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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of The Hackney Social, in light of their seeking to increase their venue licence.

My colleague and I were very lucky to work together with The Hackney Social this year, to offer a Creative Arts Psychotherapy group to young people experiencing profound and complex mental health difficulties, and using our mental health service. This was a trailblazing NHS initiative, which The Hackney Social thoughtfully supported, for the benefit of the local community.

Hackney is a vibrant borough where many of our young people cannot access the arts, due to socio economic, personal and political barriers. We approached The Hackney Social with a proposal of the Creative Arts Psychotherapy group to help bring the young people we work with into their local community, as an arts as healing project. The profundity of a local arts space opening its doors and welcoming in these very vulnerable young people cannot be underrated, including the impact this will have on their psychological, social and emotional well-being.

The Hackney Social and all of its staff were incredibly thoughtful and accommodating to us throughout this project. They leapt at the idea to support this ground-breaking NHS initiative. It would be a shame if this venue were no longer able to support such vital and innovative projects, which benefit the local community. I highly recommend that they should be granted the increase in licence to allow them to survive and help support local creative initiatives to thrive.

Best Wishes,



Emma Fisher
Specialist CAMHS Practitioner/ Dance Movement Psychotherapist

To Whom It May Concern,

This note describes my experience working with Pack London at Bohemia Place during my time as Area Regeneration Officer for Hackney Central, from June 2020 to October 2022.

Pack London, which operates a number of venues in Bohemia Place, as well as the well-regarded Bohemia Place Market, have proven over the years to be a committed stakeholder to Bohemia Place and the wider Hackney Central Community.

When Pack London submitted an application to the Mayor's High Streets for all Challenge, this was highly supported by the Area Regeneration team at the London Borough of Hackney. This was because we recognised that in place of an absentee landlord, Pack London had a vision to not only support the regeneration of a challenging location, but also to create new economic opportunities for market traders and SMES.

We were delighted that Pack London was successful in drawing down funding and is now working closely with the GLA and teams at LBH to design the scheme, considering aspects such as safety, access to toilet provision, and inclusivity.

In my time as Area Regeneration Officer, I was responsible for community engagement towards the Hackney Central Plan. During this project, I heard numerous positive testimonies regarding attitudes to Bohemia Place market and other projects run by Pack London, such as the Black-Owned Business Market.

Ben was selected to join the Hackney Central Community Panel in May 2021, given his understanding of local challenges. Over the year that I worked with Ben on the community Panel, Ben demonstrated a genuine commitment to Hackney Central and shaping long term positive change.

Pack London were also successful in two Covid-Recovery grant schemes issued by LBH, the Hackney Central Impact and Ideas Fund and the Town Centre Fund. We were delighted to see these project being executed with great success.

Despite now no longer working for LBH, I continue to be a local resident in Hackney Central, and hope to see Bohemia Place grow from strength to strength.

Best regards,

Jasmine Ceccarelli-Drewry

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Subject: Fwd: Letter of support



Jack Robinson <jack@packlondon.com>
to Gareth Hughes

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From: **Jasmine Low** <Jasmine.Low@london.gov.uk>

Date: Wed, 23 Nov 2022 at 15:06

Subject: Letter of support

To: Jack Robinson <jack@packlondon.com>, bendavidryan <bendavidryan@gmail.com>

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Greater London Authority is pleased to be supporting the Stackyard project at Bohemia Place through our design innovative high street recovery strategies and proposals, as a way of revitalising our high streets and to

The project seeks to extend the hours of the existing market and provide semi-permanent space for 12 local businesses. Furthermore, the project delivers on the extensive community engagement that was undertaken by Hackney to make the area more welcoming for all.

The Hackney Social is critical to the success of this. Being situated at the heart of the street and supporting local businesses. We would strongly support an extension of trading hours.

Best,

Jasmine Low
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From: **Ben Ryan** <bendavidryan@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, 22 Nov 2022 at 12:56
Subject: Fwd: Your Invitation to Join the RSA
To: Jack Robinson <jack@packlondon.com>

i don't know if this is relevant for licensing panel

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From: Fellowship RSA <Fellowship.RSA@rsa.org.uk>
To: "ben@signifier.org" <ben@signifier.org>
Date: 08/04/2019 12:49 BST
Subject: Your Invitation to Join the RSA

Dear Ben,

I am writing to invite you to become a Fellow of the RSA (Royal Society for the encouragement of diversifying the arts, by working with cultural organisations to improve inclusion policies and approaches

I believe that you have an important contribution to make to supporting our work and that you will be a

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From: **Ben Ryan** <bendavidryan@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, 22 Nov 2022 at 18:28
Subject: Fwd: Character Reference - The Hackney Social
To: Jack Robinson <jack@packlondon.com>

For licensing panel

From: JOYCLEN BRODIE-MENDS <support@rise365.co.uk>
Date: 22 November 2022 at 18:02:30 GMT
To: bendavidryan@gmail.com
Cc: JOYCLEN BRODIE-MENDS <info@rise365.co.uk>
Subject: Character Reference - The Hackney Social

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The Hackney Social has been instrumental in providing us the space to enable our young people in various ways. It's been just over a year since the initial conversation with Ben, and we've accessed the space for multiple reasons - most notably doing events/programmes that support the mental wellbeing of young people in and around Hackney.

As our relationship grew, it became evident that The Hackney Social wanted to provide us not only the space, but the platform to draw in the wider community and enabled us to facilitate a 'Lets Chat' event in conjunction with the Hackney Council/NHS to answer questions regarding the COVID-19 jab, as the social unrest around it grew - attended by 100's of people throughout the borough.

As a grassroot organisation, access to space is invaluable, so being able to host events/launch programmes at The Hackney Social has been not only a benefit to us as an organisation, but to those that we serve. We wouldn't have been able to launch programme

Subject: RE: Unit 11 Bohemia Place



Gareth Hughes <Gareth.Hughes@keystonelaw.co.uk>

to Jack Robinson, david.tuitt@hackney.gov.uk

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Dear David

I refer to our clients email below setting out the substantial reasons for seeking this new premises licence and been able to study them closely. Without this licence our clients will cease to have any licence in place followir of 2023.

I also attach below the comment made in my earlier il on the licensing side of things.

Is there a way which we can resolve this without the need to attend a council committee oin a few weeks' time

As you can see, matters are pressing for our client both financially and in terms of the landlord also.

Kind regards

Gareth

"Dear David

Thank you for your email.

In terms of capacity we are seeking the 150 set out in the document attached to the application. The applicatic current licensing conditions figure but 150 is sought as in the risk assessment document which stands part of are seeking 20 outside but will agree 18 if this is felt too much outdoors.

However, we would ask you to note that the noise report from M Vivian is quite clear in terms of his conclusion where he states :

"All noise from activity inside the premises will be contained by the building envelope. Calculations indicate the outside will be substantially below the existing background noise level for the area during the proposed operat therefore below the Lowest Observed Adverse Effect Level (LOAEL) at the nearest noise sensitive properties comfortably in compliance with local and national planning policy and the licensing objective of the prevention

Mr Vivian therefore states that the noise from inside will be contained and for people outside there will no noise existing background levels.

We would also ask you to note that the premises has availed itself of its full allotment of TENs during the past been no incident and issues with noise at the later hours.

Subject: Fwd: Hackney Social Licence Reference



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to Gareth Hughes

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From: **The Hackney Social** <info@thehackneysocial.com>
Date: Wed, 23 Nov 2022 at 11:58
Subject: Fwd: Hackney Social Licence Reference
To: Jack Robinson <jack@packlondon.com>

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From: **Ciara Johnson** <ciara@dice.fm>
Date: Wed, Nov 23, 2022 at 11:47 AM
Subject: Hackney Social Licence Reference
To: The Hackney Social <info@thehackneysocial.com>

Hi Mildred,

Please find my reference below.

We have been working with The Hackney Social for over a year. We love the venue and we hope and support. Unfortunately, their 60 capacity and early closing time are very restrictive. It makes price, which then heavily impacts fans wanting to support burgeoning acts.

Small venues play a big part in an artist's career development, 150 cap is the perfect starting point. With 150 capacity and a later finish event times, The Hackney Social has been showcasing a lot of talent and is able to continue to do so. We need these music venues in order to support the upcoming talents.

We support The Hackney Social in their application and hope they can get approval from Hackney Council.

Best
Ciara

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Ciara Johnson (she/they)
Partner Development Lead, Artist Development
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Subangini Sriramana <subangini.sriramana@hackney.gov.uk>

Fwd: FW: Help The Hackney Social

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Shan Uthayasangar <shan.uthayasangar@hackney.gov.uk>

25 November 2022 at 12:53

To: Subangini Sriramana <subangini.sriramana@hackney.gov.uk>

FYI

Kind Regards,

Shan Uthayasangar
Licensing Officer
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From: **Gareth Hughes** <Gareth.Hughes@keystonelaw.co.uk>

Date: Fri, 25 Nov 2022 at 12:39

Subject: FW: Help The Hackney Social

To: Shan Uthayasangar <shan.uthayasangar@hackney.gov.uk>, Sanaria Hussain@Hackney.gov.uk
<sanaria.hussain@hackney.gov.uk>

Cc: david.tuitt@hackney.gov.uk <david.tuitt@hackney.gov.uk>

Dear Shan

One further supporting email for our case next Tuesday for placing before councillors. This is from Caitlin Clifton who is the Business Grants Programme Manager in Area Regeneration at Hackney LBC.

Kindly acknowledge safe receipt.

Gareth

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From: Jack Robinson <jack@packlondon.com>**Sent:** 22 November 2022 08:55

To: Gareth Hughes <Gareth.Hughes@keystonelaw.co.uk>
Subject: Fwd: Help The Hackney Social

Hackney Social was successfully approved to deliver 2 covid recovery projects in 2022, Hackney Reggae Festival to celebrate Jamaica's independence and Keep on Moving, a live music showcase series for outstanding emerging artists from the traditional Black music genre's soul, hip hop, reggae and funk. To comply with the monitoring and evaluation requirements of these grants and support project delivery, Jack and Ben have worked closely with our team and have become valuable local stakeholders. They have demonstrated an ability to deliver high-quality projects in Bohemia Place via a deep understanding of the local context and a strong ability to bring together and work in the best interests of all traders on the street. The Hackney Reggae Festival and Keep on Moving projects have also demonstrated a high demand for cultural and artistic content that reflects and gives voice to the diversity of our Black heritage communities in Hackney. Jack, Ben, and the team have been vital in providing a platform for these voices in their programming, and the social value that has become evident in the evaluation of these projects would not have been possible without strong links to the business and resident community in Hackney Central. Their success in gaining these grants, alongside a large GLA grant, has also demonstrated an ability to successfully leverage and bring in funding to Bohemia Place in an increasingly challenging trading environment.

Thanks

Caitlin

Caitlin Clifton

Business Grants Programme Manager

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