



Licensing Sub-Committee

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on Thursday 26 March 2026 at 10.00 am at Online/Virtual

PRESENT: Councillor Renata Hamvas (Chair)
Councillor Barrie Hargrove
Councillor Charlie Smith

OFFICER SUPPORT: Toyin Calfos, legal officer
Ola Owojori, licensing officer
Greg Weaver, constitutional officer (observing)
Andrew Weir, constitutional officer

1. APOLOGIES

This was a virtual licensing sub-committee meeting.

The chair explained to the participants and observers how the virtual meeting would run. Everyone then introduced themselves.

There were no apologies for absence.

1. CONFIRMATION OF VOTING MEMBERS

The voting members were confirmed verbally, one at a time.

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

There were none.

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

5. LICENSING ACT 2003: OSCAR'S BARBERSHOP, 79 CAMBERWELL ROAD, LONDON SE5 0EZ

The licensing officer presented their report. Members had questions for the licensing officer.

The applicant addressed the sub-committee via their interpreter. Members had questions for the applicant.

The licensing sub-committee noted the written representations from the other persons, who were not in attendance.

The applicant had nothing to add for summing up.

The meeting adjourned at 10.37am for the sub-committee to consider its decision.

The meeting reconvened at 11.01am and the chair advised everyone present of the decision.

RESOLVED:

That the application made by Oscar Beltre Mendez for a premises licence to be granted under the Licensing Act 2003 in respect of the premises known as Oscar's Barbershop 79 Camberwell Road London SE5 0EZ is granted as follows:

Supply of alcohol (on sales)	Monday to Sunday from 13:00 to 22:30
Opening hours	Monday to Sunday from 10:00 to 23:00

Conditions

The operation of the premises under the licence shall be subject to relevant mandatory conditions, conditions derived from the operating schedule highlighted in Parts J, K, L, and M of the application form and the conditions agreed with the responsible authorities, the Metropolitan Police, Trading Standards and Licensing Service.

Conditions by the licensing sub-committee

1. That alcohol shall only be supplied to customers who are actively receiving a haircut or grooming service, or who are waiting on the premises to receive such a service.
2. That no customer shall be supplied with more than two alcoholic drinks per visit.

The licensing sub-committee amended Condition 30 from:

- All drinks shall be decanted into plastic receptacles. Glass bottles and receptacles shall not be permitted at any time.

To:

- That bottled drinks shall be decanted into reusable plastic receptacles. Glass bottles receptacles shall not be permitted at any time.

The licensing sub-committee amended Condition 21 from:

- Alcohol shall only be sold to persons 21 years and older.

To:

- That alcohol shall only be sold to persons 18 years and older.

Recommendations by the licensing sub-committee

1. That wherever possible, the applicant agrees to endeavour not to use single use plastics

Reasons

The licensing sub-committee convened to determine an application for a premises licence in respect of Oscar's Barbershop, 79 Camberwell, I Road London SE5. The licensing officer presented the application. He confirmed the application concerned the supply of alcohol (on sale) only. He explained that the applicant had reduced the hours applied for during conciliation process with responsible authorities confirming, the Metropolitan Police Service, trading standards and the licensing responsible authority had all withdrawn their representations following the applicant's agreement to a number of conditions put forward by them. Fourteen representations from other persons had been received, though none were in attendance.

The licensing officer confirmed that the premises is not located within a cumulative impact area and summarised the applicant's written responses to objectors, including the applicant's position that alcohol sales would be strictly ancillary to barbering services.

The sub-committee next heard from the applicant, assisted by an interpreter. The applicant stated that alcohol would only be supplied to customers actively receiving a haircut or grooming service or waiting to receive one. He clarified that customers frequently request a drink while waiting and some currently purchase drinks from nearby shops, which they then bring into the premises. He stated that he wished to offer the option lawfully and responsibly. The applicant confirmed that drinks would not be proactively offered and would only be provided on request.

The applicant further stated that the sale of alcohol would be secondary to the primary activity of hairdressing. He confirmed that only beer and wine would be served, that no super-strength alcohol would be stocked, and that beverages would be served in reusable plastic cups. He also confirmed compliance with a refusal log and stated that identification would be requested for those who appeared underage. The applicant confirmed that staff renting chairs would be fully trained in the responsible sale of alcohol and that a maximum of two alcoholic drinks would be served per customer per visit.

