

Application for a Premises Licence – The Glasshouse, Springfield Park, Capital Ring, London, E5 9AX – APPROVAL

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The sub-committee took into consideration that the Metropolitan Police Service had withdrawn their representations and agreed reduced hours and conditions in advance of the hearing with the applicant.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.