

# **Licensing Sub-Committee**

### **Agenda**

Tuesday 21 January 2025 at 6.30 pm

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21 January 2025

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Councillors are not obliged to withdraw from the meeting where a dispensation to that effect has been obtained from the Standards Committee.

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#### 1. REVIEW APPLICATION

On the 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024, an application for a review of a premises licence under Section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003 was served by Police Constable ("PC") Nicole Sondh, on behalf of the Metropolitan Police, Hammersmith and Fulham Police Station, 226 Shepherds Bush Road, Hammersmith, W6 7NX. The review application is in respect of the premises known as the 97-98 Sports Cafe, 39A Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush, London, W12 8QP.

The application for a review of the premises licence was made on the grounds of the prevention of crime and disorder, following two incidents of note which relate to drug offences occurring inside of the premises.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024, Police Officers from the Safer Neighbourhood Team, discovered several males at the premises in possession KHAT, a class C controlled substance. It is illegal under section 5 of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 to be in possession of this substance.

On the 05<sup>th</sup> November 2024, Police Licensing were made aware of a further incident whereby Safer Neighbourhood Police Officers had issued nine community resolutions to individuals inside the premises for possession of the class C drug KHAT.

The premises is now subject to a closure order following the incident on the 05<sup>th</sup> November 2024 and will not be open to the public until the 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025. A copy of the closure order can be seen on pages **23-24** of this report.

PC Sondh on behalf of the Metropolitan Police explains that both incidents show a disregard to the law, a breach of condition 21 of the premises licence conditions, and the premises licence holder's inability to uphold the licensing objectives, especially the prevention of crime and disorder.

PC Sondh therefore requests that the licensing sub-committee consider a revocation of the licence.

A copy of the review application and supporting documentation can be seen on pages **11-22** of this report.

#### 2. CURRENT LICENCE

The premises currently operate a premises licence which permits the following licensable activities:

Sale of Alcohol On a	<u>and Off the Premises</u>
Monday	14:00 - 22:30
Tuesday	14:00 - 22:30
Wednesday	14:00 - 22:30
Thursday	14:00 - 22:30
Friday	14:00 - 23:00
Saturday	14:00 - 23:00
Sunday	14:00 - 22:00

#### Hours Premises Open to the Public

Monday	12:00 - 23:00
Tuesday	12:00 - 23:00
Wednesday	12:00 - 23:00
Thursday	12:00 - 23:00
Friday	12:00 - 23:00
Saturday	12:00 - 23:00
Sunday	12:00 - 22:00

A copy of the current premises licence and plans can be seen on pages **25-36** of this report.

#### 3. BACKGROUND

Licensing records show that the initial premises licence was granted in respect of the premises on the 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021 to Mr Samuel Tseguy. Mr Tseguy remains the current premises licence holder and Designated Premises Supervisor ("DPS") in respect of the premises licence. A copy of the current premises licence and plans can be seen on pages **25-36** of this report.

The premises is located on Goldhawk Road at the junction with Woodger Road. The main access to the premises is located at the side of the premises on Woodger Road. There is a mixture of both residential and commercial premises within the area. A map showing the location of the premises and neighbouring licensed premises can be seen on page **37** of this report.

There are several options for transport away from the area including buses and taxis which run from in and around the Goldhawk Road area. Goldhawk Road tube station is a 3-minute walk away from the premises, Shepherds Bush Market tube station is a 5-minute walk away and Shepherds Bush overground, and tube station is an 8-minute walk away from the premises.

#### 4. CONSULTATION

A public notice was displayed by the Council at and near the premises. A further public notice was displayed by the Council at Hammersmith Town Hall. Details of the application were also published on the Council's web site.

A notice of review was served on the premises licence holder and all the statutory responsible authorities as required by regulation.

#### 4.1 Relevant Representations

The licensing section received one representation from the Licensing Authority supporting the review application. A copy of this representation can be seen on page **38** of this report.

The licensing section received three representations from local residents supporting the review application. A copy of these representations can be seen on pages **39-46** of this report.

#### 5. OTHER INFORMATION

#### **5.1 Enforcement History**

On the 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022, the Licensing Enforcement Team issued a verbal warning for a breach of condition 7 attached to the premises licence.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022, the Licensing Enforcement Officer conducted a full licensing inspection of the premises. An inspection sheet was left as a warning letter for breaches of conditions 4, 8, 10, 12 15, 19, 22, 23 and 27 attached to the premises licence.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023, a full licensing inspection was conducted by the Licensing Enforcement Officer alongside three Police Officers, two Law Enforcement Team Officers and a Community Safety Officer. An inspection sheet was left as warning letter for breaches of conditions 9, 15 and 18 attached to the premises licence.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023, a warning letter was sent to the premises, following several licensing contraventions observed. Contraventions included:

- the unauthorised sale of alcohol observed via CCTV footage obtained dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2023.
- Customers on the premises after the opening hours specified on the premises licence, observed via CCTV footage obtained dated 07<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2023.
- Breach of condition 7 attached to the premises licence was observed on the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023. On the 26 July 2023, the Licensing enforcement officer emailed Mr Tseguy requesting the following CCTV footage, covering all areas (indoors and outdoors) of the of the premises be downloaded, saved and made available to the Licensing Authority:
  - o Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023 23:00 to 23:59
  - o Friday 14th July 2023 23:00 to 23:59
  - o Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2023 23:30 to 00:30
- On the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023, the Licensing enforcement officer reviewed the footage provided and noted that that not all times requested above had been made available, ascertaining a breach of condition 7 attached to the current premises licence.

On the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023 a licence inspection was carried out. An inspection sheet was left as warning letter after observing 10 to 15 customers on the premises after 23:00 contrary to the opening hours specified on the premises licence.

#### 5.2 Temporary Event Notice ("TENs")

There have been no TENs submitted in respect of this premises within the past twelve months.

#### 6. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 It is the Council's duty under the Licensing Act 2003 to determine the review with a view to promoting the four licensing objectives: Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Public Safety, Prevention of Public Nuisance and the Protection of Children from Harm.
- 6.2 In reaching a decision the Council must have regard to the Council's adopted Statement of Licensing Policy ("SLP") and the guidance issued by the Secretary of State under section 182 Licensing Act 2003.
- 6.3 The revised guidance issued by the Secretary of State under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 ("the Guidance") contains advice in paragraphs 11.16 to 11.28 in relation to the review of a premises licence. Paragraphs 11.16 to 11.28 of the revised guidance can be seen on pages **47-51** of this report.
- 6.4 The Council's own SLP gives guidance concerning the review of a premises licence.
- 6.5 Policy 10 pages 28 and 29 of the SLP in relation to reviews states that the Act describes two "groups" that may make representations to applications and may apply for an existing premises licence or club premises certificate to be reviewed by the Licensing Authority. These groups are Responsible Authorities and "Other Persons".

At any stage, following the grant of a premises licence, a Responsible Authority, such as the police or the fire authority, or other persons, may apply for a licence to be reviewed because of a matter arising at the premises in connection with any of the four Licensing Objectives.

A licence may be reviewed where it is alleged that the Licensing Objectives are not being promoted and there is evidence to show this. Guidance on grounds for a review are outlined in Annex 5 of the SLP.

At a hearing held to determine an application for a review of a licence the subcommittee may:

- (a) Take no further action.
- (b) Modify the conditions of the licence.
- (c) Exclude a licensable activity from the scope of the licence.
- (d) Remove the Designated Premises Supervisor.
- (e) Suspend the licence for a period not exceeding three months.
- (f) Revoke the licence.
- 6.6 Policy 11 pages 29 and 30 of the SLP states that in in relation to the consideration of residents, the Licensing Authority expects that any licence applicant will give due consideration to the needs of Hammersmith & Fulham residents and any negative impacts from licensable activities and business operations.

Any review of a licence would need to be evidence based and as such is best supported by evidence from responsible authorities such as the Police or Environmental Health to be successful.

- 6.7 Policy 16 pages 33 and 34 of the SLP in relation to the safety of women and girls in licensed settings states that the Licensing Authority expects licence applications to specifically include measures to ensure the safety of women and girls in licensed premises. The Licensing Authority will use its powers to regulate the night-time economy, both with specific regard to spiking incidents and more generally in relation to violence against women and girls. This may include:
  - a) Using the Licensing Authority's powers to impose conditions or revoke premises licenses, where venues do not take sufficient measures to protect and provide support to customers in spiking incidents;
  - b) Considering the prevalence, prevention and reporting of sexual harassment and misconduct and gender-based violence in licensed premises.
  - c) Requiring the presence of suitably trained and accredited door staff,
  - d) Require presence of CCTV, or to introduce entry searches for example.

