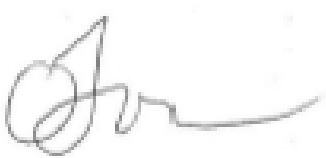


**APPLICATION TO VARY A PREMISES LICENCE UNDER SECTION 34 OF
THE LICENSING ACT 2003**

LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN		<u>FOR SUBMISSION TO:</u> Licensing Panel	<u>DATE:</u> 15 May 2025
<u>REPORT OF:</u> Executive Director Supporting Communities		<u>CONTACT OFFICER:</u> Samina Khan, Licensing Officer, Licensing Team, 5 Pancras Square, London, N1C 4AG. 020 7974 4504 / samina.khan@camden.gov.uk	
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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 (February 2025) (“the Guidance”)		
Appendices	Appendix 1) Map of premises Appendix 2) Application form Appendix 3) Current premises licence Appendix 4) Relevant representations Appendix 5) Conditions consistent with the operating schedule Appendix 6) Legal and finance comments		
<p>Signed by: Oliver Jones – Director of Recreation & Public Safety</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 20px 0;">  </div> <p>Date: 1st May 2025</p>			

1. Application

1.1 This is an application to vary a premises licence under section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003. **Appendix 2**

1.2 The premises are licensed for:

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

10.00 - 23.00 Monday to Saturday
(excluding Christmas Day & Good Friday)
12.00 - 22.30 Sunday
(excluding Christmas Day)
12.00 - 22.30 Good Friday
12.00 - 15.00 and 19.00 - 22.30 Christmas Day

These hours are extended from the end of permitted hours on New Year's Eve (i.e. 23.00 or 22.30) to the start of permitted hours on New Year's Day (i.e. 10.00 or 12.00).

b) Recorded Music

Public entertainment by way of music and singing only provided solely by the reproduction of recorded sound can only be provided during the hours that the sale of alcohol takes place.

c) Opening hours

10.00 - 23.20 Monday to Saturday
(excluding Christmas Day & Good Friday)
12.00 - 22.50 Sunday (excluding Christmas Day)
12.00 - 22.50 Good Friday
12.00 - 15.20 and 19.00 - 22.50 Christmas Day

1.3 The Variation application is for:

a) Changes to the internal layout of the premises including: -

- I. New fixed seating on the ground floor
- II. Change of bar serving shape on the first floor
- III. Removal of raised area on the first floor
- IV. Relocation of the kitchen from the first floor to the second floor

b) Amend the hours for Friday and Saturday for Supply of Alcohol (For consumption on/off the premises)

10.00 - 00.00 Friday and Saturday

c) Addition of Late Night Refreshment

23:00 – 00:00 Friday and Saturday

From the end of permitted hours on New Years Eve to the start of permitted hours on New Years Day

d) Amend the hours for Recorded Music for Friday and Saturday

23:00 – 00:00 Friday and Saturday

From the end of permitted hours on New Years Eve to the start of permitted hours on New Years Day

e) Amend the Opening hours For Friday and Saturday

10:00 – 00:20 Friday and Saturday

f) Removal of embedded conditions 15,16 and 18 as numbered on the premises licence:

g) Add additional conditions requested by the Police

1. The Premises Licence Holder shall ensure that CCTV cameras and recorders are installed at the premises.
2. The medium on which CCTV images are recorded shall be of evidential quality; stored securely; shall be retained for a period of 31 days; and be available for inspection by the Police or Local Authority upon request. Cameras will record for 24 hours.
3. At all times when the premises are open for the purpose of licensable activities, a suitably trained member of management shall be present to assist the Police or an authorised officer in obtaining the CCTV footage.
4. Copies of CCTV shall be made available within 48 hours to the Police or Local Authority upon request.
5. Signs must be displayed in the customer areas to advise that CCTV is in operation.
6. Notices shall be displayed within the premises warning customers about personal thefts and to be vigilant.

7. The venue shall supply and fit suitable anti-theft devices, such as table/counter clips, in order that customers may secure their bags.
8. A comprehensive staff training programme is to be put together which will cover the core responsibilities around selling alcohol and meeting the licensing objectives. Training shall be written into a programme and will be made available for inspection by Police or other responsible authority upon request.
9. A Challenge 21 policy will be enforced, where any person reasonably looking under the age of 21 shall be asked to prove their age when attempting to purchase alcohol, and signs to this effect will be displayed at the premises. The only acceptable forms of identity will be those with photographic identification documents or those approved by the Secretary of State.
10. Police must be called to incidents of violence and / or disorder.
11. An incident log shall be kept at the premises and made available on request to an authorised officer or the Police, which will record the following:
 - a) all crimes reported to the venue.
 - b) all ejections of patrons.
 - c) any complaints received relating to the licensing objectives.
 - d) any incidents of disorder and violence.
 - e) all seizures of drugs or offensive weapons.
 - f) any faults in the CCTV system or searching equipment or scanning equipment.
 - g) any refusal of the sale of alcohol, to include date, time and staff member.
 - h) any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service.
 - i) CAD reference numbers where Police are called.

1.4 Following communications with the Charlotte Street Association the applicant has agreed to add the following conditions and their representation has been withdrawn.

1. There will be no consumption of alcohol outside on Fridays and Saturdays after 23:00 hours.
2. The premises shall operate the "Ask for Angela" scheme and display relevant signage within the premises advertising the scheme

Appendix 2.

2. Representations

- 2.1 One representation has been received in relation to the application.
 - 2.2 The representation opposes the application. This is from a local resident.
- Appendix 4**

3. Policy

Licensing Objectives (Chapter Four - Pages 20-35 of the Policy):

- 3.1. The licensing objectives engaged by this application are:
 - a) The Prevention of Crime and Disorder
 - b) The Prevention of Public Nuisance
 - c) Public Nuisance

Cumulative Impact Policy Area (Chapter Six- Pages 39 - 44 of the Policy)

- 3.2. The premises is not situated in a cumulative impact policy area.

Hours Policy (Chapter Five – Pages 36 - 38 of the Policy):

- 3.4. The hours policy is engaged by this application in relation to the proposed terminal times for consumption of alcohol off the premises licensable activities. The framework hours are given in the Policy as:

Off Sales

Monday to Saturday	08:00 until 23:00
Sunday	10:00 until 22:30

- 3.5. The times for framework hours on any given day are not (and should not be regarded as) the 'usual' or 'normal' hours for licensable activities in the Borough. Instead, the framework hours serve to identify those cases where the Licensing Authority will pay particular regard to the likely effect on the local neighbourhood of carrying out the proposed licensable activities.

Women's Safety (Appendix One – Page 88 to 89 of the Policy)

- 3.6 The Council has adopted a set of principles that commit our licensed premises to act in a responsible manner, taking all forms of female

harassment seriously and set out the practical steps licensed premises can take to support this.

The principles encourage all licensed premises to consider and implement them in the day to day operation of their premises and include:

- a. Let's Communicate
- b. Supporting Each Other
- c. Training for All

The application **does** include these principles.

Premises Policy (Chapter Seven- Pages 46 -67 of the Policy):

3.7. The following premises policies are engaged by the application:

- a) Pubs and bars
- b) Premises supplying hot food and drink between 11:00 pm and 05:00 am
- c)

4. Secretary of State's Guidance

4.1. The relevant parts of the Secretary of State's Guidance ("the Guidance") for this application are:

- a) Chapter 2 – The Licensing Objectives
- b) Chapter 3 - Licensable Activities
- c) Chapter 8 - Application for Premises Licences
- d) Chapter 10 - Conditions Attached to Premises Licences and Club Premises Certificates

5. Recommendations

5.1 To determine the application to vary a premises licence under section 35 the Licensing Act 2003.

5.2 Having considered the application, the representation(s) submitted in relation to this application, the legislative provisions, the Statement of Licensing Policy, and the Guidance issued by the Secretary of State, Members have the following options:

- a) Grant the application in full with such conditions on the licence that are consistent with the operating schedule.
- b) Grant the application subject to revised conditions that they consider appropriate to promote the licensing objectives.
- c) Reject the whole or part of the application.

- 5.3 Members may attach additional conditions if they consider it appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives raised in the representations.
- 5.4 Members are reminded that all applications must be considered on their own merits, and that findings on any issues of fact should be on the balance of probability.

6. Conclusion

- 6.1 Members are required to consider the application in light of all the relevant information, and if approval is given, may attach such conditions appropriate to promote the licensing objectives.