During questioning, the applicant confirmed that culturally, it was the practice for barber shops to offer a drink to clients. He stated that children do attend the premises for haircuts but they would not be supplied alcohol under any circumstances. He confirmed toilet facilities were available to customers and that alcohol service would cease 30 minutes prior to closing. The applicant also confirmed he would maintain CCTV and operate in accordance with all conditions agreed with responsible authorities.

In its deliberation, the sub-committee considered the applicant's oral evidence, the licensing officer's report, and all written representations. It also considered the conditions the applicant had agreed with the responsible authorities.

The sub-committee were impressed by the applicant's willingness to accept additional conditions, including, limiting alcohol sales to customers actively receiving a service, restricting consumption to two alcoholic drinks per visit, ensuring reusable plastic containers are used, and ensuring no glass is provided to customers.

The sub-committee imposed the conditions:

1. That alcohol shall only be supplied to customers who are actively receiving a haircut or grooming service, or who are waiting on the premises to receive such a service.
2. That no customer shall be supplied with more than two alcoholic drinks per visit.

The sub-committee also issued a recommendation that wherever possible, the applicant endeavour not to use single-use plastics. Upon considering the agreed conditions the sub-committee saw fit to make the following amendments:

Condition 30 from:

All drinks shall be decanted into plastic receptacles. Glass bottles and receptacles shall not be permitted at any time.

To:

That bottled drinks shall be decanted into reusable plastic receptacles. Glass bottles or glass receptacles shall not be permitted at any time.

Condition 21 from:

Alcohol shall only be sold to persons 21 years and older.

To:

That alcohol shall only be sold to persons 18 years and older.

The licensing sub-committee took the view that the additional conditions coupled with the agreed conditions, should allay the concerns put forward by other persons and therefore decided to grant the licence being satisfied that the amended conditions were appropriate and proportionate to promote the licensing objectives.

In reaching its decision, the licensing sub-committee had regard to all the relevant considerations including the Licensing Act 2003, the Section 182 Guidance and National Licensing Policy Framework (November 2025), its equality duties and four licensing objectives and considered that this decision was appropriate and proportionate.

Appeal rights

The applicant may appeal against any decision:

- a. To impose conditions on the licence
- b. To exclude a licensable activity or refuse to specify a person as premises supervisor.

Any person who made relevant representations in relation to the application who desire to contend that:

- a. The licence ought not to be been granted; or
- b. That on granting the licence, the licensing authority ought to have imposed different or additional conditions to the licence, or ought to have modified them in a different way

may appeal against the decision.

Any appeal must be made to the Magistrates' Court for the area in which the premises are situated. Any appeal must be commenced by notice of appeal given by the appellant to the justices' clerk for the Magistrates' Court within the period of 21 days beginning with the day on which the appellant was notified by the licensing authority of the decision appealed against

6. LICENSING ACT 2003: CLUBHOUSE, 80 DULWICH VILLAGE, LONDON SE21 7AJ

The licensing officer presented their report. Members had questions for the licensing officer.

The applicant addressed the sub-committee. Members had questions for the applicant.

The licensing sub-committee heard from the other persons objecting to the application. Members had questions for the other persons.

The licensing sub-committee also noted the written representations of the other persons, who were not in attendance.

All parties were given up to five minutes for summing up.

The meeting adjourned at 12.11pm for the sub-committee to consider its decision.

The meeting reconvened at 12.47pm and the chair advised everyone present of the decision.

RESOLVED:

That the application made by Simba Dulwich Ltd for a premises licence to be granted under the Licensing Act 2003 in respect of the premises known as Clubhouse 80 Dulwich Village London SE21 7AJ is granted as follows:

Supply of alcohol (on sales)	Monday to Thursday from 12:00 to 22:00 Friday and Saturday from 12:00 to 22:30 Sunday from 12:00 to 20:30
Opening hours	Monday to Saturday from 10:00 to 23:00 Sunday from 10:00 to 21:00

Conditions

The operation of the premises under the licence shall be subject to relevant mandatory conditions, conditions derived from the operating schedule highlighted in Parts J, K, L, and M of the application form, the conditions agreed with the responsible authorities, the Metropolitan Police Service and trading standards and the following additional conditions:

Conditions imposed by the licensing sub-committee

1. That no more than five patrons shall be allowed to smoke at the front of the premises at any one time and there shall be no smoking in the rear garden. After 20:00, smokers shall not permitted to take their drinks outside.
2. That the licence holder shall provide a dedicated telephone contact number for the premises to local residents, for residents to raise any concerns relating to noise, disturbance and or other matters arising from the operation of the premises.
3. That the rear garden and front external seating area shall close to patrons at 20:00 every day. The front external furniture shall be rendered unusable or shall be removed each evening.
4. That the maximum internal capacity shall not exceed 35 in total, which shall include no more than 12 patrons to use the upstairs area at any one time.