Licence applicants and existing licence holders are encouraged to include in their operating schedules clear polices relating to potential abuse or violence against women and girls.

This would include but is not limited to the 'Ask for Angela' programme, Welfare and Vulnerability Engagement' training package (WAVE) for staff to identify and assist women and girls being at risk or being subjected to violence, and the implementation of clear policies in the premises on preventing and addressing violence against women and girls. The Licensing Authority would also encourage off licensed premises to take part in the Ask for Angela scheme in an effort to increase the visible promotion of the scheme in all licensed premises across the borough.

Implementing these measures, particularly for on-licence premises, providing training for staff to increase awareness and provide skills and tools for identifying and assisting when it is at risk of happening or is happening, and having clear policies against violence against women and girls provide a solid basis for addressing the issue when it occurs in licensed premises. Furthermore, having policies on staff reporting incidents to Police and Council officers will help to ensure that these incidents are addressed.

As part of the Government's and the Council's Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy, venues may also wish to consider boosting their security measures e.g. the recruitment and training of additional door security staff, particularly female staff.

The Council are proud supporters of the Women's Night Safety Charter, and we would like to encourage all our licensed premises to consider how you and your business can contribute to making your workplace and H&F a borough where all women feel confident and welcome whenever and wherever they happen to be. The Women's Night Safety Charter is a voluntary pledge to show you take women's safety seriously. By signing the Charter, you show your acknowledgement of the issue and that you're ready to get proactive in improving women's safety.

- 6.8 Annex 4 page 52 of the SLP in relation to the grounds for considering a review states that the Licensing Authority will regard applications for the review of any premises licence particularly seriously where they involve evidence of:
  - a) Use of licensed premises for the sale and distribution of drugs and the laundering of drugs money;
  - b) Use of licensed premises for the sale and distribution of illegal firearms and the laundering of illegal firearms money;
  - c) Evasion of copyright in respect of pirated or unlicensed films and music;
  - d) Underage sales and consumption of alcohol;
  - e) Use of a licensed premises contrary to any emergency legislation requesting its closure:
  - f) Use of licensed premises for prostitution or the sale of unlawful pornography;
  - g) Serious risks to children;
  - h) Use of licensed premises for unlawful gaming and gambling;
  - i) Use of licensed premises as a base for organised criminal activity;
  - j) Use of licensed premises for the organisation of racist, homophobic, sexual abuse, attacks or any discriminatory behaviour;
  - k) Use of licensed premises for storing or selling illegal alcohol or tobacco or smuggled goods;
  - I) The use of licensed premises for the sale of stolen goods;
  - m)Incidents of disorder;
  - n) Instances of public nuisance where warnings have been disregarded;
  - o) Serious risks to public safety which the management is unable or unwilling to correct;
  - p) Frequently operating outside permitted hours.
  - q) There may be legal implications if activity of child sexual exploitation (CSE) is taking place on licensed premises and there has been a failure to demonstrate due diligence or that adequate safeguards are in place this may lead to prosecution or any of the licensing sanctions detailed in the paragraph below.

#### 7. THE REVIEW HEARING

In determining this application, the Committee must have regard to the representations and take such of the following steps as it considers necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives. The steps are:

- (a) Take no further action.
- (b) Modify the conditions of the licence.
- (c) Exclude a licensable activity from the scope of the licence.
- (d) Remove the Designated Premises Supervisor.
- (e) Suspend the licence for a period not exceeding three months.
- (f) Revoke the licence.

Where the Committee takes a step mentioned in (b) or (c) above, it may provide that the modification or exclusion is to have effect for only such period (not exceeding three months) as it may specify.

In making its decision, the Committee must act with a view to promoting the licensing objectives:

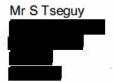
- the prevention of crime and disorder
- the prevention of public nuisance

- public safety
- protection of children from harm

It must also have regard to its own SLP and the Guidance.

If the Committee is minded to amend the licence, conditions may be attached to the licence to alleviate the concerns raised through representations; nevertheless, this is a matter for the Committee to determine in light of the above matters, and any others it considers material.





Hammersmith and Fulham Police Licensing Hammersmith Police Station 226 Shepherds Bush Road Hammersmith London W6 7NX

Email: AWMailbox-LicensingFH@met.pnn.police.uk www.met.police.uk

Tuesday 26th November 2024

Dear Mr Tseguy,

NOTICE of Application to review Premises Licence - 2021/00198/LAPR - 97-98 Sports Café, 39 Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush, W12 8QQ

Please find enclosed application and supporting documents to review the above listed premises licence to which you are listed as the Premises Licence Holder and Designated Premises Supervisor. An application has been submitted under section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003.

A copy of the documents have also been sent to the Licensing Department at Hammersmith and Fulham Council, who will be in contact with you in due course.

Yours Sincerely

PC Nicole SONDH 2438W

Hammersmith and Fulham Police Licensing



#### **TOTAL POLICING**

# Application for the Review of a Premises Licence or Club Premises Certificate under the Licensing Act 2003

#### PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

- Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form.
- If you are completing this form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that
  your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary.
- You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

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apply for the review of a premises licence under Section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003	
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Signature of applicant or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent (see guidance note 5). If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.						
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#### Notes for Guidance

- A responsible authority includes the local police, fire and rescue authority and other statutory bodies which
  exercise specific functions in the local area.
- 2. The ground(s) for review must be based on one of the licensing objectives.
- 3. Please list any additional information or details, for example dates of problems which are included in the grounds for review if available.
- 4. The application form must be signed.
- 5. An applicant's agent (for example, solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
- 6. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.

Retention Period: 7 years MP 321/12





# Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B URN Statement of: PC Nicole SONDH 2438AW Age if under 18: over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Police Officer This statement (consisting of 3 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true. Witness Signature: Date: 22/11/24

I am the above named person and currently work for the Metropolitan Police Service as a Police Constable as part of the Police Licensing Team covering the borough of Hammersmith and Fulham. My role includes consulting on premises licence applications including application for new premises licences, temporary event notices, minor and full variations and any other applications that are linked to a premises licence. We will also monitor any crimes reported to have occurred within or as a result of licensable activity provided by a premises to identify any failings that may require further action from the premises or from police as a responsible authority. Our role is to work closely and effectively with the premises and partnership agencies to ensure that the licensing objectives are promoted particular in the Prevention of Crime and Disorder and in the Protection of Children from Harm:

The statement relates to licensed premises named 97-98 Sports Café, 39 Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush, W12 8QP. The premises is located on the busy high street of Goldhawk Road on the immediate junction with Woodgar Road, W12 a residential street. The entrance to the Sports Café is actually located on Woodgar Road on the right hand side as you turn into the road.

The premise is licensed to provide the following licensable activity;

Sale of Alcohol On and Off the Premises Monday 14:00 - 22:30 Tuesday 14:00 - 22:30 Wednesday 14:00 - 22:30 Thursday 14:00 - 22:30 Friday 14:00 - 23:00 Saturday 14:00 - 23:00 Sunday 14:00 - 22:00

Mr Samuel TSEGUY is listed as both the Premises Licence holder and the Designated Premises Supervisor.

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Continuation of Statement of:

The premises has come to Police Licensing notice on several occasions within the last year, two incidents of note and of the greatest concern relate to drug offences occurring inside the premises.

The first incident occurred on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024 when police officers from the safer neighbourhood team attended the premises and discovered several males grinding a green substance. Mr TSEGUY was not present and it appeared that no-one was in charge of the premises at the time. Following an investigation conducted by officers at the scene and upon the arrival of Mr TSEGUY it transpired that the green substance was KHAT. KHAT is a class c controlled drug where its possession is illegal under section 5 of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971. It was apparent to officers on scene that the persons who were in possession of the KHAT including Mr TSEGUY were unware that the possession of this drug was illegal therefore words of advice were provided and the drugs confiscated.

Police Licensing visited Mr TSEGUY at his premises following this incident on 27th March 2024, during our visit we discussed our expectations as a responsible authority and Mr TSEGUY's responsibility in promoting the Licensing Objectives. We discussed the importance of him being present at the premises when open for licensable activity and that if he needed to leave then his authority must be delegated to someone who has received the correct training and has a competent understanding of the premises licence and the licensing objectives. It is important to note at this point that, this was the second time that Police Licensing had, had to reiterate this point to Mr TSEGUY, as on the day immediately prior to the incident on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024 Police Licensing had spoken to Mr TSEGUY about his responsibilities as a licence holder and then importance of having someone responsible and competent in his place should he need to leave the premises.

