

MINUTES OF THE Licensing Sub Committee HELD ON Thursday, 14th August, 2025, 7.00 - 10.13 pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: Anna Abela, Makbule Gunes and Sheila Peacock

ALSO ATTENDING:

1. FILMING AT MEETINGS

RESOLVED:

The filming at meetings procedure was noted

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were

RESOLVED:

The procedural summary was noted.
e received from Councillor Weston. Councillor Peacock substituted for Councillor Weston.

3. URGENT BUSINESS

There were none.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

5. SUMMARY OF PROCEDURE

RESOLVED:

The procedural summary was noted.

6. APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE AT DE MAMAS KITCHEN WOODGREEN, 24-26 COMMERCE ROAD, WOOD GREEN, LONDON N22 8ED (WOODSIDE)

Presentation by the Licensing Officer

The Licensing Team Leader, informed the Sub-Committee that:

- The options available to Members were outlined . Members questioned the timings for the supply of alcohol, particularly the 11am – 10pm on Monday timing. It was clarified that the timing for openings would not allow for any stop and start of opening hours.

Presentation by the applicant

Mr Robert Edge and Ms Marilyn Nwokemodo, representatives for the applicant, informed the Sub Committee that:

- The applicant had given due regard to all representations received by the Council, the Council's Licensing team and Licensing regulations.
- It was explained that the venue would be a restaurant with an approximate capacity of 16.
- The applicant explained that they would work with the local community and suggested conditions that would help support the licensing objectives and the community. They recognised that the area was residential, and explained that the application was sensitive to that.
- It was explained that there were no significant objections from responsible authorities towards the application.

Questions to applicant

- It was noted, following questions from the Sub-Committee, that there had been three objectors to the application.
- It was explained by the applicant that the applicant would be utilising the premises to serve predominantly West African food, and that there was not an expectation that the premises would be catering to large numbers of people, due to the size of the premises.
- It was explained that the serving of alcohol would be undertaken as part of the service of food and would not be available as a bar service.
- It was stressed by the applicant that the use of music on the premises would be used to provide background music for the restaurant, and not be a central aspect of the application.
- The applicant explained that there had been some evidence of anti-social behaviour in the area, but it was explained that the opening of a restaurant was not considered to be an additional factor to anti-social behaviour. It was also noted that the applicant would be installing a network of Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) systems before the commencement of trading to help deter anti-social behaviour.

- The applicant explained their experience of working in the hospitality business and their businesses in other areas.

Presentation by objectors:

Objectors were not in attendance and did not give evidence.

Summary

Applicant:

- It was suggested by the applicant that the proposed premises would create local employment and services.

Following all presentations, the Licensing Sub Committee carefully considered the application for a new premises licence for De Mamas Kitchen Woodgreen at 24-26 Commerce Road, Wood Green, London N22 8ED. In considering the application, the Committee took account of the London Borough of Haringey's Statement of Licensing Policy, the Licensing Act 2003, the Licensing Act 2003 Guidance, the report pack and the applicant's and objectors' representations. Having carefully considered the application and heard from all the parties, the Sub Committee decided to **GRANT** the application for the hours and subject to the conditions.

Hours Granted

Regulated Entertainment

Monday to Saturday: 10:00 to 22:00 hours

Sunday: 12:00 to 22:00 hours

Sale of Alcohol

Monday to Saturday: 11:00 to 22:00 hours

Sunday: 12:00 to 22:00 hours

Supply of alcohol ON and OFF the premises.

Hours Open to the Public

Monday to Saturday: 10:00 to 23:00 hours

Sunday: 12:00 to 23:00 hours

Reasons

The premises is situated on a parade of retail premises with flats above on the north side of Commerce Road, which is predominantly residential. There is a premises on the parade already licensed to sell alcohol for consumption off the premises with later hours than applied for by this application.

Responsible Authorities

The Local Authority Noise Team had no objection to the licence being granted subject to the following condition for the protection of children:

- The licensee shall keep a register of refused sales of all age-restricted products (Refusals Book).
- The Refusals Book shall be examined regularly by the Licensee, with the date and time of each examination recorded.

- The Refusals Book shall be kept on the licensed premises and made available for inspection by the Licensing Officer, Trading Standards, or the Police.

The Police similarly had no objection provided further conditions were applied, as set out in the Agenda Pack. The Applicant agreed to those conditions and undertook to ensure one CCTV camera covered the area immediately outside the premises.

