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London Kiosk - Shop And Premises At Basement Ground Right, 111, Kingsway, London, WC2B 6PP

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**I want to apply for a**

Premises licence

**Are you an agent?**

Yes - I am an agent

**Agent Details****First name**

Oisin

**Last name**

Daly

**Name of business**

Absolute Licence Solutions LTD

**Name and address**1 WESTERN AVENUE  
CM14 4XR  
BRENTWOOD**Email address****Telephone number****Does the premises have a name?**

Yes

**What is the name of the premises?**

London Kiosk

**What is the address or location?**Shop And Premises At Basement Ground  
Right  
111 Kingsway  
WC2B 6PP  
London**What is the type of premises?**

Small Kiosk

**Describe the area it is situated in**

Commercial

**Describe the layout of the premises**

Small Kiosk located at ground level

**Copy of the premises plans**

- LA2003PLANSLONDONKIOSK.pdf

**Tell us about the premises business hours**

Day	Start time	End time
Monday	00:00	23:59
Tuesday	00:00	23:59
Wednesday	00:00	23:59
Thursday	08:00	23:59
Friday	00:00	23:59
Saturday	00:00	23:59
Sunday	00:00	23:59

**Are there any seasonal variations for the premises opening times?**

No

**Is the premises open to the public at times other than those listed?**

No

**Is the premises an open space?**

No

**Is the premises currently under construction?**

No

**What is the non-domestic rateable value (NDRV) of the premises?**

13250

**How many people are expected to attend the premises at any one time?**

Less than 5000 people

**Will the premises be exclusively or primarily used to sell alcohol?**

No

**How are you applying for a premises licence?**

As a limited company

**Business details****What is the company registration number**

16088276

**Name of business**

LONDON KIOSK GROUP LIMITED

**Name and address**

Shop And Premises At Basement Ground  
Right  
111 Kingsway  
WC2B 6PP  
London

**Email address**

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Telephone number**

[REDACTED]

**How long do you want your premises licence for?**

Permanently

**When do you want your licence to start?**

As soon as possible

**Activity you wish to licence**

j. Supply of alcohol

**Alcohol supply**

Day	Start time	End time
Monday	08:00	23:30
Tuesday	08:00	23:30
Wednesday	08:00	23:30
Thursday	08:00	23:30
Friday	08:00	23:30
Saturday	08:00	23:30
Sunday	10:00	23:00

<b>Where will the supplied alcohol be consumed?</b>	Off the premises
<b>Are there any seasonal variations for the activity?</b>	Yes : NYE - FROM END OF LICENSABLE ACTIVITIES UNTIL THE START OF LICENSABLE ACTIVITIES THE NEXT DAY
<b>Will the activity take place at times other than those listed?</b>	No

**DPS details**

<b>Does your designated premises supervisor (DPS) currently hold a personal licence?</b>	Yes
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<b>Was their personal licence issued by Camden?</b>	No
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<b>Personal licence number</b>	[REDACTED]
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<b>Issuing local authority</b>	[REDACTED]
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<b>First name</b>	KRISH
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<b>Last name</b>	Virani
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<b>Address</b>	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
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<b>Signed Copy of the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) consent form</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DPSCONSENTVirani-signed(3).pdf</li></ul>
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<b>Will there be any activities associated with the premises which may give rise to concern in respect of children?</b>	No
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**The prevention of crime and disorder**

(Note the DPS Home address is [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], the online form does not bring that address up. Likewise the address as detailed on NDRV can be found at <https://www.tax.service.gov.uk/business-rates-find/valuations/start/108649063> local authority reference of 01126011110026)

MODEL CONDS:

16,30,34,48,52,53,55,56,60 Additional -

Aziz Virani shall have no managerial, financial or pecuniary interest in the premises. Nor shall they access the premises at any time.

