

**From:** Licensing HF: H&F <[licensing@lbhf.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@lbhf.gov.uk)>

Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2024 3:51 PM

**Subject:** Comparison of New Application & Current Licence - Parsons Green Sports and Social Club  
Parsons Green Sports And Social Club 31 Broomhouse Lane London SW6 3DP

Dear all,

## **Licensing Act 2003**

**Reference: 2023/02013/LAPR**

**Premises: Parsons Green Sports and Social Club Parsons Green Sports And Social Club 31 Broomhouse Lane London SW6 3DP**

I am contacting you as you have made a representation against the above new premises application.

The premises already benefits from a premises licence (reference: 2020/00885/LAPR). Having spoke with the applicants agent, he has provided a comparison table which highlights the similarities/differences to the current existing licence and the new application. He has also clarified points raised in the application for your information. Please see the attached document for your reference.

If this licence is granted the applicant intends to surrender the existing licence at this premises (2020/00885/LAPR).

**Please let me know if the attached document clarifies and addresses the concerns raised in your objection, and you are minded to withdraw? If you are not minded to withdraw, you will be invited to attend a licensing sub-committee to provide your representation and supporting evidence verbally.**

**Additionally, are you able to advise us of anything the applicant could propose in relation to reduction in hours or attach conditions that could resolve this matter?**

If you have any further queries, please contact me directly.

Kind regards

**Lorna McKenna**

Licensing Compliance Officer

Hi Lorna,

It was a pleasure to speak with you last week too.

Thank you for sending through the representations that have already been received.

As discussed, please find below a comparison of the new licence application with the existing licence.

Differences (shown in red) explained further below.

	NEW APPLICATION	EXISTING LICENCE
LICENCE HOLDER	Parsons Green Sports & Social Club Limited	Parsons Green Sports & Social Club Limited
DPS	Ricardo Montiero	Ricardo Montiero
LICENSABLE ACTIVITIES GENERALLY	<b>Films (indoors and outdoors)</b> <b>Live Music (indoors)</b> Recorded Music (indoors) <b>Anything Similar to Live Music, Recorded Music or Performance of Dance (indoors and outdoors)</b> Late Night Refreshment (indoors) Sale of Alcohol (on-sales)	Films (indoors) Live Music (indoors) (once a week) Recorded Music (indoors) Anything Similar to Live Music, Recorded Music, or Performance of Dance (indoors) Late Night Refreshment (indoors) Sale of Alcohol (on-sales)
HOURS (FILMS)	<b>10:00</b> until 23:00 Monday to Saturday <b>10:00</b> until 22: 00 Sunday  <b>Indoors and outdoors</b>	19:00 until 23:00 Monday to Saturday 19:00 until 22: 00 Sunday  Indoors only
HOURS (LIVE MUSIC)	<b>23:00 until 01:00</b> Friday and Saturday only  Indoors	19:30 until 23:00 Monday to Thursday 12:00 until 16:00 and then 19:30 until 23:00 Friday to Sunday  Indoors
HOURS (RECORDED MUSIC)	23:00 until 01:00 Friday and Saturday only  Indoors	23:00 until 01:00 Friday and Saturday only  Indoors
HOURS (ANYTHING SIMILAR TO LIVE MUSIC, RECORDED MUSIC, AND	<b>12:00</b> until 23:00 Sunday to Thursday <b>12:00 until 01:00</b> Friday and Saturday  <b>Indoors and outdoors</b>	19:00 until 23:00 Monday to Sunday  Indoors

<b>PERFORMANCE OF DANCE)</b>		
<b>HOURS (LATE NIGHT REFRESHMENT )</b>	23:00 until 23:30 Sunday to Thursday 23:00 until 01:00 Friday and Saturday  Indoors	23:00 until 01:00 Friday and Saturday only  Indoors
<b>HOURS (SALE OF ALCOHOL)</b>	11:00 until 23:00 Monday to Thursday 11:00 until 01:00 Friday and Saturday 12:00 until 23:00 Sunday  On-sales only	11:00 until 23:00 Monday to Thursday 11:00 until 00:30 Friday and Saturday 12:00 until 23:00 Sunday  On-sales only
<b>OPENING HOURS</b>	06:00 until 23:30 Sunday to Thursday 06:00 until 01:30 Friday and Saturday	08:00 until 23:30 Sunday to Thursday 08:00 until 01:30 Friday and Saturday

### Opening Hours

The club would like to open earlier in the morning to accommodate gym users. Although opening hours are not really a licensing matter, these are shown on the application.