Objections

Three individuals objected, one of whom manages the off-licence on the parade, although none attended the hearing.

They expressed concern about increased alcohol-fuelled anti-social behaviour if a licence were granted, and one objector alleged loud music from the venue.

Applicant

The Applicant's representative responded to the objections and offered further conditions as set out in the report pack.

At the Hearing

Prior to the hearing the Panel had read the report pack including the application, representations and proposed conditions.

The Applicant confirmed alcohol consumed on the premises would only be served with meals.

The Applicant acknowledged concerns regarding loitering outside the premises and confirmed steps would be taken to disperse any such persons.

The Panel carefully considered the representations and concluded that any concerns relating to the licensing objectives could be addressed through licence conditions.

The Panel resolved to grant the licence for the hours sought, subject to the application conditions, Police and Noise Team conditions, and the following additional conditions:

1. The licence shall take effect only following submission by the applicant and acceptance by the Council of an appropriate dispersal policy.
2. One CCTV camera shall be positioned to cover the exit from and area immediately outside the front of the premises.

7. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

There was none.

8. CONSIDERATION OF AN OBJECTION TO A TEMPORARY EVENT NOTICE CHEZ NICKY, 295 WEST GREEN ROAD LONDON N15 FOR 16TH - 20TH AUGUST 2025. (ST ANNS)

Presentation by the Licensing Officer

The Licensing Team Leader informed the Sub-Committee that:

- There had been a submission for a Temporary Event Notice (TEN) to open up the rear area of the premises for licensable activities.
- That there had been representations received from the Council Noise and Nuisance Team and the Metropolitan Police opposing the request.

Questions to Licensing

- Following questions about the current license and the lack of permission to use the rear area, it was explained that this area was previously utilised as a garage workspace, and that there had been a significant impact of noise from that area that had been reported by local residents. It was explained that there had been Planning permission secured for the rear area of the site to install a secure roof on the site, which had not yet been undertaken.

Presentation by the notice giver:

Mr Max Lemba, representatives for the applicant, informed the Sub Committee that:

- The previous owner of the premises had utilised the rear area as a shisha area, which the current owner did not consider viable and would not undertake.
- It was suggested by the applicant that the refusal of the Temporary Event Notices for the licence holder was having a significant impact on the viability of the business.
- The applicant suggested that there were limited numbers of objectors to the activities proposed on the premises.

Questions to notice giver

- The applicant explained that they were not aware that their TEN was not in place, and were not aware that they were in breach of licence, as it was explained that emails were not being received.
- The applicant noted that they were not always open during licenced hours due to other job roles and commitments.
- It was asked by the police representative if future application for TENs made by the applicant could include an operating schedule to provide assurance of adherence. It was noted by the applicant that if required, that they would submit this in the case of a weekend event.
- The applicant explained that they would utilise a TENs application on a weekday in order to cover any usage of the back area.

Presentation by objectors:

Police Constable Costache Adriana-Monica, objector and the Senior Noise & Nuisance Officer and informed the Committee that:

- They had concerns that the applicant would not uphold the licencing objective, and made objection to the application.

- It was explained that there had been complaints received by the Licencing Authority from residents relating to late night music and people noise from the premises.
- That the Police had not attended the premises and so they could not confirm that the noise came from those premises. It was additionally noted that there were no other recent noise complaints received.
- That the Noise and Nuisance Team noted that the premises were still open following licencing hours and that there was evidence of licensable activities being undertaken in the rear area, which was a breach of licence.
- It was explained that the applicant had applied for five late Temporary Event Notices, which had all been rejected. Licencing Officers noted they had received complaints that an event had taken place outside of licenced hours following rejection.
- It was stressed that officers had ensured that all late TENs applications that had been rejected had been sent to the applicant.

SUMMARY

- The Metropolitan Police and Noise and Nuisance objectors reissued their objection as they were not convinced of the licencing objectives that had been put forward as part of the TENs application.
- The Notice Giver explained that the refusal of TENs would have significant impact on the viability of their business. The notice giver additionally noted that their issues with the receipt of emails had caused some issues with understanding refusal of previous TENs applications.

The Panel carefully considered the Temporary Event Notice (TEN) served by the Applicant dated 31 July 2025, the representations from the Metropolitan Police and Council Noise Team and the Applicant made both orally and in writing prior to and at the meeting, the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and the Home Office guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.

Date Applied For

16 to 20 August 2025

Licensable Activities Requested

Late Night Refreshment:

16 Aug 00:00–03:00; 17 Aug 00:00–02:30; 18 Aug 00:00–01:30; 19 Aug 00:00–01:30; 20 Aug 00:00–02:00

Supply of Alcohol (On the Premises Only):

16 Aug 14:00–00:30; 17 Aug 14:00–00:30; 18 Aug 14:00–23:30; 19 Aug 14:00–23:30; 20 Aug 14:00–23:30

Maximum attendance: up to 65 people.

Panel Resolution

The Panel resolved that allowing the licensable activities stated in the TEN would undermine the licensing objectives of the prevention of crime and disorder and the prevention of public nuisance.

The Panel therefore considered it appropriate to issue a Counter Notice, with the effect that the licensable activities set out in the TEN shall not be permitted.

Reasons

The premises is situated on West Green Road N15, on a retail parade with residential premises above and residential streets behind.

The existing Premises Licence holder is Chez Nicky Limited and the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) is Mampasi Lemba.

Mr Lemba gave evidence to the Panel.

Existing Premises Licence

Recorded Music: Friday to Saturday, 23:00 to 00:30.

Late Night Refreshment: Friday to Saturday, 23:00 to 00:30.

Supply of Alcohol: Sunday to Thursday, 11:00 to 23:30; Friday and Saturday, 11:00 to 00:30; Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, 11:00 to 01:30.

Opening Hours: Sunday to Thursday, 07:00 to 00:00; Friday and Saturday, 07:00 to 01:00; Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, 10:00 to 02:00.

The licence excludes use of the rear of the premises for licensable activities.

Responsible Authorities

Objections were made by the Police and the Local Authority Noise Team on the grounds that the licensing objectives would be undermined.

The Police objected citing multiple alleged breaches of licence conditions and a report of loud music at approximately 03:00 on 19 July 2025, although officers could not conclusively attribute the noise to the premises.

The Noise Team objected due to multiple noise complaints and repeated breaches of licence conditions, including operating beyond permitted hours.

The Noise Team further gave evidence of repeated use of the rear of the premises for alcohol consumption, contrary to licence conditions.

The Licensee

Mr Lemba stated that he had submitted several TENs, particularly late TENs, and believed they had taken effect because he had not received objections.

He also stated that the business could not survive without routine use of TENs to operate later hours and use the rear of the premises.

Licensing Officer

The Licensing Officer gave evidence that responses had been sent to each TEN submitted and that the Licensee had generally responded to those communications.

Panel Findings

The Panel accepted the evidence of the Noise Team.

The Panel did not accept the Licensee's claim that objections had not been received and concluded that any operation beyond licence hours or use of the rear area had therefore been undertaken knowingly.

The Panel was concerned by the admission that the business was not financially viable without routinely operating beyond the terms of the licence under TENS. The Panel considered that the appropriate course would have been to seek a variation of the premises licence rather than rely on TENS to circumvent existing conditions.

The Panel had no confidence that the Licensee was taking seriously the obligation to uphold the licensing objectives and therefore resolved to issue a Counter Notice preventing the event detailed in the TEN from taking place.

9. CONSIDERATION OF AN OBJECTION TO A TEMPORARY EVENT NOTICE PIRATES GROG UNIT 25 MILLMEAD BUSINESS CENTRE, MILL MEAD ROAD, TOTTENHAM, LONDON N17- FOR 05TH OCTOBER 2025 (TOTTENHAM HALE)

Presentation by the Licensing Officer

The Licensing Team Leader, informed the Sub-Committee that:

- Representations opposing the application had been received from the Metropolitan Police and the Council's Noise and Nuisance Team.
- It was clarified that the sale of alcohol was generally permitted between 12pm and 4.30am on Saturday, and that the Temporary Event Notice application was asking to carry through from 0500 to 1200 on that date, for up to 150 people.

Presentation by the notice giver

Mr Gareth Noble, representative for the applicant, informed the Sub Committee that:

- The applicant wanted to use the site to encourage a vibrant night time economy.
- It was explained that the applicant worked with a security agency which utilised bodycams and had medical training, which promoted safety.

