licensing authority, frivolous or vexatious.

48. If relevant representations are received then the sub-committee must have regard to them, in determining whether it is necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives to:

- To grant the licence subject to:
 - The conditions mentioned in section 18 (2)(a) modified to such extent as the licensing authority considers necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives
 - Any condition which must under section 19, 20 or 21 be included in the licence.
- To exclude from the scope of the licence any of the licensable activities to which the application relates.
- To refuse to specify a person in the licence as the premises supervisor.
- To reject the application.

Conditions

49. The sub-committee's discretion is thus limited. It can only modify the conditions put forward by the applicant, or refuse the application, if it is necessary to do so. Conditions must be necessary and proportionate for the promotion of one of the four licensing objectives, and not for any other reason. Conditions must also be within the control of the licensee, and should be worded in a way which is clear, certain, consistent and enforceable.

50. The four licensing objectives are:

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety
- The prevention of nuisance
- The protection of children from harm.

51. Members should note that each objective is of equal importance. There are no other licensing objectives, and the four objectives are paramount considerations at all times.

52. Conditions will not be necessary if they duplicate a statutory position. Conditions relating to night café and take away aspect of the license must relate to the night time operation of the premises and must not be used to impose conditions which could not be imposed on daytime operators.

53. Members are also referred to the Home Office Revised Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 on conditions, specifically section

Reasons

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

Hearing procedures

55. Subject to the licensing hearing regulations, the licensing committee may determine its own procedures. Key elements of the regulations are that:
- The hearing shall take the form of a discussion led by the authority. Cross examination shall not be permitted unless the authority considered that it is required for it to consider the representations.
 - Members of the authority are free to ask any question of any party or other person appearing at the hearing.
 - The committee must allow the parties an equal maximum period of time in which to exercise their rights to:
 - Address the authority
 - If given permission by the committee, question any other party.
 - In response to a point which the authority has given notice it will require clarification, give further information in support of their application.
 - The committee shall disregard any information given by a party which is not relevant to the particular application before the committee and the licensing objectives.
 - The hearing shall be in public, although the committee may exclude the public from all or part of a hearing where it considers that the public interest in doing so outweighs the public interest in the hearing, or that part of the hearing, taking place in private.
 - In considering any representations or notice made by a party the authority may take into account documentary or other information produced by a party in support of their application, representations or notice (as applicable) either before the hearing or, with the consent of all the other parties, at the hearing.
56. This matter relates to the determination of an application for a premises licence under Section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003. Regulation 26(1) (a) requires the sub-committee to make its determination at the conclusion of the hearing.

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

57. 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.
58. Members should note that the licensing sub-committee is meeting on this occasion solely to perform the role of licensing authority. The sub-committee sits in quasi-judicial capacity, and must act impartially. It must offer a fair and unbiased hearing of the application. In this case, members should disregard the council's broader policy objectives and role as statutory authority in other contexts. Members must direct themselves to making a determination solely based upon the licensing law, guidance and the council's statement of licensing policy.
59. 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.
60. 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.
61. 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.
62. The sub-committee can only consider matters within the application that have been raised through representations from other persons and responsible authorities. Interested parties must live in the vicinity of the premises. This will be decided on a case-by-case basis.
63. 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.

64. 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.

Strategic Director of Resources

65. The head of regulatory services has confirmed that the costs of this process over and above the application fee are borne by the service.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Licensing Act 2003	Southwark Licensing, C/O Regulatory Services, 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH	Mrs Kirty Read Tel: 020 7525 5748
Home Office Revised Guidance to the Act		
Secondary Regulations		
Southwark statement of licensing policy		
Case file		

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix A	Copy of the application
Appendix B	Representations from the police and environmental protection team
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AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Aled Richards, Strategic Director Environment, Sustainability and Leisure		
Report Author	Andrew Heron, Principal Licensing Officer		
Version	Final		
Dated	22 July 2025		
Key Decision?	No		
CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER			
Officer Title		Comments Sought	Comments Included
Assistant Chief Executive - Governance and Assurance		Yes	Yes
Strategic Director of Resources		Yes	Ye
Cabinet Member		No	No
Date final report sent to Constitutional Team			22 July 2025

21/05/2025

Business - Application for a premises licence to be granted under the Licensing Act 2003

Ref No. 2408769

Name of Applicant

Please enter the name(s) who is applying for a premises licence under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 and am making this application to you as the relevant licensing authority in accordance with section 12 of the Licensing Act 2003

	Grand Empire Group Ltd
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Notes for Guidance

1. Describe the premises, for example the type of premises, its general situation and layout and any other information which could be relevant to the licensing objectives. Where your application includes off-supplies of alcohol and you intend to provide a place for consumption of these off-supplies, you must include a description of where the place will be and its proximity to the premises.
2. In terms of specific regulated entertainments please note that:
 - Plays: no licence is required for performances between 08:00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - Films: no licence is required for 'not-for-profit' film exhibition held in community premises between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day provided that the audience does not exceed 500 and the organiser (a) gets consent to the screening from a person who is responsible for the premises; and (b) ensures that each such screening abides by age classification ratings.
 - Indoor sporting events: no licence is required for performances between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 1000.
 - Boxing or Wrestling Entertainment: no licence is required for a contest, exhibition or display of Greco-Roman wrestling, or freestyle wrestling between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 1000. Combined fighting sports – defined as a contest, exhibition or display which combines boxing or wrestling with one or more martial arts – are licensable as a boxing or wrestling entertainment rather than an indoor sporting event.
 - Live music: no licence permission is required for:
 - o a performance of unamplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, on any premises.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a workplace that is not licensed to sell alcohol on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a church hall, village hall, community hall, or other similar community premises, that is not licensed by a premises licence to sell alcohol, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance from a person who is responsible for the premises.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, at the non-residential premises of (i) a local authority, or (ii) a school, or (iii) a hospital, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance on the relevant premises from: (i) the local authority concerned, or (ii) the school or (iii) the health care provider for the hospital.
 - Recorded Music: no licence permission is required for:
 - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a church hall, village hall, community hall, or other similar community premises, that is not licensed by a premises licence to sell alcohol, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance from a person who is responsible for the premises.
 - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, at the non-residential premises of (i) a local authority, or (ii) a school, or (iii) a hospital, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance on the relevant premises from: (i) the local authority concerned, or (ii) the school proprietor or (iii) the health care provider for the hospital.
 - Dance: no licence is required for performances between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 500. However, a performance which amounts to adult entertainment remains licensable.
 - Cross activity exemptions: no licence is required between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, with no limit on audience size for:
 - o any entertainment taking place on the premises of the local authority where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the local authority;
 - o any entertainment taking place on the hospital premises of the health care provider where the

entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the health care provider;

o any entertainment taking place on the premises of the school where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the school proprietor; and

o any entertainment (excluding films and a boxing or wrestling entertainment) taking place at a travelling circus, provided that (a) it takes place within a moveable structure that accommodates the audience, and (b) that the travelling circus has not been located on the same site for more than 28 consecutive days.

3. Where taking place in a building or other structure please tick as appropriate (indoors may include a tent).

4. For example the type of activity to be authorised, if not already stated, and give relevant further details, for example (but not exclusively) whether or not music will be amplified or unamplified.

5. For example (but not exclusively), where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.

6. For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.

7. Please give timings in 24 hour clock (e.g. 16.00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.

8. If you wish people to be able to consume alcohol on the premises, please tick 'on the premises'. If you wish people to be able to purchase alcohol to consume away from the premises, please tick 'off the premises'. If you wish people to be able to do both, please tick 'both'.

9. Please give information about anything intended to occur at the premises or ancillary to the use of the premises which may give rise to concern in respect of children, regardless of whether you intend children to have access to the premises, for example (but not exclusively) nudity or semi-nudity, films for restricted age groups or the presence of gaming machines.

10. Please list here steps you will take to promote all four licensing objectives together.

11. The application form must be signed.

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

13. Where there is more than one applicant, each of the applicants or their respective agent must sign the application form.

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

15. Entitlement to work/immigration status for individual applicants and applications

from partnerships which are not limited liability partnerships:

A licence may not be held by an individual or an individual in a partnership who is resident in the UK who:

- does not have the right to live and work in the UK; or
- is subject to a condition preventing him or her from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.

Any premises licence issued in respect of an application made on or after 6 April 2017 will become invalid if the holder ceases to be entitled to work in the UK.

Applicants must demonstrate that they have an entitlement to work in the UK and are not subject to a condition preventing them from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity. They do this in one of two ways: 1) by providing with this application copies or scanned copies of the documents listed below (which do not need to be certified), or 2) by providing their 'share code' to enable the licensing authority to carry out a check using the Home Office online right to work checking service (see below).

Documents which demonstrate entitlement to work in the UK

- An expired or current passport showing the holder, or a person named in the passport as the child of the holder, is a British citizen or a citizen of the UK and Colonies having the right of abode in the UK [please see note below about which sections of the passport to copy].
- An expired or current passport or national identity card showing the holder, or a person named in the passport as the child of the holder, is a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A Registration Certificate or document certifying permanent residence issued by the Home Office to a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A Permanent Residence Card issued by the Home Office to the family member of a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A current Biometric Immigration Document (Biometric Residence Permit) issued by the Home Office to the holder indicating that the person named is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK, or has no time limit on their stay in the UK.
- A current passport endorsed to show that the holder is exempt from immigration control, is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK, has the right of abode in the UK, or has no time limit on their stay in the UK.

- A current Immigration Status Document issued by the Home Office to the holder with an endorsement indicating that the named person is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK or has no time limit on their stay in the UK, when produced in combination with an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A birth or adoption certificate issued in the UK, when produced in combination with an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A birth or adoption certificate issued in the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Ireland when produced in combination with an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A certificate of registration or naturalisation as a British citizen, when produced in combination with an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A current passport endorsed to show that the holder is allowed to stay in the UK and is currently allowed to work and is not subject to a condition preventing the holder from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.
- A current Biometric Immigration Document (Biometric Residence Permit) issued by the Home Office to the holder which indicates that the named person can currently stay in the UK and is allowed to work relation to the carrying on of a licensable activity.
- A current Residence Card issued by the Home Office to a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights or residence.
- A current Immigration Status Document containing a photograph issued by the Home Office to the holder with an endorsement indicating that the named person may stay in the UK, and is allowed to work and is not subject to a condition preventing the holder from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity when produced in combination with an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A Certificate of Application, less than 6 months old, issued by the Home Office under regulation 18(3) or 20(2) of the Immigration (European Economic Area) Regulations 2016, to a person who is not a national of a

European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights of residence.

- Reasonable evidence that the person has an outstanding application to vary their permission to be in the UK with the Home Office such as the Home Office acknowledgement letter or proof of postage evidence, or reasonable evidence that the person has an appeal or administrative review pending on an immigration decision, such as an appeal or administrative review reference number.

- Reasonable evidence that a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights of residence in exercising treaty rights in the UK including:
 - o evidence of the applicant's own identity – such as a passport,
 - o evidence of their relationship with the European Economic Area family member – e.g. a marriage certificate, civil partnership certificate or birth certificate, and
 - o evidence that the European Economic Area national has a right of permanent residence in the UK or is one of the following if they have been in the UK for more than 3 months:
 - (i) working e.g. employment contract, wage slips, letter from the employer,
 - (ii) self-employed e.g. contracts, invoices, or audited accounts with a bank,
 - (iii) studying e.g. letter from the school, college or university and evidence of sufficient funds; or
 - (iv) self-sufficient e.g. bank statements.

Family members of European Economic Area nationals who are studying or financially independent must also provide evidence that the European Economic Area national and any family members hold comprehensive sickness insurance in the UK. This can include a private medical insurance policy, an EHIC card or an S1, S2 or S3 form.

Original documents must not be sent to licensing authorities. If the document copied is a passport, a copy of the following pages should be provided:

- (i) any page containing the holder's personal details including nationality;
- (ii) any page containing the holder's photograph;
- (iii) any page containing the holder's signature;

(iv) any page containing the date of expiry; and

(v) any page containing information indicating the holder has permission to enter or remain in

the UK and is permitted to work.

If the document is not a passport, a copy of the whole document should be provided.

Your right to work will be checked as part of your licensing application and this could involve us checking your immigration status with the Home Office. We may otherwise share information with the Home Office. Your licence application will not be determined until you have complied with this guidance.

Home Office online right to work checking service

As an alternative to providing a copy of the documents listed above, applicants may demonstrate their right to work by allowing the licensing authority to carry out a check with the Home Office online right to work checking service.

To demonstrate their right to work via the Home Office online right to work checking service, applicants should include in this application their 9-digit share code (provided to them upon accessing the service at <https://www.gov.uk/prove-right-to-work>) which, along with the applicant's date of birth (provided within this application), will allow the licensing authority to carry out the check.

In order to establish the applicant's right to work, the check will need to indicate that the applicant is allowed to work in the United Kingdom and is not subject to a condition preventing them from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.

An online check will not be possible in all circumstances because not all applicants will have an immigration status that can be checked online. The Home Office online right to work checking service sets out what information and/or documentation applicants will need in order to access the service. Applicants who are unable to obtain a share code from the service should submit copy documents as set out above.

Premises Details

Application for a premises licence to be granted under the Licensing Act 2003

Non-domestic rateable value of premises in order to see your rateable value [click here](#) (opens in new window)

£	0
	Band D and E only applies to premises which uses exclusively or primarily for the supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises
	No

Premises trading name

	The Grand Lounge
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Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description

Do you have a Southwark postcode?	Yes
Address Line 1	First Floor
Address Line 2	777 Old Kent Road
Town	London
Post code	SE15 1NZ
Ordnance survey map reference	
Description of the location	
Telephone number	

Applicant Details

Please select whether you are applying for a premises licence as

	a person other than an individual (limited company, partnership etc)
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If you are applying as an individual or non-individual please select one of the following:-

	I am carrying on or proposing to carry on a business which involves the use of the premises for licensable activities
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Other Applicants

Please provide name and registered address of applicant in full. Where appropriate please give any registered number. In the case of a partnership or other joint venture (other than a body corporate), please give the name and address of each party concerned.

Name - First Entry

	Grand Empire Group Ltd
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Address - First Entry

Street number or building name	57
Street Description	Deptford Broadway
Town	London
County	
Post code	SE8 4PH
Registered number (where applicable)	16409947

Description of applicant (for example, partnership, company, unincorporated association etc)	Limited Company
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Contact Details - First Entry

Telephone number	
Email address	

Operating Schedule

When do you want the premises licence to start?

	19/06/2025
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If you wish the licence to be valid only for a limited period, when do you want it to end?

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General description of premises (see guidance note 1)

	Licensed Bar & Restaurant
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If 5,000 or more people are expected to attend the premises at any one time please use the drop down below to select the number.

	Less than 5000
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Note 1

Describe the premises. For example the type of premises, its general situation and layout and any other information which could be relevant to the licensing objectives. Where your application includes off-supplies of alcohol and you intend to provide a place of consumption of these off-supplies of alcohol, you must include a description of where the place will be and its proximity to the premises.

Operating Schedule part 2

What licensable activities do you intend to carry on from the premises?

	(Please see sections 1 and 14 of the Licensing Act 2003 and schedule 1 and 2 of the Licensing Act 2003)
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Provision of regulated entertainment (Please read guidance note 2)

	f) recorded music

Provision of late night refreshment

	i) Late night refreshment
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Supply of alcohol

	j) Supply of alcohol
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In all cases please complete boxes K, L and M.

F - Recorded Music

Will the playing of recorded music take place indoors or outdoors or both? (Please read guidance note 3)

	Indoors
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Please give further details here (Please read guidance note 4)

	The applicant wishes to have the facility for the provision of recorded music whether as the principal entertainment provided or in conjunction with any other permitted activity
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Standard days and timings for Recorded Music (Please read guidance note 7)

Day	Start	Finish
Mon	11:00	00:00
Tues	11:00	00:00
Wed	11:00	00:00
Thur	11:00	01:00
Fri	11:00	03:00
Sat	11:00	03:00
Sun	11:00	00:00

State any seasonal variations for playing recorded music (Please read guidance note 5)

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Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the playing of recorded music entertainment at different times to those listed. (Please read guidance note 6)

	<p>On the following days the permitted hours may be extended for an additional hour: Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the Easter weekend. Friday, Saturday and Sunday of both May Bank Holidays and the August Bank Holiday, Christmas Eve and Boxing Day.</p> <p>From the end of permitted hours on New Year's Eve to the start of permitted hours on the following day;</p> <p>On the trading day on which the clocks go forward (i.e. the start of British Summer Time) permitted hours may be extended for an additional hour.</p>
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3. Where taking place in a building or other structure please tick as appropriate (indoors may include a tent).
4. For example the type of activity to be authorised, if not already stated, and give relevant further details, for example (but not exclusively) whether or not music will be amplified or unamplified.
5. For example (but not exclusively), where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.
6. For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.
7. Please give timings in 24 hour clock (e.g. 16.00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.

I - Late Night Refreshment

Will the provision of late night refreshment take place indoors or outdoors or both? (Please read guidance note 3)

	Both
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Please give further details here (Please read guidance note 4)

	The applicants wish to be able to provide facilities for late-night refreshment as may be required from time to time to complement the range of activities (whether licensable or not) being provided at the premises whether as principal or in conjunction any other permitted activity
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Standard days & timings for Late night refreshment (Late night start time is from 23.00, see guidance notes 7)

Day	Start	Finish
Mon	23:00	00:00
Tues	23:00	00:00
Wed	23:00	00:00
Thur	23:00	01:00
Fri	23:00	03:00
Sat	23:00	03:00
Sun	23:00	00:00

State any seasonal variations for the provision of late night refreshment (Please read guidance note 5)

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Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the provision of late night refreshment at different times, to those listed. Please list, (Please read guidance note 6)

	<p>On the following days the permitted hours may be extended for an additional hour: Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the Easter weekend. Friday, Saturday and Sunday of both May Bank Holidays and the August Bank Holiday, Christmas Eve and Boxing Day.</p> <p>From the end of permitted hours on New Year's Eve to the start of permitted hours on the following day;</p> <p>On the trading day on which the clocks go forward (i.e. the start of British Summer Time) permitted hours may be extended for an additional hour;</p>
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3. Where taking place in a building or other structure please tick as appropriate (indoors may include a tent).
4. For example the type of activity to be authorised, if not already stated, and give relevant further details, for example (but not exclusively) whether or not music will be amplified or unamplified.
5. For example (but not exclusively), where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.
6. For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.
7. Please give timings in 24 hour clock (e.g. 23:00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity. Start time begins from 23:00

J - Supply of Alcohol

Will the supply of alcohol be for consumption (Please read guidance note 8)

	Both
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Standard days and timings for Supply of alcohol (Please read guidance note 7)

Day	Start	Finish
Mon	11:00	00:00
Tues	11:00	00:00
Wed	11:00	00:00
Thur	11:00	01:00
Fri	11:00	03:00
Sat	11:00	03:00
Sun	11:00	00:00

State any seasonal variations for the supply of alcohol (Please read guidance 5)

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Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the supply of alcohol at different times to those listed. Please list, (Please read guidance note 6)

	<p>On the following days the permitted hours may be extended for an additional hour: Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the Easter weekend. Friday, Saturday and Sunday of both May Bank Holidays and the August Bank Holiday, Christmas Eve and Boxing Day.</p> <p>From the end of permitted hours on New Year's Eve to the start of permitted hours on the following day;</p> <p>On the trading day on which the clocks go forward (i.e. the start of British Summer Time) permitted hours may be extended for an additional hour</p>
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Please download and then upload the consent form completed by the designated proposed premises supervisor

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5. For example (but not exclusively), where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.
6. For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.
7. Please give timings in 24 hour clock (e.g. 16:00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.
8. If you wish people to be able to consume alcohol on the premises, please tick 'on the premises'. If you wish people to be able to purchase alcohol to consume away from the premises, please tick 'off the premises'. If you wish people to be able to do both, please tick 'both'.

Premises Supervisor

State the name and details of the individual whom you wish to specify on the licence as the designated premises supervisor (Please see declaration about the entitlement to work in the check list at the end of the form)

Full name of proposed designated premises supervisor

First names	George
Surname	Nwachukwu

DOB

Date Of Birth	
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Address of proposed designated premises supervisor

Street number or Building name	
Street Description	
Town	
County	

Post code	██████
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Personal licence number of proposed designated premises supervisor, if any,

Personal licence number (if known)	██████
Issuing authority (if known)	Lewisham

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Please highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children (Please read guidance note 9)

	There will no activity of this nature
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9. Please give information about anything intended to occur at the premises or ancillary to the use of the premises which may give rise to concern in respect of children, regardless of whether you intend children to have access to the premises, for example (but not exclusively) nudity or semi-nudity, films for restricted age groups or the presence of gaming machines.

L - Hours premises are open to public

5. For example (but not exclusively), where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.

6. For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.

7. Please give timings in 24 hour clock (e.g. 16:00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.

Hours premises are open to the public (standard timings Please read guidance note 7)

Day	Start	Finish
Mon	11:00	00:30
Tues	11:00	00:30
Wed	11:00	00:30
Thur	11:00	01:30
Fri	11:00	03:30
Sat	11:00	03:30
Sun	11:00	00:30

State any seasonal variations (Please read guidance note 5)

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Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises to be open to the public at different times from

those listed. Please list, (Please read guidance note 6)

	<p>activities may be extended for an additional hour:</p> <p>(a) Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the Easter weekend.</p> <p>(b) Friday, Saturday and Sunday of both May Bank Holidays and the August Bank Holiday, Christmas Eve and Boxing Day.</p> <p>(c) On the trading day on which the clocks go forward (i.e. the start of British Summer Time)</p> <p>From the end of permitted hours on New Year's Eve to the start of permitted hours on the following day;</p>
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M - Steps to promote four licencing objectives

a) General - all four licensing objectives (b,c,d,e) (Please read guidance note 10)

	Please see attached schedule of conditions
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b) the prevention of crime and disorder

	Please see a above
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c) public safety

	Please see a above
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d) the prevention of public nuisance

	Please see a above
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e) the protection of children from harm

	Please see a above
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Guidance note 10

Please list here steps you will take to promote all four licensing objectives together.

Please upload a plan of the premises

	
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Please upload any additional information i.e. risk assessments

	
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Checklist

	I have enclosed the plan of the premises. I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected. I understand that I must now advertise my application (In the local paper within 14 days of applying
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Home Office Declaration

Please tick to indicate agreement

	I am a company or limited liability partnership
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Declaration

[Applicable to individual applicants only, including those in a partnership which is not a limited liability partnership]

I understand I am not entitled to be issued with a licence if I do not have the entitlement to live and work in the UK (or if I am subject to a condition preventing me from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity) and that my licence will become invalid if I cease to be entitled to live and work in the UK.

The DPS named in this application form is entitled to work in the UK (and is not subject to conditions preventing him or her from doing work relating to a licensable activity) and I have seen a copy of his or her proof of entitlement to work, or have conducted an online right to work check using the Home Office online right to work checking service which confirmed their right to work.

I/We hereby declare the information provided is true and accurate.

I agree to the above statement

	Yes
PaymentDescription	, ,
PaymentAmountInMinorUnits	
AuthCode	
LicenceReference	
PaymentContactEmail	

Please provide name of applicant (the current premises licence holder) or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent (please read guidance note 12). If completing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity.

Full name	
Date (DD/MM/YYYY)	21/05/2025
Capacity	Applicant's Solicitor

Where the premises licence is jointly held, enter the 2nd applicant (the current premises licence holder) or 2nd

applicant's solicitor or other authorised agent (guidance note 13). If completing on behalf of the applicant state in what capacity

Full name	
Date (DD/MM/YYYY)	
Capacity	

Contact name (where not previously given) an address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 14)

Contact name and address for correspondence	
Telephone No.	
If you prefer us to correspond with you by e-mail, your email address (optional)	

GUIDANCE NOTES

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

13. Where there is more than one applicant, each of the applicants or their respective agents must sign the application form.

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

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 SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE OF ANY AMOUNT.

IT IS AN OFFENCE UNDER SECTION 24B OF THE IMMIGRATION ACT 1971 FOR A PERSON TO WORK WHEN THEY KNOW, OR HAVE REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE, THAT THEY ARE DISQUALIFIED FROM DOING SO BY REASON OF THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS. THOSE WHO EMPLOY AN ADULT WITHOUT LEAVE OR WHO IS SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS AS TO EMPLOYMENT WILL BE LIABLE TO A CIVIL PENALTY UNDER SECTION 15 OF THE IMMIGRATION, ASYLUM AND NATIONALITY ACT 2006 AND PURSUANT TO SECTION 21 OF THE SAME ACT, WILL BE COMMITTING AN OFFENCE WHERE THEY DO SO IN THE KNOWLEDGE, OR WITH REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE, THAT THE EMPLOYEE IS DISQUALIFIED.

Once you complete form you will be redirected to payments and won't be able to return back.

The information you provide will be used fairly and lawfully and Southwark Council will not knowingly do anything which may lead to a breach of the Data Protection Act 1998.

Schedule of proposed conditions consistent with the operating Schedule

The Grand Lounge – First Floor

340 A permanent sound-limiting device (or other similar sound-limiting equipment) shall be installed at the premises and shall be in use at all times that amplified sound is provided at the premises. The sound-limiting device (or other similar sound-limiting equipment) shall be calibrated by a professionally certified sound / acoustic engineer so that amplified sound at the premises does not give rise to a public or statutory nuisance at any time. Any temporary or permanent amplification system(s), amplified instrument(s), and microphone(s) in use at the premises shall be routed through the sound-limiting device (or other similar sound-limiting equipment) at all times.

341 The maximum number of people permitted on the premises at any one time (the 'accommodation limit') is 250 people (excluding staff).

343 A digital CCTV system shall be installed at the premises, shall be maintained in full working order and shall be continually recording at all times that the premises are in use. The CCTV system must be capable of capturing a clear facial image of every person who enters the premises in all lighting conditions. The CCTV system shall be correctly time and date stamped at all times. The CCTV system shall cover all interior and exterior areas of the premises, including the frontage of the premises, and shall collect clearly defined / focused footage. That all CCTV footage shall be kept for a period of thirty-one (31) days and shall be made immediately available to Police and responsible authority officers on request.

344 A member of staff shall be on duty at all times that the premises are in use, who is trained in the use of the CCTV system and who is able to view, and download to a removable storage device, CCTV footage at the immediate request of Police and responsible authority officers.

345 Clearly legible signage shall be prominently displayed where it can easily be seen and read by customers advising to the effect that CCTV is in operation at the premises. The signage shall be kept free from obstructions at all times.

346 All relevant staff shall be trained in their responsibilities under the Licensing Act 2003, the promotion of the licensing objectives and the terms and conditions of this licence. Records pertaining to such training ('the staff training logs') shall be kept at the premises, shall be updated every 6 months and shall be made immediately available to responsible authority officers on request. The training logs shall include the trainee's name (in block capitals), the trainer's name (in block capitals), the date(s) of training and a declaration that the training has been received and understood by the trainee. If the staff training logs are a paper hardcopy then the signature of the trainee, the signature of the trainer shall be included. That all Digital records of training and/or logs shall be made immediately available to Police and responsible authority officers on request.

347 Clearly legible signs shall be prominently displayed where they can easily be seen and read by customers at all exits from the premises, requesting that:

- a. Customers leave the premises and area in a quiet and orderly manner.
- b. Entry will not be permitted to patrons who use Sylvan Road to either park, drop off or collect by private or hackney carriage vehicles.
- c. Customers do not consume alcoholic drinks bought at the premises in the vicinity of the premises. Such signs shall be maintained free from obstruction when the premises are in use in accordance with this licence.

348 Relevant members of staff shall receive first aid training and an appropriate number of persons trained in first aid shall be on the premises at all times the premises are in operation.

350 The sound level of music played at the premises shall be monitored regularly to prevent music played at the premises from causing public noise nuisance.

351 The sound level of music played at the premises shall be controlled at all times solely by the manager, DPS, or other person nominated by the manager or DPS.

353 All windows at the premises shall be kept closed during the provision of any regulated entertainment.

354 When taxis are ordered for customers for the collection of customers from the premises staff members shall instruct the taxi service to instruct the taxi services drivers not to sound the driver's car horns outside the premises, but to approach the premises in person and verbally (without raised voices) alert staff that the drivers are at the premises to collect customers.

355 The details of local taxi firms will be displayed and kept at the premises and provided to customers on request.

356 A minimum of two (2) SIA registered door supervisors will be employed at the premises at all times after 22:00 on Friday, Saturday. They will be employed to control entry to the premises, to deal with the searching / scanning of customers, to deal with any anti-social or disorderly behaviour at the premises, to deescalate confrontations, to assist with emergency escape from the premises, to deal with the ejection of people from the premises, to assist management in liaising with the police regarding instances of crime and to assist with ensuring that the premises' dispersal policy is adhered to. When deployed, they shall remain at the premises until all patrons have vacated the premises and until at least 30 minutes after the premises close. The door supervisors shall be easily identifiable by hi-visibility garment.

357 A minimum of one (1) SIA registered door supervisor will be employed at the premises at all times after 22:00 on a Sunday to Thursday when the terminal hours are beyond midnight. They will be employed to control entry to the premises, to deal with the searching /scanning of customers, to deal with any antisocial or disorderly behaviour at the premises, to de-escalate confrontations, to assist with emergency escape from the premises, to deal with the ejection of people from the premises, to assist management in liaising with the police regarding instances of crime and to assist with ensuring that the premises' dispersal policy is adhered to. When deployed, they shall remain at the premises until all patrons have vacated the premises and its immediate vicinity. The door supervisors shall be easily identifiable by hi-visibility garment.

358 The security personnel shall be equipped with mechanical counting devices to ensure that the maximum accommodation limit of the premises is not exceeded.

359 A minimum of one SIA registered door supervisor shall wear a body worn video camera and all footage is to be made available to police or responsible authority officers upon request.

360 Any individual carrying out security activities at the premises must be:

- a. authorised to carry out that activity by a licence granted under the Private Security Industry Act 2001; or
- b. entitled to carry out that activity by virtue of section 4 of that Act.

361 The SIA registered door supervisors shall at the time of the venue closing, encourage the patrols to disperse from the local area of the venue quietly and prevent any anti-social behaviour.

362 An entry policy shall be devised and maintained at the premises. A copy of the entry policy shall be kept at the premises with the premises licence and shall be made immediately available for inspection to all responsible authority officers on request. That all digital records of training and/or logs shall be

made immediately available to responsible authority officers on request. The entry policy shall cover (but not necessarily be limited to):

- a) Safe customer entry to the premises,
- b) If/when applicable searching/ scanning of attendees,
- c) The barring of customer entry to the premises for any reason,
- d) Restricted items (e.g. weapons, drugs or any other items restricted by the licensee),
- e) Pre-opening safety checks of the premises,
- f) Dealing with overcrowding and / or crowd surges
- g) Dealing with suspect packages.

363 An incident book/incident recording system shall be kept at the premises to record details of any of the following occurrences at the premises:

- a) Instances of anti-social or disorderly behaviour or Violence
- b) Calls to the police or fire brigade
- c) Abuse of staff and/or customers
- d) Ejections of people from the premises
- e) Visits to the premises by the local authority, police or fire brigade
- f) Refused sales of alcohol
- g) Any malfunction in respect of the CCTV system
- h) Any other relevant incidents.

The incident book/incident recording system shall record the time, date, location, and description of each incident as well as the printed name of the person reporting the incident and any action taken in respect of the incident. The incident book/incident recording system shall be available and accessible at the premises at all times that the premises are in use in accordance with this licence and shall be made available immediately to Police and responsible authority officers upon request. A record of the preceding 12 months' incidents shall be available at the premises at any time. All digital records of training and/or logs shall be made immediately available to police and responsible authority officers of the council on request. 364 If a Pubwatch scheme exists in respect of the local area, then the licensee/ management will join and participate in the Pubwatch scheme (details can be obtained from Southwark Police Licensing and the night-time economy team).

365 The premises must have a welfare and vulnerability policy and all staff must receive this training. All new staff must receive this training before starting their role and all staff must have refresher training every 12 months. All training must be recorded and these records must be available on immediate request by responsible authority officers. That all Digital records of training and/or logs

366 Customers shall use no outside area other than those who temporarily leave the premises to smoke with no more than eight (8) people permitted to smoke at one any time. The area should be clearly marked by rope/post barrier system so as not obstruct the highway. The Staff and/or SIA registered door supervisors shall instruct customers to stay within the designated area and the area will be controlled by Staff and/or SIA registered door supervisors to prevent any disturbance to their neighbours.

367 A zero-tolerance drugs and weapons policy shall be undertaken at the premises:

- a) Anybody found with/ using drugs and/ or weapons will be ejected from the premises and shall not be admitted to the premises again.

b) The details of any person found dealing drugs or using weapons will be taken (if possible) and given to the police.

c) Any person who is suspected of having drugs on their person will need to consent to a search, and should they refuse the search that person shall be ejected from the premises.

368 Clearly legible signage shall be prominently displayed where it can easily be seen and read by customers in the toilets advising to the effect that the taking of illegal drugs will not be tolerated at the premises.

369 Staff shall regularly monitor the premises' toilets to ensure that they are in a clean and sanitary condition, that no prohibited and/or illegal activities are taking place in the toilets and to check customer safety.

370 A challenge 25 scheme shall be maintained requiring that staff selling or delivering alcohol request that any customer who looks under 25 years old, and who is attempting to purchase or take receipt of alcohol, provides valid photographic identification proving that the customer is at least 18 years old. Valid photographic identification is composed of a photo driving licence, passport, UK armed services photo ID card, any Proof of Age Standards Scheme (PASS) accredited card (such as the Proof of Age London (PAL) card) or any age verification card accredited by the Secretary of State.

371 All staff involved in the sale of alcohol shall be trained in the prevention of sales of alcohol to underage persons (including the prevention of 'proxy sales') and the challenge 25 scheme in operation at the premises. Details of such training, including the printed name(s) of the trainee(s) and the date(s) that the training was given, shall be recorded in the staff training logs at the premises and be made immediately available for inspection at the premises to council and I or police officers on request.

372 Clearly legible signs shall be prominently displayed where they can easily be seen and read by customers stating to the effect that a challenge 25 policy is in operation at the premises, that customers may be asked to provide proof of age and stating what the acceptable forms of proof of age are. Such signage shall be displayed at all entrances, points of sale and in all areas where alcohol is displayed for sale. The signage shall be kept free from obstructions at all times.

373 A register of refused sales of alcohol shall be maintained in order to demonstrate effective operation of the challenge 25 policy. The register shall be used to record details of all refused sales of alcohol. The register shall be kept/ be accessible at the premises at all times. If the refusals register is a paper document, then it shall be clearly and legibly marked on the front cover as a register of refused alcohol sales, with the address of the premises and the name of the licence holder. The register shall be made immediately available for inspection at the premises to council or police officers on request.

374 The venue shall support "Ask for Angela" or another similar safety initiative and posters shall be displayed on the premises. All staff shall be trained in "Ask Angela" or a similar safety initiative and a record of this training shall be kept on the premises and made available for inspection immediately to responsible authority officers upon request. That all Digital records of training and/or logs shall be made immediately available to Police and responsible authority officers on request.

375 All alcohol supplied for consumption after 01:00 shall be decanted into either polycarbonate, recyclable plastic, or recyclable paper-based material.

377 A dispersal policy to assist with patrons leaving the premises in an orderly and safe manner shall be devised and maintained regarding the premises. A copy of the dispersal policy shall be accessible at the premises at all times that the premises are in operation. The policy should include (but not necessarily be limited to) the following:

- a) Details as to how customer/staff egress shall be managed to minimise causing nuisance.
- b) Details of public transport in the vicinity and how customers will be advised in respect of it.

- c) Details of the management of taxis to and from the premises.
- d) Details of the management of any 'winding down' period at the premises.
- e) Details of the use of security and stewarding in respect of managing customer dispersal.
- f) Details of any cloakroom facility at the premises and how it is managed.
- g) Details of road safety in respect of customers leaving the premises.
- h) Details of the management of ejections from the premises.
- i) Details as to how any physical altercations at the premises are to be managed.
- j) Details of how refuse waste in the local vicinity arising through the operation of the premises will be cleared up (e.g. flyer clean up, post event clean up).

All relevant staff employed at the premises shall be trained in the latest version of the dispersal policy. Details of such training, including the printed name(s) of the trainee(s) and the date(s) that the training was given, shall be recorded in the staff training logs at the premises. If the dispersal policy is a paper document then the signature of the trainees shall also be included. The dispersal policy shall be made immediately available to responsible authority officers on request. That all Digital records of training and/or logs shall be made immediately available to responsible authority officers on request.

378 There shall be no entry or re-entry permitted after 00:00 on Sunday to Thursday and 01:00 on Friday and Saturday save for those temporarily leaving the premises to smoke.

379 There shall be no sales of alcohol or late-night refreshment for consumption off the premises after 23:00 Sunday to Thursday or after 00:00 on Friday and Saturday.

380 There shall be no externally promoted events, including DJ's.

381 Any 'off sales' of alcohol shall be provided in sealed containers to be taken away from the premises.

382 There shall be no deliveries or off sales after 00:00.

383 An additional SIA security officer shall be employed by the premises from 21:00 hours whenever he premises is open beyond 00:00 hours until 30 minutes after the terminal hour to be positioned on the corner of Old Kent Road and Sylvan Grove to ensure patrons parking on Sylvan Grove is not permitted entry to the premises and dispersal of patrons managed efficiently.

384 A telephone number for management shall be made available to local residents.

The Premises Licence Holder shall undertake a risk assessment prior to any pre-booked function, to determine whether they require a registered door supervisor(s). If required the premises licence holder, in consultation with the door security provider, shall determine the commensurate levels, timings and locations of door supervision to be deployed.

The risk assessment shall be recorded in writing and retained for a minimum of 31 days and be made available to the Police or officers of the Council immediately upon request.

When engaged all security staff shall be clearly identifiable at all times and all door supervisors shall enter their full details in the premises daily register at the commencement of their work, including their SIA registration number.

If the door supervisor is provided by an agency the name, registered business address and contact telephone number of the agency shall be recorded and will be made available to police or authorised officer immediately upon request.

APPENDIX B

POLICE



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Ref 25/808

Date: 06/06/2025

Re: The Grand Lounge First floor 777 Old kent SE15 1NZ

Dear Sir/Madam,

Police are in possession of an application from the above for a New Premises licence for recorded music, Late Night Refreshment, supply alcohol on/off sales. The venue is describing itself as "Licensed Bar & Restaurant". The hours requested are outside those recommended in the Southwark Statement of licensing policy for such a venue in a residential area .

The hours of operation requested are as follows

Open to the Public

Sun-Wed-1100hrs-0030hrs

Thurs-1100hrs-0130hrs

Fri-Sat-1100hrs-0330h

Recorded Music

Sun-Wed-1100hrs-0000hrs

Thurs-1100hrs-0100hrs

Fri-Sat-1100hrs-0300hrs

Late Night Refreshment

Sun-Wed-2300hrs-0000hrs

Thurs-2300hrs-0100hrs

Fri-Sat-2300hrs-0300hrs

Supply of Alcohol on/off

Sun-Wed-1100hrs-0000hrs

Thurs-1100hrs-0100hrs

Fri-Sat-1100hrs-0300hrs

There is already a restaurant, dance venue with an event space on the ground floor that has over the years eroded the policy hours. The existing venue has a capacity of 250 persons which has in the past been problematic with patrons causing anti-social behaviour when arriving and leaving the venue and also issues with patrons parking in Sylvian Street SE1, it should also be noted that this venue is also owned by the applicant for the new licensed bar and restaurant and would mean the venues would be competing against each other as both have similar operations or is the intention to become one super restaurant, bar and dance venue?

This application indicates it wishes to operate as a "Licensed Bar & Restaurant" and provides little other detail. The hours requested by the applicant not only exceed those recommended in the SSOLP but also exceed the operating hours of the venue operating on the ground floor.

The applicant has provided a few control measures to which we welcome however they are by no means robust enough to justify such late hours for a venue that has no operating history.

The application does provide a plan with seating but does not state if these are fixed seating or if they can be removed so as to operate as a dance venue, this is important information so as to ensure that the correct control measures are aligned to the licence.

The capacity for the venue is 250 but there is no breakdown as to how many are seated or standing. An additional 250 persons would have a cumulative impact on the area on its own however this combined with the venue below (Empire Lounge) also dispersing 250 persons would likely add to the problems already endured by the local residents such as alcohol led anti-social behaviour and the lack of proper parking facilities, there is nothing within this application to mitigate these potential issues.

The Police object to this application as the venue is situated in a residential area and the hours requested far exceed those recommended in the Southwark statement of licensing policy. The control measures offered are not sufficiently robust for such operating hours and if granted this will be detrimental to local residents by means of an increase in anti-social behaviour and crime and disorder caused by the cumulative impact of another alcohol venue with a 250 capacity. The impact is particularly relevant at closing time when those leaving the other venues at this location leave to collect their cars and transport which are parked in residential streets. Police believe that if the license is granted it would have a negative impact on all of the licensing objectives in particular that of the Prevention of crime and disorder.

Submitted for your consideration.

Yours Sincerely

PC Mark Lynch 2246AS

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

From: Earis, Richard <Richard.Earis@southwark.gov.uk>

Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 3:21 PM

Subject: RE: Consultation, new premises licence application - First Floor, 777 Old Kent Road

RE: New Licence Application First Floor, 777 Old Kent Road

I have considered the application on behalf of the Environmental Protection Team (EPT - Prevention of Public Nuisance Responsible Authority). I would like to object on the grounds that the proposed operation significantly exceeds the recommended hours in Southwark's Statement of Licensing Policy and creates an unacceptable risk of public nuisance.

The previous and existing Empire / Empire Lounge premises on the ground floor of this building has in the past been a source of resident complaint in relation to loud amplified music and noise from patrons and dispersal. We have discounted complaints from previous occupants of the same building as they are obviously no longer resident, however historical complaints from different occupiers of Sylvan Grove illustrate the potential sensitivity of this immediate area.

This proposal adds an additional floor with a stated accommodation limit of 250 people, doubling the likely impact of the building. Further another Licence application has been made simultaneously for the second floor, under the same effective control, without a stated accommodation limit but with plans indicating a likely greater capacity. The first and second floors appear to share the same internal access stairwell. Potentially these 3 venues in the same building, all operating together with regulated entertainment in a residential area outside the hours recommended in the Statement of Licensing Policy, could have well over 750 people attending 3 separate events. The application is unclear as to how the venues are linked or how the interactions between them, and cumulative impacts, can be managed.

The first floor of the premises does not appear to have a Planning Consent to operate as a night club or drinking establishment, with the last lawful consent appearing to be a B1 (office) use (now use class E(g)). Whilst we appreciate Planning is a separate regime, Southwark's Licensing Policy states: *'it is strongly recommended that applications for premises licences for permanent commercial premises should normally be from businesses with relevant planning consent for the property concerned...the Council may expect the Applicant to address the reasons why planning permission had not been firstly sought and / or granted and provide reasons as to why licensing consent should be'*. We are concerned that the building is not suitably designed insulated and adapted for a drinking establishment with regulated entertainment and this exacerbates the risk of public nuisance.

We are also particularly concerned about dispersal noise and the impact of vehicles, taxis, people noise etc associated with 750+ people late at night on residents on Sylvan Grove.

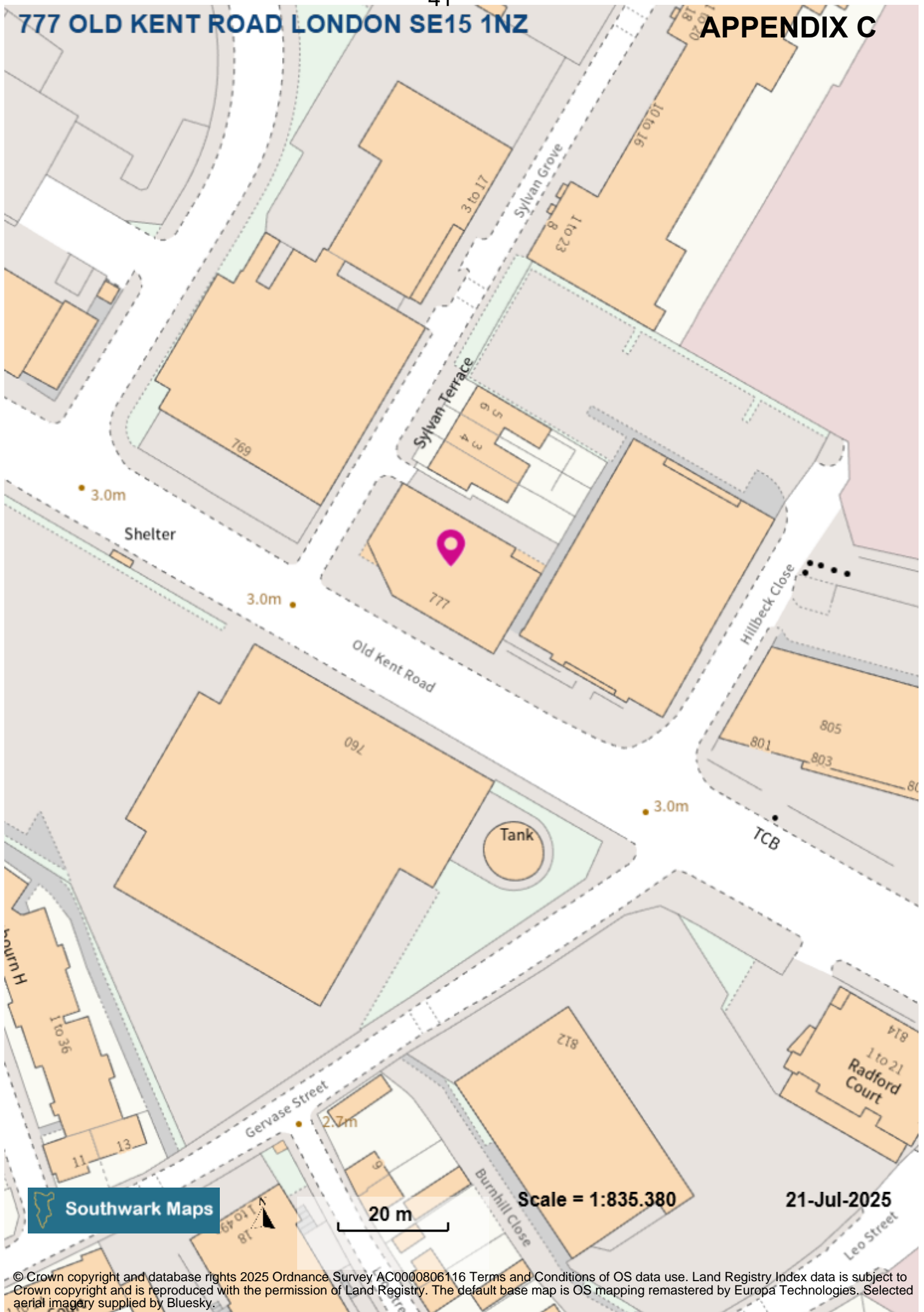
EPT do not believe this residential location is suitable for 3 venues with a combined capacity of over 750 people and the potential for 3 separate simultaneous events with regulated entertainment to take place.

If a committee is minded to grant a Licence, we would recommend the hours of operation are reduced to no later than those detailed in the Statement of Licensing Policy for this area.

Kind Regards,

Richard

Richard Earis BSc MSc MCIEH CEnvH MIOA
Principal Environmental Protection Officer
Environmental Protection Team



Meeting Name:	Licensing Sub-Committee
Date:	14 August 2025
Report title:	Licensing Act 2003: Grand Empire, Second Floor, 777 Old Kent Road, London SE158 1NZ
Ward(s) or groups affected:	Old Kent Road
Classification:	Open
Reason for lateness (if applicable):	Not applicable
From:	Strategic Director, Environment, Sustainability and Leisure

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the licensing sub-committee considers an application made by George Welfare Projects CIC for a premises licence to be granted under the Licensing Act 2003 in respect of the premises known as Grand Empire, Second Floor, 777 Old Kent Road, London SE158 1NZ.
2. Notes:
 - a) This application is for a premises licence and has been submitted under Section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003. The application is subject to two outstanding representations from responsible authorities and is therefore referred to the Licensing Sub Committee for determination.
 - b) Paragraphs 8 to 13 of this report provide a summary of the application. A copy of the application submitted with the application is attached to this report as Appendix A.
 - c) Paragraphs 14 to 19 of this report deal with the representations submitted in respect of the application by the responsible authorities, both available in Appendix B. A map showing the location of the premises is attached to this report as Appendix C.
 - d) A copy of the Council's approved procedure for hearings of the sub-committee in relation to an application made under the Licensing Act 2003, along with a copy of the hearing regulations, has been circulated to all parties to the meeting.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Licensing Act 2003

3. The Licensing Act 2003 provides a licensing regime for:
 - The sale of and supply of alcohol
 - The provision of regulated entertainment
 - The provision of late night refreshment.
4. Within Southwark, the licensing responsibility is wholly administered by this council.
5. The Act requires the licensing authority to carry out its functions under the Act with a view to promoting the four stated licensing objectives. These are:
 - The prevention of crime and disorder
 - The promotion of public safety
 - The prevention of nuisance
 - The protection of children from harm.
6. In carrying out its licensing functions, a licensing authority must also have regard to:
 - The Act itself
 - The guidance to the act issued under Section 182 of the Act
 - Secondary regulations issued under the Act
 - The licensing authority's own statement of licensing policy
 - The application, including the operating schedule submitted as part of the application
 - Relevant representations.
7. The premises licence application process involves the provision of all relevant information required under the Act to the licensing authority with copies provided by the applicant to the relevant responsible bodies under the Act. The application must also be advertised at the premises and in the local press. The responsible authorities and other persons within the local community may make representations on any part of the application where relevant to the four licensing objectives.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

The premises licence application

8. On 21 May 2025 George Welfare Projects CIC applied to this Council for a premises licence to be granted under the Licensing Act 2003 in respect of the premises known as Grand Empire – Second Floor, 777 Old Kent Road, London SE158 1NZ.

9. The hours applied for are summarised as follows:

- The sale by retail of alcohol (both on and off sales):
 - Sunday to Wednesday from 11:00 to 00:00
 - Thursday to Saturday from 11:00 to 00:30
- The provision of late night refreshment (both indoors):
 - Sunday to Wednesday from 23:00 to 00:00
 - Thursday to Saturday from 23:00 to 00:30
- The provision of regulated entertainment in the form of recorded music (indoors):
 - Sunday to Wednesday from 11:00 to 00:00
 - Thursday to Saturday from 11:00 to 00:30
- Opening hours:
 - Sunday to Wednesday from 11:00 to 00:00
 - Thursday to Saturday from 11:00 to 00:30
- Non-standard hours for licensable activities and opening hours:
 - On the following days the permitted hours may be extended for an additional hour:
 - Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the Easter weekend. Friday, Saturday and Sunday of both May bank holidays and the August bank holiday, Christmas Eve and Boxing Day
 - From the end of permitted hours on New Year's Eve to the start of permitted hours on the following day.

10. The premises, and the intended operation of the premises, are described in the application simply as follows:

“Community hall and space – for use by the church and local community.”

11. The premises licence application form provides the applicant's operating schedule. Parts A, B, E, F, G, H, J, K, L, and M of the operating schedule set out the proposed licensable activities, operating hours and operating control measures in full, with reference to the four licensing objectives as stated in the Licensing Act 2003. Should a premises licence be issued in respect of the application the information provided in part M of the operating schedule will form the basis of conditions that will be attached to any licence granted subsequent to the application.

12. A copy of the application is attached to this report as Appendix A.

Designated premises supervisor (DPS)

13. The proposed DPS is George Nwachukwu who holds a personal licence with the London Borough of Lewisham. Mr. Nwachukwu is also the director of George Welfare Projects CIC, the applicant.

Representations from responsible authorities

14. There were two representations from the responsible authorities, namely the Metropolitan Police Service (Licensing Division) and the council's environmental protection team.
15. The representation from the police points to a similar existing licensed premises on the ground floor that has caused issues with anti-social behaviour. The police are concerned that the description of the premises in that a description of 'a community hall and space, for use by the local community' has been used historically by other premises applying for hours applied which are in excess of those recommended in the Southwark statement of licensing policy for a premises within a residential area. The police believe that the licence, if granted as applied, would have a negative impact on all four of the licensing objectives, particularly the prevention of crime and disorder.
16. The representations from the council's environmental protection team also points to the applied hours being excessive to the licensing policy, thereby creating a potential risk of public nuisance. There is a concern that there is no accommodation limit listed. The existing premises on the ground floor already generates complaints from local residents. It is also noted that there is a similar application on the floor below, potentially tripling the potential for issues with the number of patrons. There is also no clear separation between the three licences as they are connected by the same stairwell. There is also a lack of planning permissions in place.
17. Both representations are available in Appendix B.

Representations from other persons

18. There are no representations from other persons.

Conciliation

19. All representations were sent to the applicant's legal representative, but no response has been forthcoming.

Premises history

20. There is a premises licence for the ground floor, but with a different licence holder to the applicant.
21. There is no history of complaints or temporary event notices for the first floor.

Map

22. A map showing the location of the premises is attached to this report as Appendix C. The following is a list of licensed premises in the immediate vicinity (100m) of the premises application:

The Empire Lounge, Unit 1 and 2, 777 Old Kent Road, London SE15 1NZ, licensed for:

- The sale by retail of alcohol (both on and off sales):
 - Sunday to Wednesday: 11:00 to 00:00
 - Thursday: 11:00 to 01:00
 - Friday and Saturday: 11:00 to 03:00
- The provision of late night refreshment (indoors and outdoors):
 - Sunday to Wednesday: 23:00 to 00:00
 - Thursday: 23:00 to 01:00
 - Friday and Saturday: 23:00 to 03:00
- The provision of regulated entertainment in the form of recorded music (indoors):
 - Sunday to Wednesday: 11:00 to 00:00
 - Thursday: 11:00 to 01:00
 - Friday and Saturday: 11:00 to 03:00

Iceland, 789-799 Old Kent Road, London SE15 1NZ licensed for:

- The sale by retail of alcohol (off sales):
 - Monday to Saturday: 08:00 to 23:00
 - Sunday: 10:00 to 22:30

Lidl, 760 Old Kent Road, London SE15 1NJ, licensed for:

- The sale by retail of alcohol (off sales):
 - Monday to Sunday: 07:00 to 23:00

805 Restaurant, 805-809 Old Kent Road, London SE15 1NX, licensed for:

- The sale by retail of alcohol (on sales):
 - Monday to Sunday: 14:00 to 00:30
- The provision of late night refreshment (indoors):
 - Monday to Sunday: 23:00 to 00:30

- The provision of regulated entertainment in the form of live music (indoors):
 - Monday to Sunday: 21:00 to 00:00
- The provision of regulated entertainment in the form of recorded music (indoors):
 - Monday to Sunday: 14:00 to 00:30

Esquire Bar and Grill, 817 Old Kent Road, London SE15 1NX, licensed for:

- The sale by retail of alcohol (on sales):
 - Sunday to Thursday: 10:00 to 00:00
 - Saturday and Sunday: 11:00 to 03:00
- The provision of late night refreshment (indoors):
 - Sunday to Thursday: 23:00 to 00:30
 - Saturday and Sunday: 23:00 to 03:00
 - Saturday and Sunday: 11:00 to 01:00.

Southwark Council statement of licensing policy

23. Council assembly approved Southwark's statement of licensing policy 2021-2026 on 25 November 2020 and it came into effect on 1 January 2021.
24. 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.

25. The purpose of Southwark's statement of licensing policy is to make clear to applicants what considerations will be taken into account when determining applications and should act as a guide to the sub-committee when considering the applications. However, the sub-committee must always consider each application on its own merits and allow exceptions to the normal policy where these are justified by the circumstances of the application.
26. 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://www.gov.uk/government/publications/explanatory-memorandum-revised-guidance-issued-under-s-182-of-licensing-act-2003>

Cumulative impact area (CIA)

27. The premises is located outside a cumulative impact area a residential area.
28. The recommended closing hours for restaurants and public houses under the statement of licensing policy for that location is:
- Monday to Sunday: 23:00.
29. Night clubs (with 'sui generis' planning classification) are not considered appropriate for this area.

Climate change implications

30. Following council assembly on 14 July 2021, the council is committed to considering the climate change implications of any decisions.
31. 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.

32. 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.

33. 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

34. 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

35. 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.

36. 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.

37. 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>.

38. The equalities impact assessment is available at:

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

Health impact statement

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

Resource implications

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

Consultation

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

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Assistant Chief Executive - Governance and Assurance

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

Principles for making the determination

44. The sub-committee is asked to determine the application for a premises licence under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003.
45. The principles which sub-committee members must apply are set out below.
46. The general principle is that applications for premises licence applications must be granted unless relevant representations are received. This is subject to the proviso that the applicant has complied with regulations in advertising and submitting the application.
47. Relevant representations are those which:
- Are about the likely effect of the granting of the application on the promotion of the licensing objectives
 - Are made by an interested party or responsible authority
 - Have not been withdrawn
 - Are not, in the opinion of the relevant licensing authority, frivolous or vexatious.

48. If relevant representations are received then the sub-committee must have regard to them, in determining whether it is necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives to:

- To grant the licence subject to:
 - The conditions mentioned in section 18 (2)(a) modified to such extent as the licensing authority considers necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives
 - Any condition which must under section 19, 20 or 21 be included in the licence.
- To exclude from the scope of the licence any of the licensable activities to which the application relates.
- To refuse to specify a person in the licence as the premises supervisor.
- To reject the application.

Conditions

49. The sub-committee's discretion is thus limited. It can only modify the conditions put forward by the applicant, or refuse the application, if it is necessary to do so. Conditions must be necessary and proportionate for the promotion of one of the four licensing objectives, and not for any other reason. Conditions must also be within the control of the licensee, and should be worded in a way which is clear, certain, consistent and enforceable.

50. The four licensing objectives are:

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety
- The prevention of nuisance
- The protection of children from harm.

51. Members should note that each objective is of equal importance. There are no other licensing objectives, and the four objectives are paramount considerations at all times.

52. Conditions will not be necessary if they duplicate a statutory position. Conditions relating to night café and take away aspect of the license must relate to the night time operation of the premises and must not be used to impose conditions which could not be imposed on daytime operators.

53. Members are also referred to the Home Office Revised Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 on conditions, specifically section

Reasons

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

Hearing procedures

55. Subject to the licensing hearing regulations, the licensing committee may determine its own procedures. Key elements of the regulations are that:
- The hearing shall take the form of a discussion led by the authority. Cross examination shall not be permitted unless the authority considered that it is required for it to consider the representations.
 - Members of the authority are free to ask any question of any party or other person appearing at the hearing.
 - The committee must allow the parties an equal maximum period of time in which to exercise their rights to:
 - Address the authority
 - If given permission by the committee, question any other party.
 - In response to a point which the authority has given notice it will require clarification, give further information in support of their application.
 - The committee shall disregard any information given by a party which is not relevant to the particular application before the committee and the licensing objectives.
 - The hearing shall be in public, although the committee may exclude the public from all or part of a hearing where it considers that the public interest in doing so outweighs the public interest in the hearing, or that part of the hearing, taking place in private.
 - In considering any representations or notice made by a party the authority may take into account documentary or other information produced by a party in support of their application, representations or notice (as applicable) either before the hearing or, with the consent of all the other parties, at the hearing.
56. This matter relates to the determination of an application for a premises licence under Section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003. Regulation 26(1) (a) requires the sub-committee to make its determination at the conclusion of the hearing.

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

57. 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.

58. Members should note that the licensing sub-committee is meeting on this occasion solely to perform the role of licensing authority. The sub-committee sits in quasi-judicial capacity, and must act impartially. It must offer a fair and unbiased hearing of the application. In this case, members should disregard the council's broader policy objectives and role as statutory authority in other contexts. Members must direct themselves to making a determination solely based upon the licensing law, guidance and the council's statement of licensing policy.
59. 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.
60. 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.
61. 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.
62. The sub-committee can only consider matters within the application that have been raised through representations from other persons and responsible authorities. Interested parties must live in the vicinity of the premises. This will be decided on a case-by-case basis.
63. 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.
64. 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.

Strategic Director of Resources

65. The head of regulatory services has confirmed that the costs of this process over and above the application fee are borne by the service.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Licensing Act 2003 Home Office Revised Guidance to the Act Secondary Regulations Southwark statement of licensing policy Case file	Southwark Licensing, C/O Regulatory Services, 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH	Mrs Kirty Read Tel: 020 7525 5748

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix A	Copy of the application
Appendix B	Representations from the police and environmental protection team
Appendix C	Map of locality

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Aled Richards, Strategic Director Environment, Sustainability and Leisure		
Report Author	Andrew Heron, Principal Licensing Officer		
Version	Final		
Dated	22 July 2025		
Key Decision?	No		
CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER			
Officer Title	Comments Sought	Comments Included	
Assistant Chief Executive - Governance and Assurance	Yes	Yes	
Strategic Director of Resources	Yes	Ye	
Cabinet Member	No	No	
Date final report sent to Constitutional Team		22 July 2025	

21/05/2025

Business - Application for a premises licence to be granted under the Licensing Act 2003

Ref No. 2408729

Name of Applicant

Please enter the name(s) who is applying for a premises licence under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 and am making this application to you as the relevant licensing authority in accordance with section 12 of the Licensing Act 2003

	George Welfare Projects CIC
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Notes for Guidance

1. Describe the premises, for example the type of premises, its general situation and layout and any other information which could be relevant to the licensing objectives. Where your application includes off-supplies of alcohol and you intend to provide a place for consumption of these off-supplies, you must include a description of where the place will be and its proximity to the premises.
2. In terms of specific regulated entertainments please note that:
 - Plays: no licence is required for performances between 08:00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - Films: no licence is required for 'not-for-profit' film exhibition held in community premises between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day provided that the audience does not exceed 500 and the organiser (a) gets consent to the screening from a person who is responsible for the premises; and (b) ensures that each such screening abides by age classification ratings.
 - Indoor sporting events: no licence is required for performances between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 1000.
 - Boxing or Wrestling Entertainment: no licence is required for a contest, exhibition or display of Greco-Roman wrestling, or freestyle wrestling between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 1000. Combined fighting sports – defined as a contest, exhibition or display which combines boxing or wrestling with one or more martial arts – are licensable as a boxing or wrestling entertainment rather than an indoor sporting event.
 - Live music: no licence permission is required for:
 - o a performance of unamplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, on any premises.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a workplace that is not licensed to sell alcohol on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a church hall, village hall, community hall, or other similar community premises, that is not licensed by a premises licence to sell alcohol, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance from a person who is responsible for the premises.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, at the non-residential premises of (i) a local authority, or (ii) a school, or (iii) a hospital, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance on the relevant premises from: (i) the local authority concerned, or (ii) the school or (iii) the health care provider for the hospital.
 - Recorded Music: no licence permission is required for:
 - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a church hall, village hall, community hall, or other similar community premises, that is not licensed by a premises licence to sell alcohol, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance from a person who is responsible for the premises.
 - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, at the non-residential premises of (i) a local authority, or (ii) a school, or (iii) a hospital, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance on the relevant premises from: (i) the local authority concerned, or (ii) the school proprietor or (iii) the health care provider for the hospital.
 - Dance: no licence is required for performances between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 500. However, a performance which amounts to adult entertainment remains licensable.
 - Cross activity exemptions: no licence is required between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, with no limit on audience size for:
 - o any entertainment taking place on the premises of the local authority where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the local authority;
 - o any entertainment taking place on the hospital premises of the health care provider where the

entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the health care provider;

o any entertainment taking place on the premises of the school where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the school proprietor; and

o any entertainment (excluding films and a boxing or wrestling entertainment) taking place at a travelling circus, provided that (a) it takes place within a moveable structure that accommodates the audience, and (b) that the travelling circus has not been located on the same site for more than 28 consecutive days.

3. Where taking place in a building or other structure please tick as appropriate (indoors may include a tent).

4. For example the type of activity to be authorised, if not already stated, and give relevant further details, for example (but not exclusively) whether or not music will be amplified or unamplified.

5. For example (but not exclusively), where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.

6. For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.

7. Please give timings in 24 hour clock (e.g. 16.00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.

8. If you wish people to be able to consume alcohol on the premises, please tick 'on the premises'. If you wish people to be able to purchase alcohol to consume away from the premises, please tick 'off the premises'. If you wish people to be able to do both, please tick 'both'.

9. Please give information about anything intended to occur at the premises or ancillary to the use of the premises which may give rise to concern in respect of children, regardless of whether you intend children to have access to the premises, for example (but not exclusively) nudity or semi-nudity, films for restricted age groups or the presence of gaming machines.

10. Please list here steps you will take to promote all four licensing objectives together.

11. The application form must be signed.

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

13. Where there is more than one applicant, each of the applicants or their respective agent must sign the application form.

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

15. Entitlement to work/immigration status for individual applicants and applications

from partnerships which are not limited liability partnerships:

A licence may not be held by an individual or an individual in a partnership who is resident in the UK who:

- does not have the right to live and work in the UK; or
- is subject to a condition preventing him or her from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.

Any premises licence issued in respect of an application made on or after 6 April 2017 will become invalid if the holder ceases to be entitled to work in the UK.

Applicants must demonstrate that they have an entitlement to work in the UK and are not subject to a condition preventing them from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity. They do this in one of two ways: 1) by providing with this application copies or scanned copies of the documents listed below (which do not need to be certified), or 2) by providing their 'share code' to enable the licensing authority to carry out a check using the Home Office online right to work checking service (see below).

Documents which demonstrate entitlement to work in the UK

- An expired or current passport showing the holder, or a person named in the passport as the child of the holder, is a British citizen or a citizen of the UK and Colonies having the right of abode in the UK [please see note below about which sections of the passport to copy].
- An expired or current passport or national identity card showing the holder, or a person named in the passport as the child of the holder, is a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A Registration Certificate or document certifying permanent residence issued by the Home Office to a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A Permanent Residence Card issued by the Home Office to the family member of a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A current Biometric Immigration Document (Biometric Residence Permit) issued by the Home Office to the holder indicating that the person named is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK, or has no time limit on their stay in the UK.
- A current passport endorsed to show that the holder is exempt from immigration control, is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK, has the right of abode in the UK, or has no time limit on their stay in the UK.

- A current Immigration Status Document issued by the Home Office to the holder with an endorsement indicating that the named person is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK or has no time limit on their stay in the UK, when produced in combination with an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A birth or adoption certificate issued in the UK, when produced in combination with an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A birth or adoption certificate issued in the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Ireland when produced in combination with an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A certificate of registration or naturalisation as a British citizen, when produced in combination with an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A current passport endorsed to show that the holder is allowed to stay in the UK and is currently allowed to work and is not subject to a condition preventing the holder from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.
- A current Biometric Immigration Document (Biometric Residence Permit) issued by the Home Office to the holder which indicates that the named person can currently stay in the UK and is allowed to work relation to the carrying on of a licensable activity.
- A current Residence Card issued by the Home Office to a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights or residence.
- A current Immigration Status Document containing a photograph issued by the Home Office to the holder with an endorsement indicating that the named person may stay in the UK, and is allowed to work and is not subject to a condition preventing the holder from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity when produced in combination with an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A Certificate of Application, less than 6 months old, issued by the Home Office under regulation 18(3) or 20(2) of the Immigration (European Economic Area) Regulations 2016, to a person who is not a national of a

European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights of residence.

- Reasonable evidence that the person has an outstanding application to vary their permission to be in the UK with the Home Office such as the Home Office acknowledgement letter or proof of postage evidence, or reasonable evidence that the person has an appeal or administrative review pending on an immigration decision, such as an appeal or administrative review reference number.

- Reasonable evidence that a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights of residence in exercising treaty rights in the UK including:
 - o evidence of the applicant's own identity – such as a passport,
 - o evidence of their relationship with the European Economic Area family member – e.g. a marriage certificate, civil partnership certificate or birth certificate, and
 - o evidence that the European Economic Area national has a right of permanent residence in the UK or is one of the following if they have been in the UK for more than 3 months:
 - (i) working e.g. employment contract, wage slips, letter from the employer,
 - (ii) self-employed e.g. contracts, invoices, or audited accounts with a bank,
 - (iii) studying e.g. letter from the school, college or university and evidence of sufficient funds; or
 - (iv) self-sufficient e.g. bank statements.

Family members of European Economic Area nationals who are studying or financially independent must also provide evidence that the European Economic Area national and any family members hold comprehensive sickness insurance in the UK. This can include a private medical insurance policy, an EHIC card or an S1, S2 or S3 form.

Original documents must not be sent to licensing authorities. If the document copied is a passport, a copy of the following pages should be provided:

- (i) any page containing the holder's personal details including nationality;
- (ii) any page containing the holder's photograph;
- (iii) any page containing the holder's signature;

(iv) any page containing the date of expiry; and

(v) any page containing information indicating the holder has permission to enter or remain in the UK and is permitted to work.

If the document is not a passport, a copy of the whole document should be provided.

Your right to work will be checked as part of your licensing application and this could involve us checking your immigration status with the Home Office. We may otherwise share information with the Home Office. Your licence application will not be determined until you have complied with this guidance.

Home Office online right to work checking service

As an alternative to providing a copy of the documents listed above, applicants may demonstrate their right to work by allowing the licensing authority to carry out a check with the Home Office online right to work checking service.

To demonstrate their right to work via the Home Office online right to work checking service, applicants should include in this application their 9-digit share code (provided to them upon accessing the service at <https://www.gov.uk/prove-right-to-work>) which, along with the applicant's date of birth (provided within this application), will allow the licensing authority to carry out the check.

In order to establish the applicant's right to work, the check will need to indicate that the applicant is allowed to work in the United Kingdom and is not subject to a condition preventing them from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.

An online check will not be possible in all circumstances because not all applicants will have an immigration status that can be checked online. The Home Office online right to work checking service sets out what information and/or documentation applicants will need in order to access the service. Applicants who are unable to obtain a share code from the service should submit copy documents as set out above.

Premises Details

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Non-domestic rateable value of premises in order to see your rateable value [click here](#) (opens in new window)

£	0
	Band D and E only applies to premises which uses exclusively or primarily for the supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises
	No

Premises trading name

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

Do you have a Southwark postcode?	Yes
Address Line 1	Second Floor
Address Line 2	777 Old Kent Road
Town	London
Post code	SE15 1NZ
Ordnance survey map reference	
Description of the location	
Telephone number	

Applicant Details

Please select whether you are applying for a premises licence as

	a person other than an individual (limited company, partnership etc)
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If you are applying as an individual or non-individual please select one of the following:-

	I am carrying on or proposing to carry on a business which involves the use of the premises for licensable activities
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Other Applicants

Please provide name and registered address of applicant in full. Where appropriate please give any registered number. In the case of a partnership or other joint venture (other than a body corporate), please give the name and address of each party concerned.

Name - First Entry

	George Welfare Projects CIC
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Address - First Entry

Street number or building name	777
Street Description	Old Kent Road
Town	London
County	
Post code	SE15 1NZ
Registered number (where applicable)	15884033

Description of applicant (for example, partnership, company, unincorporated association etc)	Community Interest Company
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Contact Details - First Entry

Telephone number	
Email address	

Operating Schedule

When do you want the premises licence to start?

	19/06/2025
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If you wish the licence to be valid only for a limited period, when do you want it to end?

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General description of premises (see guidance note 1)

	Community Hall and Space - for use by the church and local community
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If 5,000 or more people are expected to attend the premises at any one time please use the drop down below to select the number.

	Less than 5000
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Note 1

Describe the premises. For example the type of premises, its general situation and layout and any other information which could be relevant to the licensing objectives. Where your application includes off-supplies of alcohol and you intend to provide a place of consumption of these off-supplies of alcohol, you must include a description of where the place will be and its proximity to the premises.

Operating Schedule part 2

What licensable activities do you intend to carry on from the premises?

	(Please see sections 1 and 14 of the Licensing Act 2003 and schedule 1 and 2 of the Licensing Act 2003)
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Provision of regulated entertainment (Please read guidance note 2)

	f) recorded music

Provision of late night refreshment

	i) Late night refreshment
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Supply of alcohol

	j) Supply of alcohol
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In all cases please complete boxes K, L and M.

F - Recorded Music

Will the playing of recorded music take place indoors or outdoors or both? (Please read guidance note 3)

	Indoors
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Please give further details here (Please read guidance note 4)

	The applicant wishes to have the facility for the provision of recorded music whether as the principal entertainment provided or in conjunction with any other permitted activity
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Standard days and timings for Recorded Music (Please read guidance note 7)

Day	Start	Finish
Mon	11:00	00:00
Tues	11:00	00:00
Wed	11:00	00:00
Thur	11:00	00:30
Fri	11:00	00:30
Sat	11:00	00:30
Sun	11:00	00:00

State any seasonal variations for playing recorded music (Please read guidance note 5)

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Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the playing of recorded music entertainment at different times to those listed. (Please read guidance note 6)

	On the following days the permitted hours may be extended for an additional hour: Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the Easter weekend. Friday, Saturday and Sunday of both May Bank Holidays and the August Bank Holiday, Christmas Eve and Boxing Day. From the end of permitted hours on New Year's Eve to the start of permitted hours on the following day.
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3. Where taking place in a building or other structure please tick as appropriate (indoors may include a tent).
4. For example the type of activity to be authorised, if not already stated, and give relevant further details, for example (but not exclusively) whether or not music will be amplified or unamplified.
5. For example (but not exclusively), where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.
6. For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.
7. Please give timings in 24 hour clock (e.g. 16.00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.