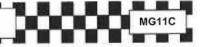
We also discussed the drugs that had been recovered by police on 22<sup>nd</sup> March and reiterated to Mr TSEGUY that KHAT is an illegal substance and its possession is illegal. Persons should not be permitted to be in control/possession of such substances in his licensed premises. Mr TSEGUY appeared to understand what we had discussed and took this on board. On 8th April 2024 an email was sent to Mr TSEGUY summarising our meeting with him and the points discussed, he was asked to reply to the email to confirm that he understood what had been written, to which he replied 'yes, i understand'. A copy of this email trail is attached and exhibited as NKS/01.

On 5th November 2024 Police Licensing were then made aware of a further incident whereby Safer Neighbourhood Police Officers have issued nine (9) community resolutions to individuals inside 97-98 Sports Café for possession of the class C controlled drug, KHAT. Mr TSEGUY was not present and the person who had been left in charge of the premises in his absence was one of the males that had received a community resolution. This incident shows not only a complete disregard for the law with respect to both the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 and The Licensing Act 2003 but also a lack of control and responsibility in the management of the premises.

The possession of KHAT is an offence and therefore a crime to which the premises appear to be facilitating. Mr TSEGUY does not appear to have any control of the running of the premises and is unable to promote the licensing objectives effectively by continually allowing the possessions of drugs on his premises. The crimes recorded also represent a breach of condition 21 in the premises licence which states the following;

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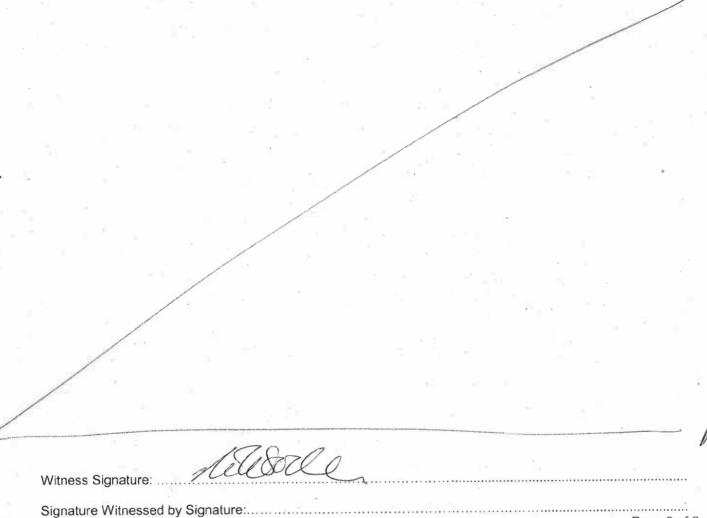
21. The Premises shall operate a zero-tolerance policy to drug use or offensive weapons and posters shall be prominently displayed to this effect.

The premises is now subject to a closure order enforced by the local neighbourhood team following the incident on 5th November 2024. The premises will now remain closed and will not be open to the public until 21st February 2025.

The police have no faith in the ability of the Licence holder to promote the objectives or to delegate this authority to another in his absence. The possession of KHAT is illegal and therefore crime has been committed within the licenced premises on two occasions. As per paragraph 11.28 in the 182 guidance;

'It is envisaged that licensing authorities, the police, the Home Office (Immigration Enforcement) and other law enforcement agencies, which are responsible authorities, will use the review procedures effectively to deter such activities and crime. Where reviews arise and the licensing authority determines that the crime and prevention objective is being undermined through the premises being used to further crimes, it is expected that revocation of the licence - even in the first instance - should be seriously considered'

The Metropolitan Police is seeking revocation of the premises licence.





#### Sondh Nicole K - AW-CU

From: Sports Cafe -

 Sent:
 08 April 2024 18:29

 To:
 Cardwell Kris J - AW-CU

Cc: Sondh Nicole K - AW-CU; Overton Adrian: H&F; Perez-Trillo Cristina: H&F;

Sophia.Barrett@lbhf.gov.uk

**Subject:** Re: Police Concerns with Sports Cafe.

Thanks for reaching out yes I understand.

#### Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

On Monday, April 8, 2024, 6:01 pm. Kristen.Cardwell amet.police.uk wrote:

#### Good Evening Samuel,

Many thanks for meeting with myself and Nicole on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March and apologies about the delay in my follow up email to yourself.

As we discussed at length, the real concern from a licensing perspective is that when Police have recently attended and you have not been present, no person has identified themselves as being in charge of the premises even when asked several times by Police Officers.

If you are not at the premises during hours of licensable activity (the sale of alcohol) then someone MUST be left in charge and make themselves known to the Police or an Officer from the Local Authority if they attend. This person must be trained in the responsible sale of alcohol and know all of the licensing conditions including how to operate the CCTV system as per the premises licence. If a person is not left in charge then a number of conditions will be being breached on your premises licence.

Please remember that it is your licence and any further incidents where no one is in charge of the premises when it is open for licensable activity may well jeopardise the premises licence.

I suggest that if you leave the premises as detailed above then the person you leave in charge signs a register taking ownership of the premises.

Also, during the visit to the Sports Café by the Police Safer Neighbourhood Team on Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March, a quantity of Khat was found on the premises. Customers who had the Khat in their possession and indeed yourself admitted that the substance was khat and therefore it is believed by the Police that you were not aware that Khat is now an illegal category C drug in the UK.

It is a criminal offence to possess or supply Khat so please ensure that no Khat is on the premises as again this will jeopardise your premises licence.

I am aware that you are having issues with some residents and we discussed the possibility of the Safer Neighbourhood Sergeant meeting with yourself to discuss any concerns you may have. Their details are PS Johnny FLINT and can be contacted on Jonathan.Flint@met.police.uk

Please can you reply to this email confirming that you understand the content?

#### STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(Criminal Procedure Rules, r. 16.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9)

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Statement of: Constable Rasa Denovagiene

Age if under 18: Over 18 Occupation: Police officer

This statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it, anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature:

Date: 15 November 2024

This statement is in relation to the ongoing anti-social behaviour and crime that is related to the address of SPORTS CAFÉ, 39A Goldhawk Road, W12 8QP. This statement is part of an application for a Full Closure Order at the address under Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014.

PC LOCKING 1186AW and I, PC DENOVAGIENE 3962AW are ward officers for ADDISON WARD, based at HAMMMERSMITH POLICE STATION. I first became aware of antisocial behaviour linked to SPORTS CAFÉ back when I have joined Safer Neighbourhood team in April 2023. My attention was brought to the premises again in August 2023 when local residents got in touch with councillor as well as licensing team to report various incidents involving customers of SPORTS CAFE, especially highlighting threatening behaviour and harassment towards several women residents in the building next door to sports café. Frequent disturbances were reported from loud and rowdy groups of people outside the café, who park their vehicles outside Apex Court with the engines running, creating noise and air pollution. They also show disrespect and intimidation towards the residents.

PC LOCKING and I have then conducted a joint visit with council licensing team on 29<sup>th</sup> of SEPTEMBER 2023 and found that the premises were open past their licensing time with number of people who were clearly intoxicated. I was aware that the license condition of SPORTS CAFÉ was only to serve drink with food and not to show any sports or stay open past licensing times.

Following the reports of antisocial behaviour and the licensing visit, we have decided to visit the café number of times after to make sure antisocial behaviour does not accure again. During number of the visits, when questioned, none of the males in the building would account to being manager of the premises and the owner would normally be away from the premises.

During one of the visits in November 2023, a group of males were found in one of the rooms with the doors shuts. In their presence, class C drug KHAT was found. The owner was informed of this development and advised that he has responsibility to insure no illegal activity takes place at his premises and none of the behaviours causes stress to local residents such as antisocial behaviour already mentioned.

During routine ward patrol myself, PC DOGRA and PC WALDEN visited sports café on 5<sup>th</sup> of NOVEMBER 2024. Upon arrival, officers went to the basement where the bar of the café is based. The doors to the room where class C drugs were found during last visit were closed so I opened the doors to find 9 males sitting in the small room, with multiple bags of class C drug KHAT. When questioned, males have admitted it was KHAT but

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Signature Witnessed by:

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Continuation of Statement of: Constable Rasa Denovagiene

no one took ownership of the drugs. Males were told that drugs will be attributed to all of them if they do not admit who has purchase dthe drugs.

As all the males were not coroperating with the police, officers tried to get hold of the owner who was not at the venue. One of the males confirmed he is in charge and rang the owner who sounded upset with officers visiting the venue, refused to come down to assist with the situation developing.

The male who have claimed to be in charge confirmed that it was drugs that officers found but kept telling officer that there are 'serious ' drugs out there and why officers are not arresting other people. The impression I got from the males at the venue was that they have seen nothing wrong in the illegal drug use and were reluctant to assist the police. 9 community resolutions for class C drugs were issued, number of larger bags of KHAT were seized and males were mate to leave the venue.

What I have observed through numerious visits was a poorly supervised licensed premises which resulted in number of complaints from local residents who felt genuily intiminated by the customer of the venue. Lack of supervision or attempt to adhere to license also resulted in use of drugs on the premises on a number of occasion. It was not one or two individuals using drugs in secret- instead, it has happened openly at the venue and was not stopped by license holder or people who were supervising the venue at the time. Further more, I have witnessed a lack of accountabuility from the license holder to rectify the issues the venue has been caused, namely anti social behaviour and drug use.

Ensuring safety of residents is our main priority therefore I believe closure order would help in removing the risk of any further harassment to local residents and will stop illegal drug use in the premises.

Below I have identified 3 key areas of the closure order and include a brief summary as to why the closure order is necessary to prevent ongoing behaviour, nuisance and disorder at the address, to neighbouring properties, to residents living within close proximity and contractors working at other properties.

A)Group of individuals linked of the licensed premises have engaged, or (if the order is not made) is likely to engage in disorder, offensive or criminal behaviour on the premises.

- B)The use of the premises has resulted, (or if the order is not made) is likely to result in serious nuisance to members of the public.
- C)There has been (or if the order is not made) is likely to be disorder near those premises associated with the use of those premises and that the order is necessary to prevent the behaviour, nuisance or disorder from continuing, recurring or occurring.

I have considered all my powers as a police constable and I believe that a full closure order is the best option for preventing such behaviour in the future and this also safeguards the local community.

Witness Signature:

Signature Witnessed by:

From: SouthLondonMC < SouthLondonMC@justice.gov.uk >

**Sent:** 21 December 2024 07:33

To: Licensing HF: H&F < licensing@lbhf.gov.uk >

Subject: Closure order – 97-98 Sports Café, 39 Goldhawk Road, W12 8QP

Importance: High

Good morning,

Please find attached a copy of the Closure Order notice for the above licensed premises for your attention.

The court have been contacted by PC Nicole SONDH of Hammersmith & Fulham Police Licensing Unit who has asked that you be notified of the Closure, as the police licensing are looking to take the premises license to review.

Please do not respond to my personal email address as this is not monitored at all times. Please reply to <a href="mailto:SouthLondonMC@justice.gov.uk">SouthLondonMC@justice.gov.uk</a>

Kind regards

Lorraine Mabb
Admin Officer Appeals/Applications Section
South East London Justice Area | HMCTS | Bromley & Bexley Magistrates Court | 1
London Road | Kent | BR1 1RA

#### Westminster Magistrates' Court (2570)

Central London Magistrates' Courts Group Email: Southlondonmc@justice.gov.uk Telephone: 0300 303 0645

Premises:

Sports Café 39A Goldhawk Road, W12 8QP

Case number: 012401281101

Respondents: SPORTS CAFE

#### Closure order

The court has considered a closure notice issued by a constable on the 21 November 2024 on the grounds that a person has engaged in anti-social behaviour on the premises and the use of the premises is associated with significant and persistent disorder or persistent serious nuisance to members of the public.

#### Order

The premises are to be **closed immediately** to all persons and **remain closed** for **3 months** from the date of this order.

The access by prohibits access by all persons, except Emergency services and Licence holder- Samuel Tseguy. at all times to whole of the premises shall be allowed

#### Warning

A person who, remains on or enters the premises in contravention of this order is liable to a fine or imprisonment or both.

By Order of the Court

Date: 21 November 2024 Justices' Clerk

#### Offences

#### 012401281101/1

Application for a closure order following service of a notice on 20/11/2024 in respect of Sports Café, 39A Goldhawk Road, London W12 8QP.

Pursuant to section 80 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

# Licensing Act 2003 Premises Licence



**Premises Licence Number:** 2021/00198/LAPR

#### Part 1 - Premises details

Postal address of premises, or if none, OS map reference or description of the premises

97-98 Sports Cafe 39A Goldhawk Road

Post town: London Post code: W12 8QQ

**Telephone**: 07930270193

#### Where the licence is time limited the dates:

Not Applicable

#### Licensable activities authorised by the licence:

Sale of Alcohol On and Off the Premises

# The licence authorises the carrying out of the following licensable activities on the days and at the times specified below:

Sale of Alcohol On and Off the Premises

Monday	14:00 - 22:30
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Saturday	14:00 - 23:00
Sunday	14:00 - 22:00

#### The opening hours of the premises:

Monday	12:00 - 23:00
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Friday	12:00 - 23:00

Sunday 12:00 - 22:00	Saturday Sunday	12:00 - 23:00 12:00 - 22:00	
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# Where the licence authorises supplies of alcohol whether these are on and/or off supplies:

Both on and off the premises

#### Part 2

Name, (registered) address, telephone number and email (where relevant) of holder of premises licence:
Mr Samuel Tseguy
Telephone:

# Registered number of holder, for example company number, charity number (where applicable):

Not Applicable

Name, address and telephone number of designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises the supply of alcohol:

Mr Samuel Tseguy



**Licensing Authority**: London Borough Of Haringey

Personal Licence Number: LN/000023869

#### Annex 1 – Mandatory Conditions

- 1. Mandatory Condition
- (1) The responsible person must ensure that staff on relevant premises do not carry out, arrange or participate in any irresponsible promotions in relation to the premises.
- (2) In this paragraph, an irresponsible promotion means any one or more of the following activities, or substantially similar activities, carried on for the purpose of encouraging the sale or supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises—

- (a) games or other activities which require or encourage, or are designed to require or encourage, individuals to—
- (i) drink a quantity of alcohol within a time limit (other than to drink alcohol sold or supplied on the premises before the cessation of the period in which the responsible person is authorised to sell or supply alcohol), or
- (ii) drink as much alcohol as possible (whether within a time limit or otherwise);
- (b) provision of unlimited or unspecified quantities of alcohol free or for a fixed or discounted fee to the public or to a group defined by a particular characteristic in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;
- (c) provision of free or discounted alcohol or any other thing as a prize to encourage or reward the purchase and consumption of alcohol over a period of 24 hours or less in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;
- (d) selling or supplying alcohol in association with promotional posters or flyers on, or in the vicinity of, the premises which can reasonably be considered to condone, encourage or glamorise anti-social behaviour or to refer to the effects of drunkenness in any favourable manner;
- (e) dispensing alcohol directly by one person into the mouth of another (other than where that other person is unable to drink without assistance by reason of disability).

#### 2. Mandatory Condition

The responsible person shall ensure that free potable water is provided on request to customers where it is reasonably available.

#### 3. Mandatory Condition

- 1) The premises licence holder or club premises certificate holder must ensure that an age verification policy is adopted in respect of the premises in relation to the sale or supply of alcohol.
- (2) The designated premises supervisor in relation to the premises licence must ensure that the supply of alcohol at the premises is carried on in accordance with the age verification policy.
- (3) The policy must require individuals who appear to the responsible person to be under 18 years of age (or such older age as may be specified in the policy) to produce on request, before being served alcohol, identification bearing their photograph, date of birth and either—
- (a) a holographic mark, or
- (b) an ultraviolet feature.

#### 4. Mandatory Condition

The responsible person must ensure that—

(a) where any of the following alcoholic drinks is sold or supplied for consumption on the premises (other than alcoholic drinks sold or supplied having been made up in advance ready for sale or supply in a securely closed container) it is available to customers in the following measures(i) beer or cider: ½ pint;

- (ii) gin, rum, vodka or whisky: 25 ml or 35 ml; and
- (iii) still wine in a glass: 125 ml;
- (b) these measures are displayed in a menu, price list or other printed material which is available to customers on the premises; and
- (c) where a customer does not in relation to a sale of alcohol specify the quantity of alcohol to be sold, the customer is made aware that these measures are available.
- 5. Mandatory Condition
- 1. A relevant person shall ensure that no alcohol is sold or supplied for consumption on or off the premises for a price which is less than the permitted price.
- 2. For the purposes of the condition set out in paragraph 1—
- (a) "duty" is to be construed in accordance with the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979;
- (b) "permitted price" is the price found by applying the formula—  $P = D + (D \times V)$

where-

- (i) P is the permitted price,
- (ii) D is the amount of duty chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the duty were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol, and
- (iii) V is the rate of value added tax chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the value added tax were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol;
- (c) "relevant person" means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a premises licence—
- (i) the holder of the premises licence,
- (ii) the designated premises supervisor (if any) in respect of such a licence, or
- (iii) the personal licence holder who makes or authorises a supply of alcohol under such a licence;
- (d) "relevant person" means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a club premises certificate, any member or officer of the club present on the premises in a capacity which enables the member or officer to prevent the supply in question; and
- (e) "value added tax" means value added tax charged in accordance with the Value Added Tax Act 1994.
- 3. Where the permitted price given by Paragraph (b) of paragraph 2 would (apart from this paragraph) not be a whole number of pennies, the price given by that subparagraph shall be taken to be the price actually given by that sub-paragraph rounded up to the nearest penny.
- 4.(1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies where the permitted price given by Paragraph (b) of paragraph 2 on a day ("the first day") would be different from the permitted price on the next day ("the second day") as a result of a change to the rate of duty or value added tax.

- (2) The permitted price which would apply on the first day applies to sales or supplies of alcohol which take place before the expiry of the period of 14 days beginning on the second day.
- 6. Mandatory Condition
- (1) No supply of alcohol may be made under the premises licence-
- (a) at a time when there is no designated premises supervisor in respect of the premises licence, or
- (b) at a time when the designated premises supervisor does not hold a personal licence or his personal licence is suspended.
- (2) Every supply of alcohol under the premises licence must be made or authorised by a person who holds a personal licence.

#### **Annex 2 – Conditions consistent with the operating Schedule**

- 7. High Definition CCTV shall be installed, operated and maintained, at all times that the premises are open for licensable activities and;
- o shall be checked every two weeks to ensure that the system is working properly and that the date and time are correct. A record of these checks, showing the date and name of the person checking, shall be kept and made available to Police or authorised Council officers on request.
- o one camera will show a close-up of the entrance to the premises, to capture a clear, full length image of anyone entering.
- o shall cover any internal or external area of the premises where licensable activities take place.
- o recordings shall be in real time and stored for a minimum period of 31 days with date and time stamping.
- o footage shall be provided free of charge to Police or authorised council officer within 24 hours of a request.
- o a staff member from the premises that is conversant with the operation of the CCTV system shall be on the premises at all times. This staff member will be able to show police or authorised officers of the Licensing Authority recent data footage with the minimum of delay when requested. This data or footage reproduction shall be almost instantaneous
- 8. All staff responsible for selling alcohol shall receive regular training in the Licensing Act 2003 in terms of the licensing objectives, offences committed under the Act and conditions of the Premises Licence. Written records of this training shall be retained and made available to police and authorised officers of the Licensing Authority on request
- 9. The premises shall operate a 'Challenge 25' age-restricted sales policy and promote it through the prominent display of posters
- 10. The licence holder shall require staff to note any refusals in a refusals log. The refusals log shall record the date and time of the refusal; the name of the staff member refusing; and the reason for refusal. It must be checked and signed monthly by the designated premises supervisor. The refusals log shall be made available for inspection upon request by the Licensing Team, Police or Trading Standards

- 11. Any alcohol sold for consumption off the premises shall be sold in a sealed container.
- 12. Alcohol supplied for consumption on the premises shall only be supplied with and be ancillary to food to be consumed on the premises at the same time.
- 13. Alcohol supplied for consumption off the premises shall only be supplied with and be ancillary to food.
- 14. On days when Queens Park Rangers Football Club are playing at home or on days when a Queens Park Rangers victory parade takes place, reusable plastic glasses shall be used for three hours before the advertised kick off time until three hours after the match has been completed.
- 15. There shall be no stereo / television or other audio equipment speakers mounted in the ceiling or walls of the premises to prevent vibration transmission of sound energy to adjoining properties.
- 16. All plant and equipment shall be correctly installed, operated, maintained and regularly serviced, all in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, to ensure that it is operating correctly and efficiently so as not to cause a nuisance to neighbours arising from noise.
- 17. All ventilation and extraction systems and ducting shall be correctly installed, operated, maintained and regularly serviced, all in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, to ensure that they are operating correctly and efficiently so as not to cause a nuisance to neighbours arising from noise or odour.
- 18. The premises shall not operate until:
- o A pre-opening inspection by an authorised officer of the Council's Health and Safety Team has been undertaken at the premises; and
- o A written confirmation that the premises are safe for members of the public to access has been issued to the licence holder by the Local Authority. This written confirmation shall be kept safe and made available to any authorised officers of the Council upon their request.
- 19. A Public Safety Management plan shall be implemented. The plan shall be kept at the premises and made available to authorised officers of the Council on request and shall include:
- o A Fire Safety Policy, a Fire Risk Assessment along with an evacuation plan, including all premises using the shared evacuation route.
- o Staff training records, including training in the evacuation procedure.
- o Management structure plan, including allocation of specific public safety roles and responsibilities to individual staff members.
- o Statutory certificates for utilities.
- o Equipment maintenance certificates, including maintenance of the ventilation system.
- 20. Appropriate signage shall be displayed in prominent positions, both inside and outside the premises, informing customers they are being recorded on CCTV.

- 21. The Premises shall operate a zero-tolerance policy to drug use or offensive weapons and posters shall be prominently displayed to this effect.
- 22. Staff shall be trained on conflict management to have the knowledge on safe conflict resolution and management.
- 23. Staff shall be trained on how to effectively check IDs (Passport, EU Driving License, EU ID card or PASS card) to prevent any underage entry or sale of alcohol.
- 24. Children shall not be permitted on the premises unless accompanied by their parents and/or guardians and on such occasions, they shall not be allowed to purchase alcohol.
- 25. The premises shall implement and follow effective waste management policies and procedures.
- 26. The front and the back of the premises shall be kept clean and clear of any litter associated with the premises.
- 27. All staff shall be trained on how to refuse entry, service or sale to anyone drunk, displaying any threatening behaviour or behaving disorderly.

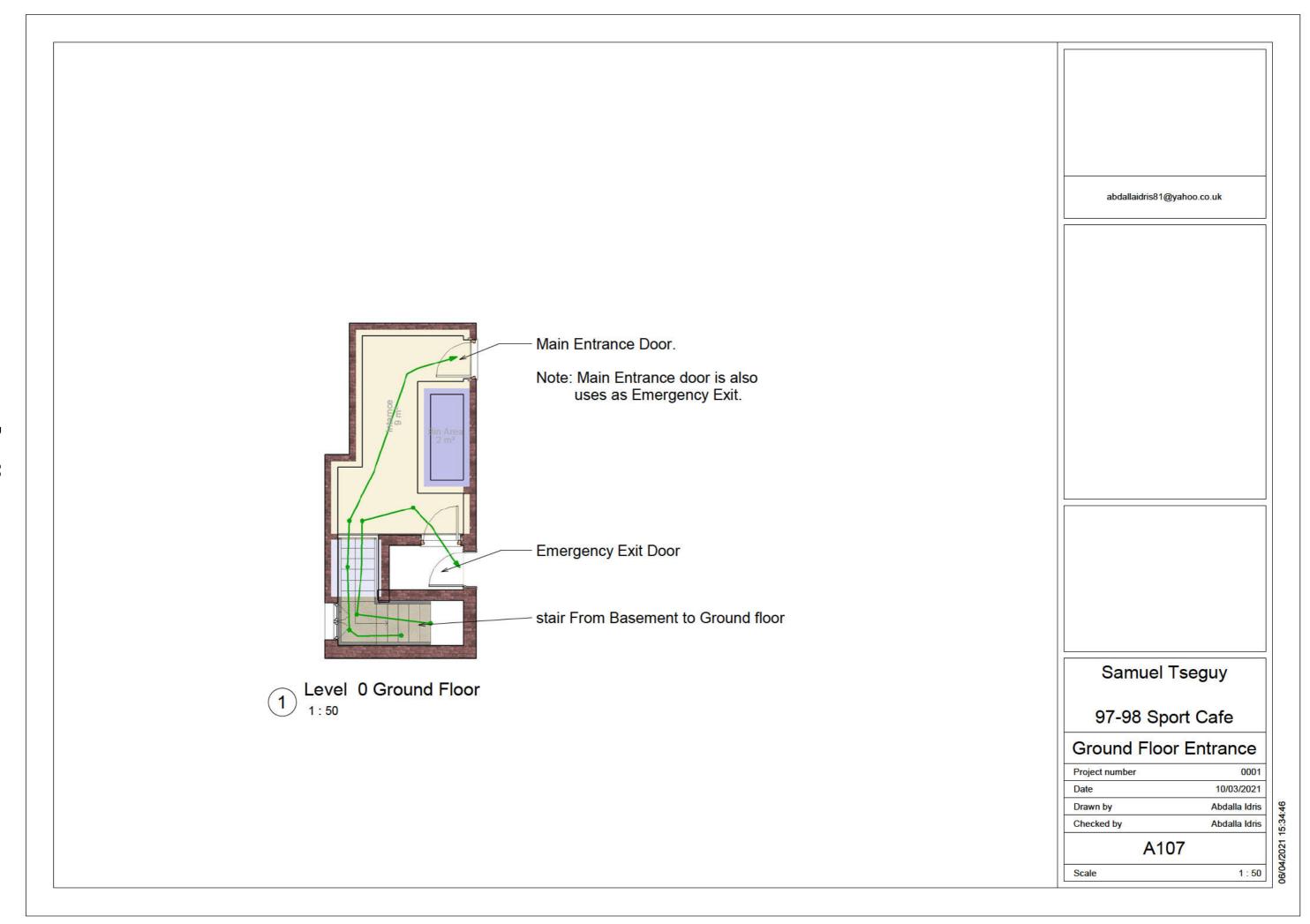
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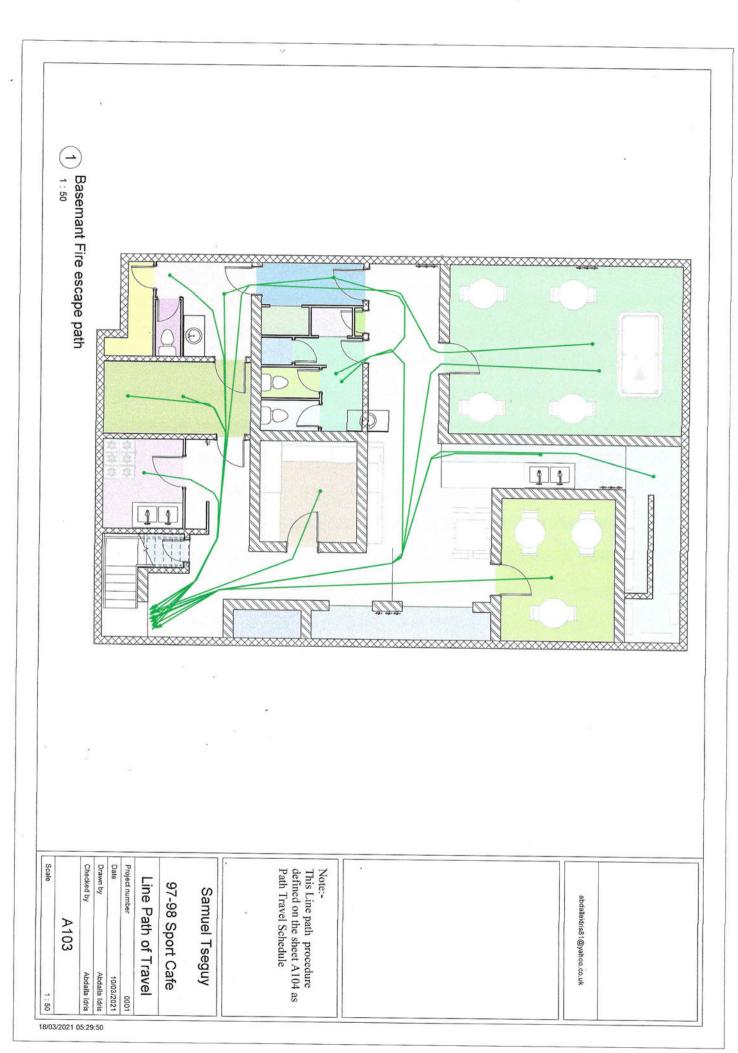
Signed:

**Authorised Officer** 

Date: 26.05.2021







# Licensing Act 2003 Premises Licence



#### **Premises Licence Summary**

Premises Licence Number: 2021/00198/LAPR

#### **Premises details**

Postal address of premises, or if none, OS map reference or description of the premises

97-98 Sports Cafe 39A Goldhawk Road

Post town: London Post code: W12 8QQ

**Telephone:** 07930270193

#### Where the licence is time limited the dates:

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# Where the licence authorises supplies of alcohol whether these are on and/or off supplies:

Both on and off the premises

#### Name, (registered) address, of holder of premises licence:

Mr Samuel Tseguy 59 Morant Place London N22 8HT

# Registered number of holder, for example company number, charity number (where applicable):

Not Applicable

# Name of designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises the supply of alcohol:

Mr Samuel Tseguy

#### State whether access to the premises by children is restricted or prohibited:

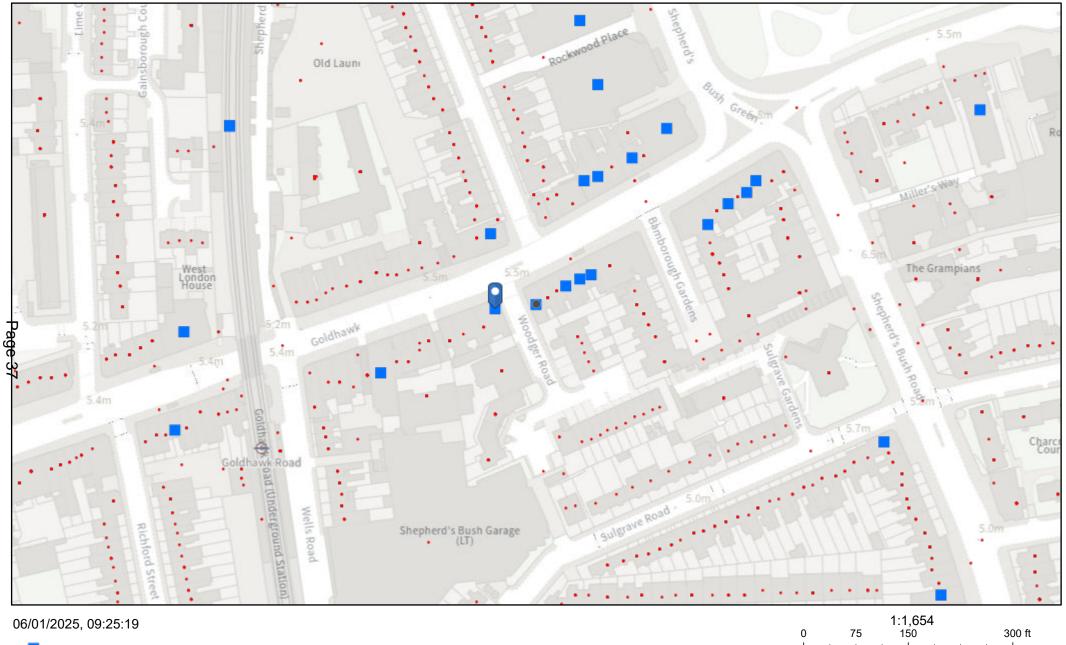
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Signed:

**Authorised Officer** 

Date: 26.05.2021

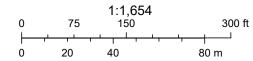
### eGIS Web Map



**Licensing Points** 

**Property Gazetteer** 

Within Borough



From: Overton Adrian: H&F < Adrian. Overton@lbhf.gov.uk >

**Sent:** 19 December 2024 16:31

To: Mckenna Lorna: H&F < Lorna. Mckenna@lbhf.gov.uk >

Cc: Perez-Trillo Cristina: H&F <a href="mailto:cristina.perez-Trillo@lbhf.gov.uk"></a>; Barrett Sophia: H&F

<Sophia.Barrett@lbhf.gov.uk>; Masini Bill: H&F <Bill.Masini@lbhf.gov.uk>

Subject: Licensing Act 2003 - 97-98 Sports Cafe 39A Goldhawk Road, W12 8QP - 2024/01981/LAPRR

Importance: High

Dear Lorna.

Please take this email as a representation from the Licensing Authority in support of the review application made by the Police Licensing team. There has been previous adverse enforcement history at this premises which we believe shows that the following licensing objectives have not been adequately promoted:

- the prevention of crime and disorder.
- the prevention of public nuisance.

Further information on these interactions will be provided in due course.

Kind regards

#### **Adrian Overton**

Licensing Team Manager
Licensing
Place Department
Hammersmith & Fulham Council

From:

**Sent:** 28 November 2024 07:43

To: Licensing HF: H&F < licensing@lbhf.gov.uk >

Subject: Reference 2024/01981/LAPRR

Dear Licensing Team,

I am writing to express my full support for the ongoing license review of the Sports Cafe located at 39A Goldhawk Road. This establishment has been a persistent source of distress and concern for the local community, and I strongly believe that its continued operation under the current conditions will only perpetuate the issues that we have been struggling with for years.

The problems associated with the Sports Cafe are well-documented and include drug dealing in broad daylight, physical altercations, and aggressive behaviour toward residents, who felt extremely unsafe in their own homes. On a personal level, I have been subjected to abuse and threats by individuals frequenting the establishment on a number of occasions. Disturbingly, women in particular appear to be targeted, as other neighbours have shared similar experiences of harassment and intimidation.

Since the (recent) temporary closure of the Sports Cafe, there has been an immediate and noticeable improvement in the neighbourhood. The atmosphere is safer, and I no longer feel a sense of anxiety when approaching my own street, uncertain of what disruptive or dangerous situations might unfold. This transformation highlights the significant impact the venue has had on the local community's safety and well-being.

Keeping this license active would undermine efforts to create a safer, more harmonious environment for residents. I urge the council to consider the lived experiences of those in the community and to take a stand against the disturbances caused by the Sports Cafe.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter, and I am happy to provide further information or share my experiences in more detail if needed

best wishes

Sent: 29 November 2024 11:16

To: Licensing HF: H&F < <a href="mailto:licensing@lbhf.gov.uk">licensing@lbhf.gov.uk</a> Subject: Re: Reference 2024/01981/LAPRR

hello

thanks for your note

my full details are



many thanks

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 15/12/2024 4:53 AM from

#### **Application Summary**

Address: 39A Goldhawk Road London W12 8QP

Proposal: Premises Licence Review

Case Officer: Lorna McKenna

#### Click for further information

#### **Customer Details**

Name:

Email:

Address:

#### **Comments Details**

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 15/12/2024 4:53 AM Woodger rd is a residential street how this

commercial business with their entrance on woodger rd has been

allowed to operate here for so long is questionable.

The clientele

Gather and block the pavement on both sides of the road

Smoke and pollute both sides of the road

Park illegally and when you question them are verbally abusive

Use woodger rd as a 'taxi' rank

They have been closed for weeks and the relied and change to the

street is remarkable

We are a street of families, young and old decent people and have been

complaining about this business for many many years.

This is the CHANGE that Labour promised and we tax paying residents

expect. Do the right thing.

On 16 Dec 2024, at 17:13, Licensing HF: H&F < licensing@lbhf.gov.uk > wrote:

Hi

Thank you for your email below and comments.

As the application is for a review of the premises licence, please could you confirm by return of email if your comments are in support of the review or you object to the review application?

Kind regards

Lorna McKenna

From:

Sent: 16 December 2024 15:51

To: Licensing HF: H&F < licensing@lbhf.gov.uk >

Subject: Re: Comments for Licensing Application 2024/01981/LAPRR

I OBJECT to a review or any form of licence application for the sports café and the sports cafe location to be used for commercial use.

On 17 Dec 2024, at 12:21, Licensing HF: H&F < licensing@lbhf.gov.uk > wrote:

Hi ,

Your comments appear to contradict the application. This is an application for a review of the premises licence which has been submitted by the Metropolitan Police who are request that the licence should be revoked.

A comment in support of this, would mean that you agree with the Police's view and that you believe there should not be a premises licence at the premises.

A comment of objection of this, would mean that you do not agree with the Police's view, and you believe there should be a premises licence in place at the premises.

Are you able to clarify if you in support or against the application for the review of the premises.

Should you require any further information and clarification, please provide a contact number and I can call you, or alternatively you can call me on the number below.

Kind regards

Lorna McKenna

Licensing Compliance Officer

From:

**Sent:** 18 December 2024 16:50

To: Licensing HF: H&F < licensing@lbhf.gov.uk >

**Subject:** Re: Comments for Licensing Application 2024/01981/LAPRR

Dear Lorna

Thank you for the clarity and patience.

I agree with the police's view and I believe there should not be a premises licence at the premises.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 18/12/2024 1:29 PM from

#### **Application Summary**

39A Goldhawk Road London W12 8QP Address:

Proposal: Premises Licence Review

Case Officer: Lorna McKenna

#### Click for further information

#### **Customer Details**

Name:		
Email:		
Address:		

#### **Comments Details**

Commenter Type: Neighbour Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 18/12/2024 1:29 PM Dear H&F Council,

> I am writing to formally object to the license request for the sports café located adjacent to \_\_\_\_\_. This establishment has been a consistent source of distress and a major nuisance to the residents of our building.

Firstly, the café operates as an unregulated space where alcohol is served in the basement, raising significant concerns about public safety and adherence to licensing laws. Additionally, it has come to our attention that drug-related activities, including the use and sale of illicit substances, are taking place both within the premises and in the surrounding area. Such illegal activities are not only detrimental to the

community but also create an environment of fear and insecurity.

Secondly, large groups of men-often more than seven at a time-frequently loiter around the café. Their presence makes it extremely uncomfortable and intimidating for residents, particularly women and families, to walk past the establishment and access their homes. This has compromised the sense of safety and well-being that every resident has a right to expect in their living environment.

Furthermore, the café's patrons create excessive noise late into the night and early morning hours. In addition to loud conversations and disturbances, there is a pervasive issue of public drug use, including the smoking of marijuana, which has added to the discomfort and health concerns of those living nearby.

The cumulative effect of these issues is unacceptable, and I strongly object to this license application. The café has proven itself incapable of operating responsibly or maintaining a positive relationship with the community. Approving this license would only perpetuate the problems we are already facing.

I urge the council to consider the well-being, safety, and rights of the residents of and reject this application in its entirety.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

On Thu, Dec 19, 2024 at 9:52 AM Licensing HF: H&F < <a href="licensing@lbhf.gov.uk">licensing@lbhf.gov.uk</a>> wrote: Dear

Thank you for your below comments.

I would like to clarify that this is application for Sports Café is a review of the current premises licence which is in place. A review has been submitted by the Metropolitan Police who are requesting that the current premises licence should be revoked.

A comment in support of this, would mean that you agree with the Police's view and that you believe there should not be a premises licence at the premises.

A comment of objection of this, would mean that you do not agree with the Police's view, and you believe there should be a premises licence in place at the premises.

## Are you able to clarify if you in support or against the application for the review of the premises?

Should you require any further information and clarification, please provide a contact number and I can call you, or alternatively you can call me on the number below.

Kind regards **Lorna McKenna**Licensing Compliance Officer
Licensing

From:

Sent: 20 December 2024 10:58

To: Licensing HF: H&F < <a href="mailto:licensing@lbhf.gov.uk">licensing@lbhf.gov.uk</a>>

Subject: Re: Comments for Licensing Application 2024/01981/LAPRR

Hi Lorna,

Thank you for clarifying my submitted vote.

What I really meant is: a comment in support of this, would mean that you agree with the Police's view and that you believe there should not be a premises licence at the premises.

Kind regards,

- a ground for review specified in an earlier application for review made in relation to the same premises licence or certificate which has already been determined; or
- representations considered by the licensing authority when the premises licence or certificate was granted; or
- representations which would have been made when the application for the premises licence was first made and which were excluded then by reason of the prior issue of a provisional statement; and, in addition to the above grounds, a reasonable interval has not elapsed since that earlier review or grant.
- 11.13 Licensing authorities are expected to be aware of the need to prevent attempts to review licences merely as a further means of challenging the grant of the licence following the failure of representations to persuade the licensing authority on an earlier occasion. It is for licensing authorities themselves to judge what should be regarded as a reasonable interval in these circumstances. However, it is recommended that more than one review originating from a person other than a responsible authority in relation to a particular premises should not be permitted within a 12 month period on similar grounds save in compelling circumstances or where it arises following a closure order or illegal working compliance order.
- 11.14 The exclusion of a complaint on the grounds that it is repetitious does not apply to responsible authorities which may make more than one application for a review of a licence or certificate within a 12 month period.
- 11.15 When a licensing authority receives an application for a review from a responsible authority or any other person, or in accordance with the closure procedures described in Part 8 of the 2003 Act (for example, closure orders), it must arrange a hearing. The arrangements for the hearing must follow the provisions set out in regulations. These regulations are published on the Government's legislation website (www.legislation.gov.uk). It is particularly important that the premises licence holder is made fully aware of any representations made in respect of the premises, any evidence supporting the representations and that the holder or the holder's legal representative has therefore been able to prepare a response.

### Powers of a licensing authority on the determination of a review

- 11.16 The 2003 Act provides a range of powers for the licensing authority which it may exercise on determining a review where it considers them appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.
- 11.17 The licensing authority may decide that the review does not require it to take any further steps appropriate to promoting the licensing objectives. In addition, there is nothing to prevent a licensing authority issuing an informal warning to the licence holder and/or to recommend improvement within a particular period of time. It is expected that licensing authorities will regard such informal warnings as an important mechanism for ensuring that the licensing objectives are effectively promoted and that warnings should be issued in writing to the licence holder.
- 11.18 However, where responsible authorities such as the police or environmental health officers have already issued warnings requiring improvement either orally or in writing that have failed as part of their own stepped approach to address concerns, licensing authorities should not merely repeat that approach and should take this into account

when considering what further action is appropriate. Similarly, licensing authorities may take into account any civil immigration penalties which a licence holder has been required to pay for employing an illegal worker.

- 11.19 Where the licensing authority considers that action under its statutory powers is appropriate, it may take any of the following steps:
  - modify the conditions of the premises licence (which includes adding new conditions or any alteration or omission of an existing condition), for example, by reducing the hours of opening or by requiring door supervisors at particular times;
  - exclude a licensable activity from the scope of the licence, for example, to exclude the performance of live music or playing of recorded music (where it is not within the incidental live and recorded music exemption)<sup>10</sup>;
  - remove the designated premises supervisor, for example, because they consider that the problems are the result of poor management;
  - suspend the licence for a period not exceeding three months;
  - revoke the licence.
- 11.20 In deciding which of these powers to invoke, it is expected that licensing authorities should so far as possible seek to establish the cause or causes of the concerns that the representations identify. The remedial action taken should generally be directed at these causes and should always be no more than an appropriate and proportionate response to address the causes of concern that instigated the review.
- 11.21 For example, licensing authorities should be alive to the possibility that the removal and replacement of the designated premises supervisor may be sufficient to remedy a problem where the cause of the identified problem directly relates to poor management decisions made by that individual.
- 11.22 Equally, it may emerge that poor management is a direct reflection of poor company practice or policy and the mere removal of the designated premises supervisor may be an inadequate response to the problems presented. Indeed, where subsequent review hearings are generated, it should be rare merely to remove a succession of designated premises supervisors as this would be a clear indication of deeper problems that impact upon the licensing objectives.
- Licensing authorities should also note that modifications of conditions and exclusions of licensable activities may be imposed either permanently or for a temporary period of up to three months. Temporary changes or suspension of the licence for up to three months could impact on the business holding the licence financially and would only be expected to be pursued as an appropriate means of promoting the licensing objectives or preventing illegal working. So, for instance, a licence could be suspended for a weekend as a means of deterring the holder from allowing the problems that gave rise to the review to happen again. However, it will always be important that any detrimental financial impact that may result from a licensing authority's decision is appropriate and proportionate to the promotion of the licensing objectives and for the prevention of illegal working in licensed premises. But where premises are found to be trading irresponsibly, the licensing authority should not hesitate, where appropriate to do so, to take tough

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> See chapter 16 in relation to the licensing of live and recorded music.

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### Reviews arising in connection with crime

- 11.24 A number of reviews may arise in connection with crime that is not directly connected with licensable activities. For example, reviews may arise because of drugs problems at the premises, money laundering by criminal gangs, the sale of contraband or stolen goods, the sale of firearms, or the sexual exploitation of children. Licensing authorities do not have the power to judge the criminality or otherwise of any issue. This is a matter for the courts. The licensing authority's role when determining such a review is not therefore to establish the guilt or innocence of any individual but to ensure the promotion of the crime prevention objective.
- 11.25 Reviews are part of the regulatory process introduced by the 2003 Act and they are not part of criminal law and procedure. There is, therefore, no reason why representations giving rise to a review of a premises licence need be delayed pending the outcome of any criminal proceedings. Some reviews will arise after the conviction in the criminal courts of certain individuals, but not all. In any case, it is for the licensing authority to determine whether the problems associated with the alleged crimes are taking place on the premises and affecting the promotion of the licensing objectives. Where a review follows a conviction, it would also not be for the licensing authority to attempt to go beyond any finding by the courts, which should be treated as a matter of undisputed evidence before them.
- 11.26 Where the licensing authority is conducting a review on the grounds that the premises have been used for criminal purposes, its role is solely to determine what steps should be taken in connection with the premises licence, for the promotion of the crime prevention objective. It is important to recognise that certain criminal activity or associated problems may be taking place or have taken place despite the best efforts of the licence holder and the staff working at the premises and despite full compliance with the conditions attached to the licence. In such circumstances, the licensing authority is still empowered to take any appropriate steps to remedy the problems. The licensing authority's duty is to take steps with a view to the promotion of the licensing objectives and the prevention of illegal working in the interests of the wider community and not those of the individual licence holder.
- 11.27 There is certain criminal activity that may arise in connection with licensed premises which should be treated particularly seriously. These are the use of the licensed premises:
  - for the sale and distribution of drugs controlled under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 and the laundering of the proceeds of drugs crime;
  - for the sale and distribution of illegal firearms;
  - for the evasion of copyright in respect of pirated or unlicensed films and music, which does considerable damage to the industries affected;
  - for the illegal purchase and consumption of alcohol by minors which impacts on the health, educational attainment, employment prospects and propensity for crime of young people;
  - for prostitution or the sale of unlawful pornography;
  - by organised groups of paedophiles to groom children;
  - as the base for the organisation of criminal activity, particularly by gangs;

- for the organisation of racist activity or the promotion of racist attacks;
- for employing a person who is disqualified from that work by reason of their immigration status in the UK;
- · for unlawful gambling; and
- for the sale or storage of smuggled tobacco and alcohol.
- 11.28 It is envisaged that licensing authorities, the police, the Home Office (Immigration Enforcement) and other law enforcement agencies, which are responsible authorities, will use the review procedures effectively to deter such activities and crime. Where reviews arise and the licensing authority determines that the crime prevention objective is being undermined through the premises being used to further crimes, it is expected that revocation of the licence even in the first instance should be seriously considered.

# Review of a premises licence following closure order or illegal working compliance order

- 11.29 Licensing authorities are subject to certain timescales, set out in the legislation, for the review of a premises licence following a closure order under section 80 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 or an illegal working compliance order under section 38 of and Schedule 6 to the Immigration Act 2016. The relevant time periods run concurrently and are as follows:
  - when the licensing authority receives notice that a magistrates' court has made a closure order it has 28 days to determine the licence review – the determination must be made before the expiry of the 28th day after the day on which the notice is received;
  - the hearing must be held within ten working days, the first of which is the day after the day the notice from the magistrates' court is received;
  - notice of the hearing must be given no later than five working days before the first hearing day (there must be five clear working days between the giving of the notice and the start of the hearing).

# Review of a premises licence following persistent sales of alcohol to children

11.29 The Government recognises that the majority of licensed premises operate responsibly and undertake due diligence checks on those who appear to be under the age of 18 at the point of sale (or 21 and 25 where they operate a Challenge 21 or 25 scheme). Where these systems are in place, licensing authorities may wish to take a proportionate approach in cases where there have been two sales of alcohol within very quick succession of one another (e.g., where a new cashier has not followed policy and conformed with a store's age verification procedures). However, where persistent sales of alcohol to children have occurred at premises, and it is apparent that those managing the premises do not operate a responsible policy or have not exercised appropriate due diligence, responsible authorities should consider taking steps to ensure that a review of the licence is the norm in these circumstances. This is particularly the case where there has been a prosecution for the offence under section 147A or a closure notice has been given under section 169A of the 2003 Act. In determining the review, the licensing authority should consider revoking the licence if it considers this appropriate.