

ADDITIONAL PAPERS

LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

Monday, 7th July, 2025, 7.00 pm - George Meehan House, 294 High Road, London, N22 6JZ & Microsoft Teams (watch the live meeting [here](#) watch the recording [here](#))

Members: Councillors Anna Abela (Chair), Sheila Peacock and Nick da Costa

Quorum: 3

6. APPLICATION FOR A REVIEW OF A PREMISES LICENCE AT HORNSEY ARMS LTD, 26 HIGHGATE HIGH STREET, LONDON, N8 (HORNSEY) (PAGES 1 - 20)

To consider an application for a review of a premises licence.

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Thursday, 26 June 2025

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RESTRICTED (when complete)

MG 11 (T)

WITNESS STATEMENT

CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3)(a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.1

Statement of A/PS GODFREY 2503NA URN:

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Age if under 18 Over18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Police Officer

This statement (consisting of: 1 page signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated anything in it which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature: JordanGODFREY2503NA Date: 04/04/2025

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded ☐ (supply witness details on rear)

I HAVE NOT VIEWED BY BODY WORN VIDEO FOOTAGE BEFORE WRITING THIS STATEMENT

On TUESDAY 18TH MARCH 2025, I was on duty in full uniform, call sign NA12N. At around 0040 hours, CAD 171/18MAR25 was circulated via my PR, which was to NORTH EIGHT PUBLIC HOUSE, N8. The call was circulated as a large group of IRISH travellers fighting inside of the venue. I was aware that over the course of the evening, police had been called there twice already, even to the extent of a TSG request being made, as the situation was out of the capabilities of local borough units.

I attended the location and as I walked into the public house, I saw a large group of males and females at the back of the venue whom all appeared to be fighting. I could see people throwing punches and lots of pushing and shoving. I requested for all available units to make their way to my location due to the scale of the disorder. I did try and make attempts to disrupt the fighting and eventually placed one of the fighting males in an arm lock and removed him from the venue. I could not identify all of the people that were fighting. Eventually, further units arrived and all of the persons involved were removed from the venue. This group then spilled out onto the road, still being anti-social, causing disturbance to the local residence. There were also in excess of 5 police vehicles at the location trying to disperse this group.

The pub was left in a state of disarray. There were tables and chairs that were knocked over / upside down, food had been thrown all over the venue and drinks poured on the floor. The venue staff clearly had no control over the situation or the patrons that they had allowed entry to and served alcohol to. All of the patrons that were removed were heavily intoxicated and this raised concerns about staff serving alcohol to people who were so heavily intoxicated.

Venue staff/management had very obviously lost complete control of the situation and appeared to not have sold alcohol or managed their venue responsibly.

I exhibit my body worn video footage of this incident as: JLG/01

Signature: Signature witnessed by:

2006/07(1): MG 11(T)

RESTRICTED (when complete)

Witness contact details

Home address:

..... Postcode:

Home telephone number Work telephone number

Mobile/pager number Email address:

Preferred means of contact:

Male / Female (delete as applicable) Date and place of birth:

Former name: Ethnicity Code (16+1): Religion/belief:

Dates of witness non-availability**Witness care**

- a) Is the witness willing and likely to attend court? Yes / No. If 'No', include reason(s) on **MG6**.
- b) What can be done to ensure attendance?
- c) Does the witness require a Special Measures Assessment as a vulnerable or intimidated witness?
Yes / No. If 'Yes' submit **MG2** with file.
- d) Does the witness have any specific care needs? Yes / No. If 'Yes' what are they? (Disability, healthcare, childcare, transport, , language difficulties, visually impaired, restricted mobility or other concerns?)

Witness Consent (for witness completion)

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| a) The criminal justice process and Victim Personal Statement scheme (victims only) has been explained to me | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| b) I have been given the Victim Personal Statement leaflet | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| c) I have been given the leaflet 'Giving a witness statement to police — what happens next?' | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| d) I consent to police having access to my medical record(s) in relation to this matter:
(obtained in accordance with local practice) | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e) I consent to my medical record in relation to this matter being disclosed to the defence: | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f) I consent to the statement being disclosed for the purposes of civil proceedings e.g. child care proceedings, CICA | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| g) The information recorded above will be disclosed to the Witness Service so they can offer help and support, unless you ask them not to. Tick this box to <u>decline</u> their services: | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

Signature of witness: Print name:

Signature of parent/guardian/appropriate adult: Print name:

Address and telephone number if different from above:

Statement taken by (print name): Station:

Time and place statement taken:

WITNESS STATEMENT

CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3)(a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.1

Statement of **PS MORRIS 364NA** URN:

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Age if under 18 **Over 18** (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: **Police Officer 229502**

This statement (consisting of: **2**..... pages each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated anything in it which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.



Signature: **PS MORRIS 364NA** Date: **23/04/2025**

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded ☐ (supply witness details on rear)

This statement is in relation to Cad: 181/18Mar 2025 and CAD: 8217/17Mar 2025. This statement is written some 4 weeks after the incident, and as such the information provided is to the best of my recollection.

On Monday 17th March 2025 I was the Duty Officer for NAS covering the period of 2200hrs – 0700hrs, call sign NA2nights. At approximately 2345hrs I was out on single patrol in a marked police vehicle, when I responded to a call at Hornsey Tavern, 26 High Street N8 (now commonly known as “The North Eight Pub”). The initial remarks on the CAD stated that, there was a lot of fighting at the pub and security can’t cope, with 70+ travellers inside the location. Whilst travelling to the location I heard NA10, the section sergeant request for commissioner’s reserves to assist. I was hesitant to approve this request until such times as I had attended and assessed this situation, and as such asked them to hold off on the request.

On arriving on scene I initially noticed around 8 -10 males around 17-20 years of age stood in a side road next to the pub, and there were two security staff stood at the front door and one other male. There was no fight taking place, and no disturbance. I was approached by a male who identified himself as the licensee of the PH, who’s name I do not recall. He explained to me that the police had been called in haste and that the young males outside had been trying to get in, but due to the time and the amount of people already inside they had been refused access, he was adamant that police were not required and that the persons inside were all under control and there was no disturbance. I was advised that they had stopped serving alcohol and that they were turning the music off. I spoke with the males outside the pub, who had clearly been drinking, and all were trying to convince me to let them into the pub, telling me that their mums or dads were inside. I explained they were not going in, and this appeared to be accepted by the group who moved aside. At this point several other units arrived on scene. I made the decision to quickly pull all but one unit away from the pub. As I felt a heavy police present would only exasperate the situation, which appeared under control.

Signature:  **364NA** Signature witness: 

Continuation of Statement of **PC MORRIS 365YR**.....

Around one (1) hour later a second call was circulated over the radio – CAD: 181/18 refers. This was to reports of a large scale fight at the location with reports of someone hit in face with a bottle, and security staff having been assaulted and “men punching woman”. I again attended the scene with multiple other units, and made my way into the pub. There were approximately 30/40 persons inside there was a lot of commotion and shouting, but there was no fight taking place, no persons injured. The main commotion appeared to be coming from the back of the pub, where there were two drunk males leaning over tables shouting and swearing at each other, and several other drunk males and females trying to calm them down. The pub, was a mess there were open cans of beer everywhere, drink spilt all over the floor, and several persons vaping and smoking inside. The staff appeared to have no control of the situation and the security staff were just stood at the door, along with other staff members. I made the decision to remove all drinks from the persons inside and remove them all from the premises. All officers began removing drinks, there was some push back from the group, and one person had to be forcefully removed by police. Eventually all drinks were removed and all persons were taken outside of the premises slowing for the staff to lock the doors. I spoke at length with the manger, advising him that we could have avoided this incident had he been truthful an hour earlier when police had arrived. The group spilled out on the Street outside, where there were again pockets of arguments from different groups, although nothing that amounted to any substantial offences. Police remained on scene for approximately another half hour, speaking to the groups and advising them to order taxis’s etc. I then made the decision once again to pull all units away, apart from one who I asked to sit up opposite the pub to monitor the situation.

This was a busy night shift on a busy day of the year, this incident caused massive disruption to police resourcing, due to the staff and security being unable to handle their customers, and allowing the incident to escalate after polices first attendance.

Signature:

Signature witnessed by:

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 16. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

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Statement of: P218666

Age if under 18: OVER 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Police Sergeant

This statement (consisting of _____ page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Witness Signature: P218666 PS924NA.....

Date: 27/03/25

On MONDAY 17th MARCH 2025 I was on duty in full uniform posted as NA11N. At approximately 2325hrs we received a call to NORTH EIGHT public house where the caller stated there was allot of fighting at location and the security couldn't handle it and that it was Irish travellers fighting. There were also people forcing their way into the pub and there were only 2 security staff on the door. CAD 8217/17MAR25 refers.

As I was making my way to the location the CAD was updated that there were approximately 70-80 of them inside fighting. A request was made for TSG support as this number was not in the capability of local units.

I arrived on scene and I heard NA2N update on the radio that TSG could cancel and that the pub manager was happy for the group to remain at location so we all left the location.

At approximately 0040 we received another call from the location from Sharon Kearns stating one of their staff had been assaulted and that there were men and women fighting at location. CAD 181/18MAR25 Refers.

As I was making my way to the location I heard APS GODFREY, who was at the location, ask for any available units to the location. I arrived on scene and made my way inside the pub. There was approximately 30-40 men and women inside the premises. I walked towards the rear of the pub where I saw men in green shirts fighting each other and officers trying to break up the fighting. The tables were full of empty and half full glasses of alcohol along with many bottles of beer. The group were very drunk. Some were unable to stand unaided while other were slurring their words when speaking to police and each other and had to be helped off the premises by officers.

I started clearing the tables which were full of empty glasses and bottles and started shouting for them all to leave. As I was putting glasses on the bar a male next to me lit up a cigarette, I told him he wasn't allowed smoke on the premises to which he told me he had been given permission to smoke. I told the male to put the cigarette out and leave the premises immediately. There was a male next to him vaping. He was also told to leave the premises immediately. As I walked towards the front of the bar area trying to clear the pub there was a male stood next to the manager. I told the male to leave to which he informed me that he was friends with the manager and didn't have to leave. I told him the pub was closed and it was time to leave. Eventually the pub was cleared but the group had now spilled out onto the street and side road causing a disturbance to local residence. They

Witness Signature:

Signature Witnessed by Signature:

Continuation of Statement of:

were fighting amongst each other refusing to leave the area. I noticed while police were dealing with this group of people the pub manager and 2 other females get into a car and leave the pub, leaving police to deal with the group. We left one police unit at location to ensure the group left.

On 18th march I was NA10N so I was in charge of the CAD. I started work at 2200hours and almost immediately a call was made for more units to the vicinity of NORTH EIGHT for the same group of people on the street causing a disturbance. Officers attended and one male was arrested for racially abusing 2 officers. CAD 7605/18 refers

I would describe the group of people inside the pub as both male and female from the Irish travelling community. The pub itself was in a complete state of disarray and the staff and manager did not appear to be doing anything to remove these people from the premises. I believe there were 2 SIA security on the door on 17th

I have viewed my bodworn prior to writing this statement and I exhibit it as SMC/1

Witness Signature:

Signature Witnessed by Signature:.....

STATEMENT OF WITNESS*(Criminal Procedure Rules, r. 16.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9)*

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Statement of: Miss Katie-Louise Kearns

Age if under 18: Over 18

Occupation: Unemployed

This statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it, anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature:

Date: 18 Jan 2025

This statement is in relation to the day a male was inside of my fathers pub and has tried to hit my sisters dog and has smashed a window at the pub. I am the above named person and my address is known to police and i have recently returned to work at the venue. I will be referring to a number of people in this statement who i will refer to by their first name or as male.

I have arrived at the pub at approximately 1830 hours after i have received a call from one of the bar staff stating that their was travellers in the pub and due to issues the previous night i have come to the venue to make sure everything was ok. Once i have arrived at the pub their was four males inside of the venue and i have spoken to them myself and explained i had had trouble the previous evening and they was very respectful. Throughout the night their wasn't any issues until approximately 02:30 hours i have returned back inside of the venue after having a cigarette and i have witnessed a male from the group trying to attack my sisters dog with a pool cue. Due to this i have picked a pool cue up but have instantly put this down. I have then restrained the male alongside the bouncer and we have managed to remove the male from the pub.

A few moments later i have heard a loud smash and have turned to a side window of the pub when i have seen a males head through the window. At this point i have ran behind the bar and instantly pressed the panic alarm to alert the police. I have then called my auntie and she has informed m that police were on the way. Whilst awaiting for the police i have seen a taxi arrive outside the venue and some of the group have entered the taxi and the rest have exited the pub and have turned right and have continued up the high street. I estimate that it will cost £400 to fix the window which has been damaged.

The males name who smashed the window was Michael after he had informed me at the time of my arrival at the pub when i was speaking to them. I would describe Michael as Five feet 8 in height, dark brow hair swept back, acne on his face and looked young and slim build. I would recognise the male again if i saw him.