I - Late Night Refreshment

Will the provision of late night refreshment take place indoors or outdoors or both? (Please read guidance note 3)

	Indoors
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Please give further details here (Please read guidance note 4)

	The applicants wish to be able to provide facilities for late-night refreshment as may be required from time to time to complement the range of activities (whether licensable or not) being provided at the premises whether as principal or in conjunction any other permitted activity.
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Standard days & timings for Late night refreshment (Late night start time is from 23.00, see guidance notes 7)

Day	Start	Finish
Mon	23:00	00:00
Tues	23:00	00:00
Wed	23:00	00:00
Thur	23:00	00:30
Fri	23:00	00:30
Sat	23:00	00:30
Sun	23:00	00:00

State any seasonal variations for the provision of late night refreshment (Please read guidance note 5)

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Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the provision of late night refreshment at different times, to those listed. Please list, (Please read guidance note 6)

	On the following days the permitted hours may be extended for an additional hour: Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the Easter weekend. Friday, Saturday and Sunday of both May Bank Holidays and the August Bank Holiday, Christmas Eve and Boxing Day. From the end of permitted hours on New Year's Eve to the start of permitted hours on the following day.
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3. Where taking place in a building or other structure please tick as appropriate (indoors may include a tent).
4. For example the type of activity to be authorised, if not already stated, and give relevant further details, for example (but not exclusively) whether or not music will be amplified or unamplified.
5. For example (but not exclusively), where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.
6. For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.
7. Please give timings in 24 hour clock (e.g. 23:00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity. Start time begins from 23:00

J - Supply of Alcohol

Will the supply of alcohol be for consumption (Please read guidance note 8)

	Both
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Standard days and timings for Supply of alcohol (Please read guidance note 7)

Day	Start	Finish
Mon	11:00	00:00
Tues	11:00	00:00
Wed	11:00	00:00
Thur	11:00	00:30
Fri	11:00	00:30
Sat	11:00	00:30
Sun	11:00	00:00

State any seasonal variations for the supply of alcohol (Please read guidance 5)

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Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the supply of alcohol at different times to those listed. Please list, (Please read guidance note 6)

	On the following days the permitted hours may be extended for an additional hour: Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the Easter weekend. Friday, Saturday and Sunday of both May Bank Holidays and the August Bank Holiday, Christmas Eve and Boxing Day. From the end of permitted hours on New Year's Eve to the start of permitted hours the following day.
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Please download and then upload the consent form completed by the designated proposed premises supervisor

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5. For example (but not exclusively), where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.

6. For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.

7. Please give timings in 24 hour clock (e.g. 16:00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.

8. If you wish people to be able to consume alcohol on the premises, please tick 'on the premises'. If you wish people to be able to purchase alcohol to consume away from the premises, please tick 'off the premises'. If you wish people to be able to do both, please tick 'both'.

Premises Supervisor

State the name and details of the individual whom you wish to specify on the licence as the designated premises supervisor (Please see declaration about the entitlement to work in the check list at the end of the form)

Full name of proposed designated premises supervisor

First names	George
Surname	Nwachukwu

DOB

Date Of Birth	
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Address of proposed designated premises supervisor

Street number or Building name	
Street Description	
Town	
County	
Post code	

Personal licence number of proposed designated premises supervisor, if any,

Personal licence number (if known)	
Issuing authority (if known)	Lewisham

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Please highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children (Please read guidance note 9)

	There will be no activity of this nature
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9. Please give information about anything intended to occur at the premises or ancillary to the use of the premises which may give rise to concern in respect of children, regardless of whether you intend children to have access to the premises, for example (but not exclusively) nudity or semi-nudity, films for restricted age groups or the presence of gaming machines.

L - Hours premises are open to public

5. For example (but not exclusively), where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.

6. For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.

7. Please give timings in 24 hour clock (e.g. 16:00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.

Hours premises are open to the public (standard timings Please read guidance note 7)

Day	Start	Finish
Mon	11:00	00:30
Tues	11:00	00:30
Wed	11:00	00:30
Thur	11:00	01:00
Fri	11:00	01:00
Sat	11:00	01:00
Sun	11:00	00:30

State any seasonal variations (Please read guidance note 5)

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Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises to be open to the public at different times from those listed. Please list, (Please read guidance note 6)

	On the following days the permitted hours may be extended for an additional hour: Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the Easter weekend. Friday, Saturday and Sunday of both May Bank Holidays and the August Bank Holiday, Christmas Eve and Boxing Day.
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	From the end of permitted hours on New Year's Eve to the start of permitted hours on the following day.
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M - Steps to promote four licensing objectives

a) General - all four licensing objectives (b,c,d,e) (Please read guidance note 10)

	Please see attached schedule of conditions
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b) the prevention of crime and disorder

	Please see attached schedule of conditions
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c) public safety

	Please see attached schedule of conditions
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d) the prevention of public nuisance

	Please see attached schedule of conditions
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e) the protection of children from harm

	Please see attached schedule of conditions
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Guidance note 10

Please list here steps you will take to promote all four licensing objectives together.

Please upload a plan of the premises

	
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Please upload any additional information i.e. risk assessments

	
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Checklist

	I have enclosed the plan of the premises. I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected. I understand that I must now advertise my application (In the local paper within 14 days
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	of applying
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Home Office Declaration

Please tick to indicate agreement

	I am a company or limited liability partnership
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Declaration

[Applicable to individual applicants only, including those in a partnership which is not a limited liability partnership]

I understand I am not entitled to be issued with a licence if I do not have the entitlement to live and work in the UK (or if I am subject to a condition preventing me from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity) and that my licence will become invalid if I cease to be entitled to live and work in the UK.

The DPS named in this application form is entitled to work in the UK (and is not subject to conditions preventing him or her from doing work relating to a licensable activity) and I have seen a copy of his or her proof of entitlement to work, or have conducted an online right to work check using the Home Office online right to work checking service which confirmed their right to work.

I/We hereby declare the information provided is true and accurate.

I agree to the above statement

	Yes
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Please provide name of applicant (the current premises licence holder) or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent (please read guidance note 12). If completing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity.

Full name	
Date (DD/MM/YYYY)	21/05/2025
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Contact name (where not previously given) an address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 14)

Contact name and address for correspondence	
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GUIDANCE NOTES

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13. Where there is more than one applicant, each of the applicants or their respective agents must sign the application form.

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

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Schedule of proposed conditions consistent with the operating Schedule

340 A permanent sound-limiting device (or other similar sound-limiting equipment) shall be installed at the premises and shall be in use at all times that amplified sound is provided at the premises. The sound-limiting device (or other similar sound-limiting equipment) shall be calibrated by a professionally certified sound / acoustic engineer so that amplified sound at the premises does not give rise to a public or statutory nuisance at any time. Any temporary or permanent amplification system(s), amplified instrument(s), and microphone(s) in use at the premises shall be routed through the sound-limiting device (or other similar sound-limiting equipment) at all times.

343 A digital CCTV system shall be installed at the premises, shall be maintained in full working order and shall be continually recording at all times that the premises are in use. The CCTV system must be capable of capturing a clear facial image of every person who enters the premises in all lighting conditions. The CCTV system shall be correctly time and date stamped at all times. The CCTV system shall cover all interior and exterior areas of the premises, including the frontage of the premises, and shall collect clearly defined / focused footage. That all CCTV footage shall be kept for a period of thirty-one (31) days and shall be made immediately available to Police and responsible authority officers on request.

344 A member of staff shall be on duty at all times that the premises are in use, who is trained in the use of the CCTV system and who is able to view, and download to a removable storage device, CCTV footage at the immediate request of Police and responsible authority officers.

345 Clearly legible signage shall be prominently displayed where it can easily be seen and read by customers advising to the effect that CCTV is in operation at the premises. The signage shall be kept free from obstructions at all times.

346 All relevant staff shall be trained in their responsibilities under the Licensing Act 2003, the promotion of the licensing objectives and the terms and conditions of this licence. Records pertaining to such training ('the staff training logs') shall be kept at the premises, shall be updated every 6 months and shall be made immediately available to responsible authority officers on request. The training logs shall include the trainee's name (in block capitals), the trainer's name (in block capitals), the date(s) of training and a declaration that the training has been received and understood by the trainee. If the staff training logs are a paper hardcopy then the signature of the trainee, the signature of the trainer shall be included. That all Digital records of training and/or logs shall be made immediately available to Police and responsible authority officers on request.

347 Clearly legible signs shall be prominently displayed where they can easily be seen and read by customers at all exits from the premises, requesting that:

- a. Customers leave the premises and area in a quiet and orderly manner.
- b. Entry will not be permitted to patrons who use Sylvan Road to either park, drop off or collect by private or hackney carriage vehicles.
- c. Customers do not consume alcoholic drinks bought at the premises in the vicinity of the premises. Such signs shall be maintained free from obstruction when the premises are in use in accordance with this licence.

348 Relevant members of staff shall receive first aid training and an appropriate number of persons trained in first aid shall be on the premises at all times the premises are in operation.

350 The sound level of music played at the premises shall be monitored regularly to prevent music played at the premises from causing public noise nuisance.

351 The sound level of music played at the premises shall be controlled at all times solely by the manager, DPS, or other person nominated by the manager or DPS.

353 All windows at the premises shall be kept closed during the provision of any regulated entertainment.

354 When taxis are ordered for customers for the collection of customers from the premises staff members shall instruct the taxi service to instruct the taxi services drivers not to sound the driver's car horns outside the premises, but to approach the premises in person and verbally (without raised voices) alert staff that the drivers are at the premises to collect customers.

355 The details of local taxi firms will be displayed and kept at the premises and provided to customers on request.

363 An incident book/incident recording system shall be kept at the premises to record details of any of the following occurrences at the premises:

- a) Instances of anti-social or disorderly behaviour or Violence
- b) Calls to the police or fire brigade
- c) Abuse of staff and/or customers
- d) Ejections of people from the premises
- e) Visits to the premises by the local authority, police or fire brigade
- f) Refused sales of alcohol
- g) Any malfunction in respect of the CCTV system
- h) Any other relevant incidents.

The incident book/incident recording system shall record the time, date, location, and description of each incident as well as the printed name of the person reporting the incident and any action taken in respect of the incident. The incident book/incident recording system shall be available and accessible at the premises at all times that the premises are in use in accordance with this licence and shall be made available immediately to Police and responsible authority officers upon request. A record of the preceding 12 months' incidents shall be available at the premises at any time. All digital records of training and/or logs shall be made immediately available to police and responsible authority officers of the council on request. 364 If a Pubwatch scheme exists in respect of the local area, then the licensee/ management will join and participate in the Pubwatch scheme (details can be obtained from Southwark Police Licensing and the night-time economy team).

365 The premises must have a welfare and vulnerability policy and all staff must receive this training. All new staff must receive this training before starting their role and all staff must have refresher training every 12 months. All training must be recorded and these records must be available on immediate request by responsible authority officers. That all Digital records of training and/or logs

367 A zero-tolerance drugs and weapons policy shall be undertaken at the premises:

- a) Anybody found with/ using drugs and/ or weapons will be ejected from the premises and shall not be admitted to the premises again.
- b) The details of any person found dealing drugs or using weapons will be taken (if possible) and given to the police.
- c) Any person who is suspected of having drugs on their person will need to consent to a search, and should they refuse the search that person shall be ejected from the premises.

368 Clearly legible signage shall be prominently displayed where it can easily be seen and read by customers in the toilets advising to the effect that the taking of illegal drugs will not be tolerated at the premises.

369 Staff shall regularly monitor the premises' toilets to ensure that they are in a clean and sanitary condition, that no prohibited and/or illegal activities are taking place in the toilets and to check customer safety.

370 A challenge 25 scheme shall be maintained requiring that staff selling or delivering alcohol request that any customer who looks under 25 years old, and who is attempting to purchase or take receipt of alcohol, provides valid photographic identification proving that the customer is at least 18 years old. Valid photographic identification is composed of a photo driving licence, passport, UK armed services photo ID card, any Proof of Age Standards Scheme (PASS) accredited card (such as the Proof of Age London (PAL) card) or any age verification card accredited by the Secretary of State.

371 All staff involved in the sale of alcohol shall be trained in the prevention of sales of alcohol to underage persons (including the prevention of 'proxy sales') and the challenge 25 scheme in operation at the premises. Details of such training, including the printed name(s) of the trainee(s) and the date(s) that the training was given, shall be recorded in the staff training logs at the premises and be made immediately available for inspection at the premises to council and I or police officers on request.

372 Clearly legible signs shall be prominently displayed where they can easily be seen and read by customers stating to the effect that a challenge 25 policy is in operation at the premises, that customers may be asked to provide proof of age and stating what the acceptable forms of proof of age are. Such signage shall be displayed at all entrances, points of sale and in all areas where alcohol is displayed for sale. The signage shall be kept free from obstructions at all times.

373 A register of refused sales of alcohol shall be maintained in order to demonstrate effective operation of the challenge 25 policy. The register shall be used to record details of all refused sales of alcohol. The register shall be kept/ be accessible at the premises at all times. If the refusals register is a paper document, then it shall be clearly and legibly marked on the front cover as a register of refused alcohol sales, with the address of the premises and the name of the licence holder. The register shall be made immediately available for inspection at the premises to council or police officers on request.

374 The venue shall support "Ask for Angela" or another similar safety initiative and posters shall be displayed on the premises. All staff shall be trained in "Ask Angela" or a similar safety initiative and a record of this training shall be kept on the premises and made available for inspection immediately to responsible authority officers upon request. That all Digital records of training and/or logs shall be made immediately available to Police and responsible authority officers on request.

377 A dispersal policy to assist with patrons leaving the premises in an orderly and safe manner shall be devised and maintained regarding the premises. A copy of the dispersal policy shall be accessible at the premises at all times that the premises are in operation. The policy should include (but not necessarily be limited to) the following:

- a) Details as to how customer/staff egress shall be managed to minimise causing nuisance.
- b) Details of public transport in the vicinity and how customers will be advised in respect of it.
- c) Details of the management of taxis to and from the premises.
- d) Details of the management of any 'winding down' period at the premises.
- e) Details of the use of security and stewarding in respect of managing customer dispersal.
- f) Details of any cloakroom facility at the premises and how it is managed.
- g) Details of road safety in respect of customers leaving the premises.
- h) Details of the management of ejections from the premises.
- i) Details as to how any physical altercations at the premises are to be managed.
- j) Details of how refuse waste in the local vicinity arising through the operation of the premises will be cleared up (e.g. flyer clean up, post event clean up).

All relevant staff employed at the premises shall be trained in the latest version of the dispersal policy. Details of such training, including the printed name(s) of the trainee(s) and the date(s) that the training

was given, shall be recorded in the staff training logs at the premises. If the dispersal policy is a paper document then the signature of the trainees shall also be included. The dispersal policy shall be made immediately available to responsible authority officers on request. That all Digital records of training and/or logs shall be made immediately available to responsible authority officers on request.

379 There shall be no sales of alcohol or late-night refreshment for consumption off the premises after 23:00 Sunday to Thursday or after 00:00 on Friday and Saturday.

380 There shall be no externally promoted events, including DJ's.

381 Any 'off sales' of alcohol shall be provided in sealed containers to be taken away from the premises.

382 There shall be no deliveries or off sales after 00:00.

384 A telephone number for management shall be made available to local residents.

The Premises Licence Holder shall undertake a risk assessment prior to any pre-booked function, to determine whether they require a registered door supervisor(s). If required the premises licence holder, in consultation with the door security provider, shall determine the commensurate levels, timings and locations of door supervision to be deployed.

The risk assessment shall be recorded in writing and retained for a minimum of 31 days and be made available to the Police or officers of the Council immediately upon request.

When engaged all security staff shall be clearly identifiable at all times and all door supervisors shall enter their full details in the premises daily register at the commencement of their work, including their SIA registration number.

If the door supervisor is provided by an agency the name, registered business address and contact telephone number of the agency shall be recorded and will be made available to police or authorised officer immediately upon request.

APPENDIX B POLICE



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Ref 25/808

Date: 30/05/2025

Re: The Grand Empire second floor 777 Old kent SE15 1NZ

Dear Sir/Madam,

Police are in possession of an application from the above for a New Premises licence for recorded music, Late Night Refreshment, supply alcohol on/off sales. The venue is describing itself as a "Community Hall and Space - for use by the church and local community". The hours requested are outside those recommended in the Southwark Statement of licensing policy for such a venue in a residential area.

The hours of operation requested are as follows

Open to the Public
Sun-Wed-1100hrs-0030hrs
Thurs-Sat-1100hrs-0230hrs

Recorded Music
Sun-Wed-1100hrs-0000hrs
Thurs-Sat-1100hrs-0030hrs

Late Night Refreshment
Sun-Wed-2300hrs-0000hrs
Thurs-Sat-2300hrs-0030hrs

Supply of Alcohol on/off
Sun-Wed-1100hrs-0000hrs
Thurs-Sat-1100hrs-0030hrs

The venue is situated in a residential area with houses only metres away from the entrance/exit to this new venue and the hours requested far exceed those recommended for any type of venue in this area.

There is already a restaurant, dance venue with an event space on the ground floor that operates far outside the policy hours recommended by Southwark council. This venue has a capacity of 250 persons which has in the past been problematic with patrons causing anti-social behaviour when arriving and leaving the venue and also issues with patrons parking in Sylvian Street SE1.

This new application refers to its use as a Community Hall and Space, for use by the church and local community", this and similar terms seem to be used widely when venues request hours outside of policy and with the lack of information in the application we draw the conclusion that it is to be an events venue for multiple use. The applicant has provided a number of conditions to which we welcome however for an events type venue requesting late hours we would expect to see measures to address as minimum the following areas, dispersal, accommodation limit, Sia, types of events. The plan appears to show seating is this permanent or removable to allow for a dance floor. It is highly likely that an additional licensed venue at this location will add to the problems already endured by the local residents, there is nothing within this application to mitigate these potential problems.

The Police object to this application as the venue is situated in a residential area and the hours exceed those recommend in the Southwark statement of licensing policy. The control measures offered are not sufficiently robust for such opening hours and It is highly likely that if granted in its current format this will be detrimental to local residents, by means of an increase in anti-social behaviour in particular at closing when they leave to collect their cars and transport which are parked in residential streets. Police believe that if the license is granted in its current form it would have a negative impact on all of the licensing objectives in particular that of the Prevention of crime and disorder.

Submitted for your consideration.

Yours Sincerely

PC Mark Lynch 2246AS

Licensing Officer
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From: Earis, Richard
Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 3:21 PM
To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: New premises licence consultation Second Floor 777 Old Kent Road

RE: New Licence Application Second Floor, 777 Old Kent Road

I have considered the application on behalf of the Environmental Protection Team (EPT - Prevention of Public Nuisance Responsible Authority). I would like to object on the grounds that the proposed operation significantly exceeds the recommended hours in Southwark's Statement of Licensing Policy and creates an unacceptable risk of public nuisance.

The previous and existing Empire / Empire Lounge premises on the ground floor of this building has in the past been a source of resident complaint in relation to loud amplified music and noise from patrons and dispersal. We have discounted complaints from previous occupants of the same building as they are obviously no longer resident, however historical complaints from different occupiers of Sylvan Grove illustrate the potential sensitivity of this immediate area.

This proposal adds an additional floor with no stated accommodation limit. However the plans show a capacity which is likely in excess of 250 people. Further, another Licence application has been made simultaneously for the first floor, under the same effective control, with a stated accommodation limit of 250 people. The first and second floors appear to share the same internal access stairwell. Potentially these 3 venues in the same building, all operating together with regulated entertainment in a residential area outside the hours recommended in the Statement of Licensing Policy, could have well over 750 people attending 3 separate events. The application is unclear as to how the venues are linked or how the interactions between them, and cumulative impacts, can be managed.

The second floor of the premises does not appear to have a Planning Consent to operate as a night club or drinking establishment, with the last lawful consent appearing to be a D1 (place of worship) use (now use class F1(f)). Whilst we appreciate Planning is a separate regime, Southwark's Licensing Policy states: *'it is strongly recommended that applications for premises licences for permanent commercial premises should normally be from businesses with relevant planning consent for the property concerned...the Council may expect the Applicant to address the reasons why planning permission had not been firstly sought and / or granted and provide reasons as to why licensing consent should be'*. We are concerned that the building is not suitably designed insulated and adapted for a drinking establishment with regulated entertainment and this exacerbates the risk of public nuisance.

We are particularly concerned about dispersal noise and the impact of vehicles, taxis, people noise etc associated with 750+ people late at night on residents on Sylvan Grove.

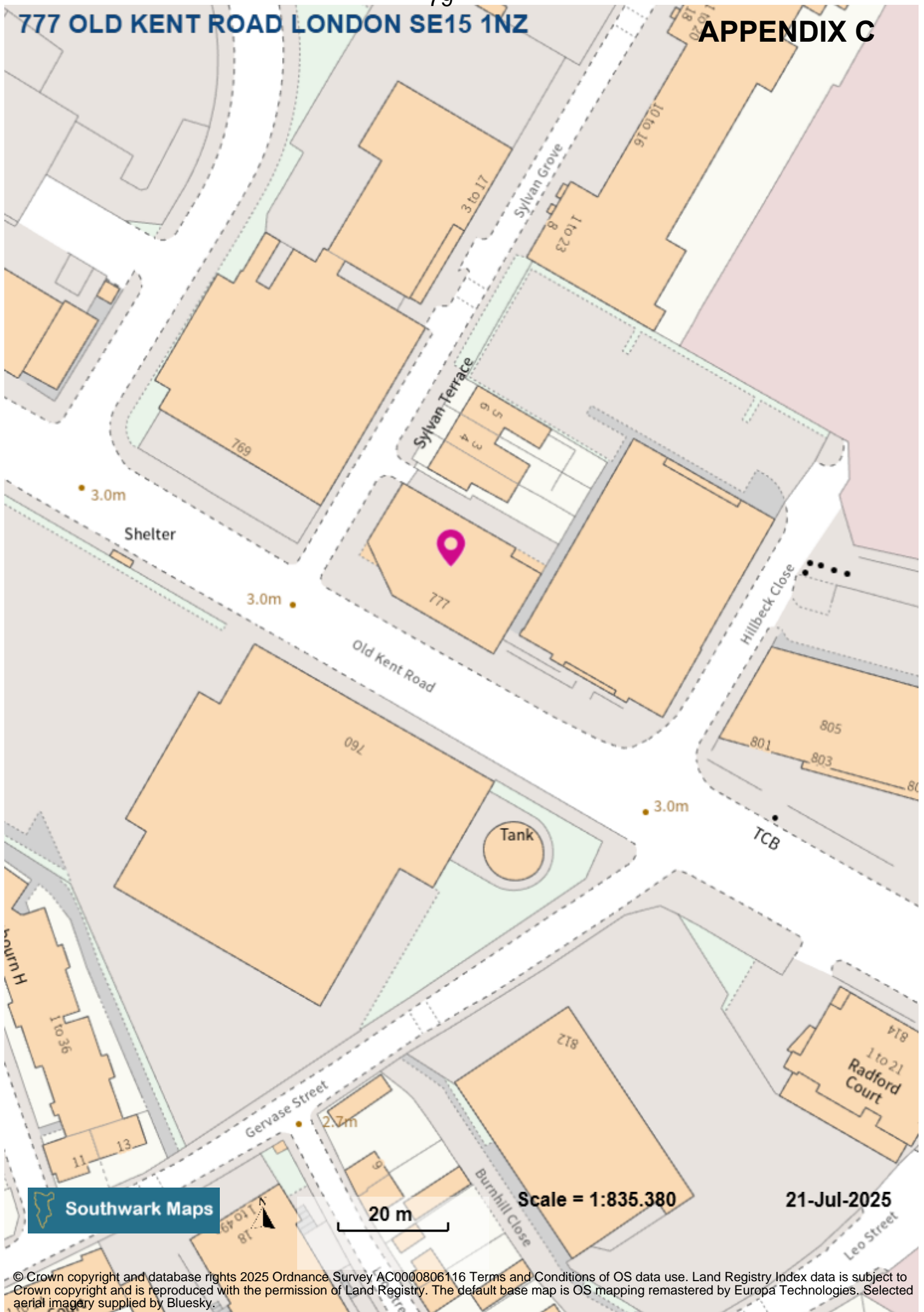
EPT do not believe this residential location is suitable for 3 venues with a combined capacity of over 750 people and the potential for 3 separate simultaneous events with regulated entertainment to take place.

If a committee is minded to grant a Licence, we would recommend the hours of operation are reduced to no later than those detailed in the Statement of Licensing Policy for this area.

Kind Regards,

Richard

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