Questions to applicant

- It was asked by the Sub-Committee what the event was aimed to be. It was explained that one of the events would begin at 6pm on Saturday and end at 2am on the Sunday, and would be a techno music event. It was explained that the next event would start at 5am, and it was expected that event goers would be coming from other sites or coming from late night working. It was stressed that the applicant had an experienced team in order to ensure that they could

successfully organise the proposed event.

- The applicant explained that the event would utilise the main space to undertake the event, which would include drinking, dancing and music. It was noted that the general age group of attendees was expected to be diverse.
- It was asked what the capacity for the event would be, what advertising was taking place, the target audience, and any medical requirements which would be required for a long event. It was noted by the applicant that the members of the hired security SIA team were medically trained, and it was noted that it could be requested that medically trained staff could be present.
- Officers stressed that there was a need to have separate medical staff available from security staff, in order to ensure a safe event, as well as staff to ensure safeguarding against violence. It was noted by the applicant that they implemented Ask Angela.
- The applicant explained that they would investigate how well-trained staff were on welfare issues.
- It was explained that the target audience was aimed at 25-40 years, and noted that advertisement had not begun due to waiting for the event application.
- It was explained that the capacity of the site for the event would be expected to about at maximum of 150 people.
- The applicant noted that they could, as part of a condition for granting the TEN, that they could close the venue between the two events.
- Officers noted that they would have appreciated more information on the substance of the event which was being proposed as part of the application.
- The applicant explained that the set list for the proposed events would likely be of a different genre, which could encourage changes in crowds. It was stressed that there were two separate events proposed.
- It was asked if there was a possibility for people to loiter outside of the event following closure of the first event and waiting for the second. The applicant noted that the location was somewhat isolated and it was not expected that people would wait in the area.
- It was noted by the applicant that the security staff would have counters to monitor number of attendees at the event.

Presentation by objectors:

Police Constable Costache Adriana-Monica, objector and Mr Amir Darvish, Noise & Nuisance Officer and informed the Committee that

- The Police believed that current licenced hours were sufficient to undertake activities. There were also concerns regarding continuing service for an event for such a long period, and the potential for anti-social behaviour as a result.
- It was noted that there were concerns regarding the safety of staff during the event.
- The Noise & Nuisance Officer raised concerns regarding noise nuisance in the area and stressed that there was a risk of ambient noise travelling distances which could disturb residents. It was also noted that there was no clear action plan to ensure that any mitigation matters would be in place.
- It was asked whether additional stewards would help circumvent worries of noise and nuisance from patrons entering and exiting. The Noise & Nuisance Officer stressed that an event of that nature would need significant preparation for extended hours to prepare for potential issues from drink and drug consumption.

SUMMARY

- Objectors raised concerns regarding safety measures for the event which were considered to be inadequate and may not meet licencing objectives.
- Objectors considered current opening hours to be sufficient and that there was not a robust enough action plan to mitigate the risk of the event.
- The applicant considered that they were an experienced operator with an experienced staff who would be able to uphold the licencing objectives adequately. It was stressed that there had been no previous issues noted at the site which indicated robust plans on site to manage risk.

The Panel carefully considered the Temporary Event Notice ("TEN") served by the Applicant dated 31 July 2025, the representations from Responsible Authorities and the Applicant made both orally and in writing and prior to and at the meeting, the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and the Home Office guidance under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.

Date applied for: 5 October 2025

The TEN was served in respect of the following licensable activities:

- a. The Sale by Retail of Alcohol (for consumption on the Premises)**
- b. Regulated Entertainment**

from 0500 to 1200 on that date, for up to 150 people.

The Panel Resolved:

That to allow the licensable activities stated in the TEN to go ahead would undermine the licensing objectives of public safety, prevention of crime and disorder and the prevention of public nuisance.

That it therefore considers it appropriate to give Counternotice; which has the effect that the licensable activities set out above ("the activities") shall not be permitted

Reasons

The premises is operated (for relevant purposes) as a night club. It is situated at the North West corner on the Millmead Industrial Estate, at the far corner from its entrance. Hence, while the TEN states that the nearest neighbours are over 1km away with regard to patrons exiting the site, the nearest residential properties are in fact about 100m away on the other side of a railway line and an elevated section of Watermead Way.

The existing premises Licensee is Pirates Grog Rum Limited, and designated premises supervisor (DPS) is Gareth Noble.

