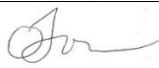


LICENSING PANEL REPORT – VARY

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

LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN	REPORT OF: Executive Director Investment, Place and Opportunity
FOR SUBMISSION TO: Licensing Panel	DATE: 23 July 2026
PREMISES: Souk Restaurant, 4 Neal's Yard, London, WC2H 9DP	WARD: Holborn & Covent Garden
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 2026) (“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	
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1. Application

- 1.1. This is an application to vary a premises licence under section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003.
- 1.2. The premises are licensed for:

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

Monday to Saturday 10:00 – 00:00
Sunday 12:00 – 23:30

b) Late night refreshments

Monday to Saturday 23:00 – 00:30
Sunday 23:00 – 00:00

c) Performance of Dance

Monday to Sunday 19:30 – 22:30

d) Opening Hours

Monday to Saturday 10:00 – 00:30
Sunday 12:00 – 00:00

1.3. The variation is for:

a) The variation of the following conditions:

17. In the **basement** of the premises alcohol shall only be sold or supplied to persons taking a table meal.

To

17. On the **ground floor** of the premises alcohol shall only be sold or supplied to persons taking a table meal.

23. On the **ground floor**, after 23.00, the sale of alcohol will only be permitted to patrons taking table meals.

To

23. In the **basement**, after 23.00, the sale of alcohol will only be permitted to patrons taking table meals.

b) The removal of the following conditions:

25. There shall be no sales of draught beer.

30. A door supervisor shall be in place from 19.00 until the premises are closed and all patrons have left every day of the week.

31. In the basement, the sale of alcohol will only be permitted to patrons taking table meals.

- c) Following mediation with the Covent Garden Community Association, a number of additional conditions have been agreed, and several existing conditions have been reworded. The full list of the agreed conditions is set out at **Appendix 5**.

The Covent Garden Community Association has not withdrawn its representation, as the following condition has not been agreed:

No light shall emanate from the premises which gives rise to a nuisance.

- 1.4. The application can be found at **Appendix 2**.

2. Representations

- 2.1. One relevant representation was received in relation to the application.
- 2.2. The representation opposes the application, and this is from the Covent Garden Community Association and can be found at **Appendix 4**.

3. Policy

Licensing objectives (Chapter Four Page 30 to 43 of the Policy)

- 3.1. The licensing objectives engaged by this application are:

- a) The Prevention of Public Nuisance

Hours Policy (Chapter Five, Pages 47 – 49 of the Policy)

- 3.2. The hours policy is not engaged by this application in relation to the proposed end times for licensable activities.

Women's Safety (Chapter Four, Pages 30 – 32 of the Policy)

- 3.3. 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.
- 3.4. 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 Eight, Pages 55 – 62 of the Policy)

- 3.5. The premises policies currently engaged by this application are:

- a) Restaurants, cafes and coffee houses
- b) Premises Supplying Hot Food and Hot Drink between 11:00 pm and 05:00 am (Late Night Refreshment Venues)
- c) Premises Providing Music, Dance and Similar Entertainment

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 - Applications for Premises Licences
- d) Chapter 9 - Determining Applications
- e) Chapter 10 - Conditions Attached to Premises Licences and Club Premises Certificates

5. Recommendations

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

- 5.2. Having considered the application, any the representations submitted in relation to this application, the legislative provisions, the Statement of Licensing Policy, and the Guidance issued by the Secretary of State, Panel 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.

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