Signature:

Signature Witnessed by:

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS*(Criminal Procedure Rules, r. 16.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9)*

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Statement of: Miss Shannon Kearns

Age if under 18: Over 18

Occupation: Estate agent

This statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it, anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature:



Date: 18 Jan 2025

This statement is in relation to the day somebody tried to attack my dog and has smashed a window inside of the pub at North Eight public house, High Street N8. I am the above named person and my address is known to police. I will be referring to multiple other people in this statement who i will refer by their first name or as male.

On Saturday 18th January 2025 at approximately 00:10 hour i have arrived at the pub and have met with my sister Louise who works at the venue. The pub was busy and their was a group of travellers inside of the venue but their was no issues up until 0230 hours. At approximately 02:30 hours one of the males has approached the bar and has wanted another week. Due to the time and how intoxicated he was i have said to the bar staff he cant have any more drinks. The male has then tried to climb on top of the bar and has put one foot on top of the bar and one foot on a stool to try and get onto the bar. To keep him calm Louise has said to the bar staff to give him his two half pints and the male was served and he has then returned to the other males. At this stage i was playing with my dog sugar and he was playing within the pub. Whilst my dog was running around the pub i have seen the male try and kick my dog and i have told him not to do that or the dog will bite.

A few moments later i have seen the male put his two glasses onto the pool table and he has then picked up a pool cue and has come towards me and my dog and has tried to hit the dog. I have managed to get the pool cue off of him and push him into the males toilets. My dog has followed and he has begun to bark at the male. Due to this males behaviour i have then seen Olayinka the doorman for the venue come around and has taken hold of the male and he has managed to get the male outside of the venue.

The male was now outside of the pub and after a few moments i have heard a loud smash come from a side window of the pub. A piece of glass has then flown into one of his friends eyes and we have helped him some tissue for his eye. I have then seen the male walk to the front of the pub and one of his friends has approached me and apologised for the males behaviour. The friend of the male has then exited the pub and it appeared that the male who smashed the window has then taken his top off in an attempt to fight his friend. I believe the group have then heard the police sirens and have run away from the location.

I would describe the male who was causing the issues in the pub as a white male, skinny build, approximately five feet 10 in height, light brown curtain style hair, little sideburns, approximately eighteen to nineteen years old wearing a grey hoody and dark trousers. I would be able to recognise this male again if i saw him.

Signature:



Signature Witnessed by:

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North Eight Crime reports:

INVESTIGATION 01/7385508/25- 16/04/2025 GBH. Officers were called to the premises regarding a fight where approx. 10 males were smashing up the bar and smashing glasses. When officers arrived there was a considerable amount of damage to the pub with stools everywhere and the staff had been injured. When officers attended to view CCTV, as no one was able to work it that night, it was clear that the bar staff had thrown the first glass after a male had picked up the soda gun to spray her after being refused service. The members of staff's boyfriend had also placed the male in a headlock. After a fight between a few of the males the suspect has then picked up 5 tall bar stools, one after the other and thrown them at the staff behind the bar.

INVESTIGATION 01/7340868/25- 04/04/2025 Section 4 POA Fear or provocation of violence. Victim reported that when she had tried to clear refuse from a table the suspect began to launch 3-4 glasses at her. None of them hit her and she had gone behind the bar to call the police and the suspect had appeared he was leaving but then threw a drink over her.

INVESTIGATION 01/7281524/25 & 01/7282435/25- 18/03/2025 racially or religiously aggravated harassment, alarm or distress. Police were called to the premises regarding a fight and during ejecting patrons from the premises, requested by staff, two officers were racially abused. Subsequently the male was arrested. This was 9 hours after an incident had occurred the day before whereby police were called to reports of a fight at the premises twice after being sent away from the first call.

INVESTIGATION 01/7277261/25- 17/03/2025 Common assault. A hired performer was assaulted and thrown against a wall. During this incident the victim stated he had been hired by an unknown Irish male to dress up as a leprechaun as part of the St Patrick's Day celebrations. When he had arrived he was thrown about by patrons of the pub and was then thrown against the wall hitting his head. Whilst there still the manager stated several of the group inside had agreed to pay the victim for any inconvenience and the manager of the pub handed the victim £300 without police involvement.

INVESTIGATION 01/7215791/25- 28/02/2025 Criminal damage. A fight has broken out inside of the pub between two males, during the process of the fight a window has been smashed. The incident was called in by a staff member who was outside the pub about to staff their shift. The PLH did not support police action.

INVESTIGATION 01/7161685/25- 14/02/2025 Minor wound with intent. A fight broke out in the pub causing a glass to smash with victim getting pushed and glass causing injury to her hand.

