

THE LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN

At a hearing of **LICENSING PANEL B** held on **THURSDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER, 2023** at 7.00 pm in a remote meeting via Microsoft Teams.

MEMBERS OF THE PANEL PRESENT

Councillors Gio Spinella (Chair) and Lorna Greenwood

MEMBERS OF THE PANEL ABSENT

Councillors Jenny Headlam-Wells

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 B 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

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Jenny Headlam-Wells.

It was noted that the hearing was still quorate with 2 members.

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

There were none.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS (IF ANY)

Webcasting

The Chair announced that the meeting was being broadcast live to the internet and would be capable of repeated viewing and copies of the recording could be made available to those that requested them. Those participating in the meeting were deemed to be consenting to being filmed.

Supplementary Papers

The Chair also announced that 2 further supplementary agendas had been published,

- Supplementary Agenda 1 – additional information provided by the applicant in support of both applications – 274 pages.
- Supplementary Agenda 2 – further information provided by the applicant – relating to the operating schedule; and 5 additional representations from interested parties omitted from the main agenda – consisting of 28 pages.

Following mediation and conditions agreed with the applicant all three Responsible Authorities (Police, Licensing and Environmental Health) have withdrawn their objections to these licensing applications.

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

There was none.

6. MINUTES

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the previous meeting.

RESOLVED -

THAT the Minutes of the meeting that took place on 19th October 2023 be agreed and signed as an accurate record.

7. CAMDEN CENTRE, 38-50 BIDBOROUGH STREET, LONDON WC1H 9DB

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Director Supporting Communities detailing an application for a new premises licence under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003. Consideration was also given to the information included in the Supplementary Agendas.

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The Licensing Officer informed the panel that the application was for the supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises only and regulated entertainment in accordance with the opening times outlined in the report in paragraph 1.2 on page 60 of the main agenda. The new application sought to increase the capacity and terminal hours for the supply of alcohol Sunday to Tuesday by 1 hour, Wednesday 2 hours, Thursday by 3 hours and Friday and Saturday by 2 hours.

The new application also sought an increase in the terminal hours for late night refreshment and regulated entertainment Sunday to Tuesday by 1 hour, Wednesday 2 hours, Thursday 3 hours, Friday 2 hours and no increase requested for Saturday. An increase in capacity from 900 highlighted in the proposed conditions 2 and 34.

The applicant had submitted a revised operating schedule, contained in Supplementary Agenda 2. Following further negotiations with the Responsible Authorities a final list of 68 conditions had been agreed and circulated to all parties. The Police, Licensing Authority and Environmental Health Responsible Authorities subsequently withdrew their objections to the application. 29 relevant representations objecting to the application had been received. All 4 licensing objectives and the hours policy were engaged by the application, the hours policy was engaged the premises were not located within a Culminative Impact Policy Area (CIA). The application did include the principles in relation to women safety.

The Licensing Officer informed the Panel that the Polygon Fox shown in the location map on page 63 of the main agenda should in fact be showing over the Town Hall rather than the address.

In response to a question of clarification from the chair the Licensing Officer advised that the premises openings hours were 9.00am all days of the week, while the sale of alcohol commenced from 10.00am all days of the week.

The applicant's legal representative Mr James Rankin informed the Panel that although there were 2 applications from the applicant relating to the same premises on the agenda, the new licence and variation applications, the intention was to deal solely with the new application. If it were granted the variation application would be deferred to a new date when in all likelihood it would then be withdrawn. Apart from that there were no amendments to the application.

The Panel heard from 5 Interested Parties: Charles Streeten barrister representing the residents of Queen Alexander Mansions, Fiona Hale, Jon Mcleod, Tom Wakeford and Meta Zimmeck.

They summarised their representations contained in appendix 3 of the main agenda.

The Interested Parties made the following points in their submissions:

- The premises was located within an area which was a mix of residential and commercial, with a high density of residential homes.

