


**REPORT IN RELATION TO A SUMMARY REVIEW OF A PREMISES
LICENCE UNDER SECTION 53A OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003**

LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN	FOR SUBMISSION TO: Licensing Panel	DATE: 7 th November 2024
REPORT OF: Executive Director Supporting Communities		CONTACT OFFICER: Peter Agleby 5 Pancras Square, London, N1C 4AG Tel: 020 7974 5507 Email: Peter.agbley@camden.gov.uk
PREMISES: Blue Garden Basement And Ground Floor, 74 Chancery Lane, London, WC2A 1AA		WARD: Holborn & Covent Garden
Licence Holder:		Mira Management Club Limited
Applicant:		Metropolitan Police
Local Government Act 1972 – Access to Information - Documents used in the preparation of this report	1) The Licensing Act 2003 (“the Act”) 2) Camden Statement of Licensing Policy 2022 -2027 (“the Policy”) 3) Amended Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 (August 2023) (“the Guidance”)	
Appendices	Appendix 1) Map of premises Appendix 2) Application form and Certificate Appendix 3) Current premises licence Appendix 4) Legal and Finance Comments	
Signed by: - Jamie Akinola - Director of Community Services  Date: 6th November 2024		

REASON FOR URGENCY

An application for a summary review was received from the Metropolitan Police Responsible Authority (“the Police”) at 16:24 on 5th November 2024. Under Section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003 the Police can submit a summary review of a premises licence if they believe the premises is associated with serious crime or disorder or both. Within 48 hours of receiving the application, the Licensing Authority must consider whether to take interim steps on the premises licence, pending a full review hearing. Due to these short timescales this item has been put forward as urgent so as to comply with the Licensing Act 2003 and the regulations that accompany it.

1. Application

This report is to consider an application made by the Police for a Summary Review of the premises licence for premises known as Blue Garden, situated

at Basement and Ground Floor, 74 Chancery Lane, London, WC2A 1AA under section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003.

1.1 The premises is licensed for:

a) Supply of Alcohol (For consumption on the premises)

10:00 – 23:30 Monday to Thursday

10:00 – 01:30 Friday to Saturday

11:00 – 22:30 Sunday

b) Live Music, Recorded Music, and Performance of Dance

10:00 – 23:30 Monday to Thursday

10:00 – 01:30 Friday to Saturday

11:00 – 22:30 Sunday

c) Late Night Refreshment

23:00 – 01:30 Friday to Saturday

Delivery only

01:30 – 02:00 Friday to Saturday

d) Opening hours

08:00 – 03:00 Monday to Saturday

08:00 – 01:00 Sunday

2. The Request for Summary Review and Interim Steps.

2.1 The summary review application has been made by the Police because it is their opinion that the premises are associated with serious crime and serious disorder.

2.2 In the application the Police state: the owner/manager assaulted a worker over a dispute over pay. Investigation states the owner/manager has potentially informally employed the worker illegally by keeping their documents and underpaying their wages. The worker stated he was homeless and has been sleeping at the premises, so potentially modern-day slavery offences taking place.

The owner/manager also has another venue in Camden and the Police do not have faith that the owner/manager can uphold the licensing objectives.

Owner/manager has been arrested on suspicion of GBH and Modern-Day Slavery.

2.3 The Police have recommended that the following interim steps be taken pending a full review hearing:

a) Suspend the premises licence until the full review hearing.

- 2.4 A copy of the summary review application and a copy of the Certificate under section 53A (1) (b) of the Licensing Act 2003 is attached to this report as **Appendix 2**.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 To determine whether interim steps are necessary pending a full review hearing of the premises licence under section 53B of the Licensing Act 2003.
- 3.2 Members are advised that when considering whether it is necessary to take any interim steps, they must consider one or more of the following:
- a) Modification of the conditions of the premises licence
 - b) the exclusion of the sale of alcohol by retail from the scope of the licence
 - c) removal of the designated premises supervisor from the licence
 - d) the suspension of the licence
- 3.3 As with all options members will need to consider what is necessary and proportionate to ensure the promotion of the licensing objectives.

4 Conclusion

- 4.1 Members are required to consider the necessary interim steps in light of all the relevant information.