INVESTIGATION 01/7062213/25- 18/01/2025 Criminal damage. A male has become aggressive inside of the pub and when removed smashed a window. In this incident the suspect involved was 16 at the time. It had come to the time when drinks were no longer being served and the suspect has approached the bar and asked for a drink, although the suspect was intoxicated he has been served to keep him calm and was given two half pints. The premises license clearly states 'children are only permitted on the premises between 11.00 hours and 21.00 hours, accompanied by an adult' and this incident occurred at 02.55 hours. As well as 'A Challenge 25 proof of age scheme shall be operated at the premises'. The statements taken from Shannon and Katie Kearns, The PLH's daughters states the male was served and looked young. It appears Challenge 25 was not in use. Please see MG11 Shannon Kearns and MG11 Katie Kearns.

INVESTIGATION 01/7063717/25- 18/01/2025 Dog dangerously out of control at the pub causing injury by biting victim.

INVESTIGATION 01/883465/24- 25/09/2024. Common assault report whereby victim had alcohol thrown at her.

INVESTIGATION 01/758379/24- 24/08/2024 Affray. Report of two males fighting with knives. One suspect arrested. On this occasion officers were called to outside the premises for reports of two males fighting, one with a Stanley knife and the other with a large knife. The male with the Stanley knife was found to be intoxicated and was arrested for Affray.

INVESTIGATION 01/364441/24- 18/05/2024 ASB investigation for large group of people loitering outside the pub.



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License Number: LN/000002982

Premises License Holder: Hornsey Arms LTD 15476522. Director- James KEARNS.

Designated Premises Supervisor: Jemma Crucifix

Current times of licensable activities:

Regulated Entertainment

Friday and Saturday 2000 to 0000

Supply of Alcohol

Monday to Sunday 1100 to 0300

The opening hours of the premises:

Monday to Sunday 1100 to 0330

This review was started by the local authority concerns the premises license for the North Eight. Police are making supporting representations due to the premises being subject to multiple incidents involving violence as well as breaches of its licensing conditions, raising serious concerns about its management and impact on the local community. Evidence indicates that the premises has failed to adequately control patrons, leading to repeated incidents of disorder, public nuisance, and non-compliance with licensing objectives. Children have also been served at the premises at approximately 02:55hrs on occasion and the challenge25 policy has not been adhered to.

The North Eight venue has become a hotspot for violence and public order, with a significant number of reported incidents linked to its operation. The failure to implement effective security measures and uphold licensing conditions has contributed to an unsafe environment, placing both the staff and public at risk.

Police data:

Since March 2024 there have been twenty five separate dates police have been called to the premises the majority coming from VERISURE Alarm Company. Out of thirty nine of these calls twenty eight were in relation to violence at the premises. The Police call data suggests that there are no specific days incidents are happening and it is evenly spread across the week, with nearly all calls happening around 00.00 – 03.00 hours.

CAD 165/16APR25 00.29 hours- VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PERSON, CRIMINAL DAMAGE
 CAD 157/16APR25 00.31 hours- VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PERSON
 CAD 338/14APR25 01.16 hours- VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PERSON
 CAD 494/04APR25 02.10 hours- VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PERSON
 CAD 6965/01APR25 21.00 hours- VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PERSON, CRIMINAL DAMAGE
 CAD 7605/18MAR25 21.49 hours - VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PERSON
 CAD 181/18MAR25 00.41 hours - VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PERSON
 CAD 8217/17MAR25 23.46 hours - VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PERSON
 CAD 6703/17MAR25 19.59 hours - VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PERSON
 CAD 489/03MAR25 02.23 hours - VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PERSON
 CAD 431/03MAR25 02.02 hours - VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PERSON
 CAD 6860/28FEB25 19.55 hours - VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PERSON
 CAD 6837/28FEB25 19.52 hours - VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PERSON
 CAD 528/18FEB25 02.14 hours - VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PERSON
 CAD 53/14FEB25 00.09 hours - VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PERSON
 CAD 272/14FEB25 00.56 hours - VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PERSON
 CAD 6798/09FEB25 23.08 hours - VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PERSON, CRIMINAL DAMAGE
 CAD 6791/09FEB25 23.07 hours - VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PERSON
 CAD 247/06FEB25 01.00 hours - SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES
 CAD 243/06FEB25 01.00 hours - ROWDY OR INCONSIDERATE BEHAVIOUR, ASB
 CAD 341/06FEB25 01.29 hours - FOUND BY POLICE
 CAD 529/03FEB25 02.38 hours - ASB NUISANCE
 CAD 542/03FEB25 02.48 hours - CIVIL DISPUTE
 CAD 545/01FEB25 01.38 hours - SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES
 CAD 6893/28JAN25 20.47 hours - VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PERSON
 CAD 825/18JAN25 02.55 hours - VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PERSON, CRIMINAL DAMAGE
 CAD 708/17JAN25 03.04 hours - ROWDY OR INCONSIDERATE BEHAVIOUR, ASB
 CAD 261/09JAN25 01.04 hours - VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PERSON
 CAD 267/09JAN25 01.03 hours - VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PERSON
 CAD 520/16DEC24 02.15 hours - ROWDY OR INCONSIDERATE BEHAVIOUR, ASB
 CAD 150/24NOV24 00.17 hours - VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PERSON
 CAD 124/24NOV24 00.16 hours - VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PERSON
 CAD 123/24NOV24 00.17 hours - VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PERSON
 CAD 103/24NOV24 00.13 hours - VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PERSON
 CAD 494/29AUG24 01.35 hours - SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES
 CAD 4567/24AUG24 15.49 hours - VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PERSON
 CAD 351/15JUL24 00.47 hours - ROWDY OR INCONSIDERATE BEHAVIOUR, ASB
 CAD 1167/07JUL24 03.09 hours - ROWDY OR INCONSIDERATE BEHAVIOUR, ASB
 CAD 7226/25MAY24 21.04 hours- VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PERSON

