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**Sent:** 03 August 2022 16:48

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**Subject:** Re: Princess Banqueting

Dear Daliah

I have numbered your questions and provided the answer below each numbered question.

Generally going forwards in time during Mondays, Tuesday's, Wednesday's and Thursday's – we wish to utilise the sites kitchen facilities and offer a food led business (Pop Up Restaurant) to potential customers, this will help in making the premises and business viable and add a revenue stream in order to keep us on top of the rent and bills required to operate building.

**1. Whilst we appreciate the offer to reduce the hours for part of the week and the explanation of how weddings will be managed, the fact remains that the request if granted would allow for a 400 + capacity venue to be able to supply alcohol and regulated entertainment until 3am.**

Yes you are correct in the statement about being able to supply alcohol and regulated entertainment until 3am but this will only be in context of being booked as a banqueting hall in order to celebrate a wedding and or another life celebration event. We are only a small venue compared to other banqueting halls in London and we hope to have a high number of customers use our venue, but generally our customer numbers will be less than 400 in reality it would be in the range of 100 - 200 or even 300 people visiting the premises over the entire duration of a wedding event.

The Number of people on site will be managed and controlled with tailor made specific conditions for the premises all in the promotion of the 4 licensing objectives.

Prevention of Crime and Disorder

Public Safety

Prevention of Public Nuisance

Protection of Children from Harm

ACS (Approved Contractor Scheme) SIA Door Supervisors plus addition members of staff monitoring the customers and reporting any issues to the SIA staff for the appropriate action to be taken.

CCTV camera's at the moment we have 16 cameras covering all aspects of the premises and a further 8 more cameras can be added if required to cover any aspects raised by the responsible authorities.

The detailed dispersal policy, Site Action Plan, Point by Point requirements triggered by times during the operation of an event/booking. Staff training manuals and records.

**2. The activities have not been defined or restricted to only allow the premises to be used for weddings and other life celebrations.**

We are happy to define/restrict the premises to only allow it to be used for the functions associated with a banqueting hall. A condition which states we can not operate as a "Night Club" is completely acceptable. Do you require us to draft the wording for this condition? I can find a licensing profession to draft the required condition.

We wish to promote different cultures (Greek, Romanian, Polish, Albanian etc etc) these promotions/events will be in the form of a dinner and dance events, sit down table service offering live music famous signers etc from many different cultures and communities suitable for the whole family to attend.

We do not wish to operate as a nightclub as this type of venue brings several problems we do not want to be associated with our main function is a banqueting hall but these types of other events gives us the flexibility to generate revenue in the time periods when traditional banqueting hall events weddings etc are not operating in the season/time period.

**3. The LA representation offers a condition to not have DJ led events at the premises. You have responded to say that this would not suit the planned style of operation.**

Our events will have a DJ operating providing musical entertainment during the time period when live music signers are taking a break (no human being can sing constantly for hours on end without a break) but this will not mean we will attempt to operate as a night club. Some of our customers can not afford to hire a professional wedding group or singers and the low cost option would be a person i.e. a DJ play recorded music for the event.

**4. In effect if the licence is granted as requested you could operate a nightclub style operation for 400 people.**

We will not operate as a "Night Club" a condition which states this can be agreed.

**4.1 This would have a significant impact in the area as the premises is landlocked with no parking facilities of its own and customers would be parking in residential roads.**

Parking – all our customers will be told to park in the public car parking spaces of

“Stoneleigh Road Car Parks A, B & C” all of these car parks are a short walk away from the premises. We would also have car parking stewards patrolling the car parks giving directions for our customers.

#### **4.2 A nightclub crowd brings its own associated anti social behaviour issues.**

We agree with you and this is the reason why we state that we do not want to operate as a night club

#### **5. Also if the venue is for hire for life events the LA would not want under 21 birthday parties taking place onsite.**

Any hiring of the venue will be property risk assessed, we understand your concerns about parties holding events/bookings for persons under the age of 21 and any hire of this will undergo additional checks and only be allowed to go ahead we take if the booking it has to be taken with full service package of 3-4 course meals, seated table service and only the small dancing area used by customers the tables and chairs will remain in place during the entire duration of the event.

Additional ACS SIA Door Supervisors will be required from the standard 1 SIA person per 100 customers. The booking will only accepted by the parent (s) of anyone under the age of 21 and this person(s) will be held liable for any issues or incidents, the deposit requirements will be significantly higher than a normal/standard booking. We will also liaise with the Police authority in regards to such a book providing the relevant information about the booking in order to be checked for potential crime and disorder issues.

#### **6. The condition for no DJ led events would not impact on weddings, Bar mitzvahs etc etc.**

Yes you are correct about the impact upon our primary function/type of events, but our other events will have a DJ operating providing musical entertainment during the time period when live music signers are taking a break (no human being can sing constantly for hours on end without a break) but this will not mean we will attempt to operate as a night club.

#### **7. You have not mentioned how any of the works identified in the Building Control representation will be dealt with at this stage.**

Tech Solution Ltd -Fire Protection Association has been dealing with these matters since 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022 and have completed most of the works required, we can forward you the latest emails from Tech Solution Ltd to Haringey Building Control Officer Mr Chenier.

I hope that the above provides you with the required information.

Look forward to hearing from you shortly.

Regards,

Daniel

On Wed, Aug 3, 2022 at 6:51 AM Licensing <[Licensing.Licensing@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Licensing@haringey.gov.uk)> wrote:

Dear Mr Stegariu,

Thank you for the email it will be placed before the LSC on 8th August.

Whilst we appreciate the offer to reduce the hours for part of the week and the explanation of how weddings will be managed, the fact remains that the request if granted would allow for a 400 + capacity venue to be able to supply alcohol and regulated entertainment until 3am.

The activities have not been defined or restricted to only allow the premises to be used for weddings and other life celebrations.

The LA representation offers a condition to not have DJ led events at the premises. You have responded to say that this would not suit the planned style of operation.

In effect if the licence is granted as requested you could operate a nightclub style operation for 400 people. This would have a significant impact in the area as the premises is landlocked with no parking facilities of its own and customers would be parking in residential roads. A nightclub crowd brings its own associated anti social behaviour issues.

Also if the venue is for hire for life events the LA would not want under 21 birthday parties taking place onsite.

The condition for no DJ led events would not impact on weddings, Bar mitzvahs etc etc.

You have not mentioned how any of the works identified in the Building Control representation will be dealt with at this stage.

The representations remain in place as does the LSC hearing on 8th August.

Regards

Daliah Barrett

Licensing Team Leader

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**From:** Daniel Stegariu <>

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 2, 2022 6:59:18 PM

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**Cc:** Alexander Paphiti <>

**Subject:** Re: Princess Banqueting

Dear Daliah/Kayleigh

In order to avoid the need for a licensing hearing, our proposal is to reduce the terminal hours

of operation for the early part of the week - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday concluding at midnight (00:00) and closure by 00:30.

This is a cumulated reduction of 12 hours from the proposed days and times. Following on from us proving to the Police and Licensing Authorities that the business can operate positively in the hands of competent, responsible, qualified and experienced people with the right team of staff behind them.

Looking into the future it would be our aim to reapply to the licensing authority in order to increase the hours of operation for the above days if there is sufficient demand/need from our customer established it. The hours of operation proposed by the Licensing & Police Authorities can not be used (especially for the main days of function - most people have wedding, family celebrations etc on Fridays, Saturdays and Sunday and the nature of these positive life changing events means people wish to celebrate for more than a few hours).

As you can imagine a typical wedding celebration event takes up the entire day from the time people wake up until late in the night/next morning - generally people will be arriving at our venue from roughly 6pm until 7:30pm and we offer customers a full package (catering for a large number of customers 300-400) age which includes a full 3-4 course meal.

Just to give you a brief summary of the timeline of an event -

The majority of the guests will need to be seated before we start the 3-4 course dinner service this takes a number of hours as there are several points during the evening when the guests will do speeches/toasts, the first dance as husband and wife, cutting the cake, the money dance, (kalamatiano) or pinning money on the bride's dress (different cultures call it different things), but generally its an upbeat and interactive part of the reception involving music, dancing and bills/notes of money being tossed at or handed to the newly married couple in order to help them start their married life in the best possible way.

After all of the above is done all of the guest interact and celebrate with each other with music etc being provided, during this time period people will be leaving the event but there will also be a large number of guest who wish to continue to celebrate the event and will leave a lot later. All of the above doesnt cause any issues in relation to the licensing objectives as we propose to have all the required control measures/conditions in place.

Therefore we are asking for you both to please consider the proposal in relation to the premises and the application, as some of the proposed conditions are clearly not tailored made for our application/venue e.g. you suggested the number of smokers to be limited to 3 patrons, when considering the various aspects of our premises and application - our proposed smoking area is not on the public highway and there is no immediate threat to causing noise pollution, nuisance, crime and disorder or issues with the promotion of the 4 licensing objectives.

A full package of information will be provided if you do not consider the above and the emails from Alex as being sufficient enough to withdraw your representation. I hope to hear from you shortly.

Regards,

Daniel

On Mon, Aug 1, 2022 at 9:49 PM Alexander Paphiti  
<> wrote:

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From: **Alexander Paphiti** <>

Date: Mon, 1 Aug 2022, 21:47

Subject: Princess Banqueting

To: <[Daliah.Barrett@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:Daliah.Barrett@haringey.gov.uk)>, <[kayleigh.mitcham@met.police.uk](mailto:kayleigh.mitcham@met.police.uk)>,<>

Dear Daliah/ Kayleigh

I wanted to touch base with you and see if we can come to an amicable solution... I have tried to get in touch with you both via telephone but to no avail...not sure why its difficult to speak with you....nevertheless ... What we wanted to suggest was that we reduce our licensable activities during the week but keep the weekends as applied for and maybe adjust our late night refreshment hours... as this fits our business model.

I do feel a need to justify myself as we seem to be getting the short end of the stick due to others inappropriate activities .

We want to work with Haringey licencing and the Met to reduce crime and disorder and nuisance to the public and increase the safety for children and the public both our customers and other members of the public.

The adjustments we would request are so we can fit in with both the licencing objectives and our business model.

The only way we at Princess banqueting can help contribute in making Haringey a safer borough is to be able to implement our structure and put in place our safety measures...and for us to be able to work alongside you to show or even prove our ability and desire to make this work is for us to be granted the licence that our type of business needs even if minor adjustments need to be put in place...

I am really hoping to speak with you both prior to the hearing on the 8th August 2022 ....

Many thanks

Alexander Paphiti



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