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Sent: 19 August 2025 10:28

Subject: 2025/00798/LAPR The Black Bull (New Premises Licence)

Dear Objectors –

Following discussions with the Applicant and the Police, I have attached copies of the following:

- Changes to application hours and additional conditions agreed with the Police.
- Letter from the Applicant's solicitor (19 August 2025).

I would be grateful if you could read both attachments. Should these mitigate your concerns to the extent that you wish to withdraw your representation, please let me know by way of return e-mail.

Kind regards

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Subject: New Premises Licence Application – RE: New Premises Licence Application - Black Bull, 257 King Street, W6 9LU - 2025/00798/LAPR

Dear Licensing,

RE: New Premises Licence Application - Black Bull, 257 King Street, W6 9LU - 2025/00798/LAPR

Please see the document attached from the applicants legal representative.

These are conditions agreed with the applicant in relation to the above new premises licence application.

The conditions have been tweaked by the applicant and we have no objections to these and would therefore like to withdraw our current representation.

Please let me know if you wish to have any further discussions around this.

Kind Regards,
Charlotte

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Black Bull, 257 King Street, W6 9LU

PROPOSED AMENDED APPLICATION

Amended Hours and activities

Licensable activities sought

The Playing of Recorded Music - Indoors Only

Monday to Thursday between 11:00 to 23:00

Friday and Saturday between 11:00 and 00:00

Sunday between 12:00 to 23:00

The Provision of Late-Night Refreshment - Indoors Only

Monday to Saturday between 23:00 to 00:00

Sunday between 23:00 to 23:30

The Sale of Alcohol - Both on and off the Premises

Monday to Saturday between 11:00 to 00:00

Sunday between 12:00 to 23:30

Proposed Opening Hours

Monday to Saturday between 11:00 to 00:30

Sunday between 12:00 to 00:00

Conditions

Proposed in the operating schedule (not amended- except to clarify meaning and ensure they remain enforceable)

1. Any incidents relating to the prevention of crime and/ or disorder licensing objective occurring on the premises will be reported to the Police.
2. Appropriate fire safety procedures are in place including fire extinguishers (foam, H2O and CO2), fire blanket, internally illuminated fire exit signs, smoke detectors and emergency lighting (see enclosed plan for details of locations) will be fitted and maintained. All appliances will be inspected annually.
3. All emergency exits shall be kept free from obstruction at all times.
4. At the end of trading, the DPS or manager will take measures to ensure that where necessary, customers leaving the premises are asked to leave quietly.
5. Clear and legible notices will be prominently displayed to remind customers to leave quietly and have regard for neighbours.

Conditions amended from the original operating schedule

To replace the CCTV condition listed on the operating schedule;

6. High Definition CCTV shall be installed, operated and maintained, at all times that the premises are open for licensable activities and;
 - 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
 - one camera will show a close-up of the entrance to the premises, to capture a clear, full length image of anyone entering.
 - shall cover any internal or external area of the premises where licensable activities take place.
 - recordings shall be in real time and stored for a minimum period of 31 days with date and time stamping.
 - footage shall be provided free of charge to Police or authorised council officer within 24 hours of a request or withing any other agreed timeframe.
 - 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

To replace the staff training condition listed in the operating schedule;

7. 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.

To replace the incident log condition in the operating schedule;

8. A daily incident log shall be kept at the Premises and made available on request to an authorised officer of the Council or the Police or the Fire Service which shall record the following:
 - (a) all crimes reported to the venue
 - (b) all ejection of patrons
 - (c) any complaints received
 - (d) any incidents of disorder
 - (e) seizures of drugs or offensive weapons
 - (f) any faults in the CCTV system
 - (g) any refusal of the sale of alcohol
 - (h) any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service

To replace the age verification condition in the operating schedule;

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 put arrangements in place to ensure that before serving alcohol or other age-restricted goods to customers they believe to be less than 25 years of age, staff ask to see accredited proof of age: that is, proof of age cards carrying the 'PASS' logo (and no others), a Passport, a UK Driving Licence bearing the photograph and date of birth of the customer or any other form of ID approved by the Home Office for the purposes of age verification for sales of alcohol.

New conditions

11. The DPS shall draw up and implement a policy to ensure the welfare and safeguarding of vulnerable patrons on the premises. 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.

12. The need for SIA door staff shall be risk assessed by the DPS and a written record of the risk assessment kept at the premises. Where the risk assessment identified the need for door supervisors, they shall be employed in the numbers and for the times identified. The risk assessment shall be retained for a period of 12 months and be available for inspection upon the request of a Police Officer and officer of the council.