Approximately nineteen of these have been incidents where members of the travelling community have refused to leave and or started fighting inside the pub. A couple of these incidents have resulted in criminal damage. To name one call a female was allowed to be served to the point of vomiting, kicked out of the pub, tried to get into her car and was subsequently arrested for drunk and disorderly

and had to be taken to hospital by officers. A 16 year old has also been served up to appease him and this was at the hours of 02:55am, where no unaccompanied children are allowed on premises according to its licence conditions.

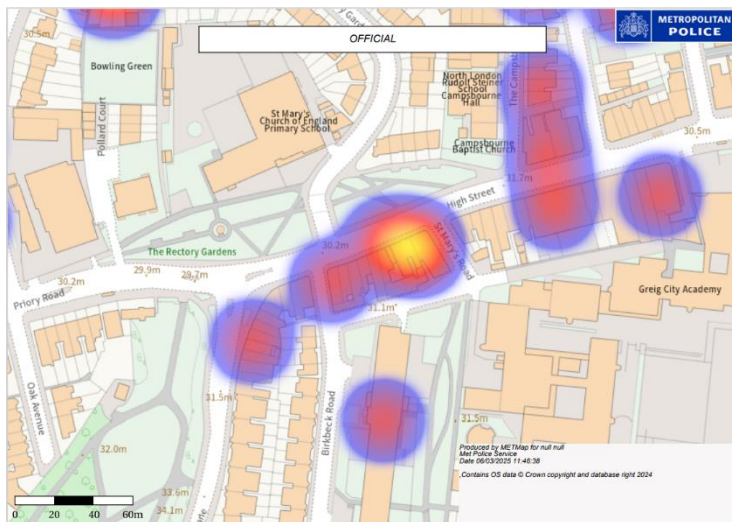
Crime reports:

Over the last twelve months, there has been eleven crime reports generated by police in connection with violent incidents occurring at the premises. This figure does not account for the numerous occasions when Police have been called to immediately respond to fights and disturbances where no formal reports were filed due to lack of cooperation from individuals involved. These incidents highlight the ongoing issues at the premises. Please see North Eight Crimes.

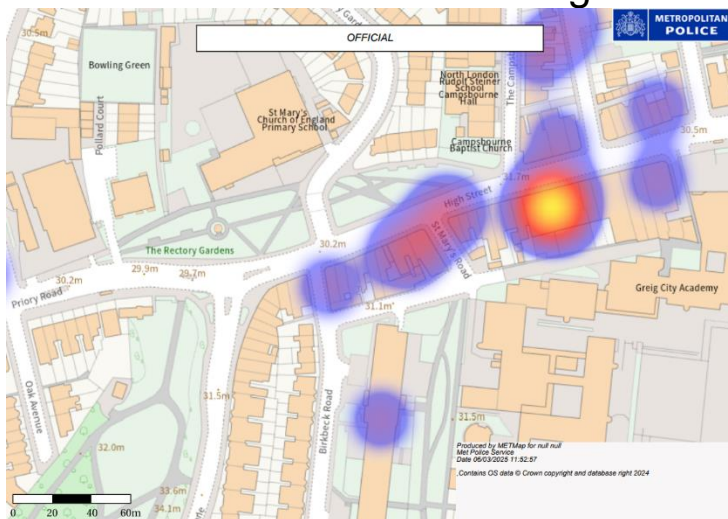
The premises is presenting as a Police hotspot for Violence against the person, Criminal damage and Public order offences.