**Public safety**

MODEL CONDS: 40

**The prevention of public nuisance**

MODEL CONDS: 36

**The prevention of children from harm**

MODEL CONDS: 90,91,92

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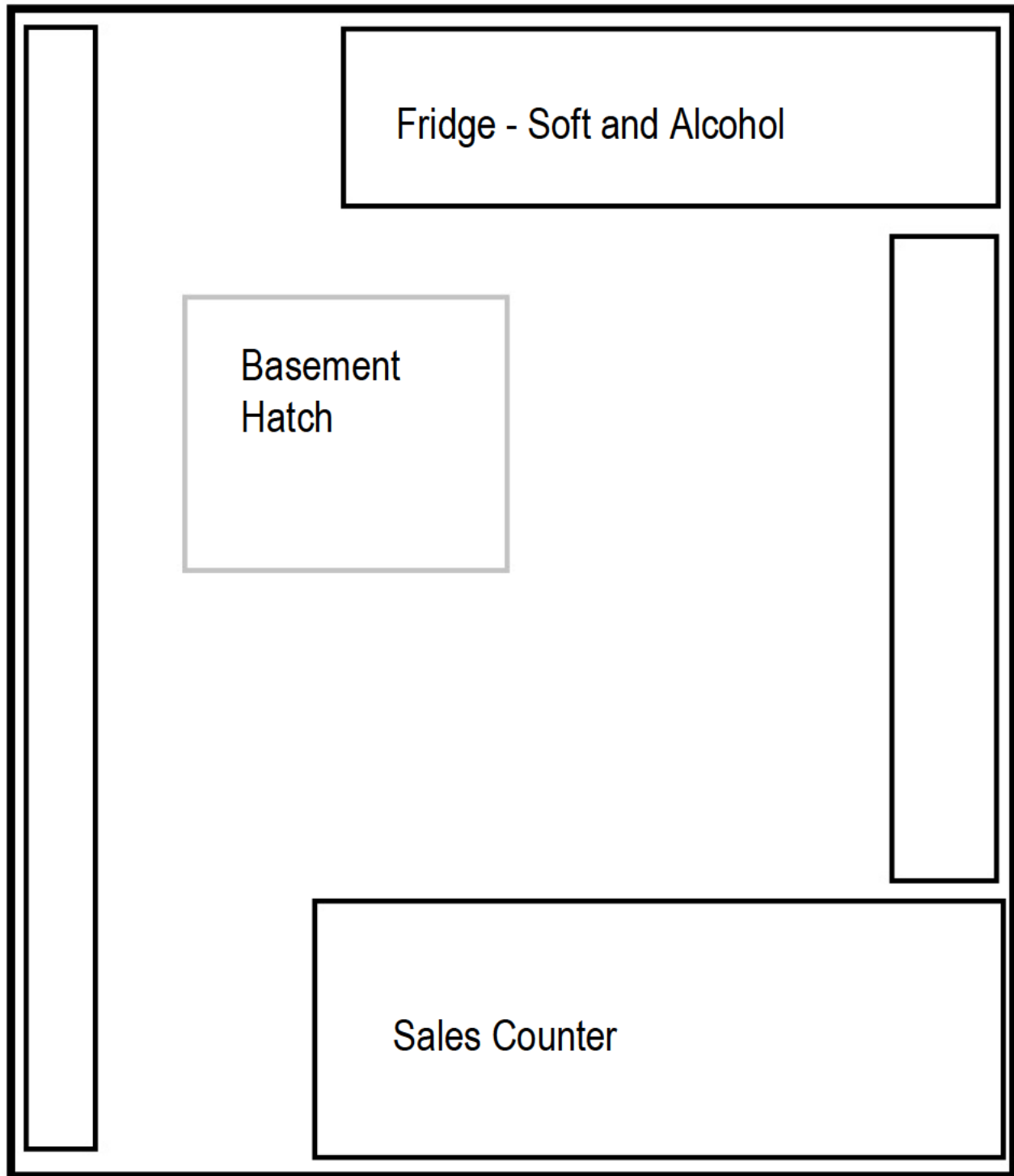
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No personal information you have given us will be passed on to third parties for commercial purposes. The Council's policy is that all information will be shared among officers and other

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- FIRE EXTINGUISHER
- CCTV CAMERA
- RED LINE DENOTES LICENSABLE AREA



Open Entrance and Fire Exit

Access only for staff, no public access beyod exposed sales counter.

LA2003 PLANS

DESIGN:	ADDRESS	S.P:	ISSUE:	REV	DATE	DESCRIPTION	DRAWN	CHECKED
STAGED PLAN: LICENSING ACT 2003 PLANS	LONDON KIOSK, 111 KINGSWAY LONDON, WC2B 6PP	SCALE	1:100					
CLIENT: LONDON KIOSK LTD	USE FIGURED DIMENSIONS AT ALL TIMES. REFER ANY ENQUIRES TO BUILDING CONTRACTOR. ALL DIMENSIONS TO BE VERIFIED ON SITE PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION. ALL WORK TO COMPLY WITH LOCAL AUTHORITY REGULATIONS.	DWG NO: AR-001	LAND AREA:					



**Date:** 29<sup>th</sup> October 2025  
**Application Ref:** APP\PREMISES-NEW\131466  
**Direct Phone Number:** [REDACTED]  
**Contact:** Peter Agbley  
**E-mail:** [REDACTED]



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#### Licensing Act 2003

#### Re: London Kiosk, 111 Kingsway, London, WC2B 6PP LICENSING AUTHORITY REPRESENTATION

This representation is made by the Licensing Authority and it relates to the following Licensing Objectives:

- The prevention of public nuisance

#### **The Premises and Summary of Application**

The premises are described as a ground floor retail unit. The unit occupies the shopfront level of the building and is accessible directly from the street, with a traditional retail frontage consisting of a display window. The premises operate as a small convenience-type outlet, primarily engaged in the sale of confectionery and tobacco products, together with a range of general everyday items.

The application has been submitted by Absolute Licence Solutions Limited on the behalf of London Kiosk Group Limited.

The application is for a premises licence to permit the following licensable activity:

- Sale of alcohol (off sales)

The times being applied for the above licensable activity are as:

Monday to Saturday: 08:00 - 23:30  
 Sunday: 10:00 - 23:00

non-standard timings –

New Year's Eve – from end of licensable activities until the start of licensable activities the next day

The opening hours of the premises  
 Sunday to Sunday 00:00 - 23:59

#### **Framework Hours Policy**

The hours being applied for are within the framework hours.

The framework hours are:

- Monday to Saturday      08:00 am until 11:30 pm
- Sunday                      10:00 am until 11:00 pm

### **Complaint History**

There is no history of licensing complaints at this premises within the past two years.

### **Volunteered conditions in the operating schedule.**

Although the applicant included references to some conditions in the operating schedule, they did not clearly specify which conditions they proposed to adopt. While the application makes reference to the model conditions, it is generally expected that an applicant or their agent will explicitly identify and emphasise the conditions they intend to adhere to, rather than merely citing model condition numbers. Clear specification of proposed conditions ensures that both the licensing authority and responsible authorities understand how the premises will be managed in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003 objectives.

The application has been submitted by Absolute Licence Solutions Limited on behalf of London Kiosk Group Limited. Within the application, it was stated that Mr. Aziz Varani has no managerial, financial, or pecuniary interest in the premises and that he does not have access to the premises at any time. However, records from Companies House indicate that Mr. Aziz Varani is listed as a director of London Kiosk Group Limited, which suggests a formal legal connection to the business. This information may be relevant in considering the application, particularly in relation to matters of control, responsibility, and accountability for compliance with licence conditions.

### **Conclusion**

Paragraph 8.32 The Statement of Licensing Policy “*This policy applies to premises selling alcohol solely for consumption off the premises such as supermarkets, convenience stores, traditional off- licences and wine shops. These premises can contribute to anti-social behaviour and disorder when alcohol is consumed on the street and in open spaces by groups of drinkers, through selling alcohol to children, and the sale of alcohol to street drinkers and persons who are already drunk*”.

The application seeks authorisation to provide licensable activities, for the sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises. The sale of alcohol beyond these hours presents a significant risk of undermining the licensing objectives, particularly the prevention of crime and disorder, the prevention of public nuisance, and the protection of children from harm.

Despite the nature of the application, the applicant has not proposed sufficient condition(s) nor a statement of any sort of risk assessment within the operating schedule that would demonstrate an understanding of or commitment to promoting the four licensing objectives.

The lack of a comprehensive operating schedule and the absence of tailored conditions are of significant concern, particularly given the policy’s recognition of the specific risks associated with off-licence alcohol sales. These risks are especially heightened when

licensing hours extend into the late night which can lead to public nuisance, street drinking, and the congregation of individuals in residential or sensitive areas.

In view of above and the failure to demonstrate how the application will uphold the licensing objectives, it is recommended that the application be refused in its entirety.

Yours sincerely

A black rectangular box used to redact the signature of Peter Agbley.

**Peter Agbley**

Licensing Team Leader (Acting Up)

Date: 03/11/2025

Application

Reference: London Kiosk

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- **Licensing Act 2003,**  
**Children & Families Act 2014 (91 & 92),**  
**Children and Young Persons Act 1933 (7(1))**  
**Re: London Kiosk Group Limited – 111a Kingsway, London WC2B 6PP**

### **TRADING STANDARDS AUTHORITY REPRESENTATION**

This representation is made by the Trading Standards Authority and it relates to the following Licensing Objectives:

- The Prevention of crime and disorder
- The protection of children from harm

### **The Premises and Summary of Application**

The application is for a new premises licence to permit the following licensable activity:

- a) Sale of Alcohol (For consumption off the premises)

The times being applied for vary for each licensable activity, with overall opening and closing times given as:

- Monday to Thursday 23:59 to 00:00  
Friday and Saturday 23:59 to 00:00  
Sunday 23:59 to 00:00

### **Complaint History and Actions**

1. On 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 11:00am, a test purchase was conducted at your premises, where 2 packets of Marlboro Gold cigarettes were purchased. The cigarettes were non-duty paid and therefore deemed as an offence under The Tobacco and Related Products Regulations 2016.
2. On 23/02/2023 – Trading Standards visited the shop and advised owner to remove the illicit oversized vapes from the shop and that follow up visit would be conducted.
3. On 03/03/2023 – Trading Standards visited the shop and found large quantities of illicit tobacco products (including non-duty paid cigarettes, oversized vapes and

snuff written in foreign language). Officers also found large quantities of alcohol on the shop level. The company did not have an alcohol/premises licence. All items were seized

4. On 08/10/2024 – Trading Standards visited the shop and found large quantities of illicit tobacco products (including non-duty paid cigarettes, hand-rolling tobacco, vapes). Officers also found large quantities of alcohol on the shop level. Officers then noticed a trap door which led to levels below the shop level, which contained large amounts of beers, spirits (various whiskey, brandy, Malibu, etc.) and Champagnes. TS also found counterfeit apple EarPods and chargers. All items were seized
5. On 09/10/2024 – Trading Standards and Met Police conducted an age restricted test purchase using a volunteer cadet. A police officer witnessed the shop selling a vape to the cadet without asking for any identification.
6. TS then approached the shop to notify the seller of the illegal sale and noticed that the shop had restocked more illicit vapes and non-duty paid tobacco, counterfeit apple EarPods and cans of cider and bottles of Magnum Tonic Wine (16.5%vol). All items were seized.
7. On 11/09/2024 – Trading Standards received a phone call from Met Licencing Police, stating that they had found bottles of Champagne in the basement and there were more packets of illicit tobacco found.
8. On 28/09/2024 – Trading Standards conducted a PACE interview with Mr Aziz Virani and his son Krish Virani. During this interview Krish Virani seemed to answer all questions relating the functioning of the business. When questioned why the alcohol was found on the premises, Krish Virani stated that he did not have time to remove it even though it was ten months after the Temporary Event Notice (TEN's) was granted. Both Aziz and Krish Virani began laughing seemingly thinking it was a joke.
9. On 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025, Trading Standards returned to London Kiosk as a routine TS visit. We immediately spotted illicit Velo nicotine pouches which were written in a foreign language. Officers then to a look in the basement, where he found a large amount of alcohol.

The company has now made applications for a premises licence.

- a) Trading Standards does not support this application because the requested opening hours to trade.
- b) The Kiosk is situated next door to licenced premises and therefore patrons would have the ability to purchase more alcohol.
- c) The kiosk drinks cabinet is not set up in a way that separates alcohol from non-alcohol.
- d) The premises also does not appear to have a tobacco gantry.

During a recent visit to the premises on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025, although the premises has been modernised, the cigarette packets were stored at the bottom of the main cabinet. On this occasion eight disposable vapes were found on the shopfloor (shelf), the sellers were instructed to remove them from the premises.



The applicant (Mr Krish Varani), has stated that his father (Aziz Varani), is not a part of this application, however TS would like to point out that both Aziz and Krish Varani have been involved with TS investigations since March 2023 when the first PACE interview was conducted.

History of this business has shown that TEN's have been issued for several years, however in accordance with Camden's Statement of Licensing Policy 2025-2030:

*11.2 There are certain restrictions relating to a TEN set out in the 2003 Act:*

- You can only give a TEN if you are an individual (not a business or other organisation)*

This premises was previously registered with Companies House as The London Store Idea Ltd (Company number 14047483). Incorporated on 14/02/22, with Aziz W Varani as the director. Krish Varani was incorporated as director and identified as the person with significant control on 09/05/2024.

A further entity was incorporated under the same address as London Kiosk Group Limited (Company number 16088276). Company has one person registered with significant control, Krish Aziz Varani, on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

## **Conclusion**

The application seeks authorisation to provide licensable activities beyond the framework hours set out in the Council's Licensing Policy. Upon review, the measures proposed within the operating schedule to promote the four licensing objectives are considered inadequate.

Furthermore, considering the history of this premises, including previous incidents and non-compliant issues as outlined above, there remains a significant lack of confidence in the current management's ability to uphold the licensing objectives. The premises has demonstrated a pattern of poor management practices, blatant disregard for the law and insufficient control measures, which raise concerns about the potential for further issues should a premises licence be granted.

In view of the above, it is therefore recommended that the application be refused, as granting the application would be inconsistent with the promotion of the licensing objectives and contrary to the intent of the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.

Yours sincerely



Christopher Allen  
Trading Standards Officer

### **Conditions consistent with the operating schedule**

1. CCTV shall be installed, operated, and maintained, to function all times that the premises is open for licensable activities. Said CCTV will comply with the following criteria:
  - a) The licensee will ensure that the system is checked every two weeks to ensure that the system is working properly and that the date and time are correct.
  - b) A record of these checks, showing the date and name of the person checking, will be kept and made available to the police or other authorised officer on request.
  - c) The Police will be informed if the system will not be operating for longer than one day of business for any reason.
  - d) The system will record in real time and recordings will be date and time stamped.
  - e) Recordings will be kept for a minimum of 31 days and downloaded footage will be provided free of charge to the police or other authorised officers on request (subject to the Data Protection Act requirements) within 24 hours of any request.
  - f) CCTV to cover at least all entry and exit points of the building and also the area the delivery drivers park their vehicles. CCTV will also cover areas to which members of the public have access (excluding toilets) to the extent agreed with the Police/Council Licensing.
  - g) CCTV will be of good quality to a standard approved by the Police/Council Licensing officers.
2. A log (which may be electronically recorded) shall be kept detailing all refused sales of alcohol. The log should include the date and time of the refused sale and the name of the member of staff who refused the sale. The log shall be available for inspection at the premises by the police or an authorised officer of the licensing authority at all times whilst the premises is open.
3. The premises licence holder shall ensure that all front of house and SIA staff receive training on checking customer identification, and in not serving those under the influence of alcohol and drugs. Records of such training shall be maintained at the premises and made available to a Police officer or an authorised officer of the licensing authority upon request.
4. All sales of alcohol for consumption off the premises shall be in sealed containers only and shall not be consumed on the premises.
5. Outside of the hours authorised for the sale of alcohol and whilst the premises are open to the public, the licence holder shall ensure that all alcohol within

the premises (including alcohol behind the counter) is secured in a locked store room or behind locked grilles, locked screens or locked cabinet doors so as to prevent access to the alcohol by both customers and staff.

6. All alcohol shall be stored and displayed behind the service counter and not in aisles or other areas accessible to the public.
7. No super-strength beer, lagers or ciders above 5.5% ABV (alcohol by volume) shall be sold at the premises
8. No single cans or bottles of beer or cider [No miniature or quarter bottles of spirits] shall be Sold at the premises.
  - a) The premises licence holder shall ensure that receipts for all stock purchased include the following details:  
 Seller's name and address  
 Seller's Company details Seller's VAT details  
 Full details of products purchased Vehicle Registration details
  - b) Legible copies of the documents referred to above shall be retained on the premises and made available to police officers or authorized council officers on request.
  - c) The premises licence holder shall obtain and use a UV detection device to verify that duty stamps are valid.
9. Aziz Virani shall have no managerial, financial or pecuniary interest in the premises. Nor shall they access the premises at any time.
10. The pavement from the building line to the kerb edge immediately outside the premises shall be swept or washed regularly to keep it free from business-related litter and deposits. Collected litter and sweepings must be stored according to approved storage arrangements.
11. The premises licence holder shall ensure all front of house staff are trained to prevent underage sales, to maintain the refusals book, enter sales correct on the tills so the prompts show when appropriate, and monitor staff to ensure their training is put into practice.
12. A Challenge [21 or 25] policy will be in place and enforced. This requires that any person reasonably looking under the age of 25 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 recognised in Home Office guidance. This includes passport, photo-card driving licence or proof of age card bearing the PASS hologram and any digital ID approved by the government.
13. The premises licence holder shall ensure that all tills in operation at the premises automatically provide age- related prompts to staff to check the age

of the buyer when alcoholic products are passed through the till, or entered onto the till, for sale.

14. An incident log shall be kept at the premises, and made available on request to an authorised officer or the Police, which shall record the following:
- a) all crimes reported to the venue
  - b) all ejections of patrons
  - c) any complaints received
  - 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.

## Section 1: Background comments of the Borough Solicitor

- 1.1 The purpose of Camden's Statement of Licensing Policy is to make it clear to applicants that wider considerations will be taken into account when determining applications. It is intended to guide the Licensing Panel when considering licence applications. However, the Licensing Panel must always consider each application on its own merits and allow exceptions to the normal policy where the circumstances of the application justify allowing an exception. The burden is on the applicant to show that they comply with the policy.
- 1.2 Members should only address those matters that have formed the subject matter of relevant representations. Matters that arise that are not the subject of relevant representations fall outside the function that the Panel is exercising when it holds a hearing
- 1.3 Members must determine, having regard for the evidence, whether granting the application for a premises licence will impact adversely on the policy criteria listed in paragraph 3 of this report.
- 1.4 In accordance with the provisions of Part 1 of Schedule 5 of the Act, where a Licensing Authority rejects in whole or in part, an application for a new premises licence, the applicant may appeal against the decision, to a magistrate's court within 21 days of being notified of the decision.
- 1.5 Similarly, where a person who made relevant representations in relation to the application contends that the licence ought not to have been granted, or that different or additional conditions should have been imposed on the licence, he may appeal against the decision to a magistrate's court within 21 days of being notified of the decision.
- 1.6 **The Human Rights Act 1998** incorporates the key articles of the European Convention on Human Rights into domestic law. Decisions on licensing matters are actions of a public authority and must be compatible with Convention rights. Consequently, Members of the Panel must be aware of the rights contained in the Convention (particularly those set out below) when making licensing decisions.
  - (a) **Article 6: Right to a fair trial**  
In the determination of his civil rights and obligations, everyone is entitled to a fair and public hearing within a reasonable time by an independent and impartial tribunal established by law.
  - (b) **Article 8: Right to respect for private and family life**  
Everyone has a right to respect for his or her private life, his home and correspondence.