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The Metropolitan Police are objecting to the above premises licence application pending agreement to proposed conditions. During the consultation period the police visited the premises and spoke with the applicant in relation to their business and operational plans. Following this meeting the police proposed amendments to conditions proposed by the applicant in the operating schedule and further conditions in support of the licensing objectives in the prevention of crime and disorder and in the protection of children from harm, to this date the conditions have not been further discussed or agreed with the applicant.

Kind Regards,
Charlotte

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SUBMISSIONS IN RELATION TO THE APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE AT:

Black Bull, 257 King Street W6 9LU

Introduction

1. I act for the applicant for a premises licence at the Black Bull.
2. I have been instructed on behalf of the Applicant to set out some background information in relation to the Black Bull, the intention of the applicants and the changes they are proposing to the original application following discussions with officers and receipt of representations.

Background

3. As you will be aware, the Black Bull is a storied pub, previously known as the Ravenscourt Arms, but renamed in honour of the statue outside of the Black Bull. The London Remembers website has a section dedicated to the statue:
4. *'This is a much travelled bull. It was sculpted by Obadiah Pulham at Woodbridge in Suffolk, during the early 19th century. Transported to London via the North Sea, and then by barge along the River Thames. It stood in Holborn for nearly a century, at the Black Bull Inn. Immediately prior to that being demolished the bull was removed, on 19 May 1904...'*
5. After a stint sitting in front of the offices of the law firm Bull and Bull, it was moved sometime after 1954 to its current location- likely in the mid-sixties to site in the grounds of the pub. Most famously, the plaque on the plinth states:
6. *'Sign of Black Bull Inn Holborn mentioned by Dickens in Martin Chuzzlewit. Removed by demolition 1904.'*
7. The Pub itself has been on this site for some considerable time and obtained a premises licence under the transitional provisions of the Licensing Act 2003 in 2005.

Why are we applying?

8. Sadly, the Black Bull pub ceased trading around 2017. The Applicant purchased the pub in 2023 and have been refurbishing it with a view to being able to re-let it to a pub operator and bring it back to life. Unfortunately the premises licence was surrendered and as such the applicants have had to apply for a new licence.

9. Without investment and re-opening as a pub, the Black Bull is something of an eyesore. However, it is envisaged that the Black Bull, with the right operator, can become a community asset.
10. The licence applied for mirrored the previous premises licence in hours and activities. There was no intention of turning the Black Bull into a night club- it was an application to allow the premises to trade on the same terms as previously.

Changes to the application

11. As part of the consultation process however, the Applicant has engaged with the police and environmental protection officers and have agreed a number of changes to the premises licence, including a reduction in hours and an updated set of operating conditions (albeit at the time of writing, there was still an outstanding matter in relation to the terminal hour for recorded music). Appended to this letter is the application as now proposed. However, in terms of hours of operation for the activities of most concern, it has been proposed that these are reduced to:

The Sale of Alcohol and Recorded Music

- Monday to Saturday between 11:00 to 00:00 (recorded music to cease at 23:00 Monday to Thursday)
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Proposed Opening Hours

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12. A full list of hours and conditions are appended to this letter.

13. Representations

14. It was not the intention of the Applicant to open a nightclub on the site, as has been suggested. As explained above, the premises licence applied for mirrored the one surrendered, as is common practice when looking to reinstate a previously licensed premises. The Applicant appreciates that there are allegations of past issues, especially noise from music and for that reason, and in consultation with officers, the hours have now been paired back as set out above. The changes mean that the premises must run as a public house and cannot trade later as it appears to have done under the previous licence.

15. Whilst some representations have suggested the premises should close at 10pm, were the Applicant to agree to this, there would be next to no chance that the premises would re-open as that would prove to be economically unviable. The Applicant has looked to strike a balance between allowing the premises to trade successfully but without undermining the licensing objectives.

16. Conclusion

17. We appreciate that for residents, the content of this letter may not address all the concerns raised. However, the Applicant hopes it has given some comfort as to why the application was made as originally advertised- and also clarify the intention of the Applicant going forward.

18. Should anyone who has made a representation have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the writer at piers.warne@tlt.com. However, if the changes address your concerns, please make the council licensing officer aware for his records at matt.tucker@lbhf.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

Piers Warne

LEGAL DIRECTOR, TLT

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