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- These were homes of long-term Camden residents, young and old, families and local workers including NHS shift workers.
- The health and wellbeing of residents required a good night's sleep.
- The applicant was proposing a venue for up to 1800 people, open until the early hours of the morning everyday including Sunday which was outside Camden framework hours.
- The current licence was for about half the number proposed for the new licence.
- The application does not promote the licensing objectives of prevention of crime and disorder, the prevention of public nuisance, public safety or the prevention of children from harm.
- No matter how well run the premises was it would not prevent the impact of noise nuisance caused by so many people attending and leaving the venue.
- The way the applicant had engaged with residents was a cause for concern as well as the applicants unevidenced track record of running these types of premises in the UK.
- There was no proper justification for what the applicant was proposing in terms of number of people and events required.
- The interested parties proposed that the capacity of the premises for events should be limited to 900 and opening hours should be limited to Camden's framework hours.
- There were some flats with windows effectively looking onto Bidborough Street and the potential for noise nuisance and the effect this would have on families would effect further health and wellbeing.
- Residents feared anti-social behaviour crime and disorder from those attending the premises for events.
- The Kings Cross area was an area where a lot of people with drug issues congregated 24 hours a day, this venue with the proposed opening hours would worsen the situation.
- The issues with queuing would create a similar situation that occurred at Brixton Academy where fans were crushed and people killed.
- The echoing effect from the chamber amplified on to Tonbridge walk which also served as a source of nuisance to residents.

The interested parties answered questions as follows:

- The previous licence was a very Camden specific license which could not just be carried over, it was not just a question of amending the layout. Although it was outside framework hours the operation of the premises was very carefully controlled.
- Even under the old licence it caused problems for residents. There was a point of contact at the Council during the operation of the venue under the current license. The interested Parties were saying the capacity and operating hours should not be more than they were before.
- There had been some dialogue between the applicant and residents but this had come late in the day.
- The key concerns of residents had not been addressed.

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- There had been limited contact with residents, information had been provided when requested but this had not been sustained.
- The applicants had sent letters to some residents which appeared to be targeted at those residents that had objected to the application.
- Residents had wanted to discuss with the applicant how they would address the issue of Healthy School Streets in the area.
- The capacity of 900 was the number the venue was limited to on the current licence and because the Council had judged that to be an acceptable capacity.

The Applicant's Representative, Mr James Rankin, presented his client's case and called Emillie Edberg from the applicant's company and Ned Crowe (Acoustic Consultant) as witnesses.

The key points Mr Rankin made in his submission were:

- The 3 Responsible Authorities who were relied on for the primary source of evidence regarding the licensing objectives had withdrawn their objection to the application.
- The fact that a schedule of conditions had been agreed was a good thing.
- The company had been in the business of hosting large scale events for 40 years.
- The applicant had run bars at the Dutch Hall, Royal Exchange, Rosemary Ballroom and Grosvenor Place opposite Buckingham Palace. These had involved operating premises hosting large scale events with over 1000 people per event for over 20 years surrounded by residents without incident.
- The applicant was capable of running these premises well.
- It was acknowledged that historically the premises was run badly and under the previous operations the Council hosted as many as 100 club nights per year which caused terrible upset for residents.
- The applicant had the opportunity to think about the application, including redesigning of the building to make it safe.
- The premises had 3 new specially constructed new doors with proposals that people would be able to exit the building via the old green doors on Bidborough Street up till 11pm, after that time people would only be allowed to exit the premises via the green exits on Tunbridge Walk. There was a further exit constructed and widened on Euston Road constructed specifically with deliveries in mind.
- The applicant had discussed with the school and arranged times for deliveries that did not interfere with school times.
- A lot of thought and preparation had been put into the application a large sum of money had been earmarked for top of the range sound equipment, LED displays for kitchens and enormous storage space in the basement which allowed for large storage of goods and cut down on the number of deliveries with an industrial bottle crusher in the basement which eradicated the clanking of bottles when being heaved out into refuse.

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- An acoustic expert had been employed who had provided advice on exactly what was required to make the building acoustically sound.
- The applicant had met with some of the residents of Queen Alexandra Mansions as far back as 2018 to explain who they were, what they wanted to do and listen to any concerns residents might have had.
- The engagement process with residents and Responsible Authorities had continued throughout the application process.
- The extension of hours had been asked for by the applicant in order to be competitive with other venues of similar calibre.
- It did not mean that everybody would be at the premises to 4.00am for 7 nights a week.
- The arrangement reached with the Responsible Authorities was that events taking place beyond 2.00am would be restricted to 24 a year.
- The premises would also provide benefits for the borough, including free of charge on 20 occasions per year event space use for community projects for charities, school and faith groups, community and youth groups.

The applicant answered questions as follows:

- The sound control measures were not yet in place as the applicant had not yet been able to start the work. Planning permission had been granted but there was the need to get the licence before the applicant could progress with the work.
- Provided everything was granted the applicant was confident that the building would be fit for purpose by September 2024 and ready to open its doors.
- Prior to September 2024 no events would take place in the building.
- There were currently no sound control measures present in the building, in addition the doors on Bidborough Street were left open on club nights which generated a lot of noise.
- The new premises licence would have a condition requiring the doors to be closed when events took place and would not be used after 11pm.
- The applicant had drafted a Dispersal Management Policy which was on pages 221, 224 of the main agenda and 274 of Supplementary Agenda 1. This highlighted how the applicant intended to conduct dispersal at the premises at closing time.
- Patrons would be exiting the premises from the 2 doors on Tunbridge Walk and the 3rd exit on Euston Road.
- The taxis would be waiting to pick up patrons south of Judd Street.
- The plan provided safety measures for pedestrian safety along the sidewalks of Euston Road as well as allowing other pedestrians to walk past without too many problems.
- The intention was for Ubers to pick up patrons south of Judd Street and for exit to continue southwest.
- The frequency of lorries driving in and out of the premises would be limited because all the kit and equipment was already on the premises.

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- The premises had two spaces, the main hall and the basement area which was ancillary events space. Up till 11pm the capacity was 1600 and after 11pm capacity was reduced to 1200.
- The applicant did not intend to operate to 4.am every weekend, which was why there was a cap of 24 nights. Some of the events would be privately held and ticketed.
- The primary purpose of the venue was to host mainly banqueting, conferencing, cultural and community events.
- Queuing of patrons would be managed by a queue on Bidborough Street curling into Tunbridge Walk with the use of barriers. Condition 54 dealt with this.
- The last sticking point with the Responsible Authorities was agreeing the number of events to 4am per year. An agreement on 24 was finally agreed.
- The loading bay was on Tonbridge Walk.
- In terms of the impact of people leaving sporadically from the exits, there would be some noise but there was the significant benefit of distance from the exit to the location of residents which it was not expected to be a large build-up of sound.
- With regards to the loading bays and limiting the noise a lot of things would be carried out in the venue and loaded directly into the building which would generate less noise.
- There would not be 1200 people leaving the premises at the same time in the morning.
- As previously indicated dispersal would be managed by staff and signs posted around the venue reminding patrons to leave the premises quietly.
- The ratio would be 1 security staff to about 60 people.
- The barriers to control queuing would be placed along Tonbridge Walk.
- Not everybody would leave the premises at once and the Marshalls would be available to deal with dispersal.
- The bottle crusher would be used in the premises in the basement which would isolate sound within the premises.
- There would be no sound emanating from the bottle crusher.
- Condition 44 applied to noise generated on the premises.
- The point of the condition was to concentrate the mind of the operator so that they knew exactly what they could and could not do with the premises.
- The condition was asked for by the Environmental Health Officer.
- One of the conditions agreed by the applicant was to have quarterly meetings with residents.
- The applicant conducted a complete risk assessment and event management for every event based on capacity, timings and agreed with the Police that these would be shared with them prior to events.

The interested parties and the applicant's representative then made closing remarks.

On conclusion of the closing remarks, members sought privileged legal advice from the Panel's Legal Adviser and so

RESOLVED -

THAT the press and public be excluded from the proceedings of the Licensing Panel on 23rd November 2023 during consideration of the respective item on the agenda 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 outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

Specifically -

Publicity in respect of item 7 would be likely to lead to the disclosure of information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings by virtue of Category 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

The meeting went into closed session at 20.52 and resumed the public meeting at 20.59.

The Legal Adviser told the meeting that Members had sought legal advice concerning the issue raised by an interested party about a potential conflict of interest for the Council.

The Panel had been advised that while the Council did have a commercial interest in the premises, Councils frequently had to deal with different issues, wearing different hats as there were different functions being carried out. The decision-making powers of the Panel this evening related to licensing. The Panel was considering only licensing matters and therefore did not have any conflict because they were limited in their decision-making process to those licensing considerations only.

Panel Decision and Reasons

Panel Members confirmed that they had been able to follow and understand the submissions and discussion in relation to this application.

In deliberation, the Panel considered the comments from the interested parties and the information provided by the applicant and the applicant's representative.

The Panel noted the genuine concerns and fears about the application raised by the interested parties, noting however that a lot of what had been heard appeared to be based on past experiences with the previous management of the Camden Centre.

The Panel felt that it was important to acknowledge that all the Responsible Authorities had withdrawn their objections. Noting also that a lot of the questions raised by the interested parties were valid questions, and in all fairness having heard

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from the applicant's representative felt that the applicant appeared to have taken on board those concerns in their plans at the premises.

The Panel expressed the view that what had been noticeable from the questions asked of the applicant was the fact that there were currently no noise control measures on the premises which had led directly to the profound discomfort and anger of residents. At the same time consideration was given to the fact that the venue would not be opened until noise control measures were put in place.

The Panel felt that not allowing entry to the venue after 11pm showed consideration from the applicant to the licensing objectives of preventing crime and disorder and public nuisance.

The Panel noted that there were genuine concerns on the part of the interested parties with dispersal from the venue, taxi and pick up points, encouraging patrons to walk back around Tonbridge Walk and also patrons exiting the premises onto Euston Road. The Panel were of the view that additional conditions would be required to address this in addition to the importance of having an emergency contact number visible and available to residents at all times.

Overall, Panel Members were minded to grant the application, with all the conditions proposed and agreed by the Responsible Authorities and the following additional conditions imposed by the Panel.

- The SIA officials were required to direct patrons to the uber designated point with this information clearly available at the venue and on the venue's website.
- Making emergency contact details for the premises available for residents with somebody available at all times while the premises was open to respond to complaints.
- Noise measurements emanating from the venue made available to residents on request; and
- The existing licence shall be surrendered when the new licence takes effect.

With the addition of the proposed conditions, the Panel were satisfied that the application would uphold the licensing objectives, therefore, it was

RESOLVED –

THAT the application be granted for:

Sale of Alcohol (on sales only)

Sunday to Tuesday 10:00 to 01:00

Wednesday 10:00 to 02:00

Thursday 10:00 to 03:00

Friday and Saturday 10:00 to 04:00

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Plays
Films
Indoor Sporting Events
Live Music
Music
Performances of Dance
Anything similar to live music, recorded music or performances of dance.

Regulated Entertainment

Sunday to Tuesday 10:00 to 01:00
Wednesday 10:00 to 02:00
Thursday 10:00 to 03:00
Friday and Saturday 10:00 to 04:00

Late Night Refreshment

Sunday to Tuesday 23:00 to 01:00
Wednesday 23:00 to 02:00
Thursday 23:00 to 03:00
Friday and Saturday 23:00 to 04:00

Opening hours

Sunday to Tuesday 09:00 to 01:30
Wednesday 09:00 to 02:30
Thursday 09:00 to 03:30
Friday and Saturday 09:00 to 04:30

Proposed Operating Schedule

1. The primary purpose of the premises shall be as an event space with the provision of any licensable activities after 23:00 limited to pre booked events and vetted guest list
2. The capacity of the premises after 23:00 will be limited to no more than 1200.
3. Save in the case of emergency there shall be no egress from the premises on to Bidborough street after 23:00
4. The premises shall maintain a live premises management plan (the Management Plan) that shall contain all the documents that are required and necessary to operate a safe premises.

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5. The Management Plan shall be risk assessed led, reviewed and revised as is necessary, and shared with the licensing authority and authorised officers from the responsible authorities on request.
6. This shall include, but not be limited to, the following: -
 - Firefighting equipment inspection certificates
 - Challenge 25 policy
 - Electrical installation inspection certificate
 - Emergency electrical installation inspection certificate
 - Fire rated doors
 - First Aid Arrangements
 - Proscribed drug policy
 - Crowd, capacity and queue control policy and procedure
 - Dispersal Policy
 - Evacuation policy
 - Emergency Evacuation policy and procedure
 - Crises communication plan with neighbouring premises
 - Counter terrorism plan
 - Facilities for disabled visitors to the premises
 - Arrangements for vulnerable people and underage visitors
 - Noise Management
 - Children and Vulnerable Persons
 - Smoking area management
 - Resident and business communication plan
 - Children policy
7. An Event Management Plan (EMP) will be prepared for each high-risk event and shall be served upon the Police and Environmental Health a minimum of 14 working days ahead of an event for information.
8. The premises licence holder shall comply with the Management Plan and EMP.
9. The premises licence holder shall at the request of the local residents or businesses host, a Community Meeting, at least every quarter.
10. Save in exceptional circumstances, at least one member of the management team on duty whilst the premises remain open for the sale of alcohol is to hold a personal license under the Licensing Act 2003.
11. An incident log shall be kept at the premises and made available on request to an authorised officer of the Camden Council or the Police. It must be completed within 24 hours of the incident and will record the following:
 - a) all crimes reported to the venue
 - b) all ejections of patrons

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- c) any complaints received concerning crime and disorder and public nuisance
- d) any incidents of disorder
- e) all seizures of drugs or offensive weapons
- f) any faults in the CCTV system, searching equipment or scanning equipment
- g) any refusal of the sale of alcohol including date, time and name of staff member
- h) any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service.

12. A record shall be kept detailing all refused sales of alcohol. The record should include the date and time of the refused sale and the name of the member of staff who refused the sale. The record shall be available for inspection at the premises by the police or an authorised officer of Camden Council at all times whilst the premises is open.

13. The Premises shall install and maintain a comprehensive CCTV system as per the minimum requirements of the Police Licensing Team. All entry and exit points will be covered enabling frontal identification of every person entering in any light condition. The CCTV system shall continually record whilst the premises is open for licensable activities and during all times when attendees remain on the premises and will include the external area immediately outside the premises entrance. All recordings shall be stored for a minimum period of 31 days with date and time stamping. Viewing of recordings shall be made available immediately upon the request of authorised Responsible Authority Officers throughout the entire 31-day period.

14. A staff member from the premises who is conversant with the operation of the CCTV system shall be on the premises at all times when the premises are open for Licensable Activities. This staff member must be able to provide authorised Responsible Authority Officers with copies of recent CCTV images or data with the absolute minimum of delay when requested.

15. Subject to Data Protection guidance and legislation, the management of the premises will ensure that key staff are fully trained in the operation of the CCTV and will be able to download selected footage onto a disk/USB Stick for the Police or authorised officers of the Local Authority or UK Border Agency without difficulty, delay or charge.

16. Any CCTV breakdown or system failure will be notified to the Police and Local Authority immediately & remedied as soon as practicable. Repair records / invoices shall be kept on site for at least 12 months and be readily available to be viewed by all authorised persons upon request.

17. If a serious assault is committed on the Premises (or appears to have been committed) the management will immediately ensure that:

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- (a) The police (and, where appropriate, the London Ambulance Service) are called without delay;
- (b) All measures that are reasonably practicable are taken to apprehend any suspects where possible pending the arrival of the police;
- (c) The crime scene is preserved to enable a full forensic investigation to be carried out by the police; and
- (d) Such other measures are taken (as appropriate) to fully protect the safety of all persons present on the premises.

18. The premises shall risk assess the requirement for SIA licensed door supervisors (subject to a minimum of 3 from 2000 when licensable activities are taking place on the premises) and shall provide the appropriate number of SIA licensed door supervisors should they be required by the risk assessment who will be on duty at the premises from 1 hour before the start of any event, subject to any agreement with the police, and no less than 30 minutes after the premises closes.

19. Should a SIA licensed door supervisor/supervisors be required following a risk assessment a minimum of one SIA licensed door supervisor shall wear a body worn camera Management of the venue to ensure these cameras are working before deployment. In the event of an incident, the footage must be made available to Police or Local Authority upon request. The licence holder shall ensure that a suitable, expeditious playback/downloading system is in place to enable the Police to obtain any evidential footage. In the event of an incident, body worn camera footage will be stored for a minimum of 31 days and must be made available to Police upon request.

20. Where door supervisors are employed, a door supervisors register shall be updated on occasions when door supervisors are employed. The Register is to be made available for Inspection by the Police and/or Licensing Authority. Details to show:

- Full Name.
- Date of Birth.
- SIA Registration Number.
- Date and Hours Worked; and
- Contact telephone number and email address.
- A coloured photocopy of each door supervisors' SIA badge shall be taken by the DPS and retained at the premises

21. Door supervisors will wear high visibility jackets or vests or high visibility arm bands whilst working at entry/exit points and around the exterior of the building.

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22. No person shall be allowed to leave the premises whilst in the possession of any drinking vessel or open glass bottle, whether empty or containing any beverage.
23. Any person entering the premises with alcoholic liquid bottles/containers will have these retained by the premises management in a secure location up until the time that the person leaves the premises.
24. There shall be no off-sales of alcohol, with the exception of alcohol sold during an event held at the premises, which is packaged to take home, and which is not intended for immediate consumption off the premises.
25. The premises shall operate a zero-tolerance policy to the supply and use of drugs.
26. A drug and psychoactive substance policy, to be agreed with the Police Licensing Team, shall be in place detailing, but not limited to the following information:
 - (a) Seizures to be logged on a register
 - (b) Disposal methods of any seized goods and type of secure deposit box.
 - (c) Access restricted to management only at all times. Names to be registered.
 - (d) Notification to Police for emergency on 999 or non-emergency on 101
 - (e) Welfare, e.g., intoxication
27. Staff to undertake routine patrols of the W/C facilities which shall be logged with date, time and name of person.
28. Any third party promoted events operated solely by the 3rd party involving licensable activities must be notified a minimum of 14 days prior to the Licensing Authority, Public Protection and Police Licensing Team for approval.
29. The venue shall not engage the services of street promoters to encourage clientele to attend the venue.
30. The licensee shall ensure that staff are trained as appropriate, in respect of relevant licensing law, crime scene best practice and upon the sale of alcohol to drunks and persons underage.
31. This training is to be clearly documented and signed and any training for future staff must also be organised at the appropriate time.
32. Refresher training shall be carried out every 6 months. Details of training are to be made available for inspection by Police or other Responsible Authorities, upon request.

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33. The licensee /DPS will ensure that all staff that are customer facing/engaging at the venue are trained, as appropriate, in respect of Welfare and Vulnerability Engagement (through safer sounds.org.uk) and that all new staff sit through this presentation. Refresher training to be conducted every six months. A record will be kept of when the training took place and will be made available for inspection by Police or other responsible authority, upon request.

34. The maximum number of persons accommodated at the premises shall not exceed the following number of people (excluding staff)

- Ground and first floor - 1,100
- Basement - 500

35. The means of escape provided for the premises shall be maintained unobstructed, free of trip hazards, be immediately available and clearly identified in accordance with the plans provided. All exit routes and public areas shall be kept unobstructed, shall have non-slippery and even surfaces, shall be free of trip hazards and shall be clearly signed.

36. All self-closing doors shall be effectively maintained and not held open other than by an approved device

37. The edges of the treads of steps and stairways shall be maintained so as to be conspicuous.

38. Curtains, decorations and hangings shall be arranged so as not to obstruct emergency safety signs or emergency equipment.

39. All fabrics, curtains, drapes, and similar features including materials used in finishing and furnishing shall be either non-combustible or be durably or inherently flame-retarded fabric. Any fabrics used in escape routes (other than foyers), entertainment areas or function rooms, shall be non-combustible.

40. Prior to the commencement of the events space use (excluding occupation and fit out), the licensee shall appoint a noise consultant registered with the Institute of Acoustics or Association of Noise Consultants to prepare a scheme of sound insulation and noise control measures, which will include the installation of a noise management device, to prevent persons in the neighbourhood from being unreasonably disturbed by noise of music from the premises. The scheme shall be submitted for approval by the Council, and the approved scheme fully implemented to the satisfaction of the Council and the licensee notified in writing accordingly, prior to the premises being used for increased regulated entertainment. The report must satisfy the local authority of the sound management device, internal noise level settings and that the premises structure is suitable for entertainment proposed to prevent noise breakout giving rise to public nuisance. The report shall include post completion test of all acoustic works during the quieter proposed

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operating hours for licensed activity to confirm compliance. Additional steps to mitigate noise shall be taken, as necessary.

41. A sound management device shall be installed and used where music is provided, set and sealed at a level by the sound consultant in compliance with the approved scheme. The sound management device or approved level shall not be altered without prior agreement of the Council.

42. The measures shall ensure that the internal noise level emitted from entertainment will be limited to 92dB LAeq (15mins) and 95dB Leq, 15min, 63Hz -125Hz save as otherwise may be agreed with the Camden Local Authority Licensing and Environmental Health Service.

43. A noise management policy must be prepared and implemented at the premises. The noise management policy to be agreed with Camden Council should be periodically reviewed and updated. A copy will always be available to officers on request.

44. No noise generated on the premises, or by its associated plant or equipment, shall emanate from the premises nor vibration be transmitted through the structure of the premises which gives rise to a public nuisance. All loudspeakers shall be sited and isolated from the structure to prevent noise and vibration public nuisance.

45. When regulated entertainment is being provided from 11 pm when the venue is trading external sound checks shall be carried out every 30 minutes and logged.

46. The premises shall operate a dispersal policy and noise management policy and all staff shall be trained in its implementation.

47. Staff and or SIA door supervisors shall be proactive and encourage polite dispersal of attendees. and after 23.00 effective marshalling and dispersal towards Euston Road direction.

48. With the exception of show turnaround periods (get-out and get-in), deliveries to the premises shall not take place between 22:00 and 08:00.

49. Licence holder shall ensure those hiring the premises will be aware of the licensing conditions, have direct control of any hire with staff on site, ensure that the in-house team are responsible for the operation of the sound systems and controls that will be used during the hire period.

50. All windows and external doors shall be kept closed, or at any time when regulated entertainment takes place, except for the immediate access and egress of persons.

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51. Save as otherwise may be agreed with the Licensing Authority, the smoking area shall to at the north-eastern corner of premise.
52. The management shall have in place a contract for a collection of their waste/refuse and ensure that receptacles for waste within the premises are emptied regularly to minimise nuisance from smells and vermin.
53. Where the premises is in use after 2000 and the sale of alcohol is taking place, the smoking area shall be supervised by an SIA registered door supervisor who will monitor the capacity and restrict access when necessary, and to ensure that customers do not bring drinks into the smoking area.so as to ensure that there is no public nuisance or obstruction to the public highway.
54. The licence holder shall ensure that any queue to enter the premises which forms outside the premises is orderly and supervised by door staff so as to ensure that there is no public nuisance or obstruction to the public highway. 54. Save as otherwise may be agreed with the Licensing Authority, any queue outside the Bidborough Street entrance shall be on the north side of Bidborough Street, extend eastwards and down Tonbridge Walk.
55. Notices shall be prominently displayed at all exits requesting patrons to respect the needs of local residents and businesses and leave the area quietly.
56. The management shall have in place a contract for a collection of their waste/refuse and ensure that receptacles for waste within the premises are emptied regularly to minimise nuisance from smells and vermin.
57. Attendees permitted to temporarily leave and then re-enter the Premises, e.g., to smoke or make a phone call, shall not be permitted to take glass containers out with them. Protection of children from harm.
58. A Challenge 25 proof of age scheme shall be operated at the premises where the only acceptable forms of identification are recognised photographic identification cards, such as a driving licence, passport or proof of age card with the PASS Hologram.
59. Signage advertising the aforementioned proof of age scheme shall be prominently displayed throughout the premises with a particular emphasis on the alcohol display area and service area.
60. When children under the age of 18 are in the premises they will be under adult supervision.
61. A direct dial telephone number shall be provided to residents that shall be manned during operating hours of the venue. Details of any calls received shall be logged and a note subsequently made of the action taken. Details to be made available upon request to responsible authorities.

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62. The premises will not hold club nights (being defined as a "Regular or frequent DJ or dance led events, externally promoted and advertised to the public at large where the primary or only purpose is music and dancing").

63. Unless pre-agreed with Camden Police Licensing (which will include the premises licence holder providing to the police with an event management plan) the premises shall not show any live football.

64. Save without the prior agreement of the police, the number for events where the provision of licensable activities ends after 0200 shall be limited to no more than 24 in any calendar year.

65. From 20:00 attendees permitted to temporarily leave and then re-enter the Premises, e.g., to smoke or make a phone call within the designated smoking area, shall be limited to a maximum of 40 persons at any one time.

Police Additional conditions on 22.11.23

Toilet checks be carried out every 2 hours when the premises are open to the public for the provision of licensable activities.

The police will be called to all incidents of violence and disorder.

Environmental Health Officer Additional condition on 23.11.23

Any entertainment noise associated with the premises shall comply with a noise rating NR25 when measured within any nearby residence.

Panel Conditions agreed on the night.

- The SIA officials were required to direct patrons to the uber designated point with this information clearly available at the venue and on the venue's website.
- Making emergency contact details for the premises available for residents with somebody available at all times while the premises was open to respond to complaints.
- Noise measurements emanating from the venue made available to residents on request; and
- The existing licence shall be surrendered when the new licence takes effect.

8. CAMDEN CENTRE, 38-50 BIDBOROUGH STREET, LONDON WC1H 9DB

This application was deferred.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DECIDES TO TAKE AS URGENT

There was none.

The hearing ended at 9.27 pm.

CHAIR

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MINUTES END