Licensable activities will not be provided until the earliest time permitted on the licence.

### Hours for Sale of Alcohol

Currently, the hours for the sale of alcohol finish 1 hour before the venue closes on a Friday and Saturday rather than 30 minutes as is the case on other days. We are just trying to make the end times for alcohol (e.g. 30 minutes before the venue closes) consistent across the week.

### Late Night Refreshment

Currently, late night refreshment is not permitted after 23:00 Sunday to Thursday despite the venue closing 30 minutes later. This means that the venue could not serve a customer a cup of tea or coffee. The additional permission Sunday to Thursday is sought to rectify this.

### Anything Similar to Live Music, Recorded Music or Performance of Dance (indoors and outdoors)

There has been significant deregulation of Live Music, Recorded Music, and Performance of Dance by the Live Music Act 2012 and the Deregulation Act 2015.

It is very unlikely, although possible, that something similar to Live Music, Recorded Music, or Performance of Dance would be performed outside during the day. This is therefore included to cover that possibility.

For the avoidance of doubt – external areas will cease to be used at 23:00 Monday to Saturday and 22:00 on Sundays. This is in-line with the existing licence.

### **Live Music**

See above regarding deregulation.

The only times that Live Music is needed, when not deregulated, is on a Friday and Saturday night and the times have been made consistent with Recorded Music.

### **Films**

The licence holder would like to be able to show films outside during the summer months and that is why this has been applied for inside and outside.

If this proves to be a significant issue for objectors then there are variety of proposals that the licence holder can look at in terms of stopping screenings earlier, restricting the number of screenings per month, etc.

This is applied for to save the need to apply for TENs, which residents are unlikely to see and cannot object to.

I hope that this shows that there is not a great deal of difference between the existing licence and what is being applied for.

If you are asked why we are applying for a new licence rather than a variation it is simply because I feel it is cleaner that way and there is no difference (for an applicant) in terms of timescales, costs etc.

**Kind Regards**

**Luke Elford**  
**Partner**

**From:** [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, January 4, 2024 10:37 AM

**To:** Licensing HF: H&F <[licensing@lbhf.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@lbhf.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Re: Comparison of New Application & Current Licence - Parsons Green Sports and Social Club Parsons Green Sports And Social Club 31 Broomhouse Lane London SW6 3DP

Good Morning Lorna

I have looked at the comparison sheet provided and all it does is clarify why this application for the new licence should be refused.

The major difference with the licence the club has applied is so they can operate outdoors with live music and recorded music until midnight on a weekday and until 0100 on Friday and Saturday, whereas previously their licence only allowed for such events inside the club.

And this has to be unacceptable in a residential area. The Sports Club has traditionally been for the benefit of tennis, squash, and bowling but this licence application would allow it to effectively operate as a night club or a live venue and this would ruin the peace and quiet in the area.

Music played inside the building, which seems to have efficient sound proofing, is not where my objection lies. I have never heard any music coming from inside the Oval room when live jazz has been played there or when parties have had a DJ operating, because the events were indoors, and movement in the exterior areas of the club was prohibited.

But earlier this year, the club attached exterior speakers to the wall of the care home next door, and these you can hear even when they are playing at a very low level. So the idea that live or recorded music could be amplified for an event, or films projected with similarly loud sound systems, without disturbing the residents in the area is a complete nonsense.

The extension of hours for the sale of alcohol (while being minor) mirrors the application for extension of hours for live music or recorded music outside, giving a further clue as to the intentions behind the application, none of which are designed to benefit local residents or sporting members of the club.

The main reason for all of the licence extensions is to allow the club to hold corporate and private events at the venue with no regard for the residents nearby. Many of the residents who live above the club facing the tennis courts witnessed how much disturbance can be caused in daytime by outdoor corporate and private events last year, so an extension to allow these activities to extend into the night outside would be understandably unacceptable to residents.

It also lead to people at these events gathering outside the front of the building, and disturbing residents on the Broomhouse Lane side of the building above the club. There was no attempts by club staff or security to stop this happening.

i just cant imagine why an extension to the licence to allow out door events to flourish outdoors at the club at night would be acceptable to the council and I see no reason for the licence to be changed unless it is to allow the club to have carte blanche to operate as an events venue, and to use the outside parts of the club for such events to the detriment if residents in the area, and those that will reside in the care home when it opens later this year.

In the meantime, could you please explain what is meant by “this is applied for to save the need to apply for TENs. which residents are unlikely to see and cannot object to” as I don't understand this comment.

To be clear, I am certainly not intending to withdraw my objections to this licence application based on what I have read in the document provided by Mr Elford.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to email me.

Yours Sincerely,

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On 4 Jan 2024, at 15:09, Licensing HF: H&F <[licensing@lbhf.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@lbhf.gov.uk)> wrote:

Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email and comments, I will note these and pass them to the applicants agent.

I would like to clarify a few of the points you have raised.

Firstly, the applicant has proposed as was in the attached document, that for the avoidance of doubt – external areas will cease to be used at 23:00 Monday to Saturday and 22:00 on Sundays. This is in-line with the existing licence. This means that no activity at all can be carried out in the outside area after the times listed.

Secondly, the applicant's agent has also confirmed ' *The most important pieces of context, for anyone objecting, is that this isn't the Club wanting to be something it is not currently. The plan isn't to turn it into a nightclub or anything like that – it will remain a sports and social club.*'

Thirdly, in regards to the reference to a TEN. A premises can apply for a Temporary Event Notice (TEN) if they wish to hold an ad-hoc event which involves licensable activities (sale of alcohol, provision of regulated entertainment or late night refreshment), they must give the Licensing Authority a temporary event notice (TEN) before the event.

Only the Police and the Noise and Nuisance team can object to these temporary licences. This is what the agent is referring to. For more information on TENs, please see the following: [Temporary event notices | London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham \(lbhf.gov.uk\)](https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/Temporary-event-notice)

If you wish to discuss anything further, please contact me directly on the below.

Kind regards

**Lorna McKenna**

Licensing Compliance Officer

**From:** [REDACTED]

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Hi Lorna

I'm currently working in Spain so I hope you don't mind the email back and forth

If the agent says all they are trying to obtain is an additional half hour outside to the licence they currently have, then I simply don't believe them; otherwise they would not be applying for the right to display films, and play live and recorded music in the exterior areas in the club, which they do not have the automatic right to do at present - unless I am misunderstanding the current licence.

I have lived in the premises since it reopened and whilst I understand their desire to be able to attract extra revenue to keep the club operating at a profit I simply can't accept that this should happen at the expense of residents in the area

If the club had chosen to engage with residents about their needs and to take on board any issues we may have then I'm sure compromises could be achieved

But we suffered several examples last year where private and corporate events last year affected us as residents so it's understandable that we have concerns; and some of these residents have small children that deserve to sleep in peace during the evening; as I should be able to enjoy sitting on my balcony in the evenings without having to put up with loud music downstairs. I pay a lot of money to live in the apartment and I should not be subjected to the kind of disturbance I would experience if this licence was granted

I'm not sure why the club doesn't continue to use TEN system if that works so well

Whenever my instincts tell me I should worry, then I have to follow them, and the simple fact that the club's agent chooses to raise a context that the club does not wish to become a "nightclub" without anyone - to my knowledge - suspecting that, shows me that I am right to be concerned

I look forward to your thoughts, and am happy to talk on the phone if that is easier

Kind Regards