**(c) Article 1 of the First Protocol: Protection of property**

Every natural or legal person is entitled to the peaceful enjoyment of his possessions, including a licence. No one shall be deprived of his possession except in the public interest and subject to the conditions provided for by law and by the general principles of international law.

**(d) Article 10: Freedom of Expression**

Everyone has the right to freedom of expression. This right shall include freedom to hold opinions and to receive and impart information and ideas without interference by public authority and regardless of frontiers. This Article shall not prevent States from requiring the licensing of broadcasting, television or cinema enterprises.

The exercise of these freedoms since it carries with it duties and responsibilities may be subject to such formalities, conditions, restrictions or penalties as are prescribed by law and are necessary in a democratic society, in the interests of national security, territorial integrity or public safety, for the prevention of disorder or crime, for the protection of health and morals, for the protection of the reputation or rights of others, for preventing the disclosure of information received in confidence, or for maintaining the authority and impartiality of the judiciary.

**(e) Article 14: Prohibition of discrimination**

The enjoyment of the rights and freedoms set forth in this Convention shall be secured without discrimination on any ground such as sex, race, colour, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, association with a national minority, property, birth, or other status.

- 1.7 When formulating policy local authorities must have regard to the **Equality Act 2010**. The Act provides protection from discrimination in respect of certain protected characteristics, namely: age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or beliefs and sex and sexual orientation. It places the Council under a legal duty to have due regard to the advancement of equality in the exercise of its powers including licensing powers. Members of the panel must be mindful of this duty when determining all licensing applications.

**The section 149 Public Sector Equality Duty**

(1) A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to—

- (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;
- (b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
- (c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

(2) A person who is not a public authority but who exercises public functions must, in the exercise of those functions, have due regard to the matters mentioned in subsection (1).

(3) Having due regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to—

- (a) remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;
- (b) take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- (c) encourage persons who share a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

(4) The steps involved in meeting the needs of disabled persons that are different from the needs of persons who are not disabled include, in particular, steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities.

(5) Having due regard to the need to foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to—

- (a) tackle prejudice, and
- (b) promote understanding.

(6) Compliance with the duties in this section may involve treating some persons more favourably than others; but that is not to be taken as permitting conduct that would otherwise be prohibited by or under this Act.

1.8 In determining any application, the Council must comply with the public sector equality duty in s.149 of the 2010 Act. This is a duty to have regard to the need to achieve the statutory goals of s.149, rather than to achieve a particular result. The s149 duty sits alongside and does not override statutory requirements in relation to determining licensing applications, including the duty to consider all evidence on its merits and the legislative criteria listed at paragraphs 3 & 4.

1.9 When members have before them representations or other material on issues relevant to s149, even outside the scope of “standard” licensing considerations such material must still be specifically assessed in the context of s149. However, because s149 creates a requirement to “have regard” the fact a matter raised is relevant to s149 will not automatically translate into a reason for refusing an application that would be sustainable in any subsequent appeal, given the legal requirement to determine applications in compliance with licensing legislation.

**Section 2: Financial Comments**

- 2.1 Following consideration there are no financial implications concerning this application. The Executive Director Corporate Services has been consulted in the preparation of this report and has no further comments to add.