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1. THE APPLICATION

On 3rd May 2023 Olu Olusola (Applicants Agent) submitted an application on behalf of SA QTH Ltd for a new premises licence, to be granted in respect of the premises known as the Morley's Fulham, 308 - 310 North End Road, London, SW6 1NQ.

1.1 Application Requested

The applicant has applied for a new premises licence for the sale of alcohol both on and off the premises, and late-night refreshment indoors and outdoors as detailed below:

Licensable activities sought:

The sale of alcohol - Both On and Off the Premises

Mondays to Sundays 11:00 to 00:00

The Provision of Late-Night Refreshment - Both Indoors and Outdoors

Sundays to Thursdays 23:00 to 00:00.

Fridays and Saturdays 23:00 to 02:00.

Opening Hours of the Premises

Sundays to Thursdays 11:00 to 00:00.

Fridays and Saturdays 11:00 to 02:00.

A copy of the application form, and plan can be seen on pages 14-34 of this report.

1.2 Applicants Operating Schedule

The applicant has proposed a number of steps to promote the four licensing objectives if the application is granted. A copy of this can be see on page 22-28 of this report.

On the 11th May 2023 following correspondence with the Police, the applicant amended and the hours for late night refreshment and the opening hours on a Friday and Saturday and agreed to add 8 conditions to the licence, if granted. The application was amended to the following:

The sale of alcohol - Both On and Off the Premises

Mondays to Sundays 11:00 to 00:00

The Provision of Late-Night Refreshment - Both Indoors and Outdoors

Sundays to Thursdays 23:00 to 00:00.

Fridays and Saturdays 23:00 to 01:00.

Opening Hours of the Premises

Sundays to Thursdays 11:00 to 00:00.

Fridays and Saturdays 11:00 to 01:00

Agreed conditions:

- 1. Beer, lager, cider and stout above 5.5% ABV shall not be displayed or sold with the exception of premium craft beers.*
- 2. On days when Chelsea Football Club are playing at home, the premises shall not allow the sale of alcohol for consumption OFF the premises for a period of three hours before the advertised kick off time until two hour after the game has finished.*
- 3. 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.*
- 4. Alcohol supplied for consumption OFF the premises shall only be supplied with and be ancillary to food.*
- 5. Any alcohol sold for consumption off the premises shall be sold in a sealed container.*
- 6. Deliveries shall only be made to bona fide residential or business addresses.*
- 7. A warning shall be displayed on the digital platform on which an order is placed informing customers that they must be aged 18 or over to make a purchase of alcohol and notifying customers that the delivery rider will carry out age verification on delivery. The customer will be asked to provide ID to prove their age in accordance with Challenge 25 scheme. If the rider is not satisfied then the alcohol in the order will be withheld.*
- 8. A record shall be kept detailing all refused sales of alcohol upon delivery. 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 refusals log shall be made available for inspection upon request by the Licensing Team, Police or Trading Standards*

A copy of the relevant correspondence with the police can be seen on pages 34 to 36 of this report.

On the 12th June 2023, following correspondence received from the Noise & Nuisance Team, the applicant agreed to add 3 further conditions to the licence, if granted. A copy of this correspondence and the conditions can be seen on page 37 of this report.

Agreed conditions:

- 1) No alcohol shall be supplied for consumption OFF the premises other than deliveries made to bona fide residential or business addresses.*
- 2) All plant, machinery and any sound insulation 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 noise nuisance to neighbours.*

- 3) *All ventilation and extraction systems including any sound insulation or odour abatement equipment 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 an odour or noise nuisance to neighbours.*

2. BACKGROUND

The premises proposes to operate as a Restaurant and Bar for eat in and take-away. The main access to the premises is located on North End Road at its junction with Haldane 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 pages 38-39 of this report.

There are several options for transport away from the area including buses and taxis which run from in and around the North End area. Fulham Broadway tube station is a 8-minute walk away, and West Brompton tube stations are a 10-minute walk away.

3. CONSULTATION

A public notice was displayed at the premises for 28 days. The application was advertised in a local circular and all statutory consultees were notified as required by the Regulations. The Council has served written notice of hearing upon the applicant and all those parties that have made representations in respect of the application.

