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Lexcom Management Services Ltd A B Wines 218 Uxbridge Road London W12 7JD



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Dear Sirs

<u>Licensing Act 2003- Premises Licence Review</u>: 2025/01455/LAPRR <u>Premises Name</u>: A B Wines 218 Uxbridge Road London W12 7JD

We are in receipt of the attached application for the review of your premises licence made by the Metropolitan Police under Section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003 (the Act). This application will be subject to a 28 day public consultation ending on 20 October 2025.

If you have any comments in relation to this application, please send this in writing to us at the above address or by email to <u>licensing@lbhf.gov.uk</u>.

Yours faithfully

Matt Tucker

Interim Licensing Policy and Administration Team Leader

Enc. Premises Review Application (16 September 2025).

From: Charlotte.Bennett@met.police.uk < Charlotte.Bennett@met.police.uk >

Sent: 16 September 2025 15:19

To: Licensing HF: H&F < licensing@lbhf.gov.uk >

Cc: Overton Adrian: H&F <Adrian.Overton@lbhf.gov.uk>; Tucker Matt: H&F

<Matt.Tucker@lbhf.gov.uk>; Environmental Protection: H&F <noise@lbhf.gov.uk>
Subject: Application to Review Premises Licence - A B Wines - 2009/00218/LAPR

Dear Licensing,

Please find attached an application to review A B Wines, 218 Uxbridge Road, W12 7JD licence under the Licensing Act 2003.

I have emailed a copy to the premises licence holder and I will also deliver a hard copy in person to the premises.

Kind Regards, Charlotte

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Form 691

Application for the Review of a Premises Licence or Club Premises Certificate under the Licensing Act 2003

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

- Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form.
- If you are completing this form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary.
- You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

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а	pply for the review of a premise licence under Section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003						
fo	for the premises described in Part 1 below						

Part 1 – Premises or club premises details						
Postal address of premises or club premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description:						
A B Wines, 218 Uxbridge Road						
Post town: Shepherds Bush Post code: (if known) W12 7JD						
Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known):						
Lexcom Management Services Ltd						
Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known):						
Premises Licence Number: 2009/00218/LAPR						

Part 2 – Applicant details								
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1	an individual, body or business which is not a responsible authority (please read guidance note 1 and complete (A) or (B) below)							
2	a responsible authority (please complete (C) below)	\boxtimes						
3	a member of the club to which this application relates (please complete section (A) below)							



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The Metropolitan Police are requesting a review of AB Wines, 218 Uxbridge Road, W12 7JD, relating to breaches of licence conditions and an allegation of crime concerning the designated premises supervisor.

There was one offence of the designated premises supervisor handling stolen goods.

The breachers are:

Condition 8 on the premises licence states:

A staff member from the premises that is conversant with the operation of the CCTV system will be on the premises at all times that the premises are open to the public. This staff member will be trained to be able to show the police recent footage with the minimum of delay when requested. – The DPS was not able to use the CCTV system at the time of police visiting.

Condition 16 on the premises licence states: Strong beer, lager, cider and Stout above 5.5% ABV will not be sold. – There was alcohol in a fridge at the rear of the shop over 5.5% ABV.

Condition 18 of the premises licence states:

The licensee will report to Trading Standards any instance of a caller to the shop attempting to sell alcohol or tobacco products within 24 hours. – Trading Standards were not contacted and Handling Stolen Goods occurred.

The premises has also been reviewed in 2014 and 2020 due to its contribution to crime and disorder through the sale of high strength alcohol.

Please provide as much information as possible to support the application: (please read guidance note 3)



On Monday 28th July 2025 a shoplifter was detained in AB Wines following a theft from a Tesco which is in the close vicinity. The attending PCSO spoke to the designated premises supervisor, who stated on bodyworn video that he had bought the stolen alcohol, which was 10 cans of Jack Daniels and Coke. The DPS stated he had given the suspect £5. The DPS therefore committed the offence of handling stolen goods.

The Handling Stolen Goods element of this offence is related to Condition 18 of the premises licence.

The condition specifies what the premises should do in the eventuality of someone attempting to sell alcohol at the premises from a caller to the shop.

This condition is specifically intended to restrict the movement of stolen or counterfeit goods, both of which pose a societal problem. The inclusion of such a specific condition on the licence indicates that there has previously been an issue at the premises in relation to stolen property or counterfeit good. The condition has been imposed to prevent this from occurring again and to emphasise the standards in which the premises should be operating to.

