

LICENSING CONSULTATION INTERNAL MEMO

To : **Lorna Mckenna**

From : **Adrian Overton**

Date : **15th January 2025**

Premises : **Sports Café,**

CAPS Ref : **2024/01981/LAPRR**

Application : **Premises Licence Review**

I am the Licensing Team Manager for the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham. I am also able to act as the responsible authority for the Licensing Authority of the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham.

I have considered the above application and wish to make a representation in support of this review on the basis of past adverse enforcement history at this premises.

The Application

On the 26th November 2024 PC Nicole Sondh, on behalf of the chief officer of the Metropolitan Police, applied for a review of the premises known as The Sports Café, 39 'a' Goldhawk Road, London, W12 8QP.

Activities and timings of the licence being reviewed

The 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

Opening hours of the premises

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

Supporting Information - Enforcement Summary

The Police Licensing team have submitted a review for this premises on the grounds of the prevention of crime and disorder, following two incidents of note which relate to drug offences occurring inside the premises.

The premises is now subject to a closure order following these incidents, and will not be open to the public until the 21st February 2025.

The following interactions with the Licensing Team have taken place since January 2022:

24th January 2022 – A Licensing Enforcement Officer issued a verbal warning for a breach of condition 7 attached to the premises licence.

13th December 2022 – A 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.

26th July 2023 – A Licensing Enforcement Officer emailed Mr Tseguy (the licence holder) requesting that the following CCTV footage, covering all areas (indoors and outdoors) of the premises be downloaded, saved, and made available to the Licensing Authority:

- Saturday 7th July 2023 - 23:00 to 23:59
- Friday 14th July 2023 - 23:00 to 23:59
- Saturday 22nd July 2023 - 23:30 to 00:30

1st September 2023 – A full licensing inspection was conducted by a 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.

22nd September 2023 – A warning letter was sent to the premises, following several licensing contraventions :

- The unauthorised sale of alcohol observed via CCTV footage obtained dated the 22nd July 2023.
- Customers on the premises after the opening hours specified on the premises licence, observed via CCTV footage dated 7th , 14th and 22nd July 2023.

- Breach of condition 7 attached to the premises licence, which was observed on the 20th September 2023.

29th September 2023 (23:01) – Licensing inspection with Police SNT officers. The premises was still open with 10-15 people inside playing cards etc. Gave advice that the premises must close promptly at 23:00, and explained that further visits / test purchases may be carried out

8th December 2023 (23:35) - Licensing inspection – visit carried out with the Police and the premises was found to be closed for businesses.

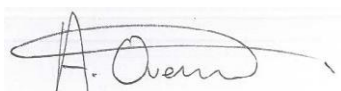
A number of meetings with residents and Councillors also took place in March and July 2024 to discuss the general operation of the Sports Café and complaints of threatening and intimidating behaviour directly outside the premises. The majority of these incidents have been independently reported to the Police and have associated CAD numbers. As these incidents could not be directly linked to the provision of licensable activities at the premises, they have not been included in the timeline above.

Conclusion

The Licensing Authority has concerns with the operation and management of this premises, not only as a result of the Police review, but also after its own interaction with the premises over the last 3 years.

The two incidents outlined in the Police review show that the licence holder has a complete disregard for any advice or guidance offered by officers. It is also evident from the licensing team's interaction with the premises that they are unable to consistently adhere to the terms and conditions of their premises licence.

With the above in mind, the Licensing Authority fully supports the revocation of the premises licence as outlined by the Police licensing team in their review.



Adrian Overton
Licensing Team Manager
London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham