

THE LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN

At a hearing of **LICENSING PANEL C** held on **TUESDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER, 2023** at 5.30 pm in Remote meeting via Microsoft Teams. This meeting can be watched live at www.camden.gov.uk/webcast

MEMBERS OF THE PANEL PRESENT

Councillors Jonathan Simpson (Chair) and Matthew Kirk

MEMBERS OF THE PANEL ABSENT

Councillors Nina De Ayala Parker

The minutes should be read in conjunction with the agenda for the hearing. They are subject to approval and signature at the next hearing of Licensing Panel C and any corrections approved at that hearing will be recorded in those minutes.

MINUTES

1. GUIDANCE ON REMOTE MEETINGS HELD UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003 AND ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

RESOLVED –

THAT the guidance on remote meetings be agreed.

2. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

3. DECLARATIONS BY MEMBERS OF STATUTORY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS, COMPULSORY REGISTERABLE NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND VOLUNTARY REGISTERABLE NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN MATTERS ON THIS AGENDA

Councillor Kirk disclosed for transparency that he was a criminal barrister by trade, so may have had involvement with the police officers undertaking the ongoing investigation in respect of Agenda Item 7. However, this did not preclude him from taking part in the Hearing.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Broadcast of meeting

The Chair made the following announcement: “In addition to the rights by law that the public and press have to record this meeting, I would like to remind everyone that this meeting is being broadcast live by the Council to the Internet and can be viewed on our website for six months after the meeting. After that time, webcasts are archived and can be made available upon request.

If you have asked to address the meeting, you are deemed to be consenting to having your contributions recorded and broadcast, including video when switched on, and to the use of those sound recordings and images for webcasting and/or training purposes.”

5. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DECIDES TO TAKE AS URGENT

The meeting was notified that an item of urgent business would be considered under agenda item 7.

An application for a summary review had been received from the Metropolitan Police Responsible Authority (“the Police”) on Under Section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003 the Police can submit a summary review of a premises licence if they believe the premises is associated with serious crime or disorder or both. Within 48 hours of the submission, the Licensing Authority must consider whether to take interim steps on the premises licence, pending a full review hearing. Due to these short timescales this item has been put forward as urgent so as to comply with the Licensing Act 2003 and the regulations that accompany it.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT

7. KISS THE SKY: 11-13 CAMDEN HIGH STREET, LONDON, NW1 7JE (EXPEDITED REVIEW)

A request was received from the Metropolitan Police in advance of the meeting that the press and public be excluded from the meeting when this item was considered, as publicity in respect of it could disclose information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

Members agreed to the request and passed the following resolution:

RESOLVED –

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THAT the press and public be excluded from the proceedings of the Licensing Panel on **21 November 2023** during consideration of this item on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, that were members of the public to be present, there would be disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Specifically -

Publicity in respect of item 11 would be likely to lead to the disclosure of information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime by virtue of Category 7 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

Part II

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Director, Supporting Communities regarding an application for a summary review of a premises licence under Section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003.

The Panel heard from the Metropolitan Police, who were the Applicant for the summary review, and from the Licence Holder and their representative.

The Police and counsel to the Licence Holder made some closing remarks.

Deliberation and Reasons

Having heard from both parties, Members were of the view that it was in the public interest and would uphold the licensing objectives to suspend the licence of the premises.

Part I

Members returned to public session and the Chair announced the Panel had agreed to suspend the licence, therefore it was

RESOLVED –

THAT the licence, in respect of Kiss the Sky, 11-13 Camden High Street, London, NW1 7JE, be suspended pending a full review hearing.

The hearing ended at 6.18 pm.

CHAIR

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