



London Borough of Hackney – Decisions taken by the Licensing Sub-Committee A on Tuesday, 13 December 2022

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Part A – Items considered in public

6	Application to Vary a Premises Licence: Balls, 333 Old Street, Hackney, London, EC1V 9LE	<p>RESOLVED: The Licensing Sub-Committee in considering this decision from the information presented to it within the report and at the hearing today has determined that having regard to the promotion of all the licensing objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The prevention of crime and disorder;• Public safety;• Prevention of public nuisance; and• The protection of children from harm, <p>the application to vary a premises licence has been approved in accordance with the Council’s Statement of Licensing Policy and the proposed conditions set out in paragraph 8.1 of the report, with the following amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remove conditions 12 and 17(d) from the licence which are a duplication of condition 28• Condition 28 shall be amended and read as follows: <p>“No open bottles or glasses shall be permitted to be taken outside the premises at any time. Only plastic reusable glasses/vessels or recyclable cardboard glasses/vessels for drinks shall be taken outside the premises for use in the designated external area, and toughened glass shall not be used”.</p> <p>And the following additional condition:</p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The maximum number of persons allowed in the basement of the premises at any one time shall not exceed 60 persons limited to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Basement 40 persons seated (excluding staff) ii) Basement 20 persons standing (excluding staff) • During events in the basement a member of staff shall be on duty to monitor customers. • Customers shall not be permitted to use the external area on the ground floor after 22:00. <p><u>Reasons for the decision</u></p> <p>The Application to vary this premises licence has been approved, because members of the Licensing Sub-committee were satisfied that the licensing objectives would not be undermined within the Shoreditch Special Policy Area (Shoreditch SPA).</p> <p>The Sub-committee took into consideration representations received from the Responsible Authorities. The Metropolitan Police (“the Police”) made representations on the grounds of the prevention of crime and disorder and prevention of public nuisance. The Licensing Authority made representations on the grounds of public nuisance. It was noted that no representations were made by local residents.</p> <p>The Sub-committee took into consideration that the premises is located in the Shoreditch SPA and therefore it is subject to policy LP10.</p>

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		<p>The Police were unable to attend the hearing, however, the Sub-committee took into account their written representations that the Police had concerns about the extension of the licence to include the basement. This would increase the capacity of the venue .which could have a negative impact on the Shoreditch SPA. The Police made representations that they had few concerns relating to the outside seating area of the premises. The Police together with the Licensing Authority proposed conditions to ensure the basement and the outside area operate responsibly to help allay their concerns.</p> <p>The Licensing Authority contended that although premises are in the Shoreditch SPA they were satisfied with the capacity condition, and given the overall track record of the premises licence holder they have no concerns. The Sub-committee heard that the licence holder worked with both the Licensing Authority, and the Police to overcome their concerns before the hearing.</p> <p>The Sub-committee heard submissions from the premises licence holder and their representative that they wanted to use the basement for family entertainment such as 30 minute magic shows from time to time. They have plenty of staff to monitor customers on the premises. The Sub-committee heard that the premises had operated Temporary Events without incident.</p> <p>The Sub-committee heard submissions from the premises licence holder and their representative that the premises has a tables and chairs licence for the external area that has 2 tables with 8 chairs and they are sectioned off in the external area. The premises licence holder and their representative contended that the turnaround of customers was quick, and the SIA door security will monitor customers and smokers in the outside area. The Sub-committee heard that the ground floor is the entrance to the external area, and the external area is set out in sections</p> <p>The Sub-committee after hearing from the premises licence holder and their representative, the</p>

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		<p>Police and the Licensing Authority the Sub-committee were satisfied that the premises would not add to the cumulative impact in the area, and would not threaten the licensing objectives in the Shoreditch SPA. The sub-committee took into consideration the nature and size of the business.</p> <p>The Sub-committee took into consideration that the premises has a good track record as a well-run family entertainment centre. The Sub-committee also took into account that the premises licence holder is an experienced operator, and the Police and Licensing Authority concerns were overcome.</p> <p>The Sub-committee also took into account the conditions agreed by the premises licence holder with the Responsible Authorities that would help overcome any negative impact in the Shoreditch SPA.</p> <p>Having taken all of the above factors into consideration, the Sub-committee was satisfied that by granting this variation to the premises licence, the licensing objectives would continue to be promoted within the Shoreditch SPA.</p> <p><u>Public Informative</u></p> <p>The premises licence holder is advised to avoid single use plastics.</p>
7	Temporary Event Notices - Standing Item	<p>Both Temporary Event Notices were withdrawn.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>The Cornershop Bar, 123 Shoreditch High Street</u> <p>The objection to temporary event notice was withdrawn.</p>