3.1. Relevant Representations

The licensing section received 1 representation from Councillor Ben Coleman, 1 representation from the lead of the Seagrave Road Residents association and 43 representations from local residents, objecting to the licence application. A copy of these representations can be seen on pages 40-116 of this report.

4. OTHER INFORMATION

4.1 Enforcement History

There have not been any warnings, simple cautions or prosecutions given in respect of the premises during the past three years.

4.2 Temporary Event Notices ("TENs")

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

5. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

5.1 Section 5 pages 12 and 13 of the Statement of Licensing Policy ("SLP") states that to ensure the promotion of the four Licensing Objectives the Licensing Authority will require applicants to detail in their operating schedule:

- the steps proposed to promote the licensing objective of the prevention of crime and disorder on, and in the vicinity of, the premises, having regard to their location, character, condition, the nature and extent of the proposed use and the persons likely to use the premises;
- the steps proposed to ensure the physical safety of people using the relevant premises or place;
- how they intend to prevent nuisance arising, prevent disturbance and protect amenity so far as is appropriate to ensure that the Licensing Objectives are met. Where there is a relevant representation regarding extended hours, the Licensing Authority will not permit an extension unless it is satisfied that the Licensing Objectives would be met;
- the measures and management controls in place to protect children from harm. Where appropriate a written childcare policy should be available and be incorporated in the induction of staff.

5.2 Policy 1 page 18 of the SLP states that applicants are expected to undertake a local risk assessment as part of the licence application. The Secretary of State's Guidance states that applicants are expected to obtain sufficient information to enable them to demonstrate, the steps they propose to take to promote the licensing objectives; and that they understand the layout of the local area and physical environment including:

- a) crime and disorder hotspots;
- b) proximity to residential premises;
- c) proximity to areas where children may congregate;
- d) any risk posed to the local area by the applicants' proposed licensable activities; and
- e) participation in any local initiatives (for example, local crime reduction initiatives or voluntary schemes, such as 'Ask for Angela', local taxi-marshalling schemes, street pastors and other schemes) which may help to mitigate potential risks.

Applicants are expected to include positive proposals in their application on how they will manage any potential risks.

The Guidance goes on to state that 'Applicants are expected to provide licensing authorities with sufficient information in this section to determine the extent to which their proposed steps are appropriate to promote the licensing objectives in the local area. Applications must not be based on providing a set of standard conditions to promote the licensing objectives and applicants are expected to make it clear why the steps they are proposing are appropriate for the premises.

5.2 Policy 3 page 21 of the SLP states that where there is a relevant representation, the Licensing Authority will consider each particular case on its merits having regard in particular to the following matters:

- a) Whether the licensed activities are likely to have an adverse impact especially on local residents and, if there is potential to have an adverse impact, what, if any, appropriate measures will be put in place to prevent it;
- b) Whether there will be a substantial increase in the cumulative adverse impact from these or similar activities, on an adjacent residential area;

- c) Whether there is a suitable level of public transport accessibility to and from the premises at the appropriate times;
- d) Whether the activity will be likely to lead to a harmful and unmanageable increase in car parking demand in surrounding residential streets suffering high levels of parking stress or on roads forming part of the Strategic London Road Network or the London Bus Priority Network leading to a negative impact on the Licensing Objectives relating to the prevention of crime, disorder, anti-social behaviour (ASB), nuisance and vehicle emissions;
- e) Whether there have been any representations made by Responsible Authorities, or other relevant agency or representative.

The Licensing Authority will closely scrutinise extended hours applications to ensure that the Licensing Objectives are met. In determining an application, the licensing committee might decide that the circumstances are such that a restriction on hours is the only appropriate means to achieve the Licensing Objectives. If an 'hours' restriction is imposed, the Licensing Authority will normally require that customers should be allowed a minimum of thirty minutes to consume alcohol.

To act as a guide for new or existing operators we have set out the suggested closing times for licensed premises below:

Type of premises	Town centres	Mixed use areas	Residential areas
Restaurants and cafes	Fri – Sat 01:30 Mon - Thurs 01:00 Sun – 00:00	Fri – Sat 01:00 Mon - Thurs 00:00 Sun – 23:00	Fri – Sat 23:00 Sun – 22:00
Late night refreshment premises (Takeaways)	Fri – Sat 01:00 Sun – 00:00	Fri – Sat 00:30 Sun – 23:30	Not considered Appropriate

5.3 Policy 4 pages 22 and 23 of the SLP states that in determining an application where there has been a relevant representation the Licensing Authority will, where appropriate, take into account the cumulative effect of the number, type and density of licensed premises already existing in the area. Consideration will be given to the proximity to any drug and alcohol treatment site, A&E department or homeless hostel in a local area type remit ie applicants need to make the case for how they would not increase further problems for residents/clients nearby.

In coming to any decision regarding cumulative impact the Licensing Authority will consider other mechanisms outside of the licensing regime which may also be available to address this issue, these include but are not limited to:

- Planning controls (where development or change of use is involved, or where trading hours are limited by planning conditions)
- Police and other enforcement of the normal law concerning disorder and anti-social behaviour.
- Police powers to close down instantly any licensed premises or temporary events on grounds of disorder, the likelihood of disorder or excessive noise emanating from the premises, for up to 24 hours.

- The power of the police, other responsible authorities, a local resident, business or Councillor to seek a review of the licence or certificate in question.
- Police and Local Authority power to issue a Closure Notice for up to 48 hours where serious antisocial behaviour is taking place at licensed premises under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.
- To ensure that residents are protected from the negative impact of late-night local licensing activities the Licensing Authority may decide to adopt an Area Specific Cumulative Impact Policy in relation to a specific area; where the number, type and density of premises providing licensable activities is having a serious negative impact on the local community and local amenities.

5.4 Policy 11 pages 29- 30 of the SLP states that Licensing law is not the primary mechanism for the general control of nuisance and anti-social behaviour caused by people once they are away from the licensed premises and, therefore, beyond the direct control of the licensee. However, licensing is a key aspect of such control and licensing law is part of a holistic approach to the management of the night time economy.

As a matter of policy the council expects every holder of a licence, certificate or permission, to accept and be responsible for minimising the impact of their activities and anti-social behaviour by their patrons within the vicinity of their premises by taking appropriate measures and action consistent with that responsibility.

Licensees and certificate holders should take reasonable steps to prevent the occurrence of crime and disorder and public nuisance immediately outside their premises, for example on the pavement, in a beer garden or in a smoking area, to the extent that these matters are within their control.

Population densities in this borough are high, with many residential premises located above or in close proximity to licensed premises. This means that the public nuisance and crime and disorder objectives will be of paramount concern when evaluating Operating Schedules. Licensing Committees will place high regard on the control measures put in place by the applicant to ensure that our residents are protected from the potential detrimental effects of any licensed premises.

5.5 Policy 14 of the SLP in relation to delivery services states that The Licensing Authority expects licence applications for delivery services, which include late night refreshment after 11pm or the delivery of alcohol, to consider how to reduce public nuisance related to delivery vehicles, ensure the security of premises and delivery drivers and to protect children.

Since the last Statement of Licensing Policy there have been an increasing number of applications for licences relating to delivery services, these tend to fall into three groups:

- Premium specialist product mail-order type services;
- Food delivery services (both meal and grocery) that include alcohol delivery but are primarily food lead; and,
- Convenience type alcohol delivery services that are targeted at convenience for those drinking at home.

Although these types of services are not provided for in the Licensing Act 2003 or in the s182 guidance in any way differently from other licensed premises they do provide their own unique circumstances that need to be addressed. In particular the Licensing Authority has concerns with the potential for the following:

- Age verification at both purchase point and delivery point;
- The safety of delivery drivers at the point of delivery;
- Safety of the premises from which orders are taken and sent out for deliver; and,
- Possible public nuisance and anti-social behaviour (ASB) caused by delivery drivers collecting deliveries from the licensed premises.

The Licensing Authority is likely to place the following conditions on to a premises licence for delivery services where it is appropriate and relevant to the individual licence application:

- A standard age verification check shall be undertaken on entering the website.
- A signature at the point of delivery **must** be obtained. No delivery shall be left without a signature.
- Alcohol shall only be delivered to a residential or business address and **not** to a public place.
- Every third-party courier delivery box shall be labelled with the words “Age Restricted Product”.
- Any delivery driver or third-party courier will be required to have appropriate age verification training, particularly they will be required to have training in refusal of supply where age verification is not provided.
- A refusals log will be maintained for deliveries.
- Appropriate security will be in place at the premises as agreed with Police.
- Measures for minimising noise and disturbance and anti-social behaviour (ASB) caused by the dispatch of deliveries to be identified in the operating schedule. In particular applicants are expected to consider the use of electric vehicles to minimise air pollution and noise. The Licensing Authority expects that applicants will make arrangements for all deliveries after 8 pm to be made using electric vehicles or non motorised vehicles i.e. bicycles.
- A requirement for a specific delivery collection area to be made clear to any third party delivery service. This area may not be directly outside the licensed premises to take account of any residential accommodation close by or obstructing the pavement/highways.

5.6 Annex 1 pages 35 and 36 of the SLP in relation to the prevention of crime and disorder states licence applicants will be expected to demonstrate the following in their operating schedules:

- a) Measures to control excessive consumption and intoxication.
- b) Consideration of any additional measures or restrictions that may be placed on alcohol sales to prevent binge drinking and promote ‘sensible drinking’.
- e) Measures to demonstrate compliance Home Office guidance ‘Safer Clubbing’ in relation to the control of illegal drugs on their premises. They should agree a protocol

with the Licensing Authority and the police on the handling of illegal drugs found on their premises.

g) Conditions will, so far as possible, reflect local crime prevention strategies, and the Licensing Authority will also have regard to the views of the local Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership.

h) **Crime and disorder in the vicinity of the premises:** this may include the crime and disorder risks arising from persons queuing to enter the premises; persons exiting the premises and customers smoking eating or drinking in outdoor areas and on the highway outside the premises. This can also include crime arising from pickpockets and bag snatchers, particularly in open spaces or crowded areas where alcohol is being consumed.

j) **CCTV** - using CCTV inside and/or outside the premises together with appropriate procedures and having staff properly trained to use CCTV equipment.

k) dispersal procedures - establishing appropriate dispersal procedures to minimise the potential for crime and disorder when customers are leaving the premises.

l) **dealing with and reporting crime and disorder** - training for staff and door security aimed at reducing crime and disorder in the premises and its vicinity and dealing with and reporting incidents if they occur.

m) **door staff** - considering whether the premises employs a sufficient number of SIA registered door staff, whether Door Premises Supervisors check the legitimacy of the badges and whether SIA staff display their badges prominently. (Note: All door supervisors must be Security Industry Authority (SIA) registered).

n) **drugs and weapons** - ensuring compliance with relevant guidance regarding illegal drugs and weapons. Attention should be paid to search procedures, procedures for the safe storage and surrender of seized drugs and weapons and drug awareness issues, designing out the ability to take drugs in the premises, etc.

o) **excessive drinking** - training for staff to recognise when customers are becoming drunk and adopting appropriate 'cut off' procedures for drunken customers, to reduce the likelihood of fights or aggressive behaviour.

p) **local schemes** – joining and attending local Pubwatch meetings and participating in the Behave or Be Banned Scheme (BOBB) and/or signing up and using the Council's Safety Net Radio scheme.

5.7 Annex 1 pages 38 to 40 of the SLP in relation to the prevention of public nuisance states that the Licensing Authority will particularly consider the following matters where they are material to the individual application:

i. The Licensing Authority recommends that primarily alcohol led premises such as nightclubs and pubs, located close to any residential premises, implement a dispersal policy at their venue. All relevant staff should be trained on any policy, and all reasonable steps should be taken to ensure it is fully always implemented and adhered to.

ii. The proximity of residential accommodation;

iii. The type of use proposed, including the likely numbers of customers, proposed hours of operation and the frequency of activity;

iv. The steps taken or proposed to be taken by the applicant to prevent noise and vibration escaping from the premises, including music, noise from ventilation equipment, and human voices. Such measures may include the installation of soundproofing, air conditioning, acoustic lobbies and sound limitation devices;

v. The steps taken or proposed to be taken by the applicant to prevent disturbance by customers arriving at or leaving the premises.