On Tuesday 29th July 2025, I attended AB Wines with PC Tanner to speak to the designated premises supervisor and request the CCTV. When I asked the DPS to provide the CCTV of the incident, it became clear that he was unable to operate the system. This was a breach of licence Condition 8, which requires that a staff member conversant with the CCTV system be present at all times and able to provide footage to police without delay. I then located the relevant footage myself which took be some time to do. It showed the suspect leaving the alcohol towards the middle of the shop and then waiting in the shop for a little while. It is unknown what was said between both parties and there is no sound. The DPS is seen taking money from the till and handing it to the suspect. The stolen alcohol is left in the shop.

When I had finished viewing the CCTV I checked the fridges and shelves at the front of the premises for high strength alcohol. My colleague, PC Tanner inspected the rear and found strong alcohol stored in a fridge that was accessible at the time. When I informed the DPS that the sale of such alcohol was prohibited, he did not deny that it had been available for sale. This was a breach of licence Condition 16, which prohibits the sale of beer, lager, cider, and stout above 5.5% ABV. It was then also apparent that the DPS and Licence holder failed to notify Trading Standards of the attempted sale of stolen alcohol on the 28th July, which was a further breach of Condition 18, which requires trading standards to be made aware within 24 hours. During the visit I also observed unusual behaviour from the DPS towards customers, with certain individuals being told to they didn't have certain products at that current time and these customers would leave and not purchase goods. I found this suspicious.

After the visit I contacted the premises licence holder, who later provided CCTV via Axon video link. A meeting was then arranged on the 26th August 2025 to discuss the concerns that I had. At this meeting the premises licence holder claimed that the high strength alcohol found on the premises had been placed in a broken fridge and it was out of date and had not been intended for sale. This explanation in my opinion does not address why it was on site and accessible, especially since Condition 16 has been on the premises licence following the last review in 2020. The premises licence holder gave no reasonable response as to why the DPS could not operate the CCTV, even though the system had been installed in June 2025 and had therefore been in place for over a month without the DPS being trained. When Condition 18 to notify Trading Standards was raised to the premises licence holder, he just questioned the meaning of the condition rather than accepting responsibility that they hadn't been informed.

Throughout the meeting the premises licence holder offered excuses about the breaches and was dismissive about the handling stolen goods. At no point did the premises licence holder provide solutions to improve the operation of the shop. No evidence was provided of steps being taken to improve the management of the premises either. He even in my opinion downplayed the incident of handling stolen goods, stating that the DPS had simply given money to the male because he was begging and refusing to leave but this account was never given to myself or PCSO Lambert when we had interactions with the DPS. I am of the opinion that if a DPS is approached by someone attempting to sell stolen goods, the logical step to take is to call the police, not to pay the individual to leave the shop, as this just encourages it to happen again.

This also raises questions as to why the shoplifter chose to attend AB Wines, when there are other off licences in the surrounding

The premises licence holder also made reference to a previous licence officer who had engaged with them about having a condition implemented regarding the high strength alcohol. From the premises licence holders tone and body language, I got the impression that he disagreed with the condition, despite the fact that it was necessary to address ongoing problems with street drinkers buying from the premises.

The DPS has also been involved in the sale of alcohol to intoxicated individuals and this has been raised in previous reviews. For me, he has demonstrated that he is not a responsible manager. AB Wines has already been subject to reviews in 2014 and 2020 due to the premises contributing to anti social behaviour in the area by selling high strength alcohol to street drinkers and refusing to agree to conditions suggested by the police. Conditions were implemented to address these issues but the premises continues to disregard the rules.



I believe the DPS is not suitable to operate the premises in this area and that the licence holder has demonstrated a disregard for the licensing objectives. Residents and the wider community in Shepherds Bush are entitled to live alongside businesses that act responsibly and support efforts to reduce crime and antisocial behaviour.

AB Wines continues to not support the issues faced by the area. The handling of stolen goods by a DPS is a criminal offence and it is not conduct expected of a responsible operator.

