

## DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE D

THURSDAY 19th August 2021 AT 2PM

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**Councillors Present:** Cllr Brian Bell, Cllr Emma Plouviez  
Cllr James Peters (Chair)

**Officers in Attendance:** Peter Gray - Governance Services Officer  
Amanda Nauth - Licensing and Corporate Lawyer  
Suba Sriramana - Acting Principal Licensing Officer

**Also in Attendance:** Hannah Sweeney, Hackney Venues

### 1. Election of Chair

1.1 Councillor James Peters was duly elected as Chair of the meeting.

### 2. Apologies for Absence

2.1 There were no apologies for absence.

### 3. Declarations of Interest

3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

### 4. Licensing Sub Committee Hearing Procedure

4.1 The hearing procedure as set out in the agenda pack was explained to all participants.

### 5. Minutes of previous meetings

5.1 The following minutes were agreed as a correct record:

- 8 March 2021
- 4 May 2021
- 10 June 2021
- 17 June 2021
- 29 June 2021

**6. Application for a Premises License: The Glasshouse  
Springfield Park, Capital Ring, London, E5 9AX**

5.1 Subangina Sriramana introduced the application for a premise license as follows:

That the London Borough of Hackney had made an application for a premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003:

- To authorise the supply alcohol for consumption on the premises
- To provide deregulated entertainment
- To provide late night refreshment
- The application and supporting documents are attached as Appendix

5.2 Subangina Sriramana told the Sub-Committee that representations had been received from one other person, Councillor Steinberger. However, the other person was not in attendance at the meeting. She clarified that the commencing hours for the supply of alcohol was from 10am, Monday to Sunday.

5.3 Hannah Sweeney, the applicant, made representations to the Sub-Committee in support of the application, highlighting the following:

- Hackney Venues was run by Hackney Council/ Clients could host a range of events at the 3 venues in the Borough. Hackney Venues had a good reputation internally and externally.
- Conditions had been agreed with Public Health and the Police.
- The outside space would not be used for the consumption of alcohol.
- All caterers on site had been approved through a formal accreditation process.
- Health and Safety certificates had been requested.
- Preventative measures were in place for the responsible service of alcohol, using professional bartenders.
- Security will be present for all events where alcohol is consumed with ongoing liaison with Hackney enforcement when necessary.
- All patrons will be escorted from the venue at the conclusion of events with liaison with local taxi companies.
- Positive, ongoing work with the other person, Councillor Steinberger who represented the local people on this matter, ensuring that the correct message was communicated.
- Much communication with the local people using 'frequently asked questions' and a successful open day on 10 August 2021.

5.4 The Chair asked if there had been any recent communication with Councillor Steinberger with regard to the application. Hannah Sweeney confirmed that there had been extensive communication with Councillor Steinberger on the central issues of making Springfield Park lockable and having extensions when ceremonies took place at the venue. She had undertaken to discuss the issue with the Parks Section and made clear that the second point would require a future variation.

5.5 Councillor Plouviez asked if Springfield Park was locked at a certain time. She asked about the impact on the residents who lived nearest to the venue. Hannah Sweeney confirmed that it was not a lockable park. She confirmed that the venue would only be open when hired for an event which included community events and family parties. Hannah Sweeney told the Sub-Committee that the main concern centered on noise emanating from events. She confirmed that the terraced doors would all be closed from 9pm and patrons outside the venue would be required to enter the venue at that time. This process would be managed by security staff. In response to Councillor Peters' question regarding noise insulation at the venue, Hannah Sweeney confirmed that a partition had been built inside the building with a second set of doors in the lobby area.

5.6 Amanda Nauth asked if there had been communication with local residents with measures to resolve any issues. Councillor Peters drew the Sub-Committee's attention to steps that had been taken with the community to resolve matters as outlined in the supporting statement. He asked if any members of the community had made an objection. Hannah Sweeney responded that no formal objections had been made and reiterated that marketing had been carried out in regard to the venue with the local community with positive feedback from residents.

5.7 The Chair referred to the receipt of over 300 letters of representations from residents on the application and noted steps taken to resolve issues. He confirmed that these would be taken into account in reaching any decision. He asked for clarification on condition 22 relating to the use of taxis at the venue and whether these would be proactively offered. Hannah Sweeney confirmed that taxi provision would be proactively pursued and the condition would be amended to reflect the supporting statement.

5.8 Councillor Bell asked for minor amendments to be made to the conditions and it was agreed that the conditions be amended accordingly.

5.9 There were no closing submissions

### **The decision of 19th August 2021**

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:

- The prevention of crime and disorder;
- Public safety;
- Prevention of public nuisance; and
- The protection of children from harm,

the application for 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:

- The hours for the supply of alcohol are:

Supply of Alcohol (on the premises):

Monday to Sunday 10:00 - 23:00 hours  
Friday to Saturday 10:00 - 00:00hours  
Sunday 10:00 - 22:30 hours

- Condition 9 to be amended and read as follows:

“ No members of the public to enter the building except to attend or in connection with organised events and all activities on site will be supervised by the on-site events and security team.The building is not open to the general public”.

- Condition 11 to be amended and read as follows:

“Children shall be accompanied by an adult with most of the events being private weddings or community bookings”.

- Condition 20 to be amended and read as follows:

“ The premises shall have a written dispersal policy that ensures all patrons exiting the venue are encouraged to leave the area. This policy shall be made available to the Licensing Authority and the police on request”.

- Condition 22 to be amended and read as follows:

“ The venue shall have on display and they will proactively provide the contact detail for local minicab/tax services to assist with the dispersal of customers”

### **Reasons for the decision**

The application has been approved, with the above amendments, because the Licensing sub-committee was satisfied that the licensing objectives would not be undermined by granting the licence.

The sub-committee took into consideration that the Metropolitan Police Service had withdrawn their representations and agreed reduced hours and conditions in advance of the hearing with the applicant. It was noted that there were no objections from the other Responsible Authorities.

The sub-committee took into consideration 301 written representations by Other Persons (local residents) who maintained their objections to the application. It was

noted that none of the Other Persons attended the hearing. The sub-committee considered that a number of local residents were concerned about how the park will be affected by the proposed venue that could lead to a loss of the park area used by local residents. While other local residents lived in the flats near to the park, and the premises and were concerned about the impact of noise in the residential area.

The sub-committee heard that the applicant, Hackney Venues, is an experienced and responsible operator of three venues in the borough and that any event they run at the premises will be run to a high standard. The applicant contended that they do not accept events such as 18th and 21st birthday parties, or any type of club promoted style of event. The applicant confirmed that Hackney Venues has been operating for ten years and holds a high valued reputation for events internally and externally.

The sub-committee took into consideration the applicant's submissions and heard that Hackney Venues had carried out community engagement, and they have a catering service that provides to the community. The applicant contends that they have been engaging a great deal with the local community and they sent a letter explaining the proposed use of the premises.

The sub-committee heard that alcohol will only be consumed at private events with catered food. Also the Glass House has had a partition added to help prevent noise from escaping from the building. The applicant contended that they have reduced the operational hours of The Glass House, which differs from the other venues they operate in the borough.

The sub-committee heard that Hackney Venues held a successful community open day on 10 August which was very positive and gave an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions, to see the venue and hear what the applicant proposes to do with the venue. The applicant contended that the main concerns were (a) making Springfield Park a lockable park which needs to be confirmed by a separate team in the Council, and (b) providing a ceremony space needed at the end of the event, which also needed to be dealt with separately.

The sub-committee took into consideration the condition agreed by the applicant that from 21:00 each day the outdoor area and the terrace will be closed, and everyone attending the private events at the premises will go inside. The sub-committee heard that security staff will be monitoring the premises throughout the events

The sub-committee was content that the operation would not undermine the Licensing objectives and the applicant demonstrated that they were an experienced and responsible operator, and their events are well run and well managed by Council staff.

## 7. Temporary Event Notices

7.1 There were no Temporary Event Notices.

**End of Meeting.**

**Duration of Meeting: 2-5pm**

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