

EXPEDITED SUMMARY REVIEW: JUNCTION HOUSE, 578 KINGSLAND ROAD, HACKNEY, E8 4AH – Section 53B consideration of interim steps pending full review

Dated: 5th August 2021

The Reasons for the Decision:

The sub committee in considering this decision from the information presented to them within the report and at the hearing today has determined that having regard to the promotion of the licensing objective concerning ‘the prevention of crime and disorder’ and in particular the prevention of serious crime or disorder, there was no alternative but to;

- to suspend the premises licence with immediate effect, as an interim measure pending full review of the premises licence, given the likelihood of serious crime, and the failures to comply with the conditions of the premises licence.

The sub-committee has been persuaded by the Metropolitan Police Service’s contention that the suspension of the licence is necessary to prevent the real risk of serious crime being attracted to the premises. In addition to the licence holder’s failing to comply with a number of conditions on the premises licence, and not having adequate process and procedures in place to safeguard their customers following the incident.

The sub-committee took into consideration that the licence holder accepted their failings, and agreed that the suspension was necessary so that they can take the appropriate measures to prevent such a serious incident occurring, and to comply with the requirements of their license. In addition the period of suspension will give the licence holder time to review their policies, procedures, and to assist in the police investigation.

The sub-committee has also considered all the options available to them, detailed in paragraph 6 of the report, however, they were not able to satisfy themselves that any other option would adequately address the likelihood of a serious incident occurring and the licence holder’s failures to comply with the licensing objectives.