AB Wines is contributing to problems of shoplifting, disorder and criminality in Shepherds Bush. Given the failures of both the DPS and the premises licence holder, I do not believe that the DPS is suitable in this shop and I do not believe that the premises licence holder is capable of operating the premises responsibly. A robust approach is needed in Shepherds Bush due to the issues surrounding violent crime, theft and ASB. I believe all of the responsible authorities should also protect the community and maintain confidence in the authorities to not accept irresponsible operators to hold premises licences. Allowing the premises to continue operating in this manner risks further deterioration in the area and undermines the responsible operators who do comply with the law.

I have also collated relevant reports made to police involving AB Wines and summarised them below:

On the 03/05/2024 a report was made in relation to AB WINES, 218 UXBRIDGE ROAD, W12 7J becoming an increasing cause of concern in the local community. The report suggests the shop is a focal point for ASB, as many street drinkers are buying their alcohol from the shop and then gathering directly opposite the shop at a bus stop. It is thought that members of these groups are then spilling over into nearby residential street and causing ASB. The report details that has been an increase of ASB incidents on this road in recent months.

On the 24/10/2024 Police responded to a GBH whereby a female had been hit with a glass bottle causing a laceration to her ear, which was described as bleeding substantially. This incident took place outside of AB Wines but the suspect involved in the altercation has entered AB Wines, retrieved a glass bottle and hit the victim with it. Another bottle has been picked up in the venue by the suspect and thrown towards the victim. Police have then noticed this altercation and responded. The DPS was on duty at the time but stated he was not aware of what was going on, as a lot of the incident happened outside and was not covered by CCTV.

Officers then stated that it was apparent that there were a lot of people in the vicinity, who were very drunk and were causing a nuisance as members of public walked past the venue.

Police say in the report that the staff had lost control in selling alcohol to the public. The report also mentions that it was easy to remove these bottles from the premises. The report states that there were a lot of intoxicated males outside the venue and the environment felt unsafe. The report also mentions that police observed drunk males, who in their opinion were too drunk to be served were going in to try to buy more alcohol.

On the 18/09/2024 police received intel about a frequent drug dealer, dealing outside of AB Wines.

On the 18/03/2025 a report was made stating there are ongoing problems with large groups of youths congregating outside the A&B Wine shop which appears to be an off license.

It describes the general behaviour of group to participate in ASB by drinking, smoking weed, playing loud music and urinating at nearby bus stop. The person reporting says they feel threatened by their presence and behaviour.

On the 26/03/2025 a witness has called police to report an ongoing issue of ASB outside of AB Wine.

They say the problem is recurring, with large groups using drugs and blocking paths with scooters.

The youths are male and female and are described as unpleasant.

The individual reporting states it has been going on for a while but this time there was lots of people so it's worse.

Police then attended AB Wines on the 3rd April 2025 and said the staff mentioned that a large group of people gather outside the store but he also mentioned that they do no harm to the shop or to them and that they just gather outside the shop and play music with big speakers.



eighbourhood officers will be providing statements in regards to the issues surrounding the area and the interactions with AB Vines.
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Have you made an application for review relating to this premises before?		(P	lease	tick y	/es)			
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The premises was reviewed by police on the 30/04/2014 in relation to the sales of high strength alcohol contrinuting to ASB amongst street drinkers.				
The premises was reviewed by police again in 17/06/2020 due to the ongoing issues around street drinkers and alcohol sales taking place to persons who were intoxicated. The police asked the licence holder to vary some conditions relating to high strength alcohol and single purchases and the licence holder objected to this. Therefore a review of the premises took place.				

Please tick Yes

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I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected.

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IT IS AN OFFENCE, LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE UP TO LEVEL 5 ON THE STANDARD SCALE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION.

Part 3 – Signatures (please read guidance note 4)							
Signature of applicant or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent (see guidance note 5). If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.							
Signature:		Date:					
Capacity:							
Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application: (please read guidance note 6)							
Charlotte Bennett							
Post town:	Hammersmith Police Station	Post code:	W6 7NX				
Telephone Number (if any):							
If you would prefer us to correspond with you using an e-mail address, your e-mail address (optional):							
Charlotte.bennett@met.police.uk							

Notes for Guidance

- 1. A responsible authority includes the local police, fire and rescue authority and other statutory bodies which exercise specific functions in the local area.
- 2. The ground(s) for review must be based on one of the licensing objectives.
- 3. Please list any additional information or details, for example dates of problems which are included in the grounds for review if available.
- 4. The application form must be signed.
- 5. An applicant's agent (for example, solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
- 6. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.

Retention Period: 7 years MP 321/12