Violence against the person for the address and the immediate area.
05/03/2024- 06/03/2025.



Criminal damage for the address and the immediate area.
05/03/2024- 06/03/2025.



Public Order offences for the address and the immediate area.
05/03/2024- 06/03/2025.

Police engagement:

Mr Kearns was spoken to on Friday 14th February over the phone regarding an altercation that happened during the early hours on 14/02/2025. He stated that he would bar the people that caused issues at the location and words of advice were given. The Haringey Police Licensing Team email was provided to Mr Kearns. Following this Mr Kearns asked for a meeting with police regarding advice in how to manage Irish Travellers refusing to leave his pub and fighting. This was a first time the PLH indicated he wanted to engage with the police, only after receiving a call post incident, from the Haringey Police Licensing team.

On Friday 14th March police conducted a licensing visit to the North Eight to discuss ongoing concerns that both the Police and Mr Kearns had regarding the premises. During this visit the Mr Kearns, the PLH, acknowledged multiple breaches of the licensing conditions including:

- Only one SIA door supervisor had been hired during the weekends since at least December 2024, when his license clearly states two. PLH told police it costs him approx. £600 and it would ruin his business if he was to spend double on two doors supervisors.
- There was no refusals book on the premises.
- There had been an issue with obtaining CCTV when officers had attended for an incident. This had already been rectified when licensing officers attended the meeting.

The PLH stated to officers that he consumed alcohol whilst on site. This coupled with the breaches further reinforced the Police's serious concerns about the ability of the PLH and DPS to operate the premises in accordance with the law and licensing objectives. Particularly in relation to maintaining control over patrons. Police were keen to engage with the PLH and scheduled a followed up meeting.

During this visit, Police considered issuing a Section 19 Closure notice due to the breaches. However, after reassurance from both the PLH and licensing consultant it was ultimately decided to allow the venue an opportunity to rectify the breaches and implement measures to reduce incidents. The premises was advised on how to fix breaches and a follow up meeting was organised.

In response to the concerns raised, the premises took positive steps to improve compliance and safety. These measures included increasing CCTV coverage and storage capacity to better monitor incidents, signed up to Licensing Connect- which includes WAVE training to improve staff awareness of vulnerability issues- and hiring two SIA door staff to assist with managing patrons and the prevention of disorder.

While these actions demonstrate a willingness to address ongoing issues, it does not appear they have been implemented effectively to ensure a reduction in incidents. There appears to have been minimal

effort in barring nuisance patrons and from looking at response officers Body Worn Video when attending calls patrons appear heavily intoxicated, one young man had to be walked out by two of his friends and officers believed he needed hospital treatment. In this BWV some of the patrons look under 18, as there had been no refusals log on sight officers aren't aware if these people would have been served. How the entries to the Licensing Connect online portal are made, whether these are contemporaneous notes entered at any day, or on the day of the incident, it has not been explained to police. Police does not use or is not familiar with the technicality and operations of the Licensing Connect online tool, which premises have adopted.

Post 1st visit:

Since the Police visit on 14/03/2025, there have been a further two incidents on two consecutive nights one incident on the day of a scheduled police visit and following it.

On 17/03/2025, a hired entertainer was assaulted by patrons, being physically thrown about in the premises. Police were later called again around 23.45 hours for a fight breaking out at the premises, but were ultimately sent away after the pub stated they were happy for people to remain. This was detailed on CAD 8217/17MAR25 by a night duty Inspector. Approximately an hour later Mr Kearns's daughter Shannon Kearns called police stating a staff member had been assaulted, people were fighting and someone had been hit in the face with a bottle. When police arrived patrons were extremely intoxicated and were moved on and no one made themselves known with injuries.

Less than nine hours later on 18/03/2025, police were called to a fight at the venue. While lawfully ejecting patrons as per requested by staff at the premises due to SIA failing to do so, two police officers were subjected to racial abuse. The male was arrested in this instance having been ejected from the pub after he subsequently appeared to racially abuse the officer.

A common feature in these incidents is that the management of the pub have lost control as you will see in the statements from response officers. As well as people smoking inside of the pub, drinking whilst intoxicated and being aggressive. In one case during an incident the manager got into a car and left the premises with police left to deal with a number of drunken people.

Another feature is that the number of customers who are drunk, who police believe have been served while intoxicated. This is again evidenced in police body worn video with on young man so bad police believed he needed to go to hospital for treatment. As well as this some customers look under the age of 18. Again as mentioned before there had been no refusals log at the premises to detail any refusals to under 18's. Serving alcohol to a child, having a lone child at the premises at 02:55hrs is against the conditions of the license and also against a fundamental licensing objective to prevent harm happening to children.

2nd Visit:

Police attended again on Friday 21st March to review the CCTV of the incidents that occurred on 17/03/2025 and 18/03/2025. After viewing the CCTV it was clear there was two SIA door staff on, however they were unable to control the number of people in the premises and the ones trying to push their way in as well, this was on a Monday and Tuesday. Mr Kearns stated to Police during this visit that he had made the decision to close over the weekend of the 21st-23rd March to avoid any further incidents. Police viewed this as a responsible response, the PLH knowing the premises might not be able to handle a further incident so a positive step was taken to close.

It still remains these further incidents not only highlight the continued disorder associated with the premises but also raises concerns about the safety of staff, public and emergency personnel attending the location. A poorly managed venue can require excessive Police responses, diverting resources from other immediate response incidents in the community as that is what we have seen evidenced through the amount of calls in the last 12 months. This is evidenced in a response team Inspectors impact statement.

Post 2nd Visit:

There has since been an incident of affray, resulting in GBH, at the premises on 16/04/2025. At approximately 00.20 hours a fight has broken out after a disagreement between a member of bar staff and a patron. The bar staff had stated that they were closing the bar and it was last orders, a male has then ordered drinks and refused to pay. Another male has stated he would pay that tab, but the bar staff still refused service. This is when the first male has tried to get behind the bar, but was blocked, he has then gone back to the front and picked up the soda gun from the other side of the bar and aimed it at the staff. The staff member's boyfriend was sat at the bar as well and has intervened by placing the male in a headlock. During the incident there was number males holding on to each of the two locked together trying to get them apart, that's when the bar staff have picked up a glass and thrown it at the original male. After the males have broken free one has gone on to pick up five bar stools, one after the other, and thrown it behind the bar at the staff. The staff member has since been let go by Mr Kearns.

During an online Microsoft Teams meeting on 23/04/2025 between Mr Dadds, who is representing the licence holder, and the police licensing team, multiple proposals were suggested that the premises would voluntarily implement for a period of time. Mr Dadds stated he would email the Police licensing team an action plan for officers to consider. An email regarding this was not received until after Police informed Mr Dadds that supporting representations to the review would be submitted by police licensing team. This exchange of emails took place on 01/05/2025. Following a courtesy notification regarding submitting representations Mr Dadds emailed back some suggestions as below:

- Temporarily reducing operating hours to last orders at 23.00 and the premises empty by 01.00.
- Temporarily restricting entry to 23.00 hours, except for remittance of smokers.
- Applying over 21 policy at the weekends.

Summary:

Overall, the premises licence holder has clearly demonstrated he is unable to uphold the licensing objectives and has been unable to provide to Police any solutions to the crime and disorder stopping imminently. As we have seen from the evidence the majority of the violent crimes occur after midnight when other venues in the area have closed and people inside the North Eight have continued drinking for hours. The DPS and Mr Kearns have failed to stop serving customers when they are drunk, as evidenced from the no refusals book and officers BWV and statements. Both The Three Compasses and The Great Northern Railway Tavern, which are located on the same High Street, have lesser operating times on their licenses and do not experience the same issues as The North Eight. Therefore to prevent further crime and disorder the venue needs to close at 00.00 hours with the supply of alcohol being stopped at 23.30 hours as well as having a minimum of two SIA door staff every night of the week. There are concerns with current operating hours remaining in place, reverting to business hours is recommended and advised. This has been put through to the consultant during a police follow up visit, but the response stated more often than not the pub does not use up their permitted operating hours.

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The inability to supply minimum two SIA's at the door on Fridays and Saturdays has been proved and admitted to by the PLH and it must be addressed asap. Police licensing team recommended putting minimum two SIA's at the door at every day of the week, due to the number of incidents steaming from the premises and resulting in crimes being committed.

The serving of children and their lone presence at the premises at early hours of morning must stop immediately.

Regards,

North Area Police Licensing Team

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