The operating schedule permitted by the existing licence is as follows:

Live Music

Wednesday to Thursday 1800 to 2330

Friday to Sunday 1800 to 0000

Recorded Music

Monday to Wednesday 1800 to 2330

Friday 1800 to 0500

Saturday 1200 to 0500

Sunday 1200 to 0300

Supply of Alcohol – ON Sales

Wednesday to Thursday 1800 to 2300

Friday 1800 to 0430

Saturday 1200 to 0430

Sunday 1200 to 0230

Supply of Alcohol – OFF Sales Online Only

Monday to Friday 1000 to 1800

Saturday 1200 to 0430

Sunday 1200 to 0230

The opening hours of the premises:

Wednesday to Thursday 1800 to 2330

Friday 1800 to 0500

Saturday 1200 to 0500

Sunday 1200 to 0300

Licensing

Licensing raised a number of questions to clarify the nature of the event and the arrangements to be made. Would patrons be allowed to drink non-stop; what medical provision would be in place; what safeguarding and welfare provision would be in place for staff and patrons.

Responsible authorities

Objections were made by two Responsible Authorities: the Police, and the Local Authority Noise Team ("Noise") on the grounds that the licensing objectives would be undermined. The Police particularly drew attention to the fact that if no counternotice were served, the premises would have the opportunity to be open continuously for 39 hours.

At the hearing, Noise raised concerns about public nuisance, in particular noise during Sunday morning when the ambient noise level is low and noise carries further, and patrons arriving and leaving; public safety and crime and disorder.

The officer also pointed out (in response to the Licensee's comments) that there was no requirement for First Aid or welfare training for the SIA qualification.

The Police were concerned at the potential for patrons drinking and possibly taking illegal substances over a period of 39 hours and the impacts on public safety, crime and disorder and the safety of both staff and patrons.

The Licensee

The DPS explained that Wiggle, the event per se, was an electronic music event that would last from 5am until maybe 1 or 2pm on the Sunday. He expected it would involve a number of different performers, appealing to different groups of people. He expected an attendance of maybe 175 people, but probably 150 people. He expected the patrons to include hospitality staff and others working through the night who'd be looking for a place to go after work, and people who'd been to parties finishing in the earlier morning.

He would rely upon his SIA staff provider to provide medical and welfare services to patrons and staff.

He had not considered having the event stop for an hour for a clear-up and reset to break up the period so that patrons didn't remain the whole 39 hours; he thought it a good idea, but he had no plans to deal with patrons who loitered on the estate and then sought readmission beyond possibly having extra SIA staff to patrol the estate.

He was asked about how he'd deal with taking illicit drugs from individuals trying to bring them into the venue and what would be done with them after confiscation. Beyond putting them in evidence bags, he did not know – he didn't know whether he was supposed to ask the Police to come round to collect them or whether they would come to him.

The Panel

The Panel retired and considered the TEN and evidence given.

The Panel felt that it would be artificial to consider the 5 hour TEN in isolation and that it was appropriate to consider it together with the existing licensed hours making an unbroken period of 39 hours from Saturday noon until Monday morning. The participants in the hearing, including the Licensee, had approached it on this basis.

The Panel felt that the DPS had not given any serious thought to the matters raised at the hearing about an event of significant size and length. He appeared to be unprepared, and had no existing plans to deal with those matters. He had stated that "part of coming on and talking to [the Panel] is to understand if we were to go ahead with this, the best way to do that". That should not be the function of a TEN hearing.

The Panel had particular concerns about the DPS approach to:

- Public health – the safety of both patrons and staff

- Attendance –he expected probably 150, which is the limit mentioned in the TEN, and indicated that his SIA staff on the door would have clickers; but he also mentioned a possible attendance of 175
- Planning for separate welfare or medical provision
- Dealing with drugs
- Safeguarding of women and girls
- Loitering on the industrial estate, generally and in relation to seeking readmission
- Managing noise
- Managing the potential for drugs consumption

The DPS did not appreciate that noise from the event would likely travel to the nearby residential areas.

Overall, taking into account all these concerns and others raised at the hearing, the Panel was not satisfied that the License had, or would formulate, sufficiently robust plans to deal with the concerns raised and uphold the licensing objectives for the 39 hours involved.

The Panel therefore resolved to serve Counternotice preventing the event detailed in the TEN taking place.

CHAIR:

Signed by Chair

Date