- viii. The steps taken or proposed to be taken by the applicant to prevent queuing (either by pedestrian or vehicular traffic). If some queuing is inevitable then queues should be diverted away from neighbouring premises or be otherwise managed to prevent disturbance or obstruction;
- ix. The steps taken or proposed to be taken by the applicant to ensure staff leave the premises quietly;
- x. The arrangements made or proposed for parking by patrons, and the effect of parking by patrons on local residents;
- xi. The provision for public transport in the locality (including taxis and private hire vehicles) for patrons;
- xii. The level of likely disturbance from associated vehicular and pedestrian movement to and from the premises;
- xiii. The delivery and collection areas and delivery/collection times;
- xiv. The siting of external lighting, including security lighting that is installed inappropriately;
- xv. The arrangements for refuse disposal, storage, and the prevention/tidying of litter (including fly posters and illegal placards);
- xix. Any other relevant activity likely to give rise to nuisance;
- xviii. The generation of odour, e.g. from the preparation of food;
- xix. Any other relevant activity likely to give rise to nuisance;
- xx. Any representations made by the Police, or other relevant agency or representative;

The following provides a non-exhaustive list of risks associated with the public nuisance objective that applicants may want to consider when preparing their Operating Schedule:

j) **Deliveries/collections** – noise from deliveries to and/or collections (e.g. refuse) from the premises are another common source of complaint. Consider the times of such deliveries/collections and make sure you specify to any contractors that deliveries/collections should not be made at anti-social times. As a guide, the Noise and Nuisance Service recommend that deliveries/collections should only be made between the hours of 7:30am and 9:00pm, depending on the proximity of residential and/or other noise sensitive properties.

k) Late night refreshment - applicants in respect of late night takeaways should demonstrate that they have assessed the risk of persons congregating in large numbers in the vicinity of their premises. Where appropriate, applicants should demonstrate suitable measures to address this problem.

l) **Light pollution** – this is an increasingly common source of complaint, particularly from illuminated signs and external security lighting. Where provided, illuminated signs should not cause glare to neighbouring properties, ideally being turned off at night, and external lighting should be angled and/or diffused to also prevent nuisance.

m) **Noise and/or vibration** breakout from the provision of regulated entertainment, particularly from (but not limited to) live music – consider what type of entertainment is to be provided, in what room/area of the premises and the suitability of the construction of this room/area to contain sound. Windows are a particular weak-point for noise break-out so consider providing regulated entertainment in a room without windows or with as few windows as possible, particularly windows that face towards nearby 40 residential properties. Where suitable, install a lobby to prevent spillage of noise each time an entrance/exit door is opened.

o) **Odour** – odour from cooking is a common source of complaint, particularly from restaurants and fastfood takeaways. The Council's Noise and Nuisance Service may therefore require evidence that the kitchen ventilation and/or extract systems are regularly maintained and serviced to ensure that it is operating efficiently and with minimal nuisance to neighbours arising from odour and also noise. This includes the siting of BBQs.

p) **Queue management** - establishing appropriate procedures to avoid the need for customers to queue before entering the premises or, where queuing cannot be avoided, to manage queues so as to minimise the potential for crime and disorder or public nuisance by customers who are queuing.

q) **Ventilation** – where regulated entertainment is to be provided there may be a requirement to keep doors and/or windows closed during its provision to limit noise breakout, consider therefore the provision of air conditioning for the comfort of your customers if doors and windows have to be closed during the summer. However, also note air conditioning can be the source of noise complaints in itself, so careful consideration also needs to be given to the siting of this equipment.

r) **Waste** – consider how and where waste will be stored/disposed of at the end of trading hours, particularly if trading until late at night. This is important because the disposal of glass and/or cans to outside bin areas can be very noisy and give rise to complaints, so it may be necessary to store such items and other non-degradable refuse inside the premises until the next trading day. Consideration should also be given to the time of deliveries to minimize disruption to local residents.

s) **Litter** – for example, litter patrols for late night take-away premises.

6. DETERMINATION

6.1 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) Grant the application in full

(b) Grant the application in part – modifying the proposed hours, activities or conditions.

(c) Reject the application

It is the Council's duty under the Licensing Act 2003 ("The Act") to determine applications 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.

In reaching a decision the Council shall consider the details of any relevant representations received; the applicant's Operating Schedule; the Council's adopted Statement of Licensing Policy and the guidance issued by the Secretary of State under section 182 of the Act.

If the Committee is minded to grant the application conditions may be attached to the licence to alleviate the concerns raised through the representations.