

## **Application for A Premises Licence – Santo Remedio, Ground Floor, 55 Great Eastern Street, EC2A 3HP – APPROVAL**

### **The decision of 4<sup>th</sup> March 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 no amendment:

### **Reasons for the decision**

The application has been approved as the Licensing sub-committee was satisfied that the licensing objectives would not be undermined in the Shoreditch Special Policy Area (Shoreditch SPA).

The sub-committee took into consideration that the Metropolitan Police agreed reduced hours and conditions in advance of the hearing with the applicant. It was also noted that there were no representations against the application from local residents in the area. The sub-committee took into consideration that there were two representations in support of the application.

The sub-committee took into consideration that it was a small restaurant, with the maximum capacity of 39 patrons (35 patrons inside and 4 patrons outside of the premises), that provided table service for a substantial meal with alcohol by waiter/waitress service together with other restaurant conditions which the applicant agreed to in order to maintain the licensing objectives.

The sub-committee took into consideration the fact that the applicant was an experienced operator of this type of local restaurant at other premises in Hackney in which they both live and work, and in the Shoreditch SPA from 2016 without incident. The applicant demonstrated that they were responsible operators who had an understanding of the nature of the locality in which the premises was located, and the proposed hours would not add to the cumulative impact of the Shoreditch SPA. The sub-committee felt that the premises due to its size and capacity would have less of a negative impact on the Shoreditch SPA.

The sub-committee heard from the applicant's representative who stated in their representations that the applicant had been operating the premises respectfully and mindful of their neighbours and local residents. Local residents had welcomed this restaurant to the area. Patrons tended to book in advance to have their meals, and there were no issues of noise nuisance from the premises.

After hearing from the applicant and from the Responsible Authority (Licensing), the sub-committee was satisfied with the conditions and the core hours that the applicant agreed to would mitigate any negative impact that granting the licence would have on the Shoreditch SPA, and on the potential for patrons to stay in the area for longer. The sub-committee noted that it is not clear to what extent premises licences in the area had been surrendered or transferred, however, it was noted that it was a challenging time in the Shoreditch SPA

Having taken all of the above factors into consideration, the Licensing Sub-Committee was satisfied, when granting the application, that the licensing objectives would not be undermined, particularly in relation to the prevention of public nuisance in the Shoreditch SPA.