

Licensing Sub-Committee – Summary of Decision

Date of Hearing – 2 April 2025

Panel members: Councillors Mercy Umeh (Chair), Paul Alexander and Dominic Stanton

Apologies: Adrian Overton (Licensing Manager LBHF)

Clerk: Amrita White (LBHF)

Legal Representative: Sheila Teli and Glen Egan (LBHF)

Licensing Officer(s): Lorna McKenna (LBHF)

Applicant(s):

Karen Hetherington (Operations Support Manager, Goussous Holdings)
Alhassan Goussous (Managing Director)
Andrew Crimmin (Operations & Business Development Manager)

Interested Parties:

Karen Pownall, Martin Band, Miranda Gilpin, Local Resident and Charlotte Dexter (Local Residents)

Sarah Chambers (Co-Chair of the Waltham Green Ward Panel), also representing Thomas Casdalgi (Local Resident)

Gary Grant (Barrister), representing the following Local Residents:

Charlotte Dexter
John Skoulding
Amanda Fredman
Miranda Gilpin
Laura Salvatori
Catherine Mactaggart
Adrian Murray
Simon Jones

WENDY 563 FULHAM ROAD, LONDON, SW6 1ES (“THE PREMISES”)

SUMMARY OF DECISION

The Committee considered an application for a variation of the premises licence, to remove the sale of alcohol off the premises only, and to add late night refreshment both indoors and outdoors Sundays to Thursdays 08:00 to 01:00 and Fridays and Saturdays 08:00 to 03:00 under the Licensing Act 2003 (the initial application).

The Committee has considered the committee papers and the submissions made by all of the parties, both orally and in writing.

In reaching its decision the Committee has had regard to the relevant legislation, the Secretary of State's Guidance ("Guidance") and the Authority's Statement of Licensing Policy ("SLP").

In summary, the Committee has decided, after taking into account all of the individual circumstances of this case and the promotion of the four licensing objectives.

1. To agree to remove from the existing licence the provision for the sale of alcohol both on and off the premises as proposed by the Applicant and to update the licence plans.
2. To agree an additional 7 conditions proposed by the Police Licensing team and amended by the Committee. These are as follows:
 - I. The Licence Holder shall risk assess the requirement for SIA to be employed at the premises.
 - II. The premises shall operate a dispersal policy on a Friday and Saturday which shall be available to licensing officers following a request and all door staff shall be trained in its implementation.
 - III. An incident record shall be maintained by the Licence Holder / Manager that details incidents that occur in or in the immediate vicinity of the premises. This shall include any incidents of disorder, seizures of drugs or offensive weapons, any faults in the CCTV system, and ejections from the premises as a minimum. This record will be made available to the Police or the Local Authority upon request.
 - IV. The basement floor of the premises shall be closed to customers / members of the public from 23:00 every day.
 - V. Public Wi-Fi inside the premises shall be switched off between the hours of 00:00-01:00 Friday and Saturday.
 - VI. Background music played inside the premises shall be of a classical genre between the hours of 00:00-01:00 Friday and Saturday.
 - VII. The Premises shall have a policy to ensure the welfare and safeguarding of vulnerable patrons. Staff shall be able to support and assist people who feel unsafe, vulnerable or threatened. Should customers approach the venue for assistance, these incidents shall be recorded in the incident log. This policy shall be made available to police or authorised officers of the Licensing Authority upon request.

3. To grant the Provision of Late-Night Refreshment - Both Indoors and Outdoors

Sunday - Thursday 23:00 – 00:00

Friday – Saturday 23:00 – 01:00

4. The hours the Premises is opened to the public would be:

Sunday to Thursday 08:00 – 00:00

Friday – Saturday 08:00 – 01:00

5. To impose the following conditions on the existing Licence:

- a. A responsible member of staff shall organise and accommodate meetings to discuss the operation of the premises with residents at least two times per calendar year. The meeting shall be advertised at least 14 days before its due date by letter to residents and residents' associations in the locality as well as to the Licensing Authority.
- b. A responsible member of staff shall take the minutes of meetings with residents that shall be circulated to all attendees and to the Licensing Authority and copies shall be readily available at the premises on request.
- c. A telephone number for the premises, or a responsible member of staff on duty, shall be displayed so that it is visible from the public highway for members of the public to lodge complaints.

This licence becomes operational with immediate effect. If problems are experienced, then an application for a review of the premises licence can be made.

A copy of this Committee's full decision including its reasons and the full text of the conditions added to the licence will be sent to the parties forthwith.

If the Applicant or any person who has made a relevant representation is unhappy with the decision they are entitled to appeal to the magistrates' court within 21 days from the date of notification of the full decision

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2nd April 2025