Recommendations by the licensing sub-committee

1. That wherever possible, the applicant agrees to endeavour not to use single use plastics
2. That wherever possible, there shall be no waste collection between 20:00 and 08:00 daily.

Reasons

The licensing sub-committee convened to determine an application for a premises licence in respect of Clubhouse, 80 Dulwich Village, London SE21 7AJ. The licensing officer presented the application, confirming the hours applied for and summarising the representations received.

The licensing officer stated that the premises was not located within a cumulative impact area and that representations from the responsible authorities namely, the Metropolitan Police Service and trading standards had been withdrawn following the applicant agreeing to a number of conditions put forward by them during the conciliation process. The outstanding representations were from five other persons of which, four would attend the meeting.

The sub-committee heard from the applicant, who explained that the premises would operate primarily as a daytime café offering coffee, salads and sandwiches, with a limited range of wine and small plates in the evening. The applicant clarified that the premises would not operate as an alcohol-led venue, would not have live or recorded music, DJs or televisions, and would serve mainly local residents and community groups. The applicant also confirmed he operated another well-established premises in the village and enjoyed good relationships with local residents.

The applicant addressed concerns regarding the rear garden and first floor areas. He stated that the rear garden would close to patrons at 20:00 every day and confirmed there would be no music played outside. He agreed that the rear garden would be a non-smoking area and that tables would be positioned away from neighbouring boundaries. The applicant further agreed to remove or render unusable any external furniture at the front of the premises each evening.

The applicant confirmed that the first floor would function as a quiet lounge area used mainly by those working from home during the day or by couples in the evening and accepted a limitation of 12 patrons on the first floor. He also confirmed that the overall internal capacity of the premises would be limited to 35 patrons. He agreed that any bottle disposal would take place only during daytime hours, with glass stored securely indoors overnight.

The sub-committee then heard from other persons who raised concerns regarding noise, smoking, use of the rear garden, health concerns linked to smoke and noise disturbance, and obstruction of the front pavement. They highlighted the proximity of residential windows, the age and construction style of nearby buildings and existing noise issues from other premises in the area. They also referred to historic planning restrictions concerning the rear garden, though the sub-committee clarified that planning matters could not be considered as part of the licensing regime.

During questioning, the applicant agreed that no more than five patrons would be permitted to smoke at the front of the premises at any one time and that after 8pm any smoker would not be permitted to take drinks outside. The applicant further agreed to provide a dedicated telephone number for residents to raise concerns. He also accepted a recommendation to encourage patrons to use active travel and public transport and confirmed willingness to adhere to the council's sustainability expectations in avoiding single-use plastics.

After hearing all the live evidence, the licensing sub-committee retired to consider the application in its entirety.

The sub-committee were impressed by the applicant's willingness to accept additional conditions and his commitment to mitigating any potential disturbance to neighbours.

The sub-committee considered the concerns raised by other persons, imposing the following conditions to address those concerns:

1. That no more than five patrons shall be allowed to smoke at the front of the premises at any one time and there shall be no smoking in the rear garden. After 20:00, smokers shall not permitted to take their drinks outside.

2. That the licence holder shall provide a dedicated telephone contact number for the premises to local residents, for residents to raise any concerns relating to noise, disturbance and or other matters arising from the operation of the premises.
3. That the rear garden and front external seating area shall close to patrons at 20:00 every day. The front external furniture shall be rendered unusable or shall be removed each evening.
4. That the maximum internal capacity shall not exceed 35 in total, which shall include no more than 12 patrons to use the upstairs area at any one time.

The sub-committee made the following recommendations:

1. That wherever possible, the applicant agrees to endeavour not to use single use plastics
2. That wherever possible, there shall be no waste collection between 20:00 and 08:00 daily.

The licensing sub-committee took the view that the additional conditions coupled with the agreed conditions, should allay the concerns put forward by other persons. It therefore decided to grant the licence, being satisfied that the conditions were appropriate and proportionate to promote the licensing objectives.

In reaching its decision, the licensing sub-committee had regard to all the relevant considerations including the Licensing Act 2003, the Section 182 Guidance and National Licensing Policy Framework (November 2025), its equality duties and four licensing objectives and considered that this decision was appropriate and proportionate.

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The meeting ended at 12.51pm.

CHAIR:

DATED: