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Sent: 02 June 2025 12:45
To: Licensing <Licensing@haringey.gov.uk>
Cc: business boating <business.boating@canalrivertrust.org.uk>
Subject: Illegal Bar - Tottenahm - Stonebridge

Hi,

As discussed please find attached information received of an illegal bar serving alcohol on the River Lee between Stonebridge and Tottenham Lock.

The vessel doesn't have permission from the Trust, and I believe it doesn't hold the appropriate licencing from Haringey.

The vessel is linked to The Post Bar to n15 4bp

Please let me know if you require further information.

Thanks

Tom Jackson

Regional Moorings Manager (South)

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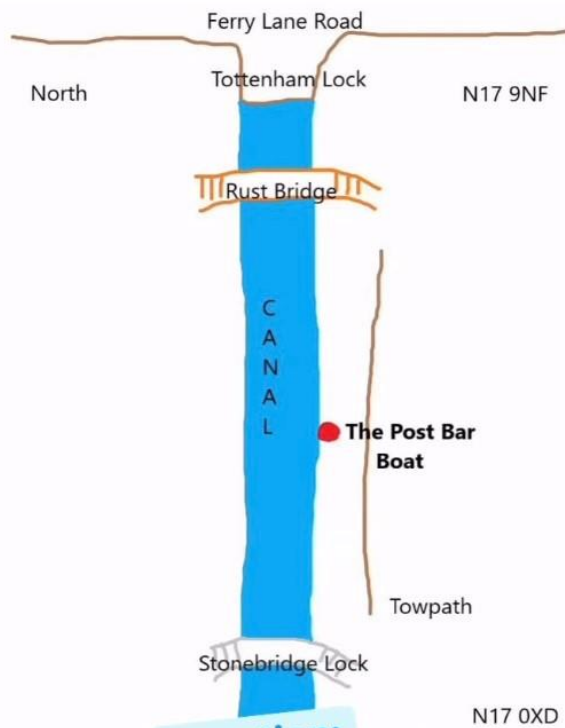


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From: Howard Clark <canalrivertrust.org.uk>
Sent: 23 June 2025 11:07
To: Daliah Barrett <Daliah.Barrett@haringey.gov.uk>
Cc: Tom Jackson <canalrivertrust.org.uk>
Subject: RE: Application for a Premises Licence- Post Bar on the Water, Lock 17
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It is noted that the operators are saying that they place furniture out on the footpath for their customers, we are making clear that we will not be authorising that as part of this process.

I will call to discuss but please bear with me as I am in festival season with various events planned across the borough.

Regards

Daliah Barrett

From: Tom Jackson <[Thomas](#)>

Sent: 23 June 2025 08:38

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Good Morning Daliah,

From the Canal & River Trust's perspective, we have several concerns regarding this premises licence application:

- The applicant does not have permission to be permanently moored at this location.
- They lack the appropriate business licence and necessary insurances to operate legally on our waterways.
- Granting a premises licence could create a misleading expectation that permanent mooring is permitted, which it is not.

Additionally, we are concerned about off-sales near the water, which may lead to littering, public drinking on both Canal & River Trust and council land, and safety issues due to a lack of appropriate security measures.

We therefore recommend that this premises licence be declined.

As previously mentioned, the Canal and River Trust would be happy to join a call to discuss this further and supply further information about how commercial vessels should operate on our waterways.

I have also copied in [@Howard Clark](#) as Area Operational Manager for this section. [@Howard Clark](#) feel free to give me a call to discuss this one directly.

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From: Amir Darvish <Amir.Darvish@haringey.gov.uk>

Sent: 26 June 2025 14:12

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Cc: Daliah Barrett <Daliah.Barrett@haringey.gov.uk>

Subject: FW: Application for a Premises Licence- Post Bar on the Water, Lock 17 Development Site Hale Wharf, Ferry Lane, Tottenham, London N17 9NF (WK/630427)

Importance: High

Dear Licensing Team,

On 20th June, I visited the named premises regarding the above application. Following the inspection, we have identified the following:

- **Public Safety:** There is a significant safety concern regarding the gap between the vessel and the edge of the footpath where the vessel is moored. This is the area where customers are expected to place their orders (please see the attached photo).
- **CCTV Cameras:** The submitted plan does not include any CCTV cameras. There are no CCTV cameras covering the area where customers will interact with staff at the front of the vessel.

In addition, there are further concerns regarding the operational and regulatory issues associated with using such a vessel as a licensed premises. We believe the applicant must obtain all necessary licenses from the relevant authorities to meet the requirements for using the vessel as a licensed premises.

Furthermore, we have received an objection from the Canal & River Trust. Their representation highlights several issues, including safety concerns, the potential rise in anti-social behaviour in the area, and operational and regulatory issues associated with this vessel.

Given these concerns, we recommend the refusal of the above application until further notice.

The applicant must resolve the issues mentioned above, particularly the concerns raised by the Canal & River Trust, before applying again.

Yours sincerely,

Amir DARVISH

Noise & Nuisance Officer

Neighbourhoods & Environments



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From: Tom Jlrivetrust.org.uk>

Sent: Friday, July 11, 2025 8:50:14 AM

To: Camilo Asuncion <>

Cc: Daliah Barrett <uk>

Subject: Re: [CASE:1505474] Re: CANAL RIVER TRUST REPRESENTATION: Application for a Premises Licence- Post Bar on the Water, Lock 17 Development Site Hale Wharf, Ferry Lane, Tottenham, London N17 9NF (WK/630427)

Hi Michela & Camilo,

Thank you for your email and for taking the time to provide additional context.

To clarify your query, if your intention is to operate as a roving trader, then you would need to apply for a roving trader licence with the Canal & River Trust. If you also wish to serve alcohol, you would then require a premises licence from each local authority for each individual location where you plan to trade. This is a key constraint of trading in this way, as alcohol licences are location-specific, and boats must be at a fixed, licensed point to sell alcohol legally.

This presents a significant practical challenge. As you're aware, our network already has limited opportunities mooring, due to the number of vessels in this area, particularly for boats moving every 14 days as required by roving trader terms. It is not feasible to secure over 20 individual alcohol licences at different locations along the canal network, nor to guarantee that the boat would be in a precise spot each time – as an alcohol licence requires.

For these reasons, we cannot support this application as a roving trader selling alcohol. From our perspective, the only viable model for your proposed use would be as a fixed location trade boat, where the vessel remains moored at a designated and approved business mooring with all necessary permissions in place.

Unfortunately, we currently do not have any available moorings suitable for this type of operation.

I appreciate this may not be the answer you were hoping for, but I want to make sure you have all the relevant information before committing further time or money to the vessel. Please let me know if you'd like to discuss any other potential options.

Thanks

Tom Jackson

Business Boating Manager

E: Thomas.jackson2@canalrivertrust.org.uk

From: Camilo Asuncion <

Sent: 08 July 2025 09:41

To: Tom Jackson <

Cc: Daliah Barrett <Daliah.Barrett@haringey.gov.uk>; Michela Brennan <Howard Clark <[H](#)>; Graham Philpot <; Amir Darvish <Amir.Darvish@haringey.gov.uk>; Police <namailbox-haringeylicensing@met.police.uk>; business boating <

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We just wanted to clarify that we have no intention of trading permanently from that position — our goal has always been to operate as roving traders. When our application for a roving trader licence was declined, we were advised that we would need to approach the relevant local councils directly. That's why we applied for a premises licence in that area as a first step, with the intention of then applying to Hackney and Enfield councils as we moved through the network.

It looks like we may have misunderstood the type of licence required. Should we have applied for a Street Trader Licence and a Roving Boat Trader Licence instead?

We're really keen to get this right and to operate in full compliance with both CRT and local council requirements. Is there anything we can do to move forward with Haringey and CRT to make this happen?

We appreciate your time and guidance on this.

Warm regards,
Michela & Camilo

Sent from my iPhone
Camilo Asunción

On 8 Jul 2025, at 09:31, Tom Jackson <Thomas.Jackson2@canalrivertrust.org.uk> wrote:

Dear Michela and Camilo,

Thank you for your recent email and for taking the time to outline your position regarding your application for a premises licence.

However, I must clarify that several of the points raised in your message do not accurately reflect the Canal & River Trust's position or previous communications. At no point have we advised that you should obtain an alcohol licence before securing the necessary permissions from the Trust. Our position has always been that no form of trading activity may take place on our waterways without a valid Canal & River Trust boat licence, an approved operating proposal, and, where relevant, permission to trade from land managed by the Trust.

Importantly, your business has been operating without **any** Canal & River Trust licence in place – we have screen shots of the vessel selling alcohol and this being advertised via social media – not just for set up as per your latest email. Your previous leisure licence was declined due to lack of movement, and our Licensing Support Team wrote to advise that we would be unable to offer a further licence unless a valid home mooring was secured. Without this, the vessel was no longer eligible to licence as a continuous cruiser. As such, your

business licence to become a Roving Trader could not be considered and was therefore declined.

We understand that you have now secured a mooring at Stonebridge South. While this enables you to apply for a leisure licence, it does not permit commercial activity. Your alcohol licence application refers not to your mooring but to a specific location along the towpath near Lock 17 – this area is for public use and is not able to be reserved. This area is also not a defined business mooring, and I would be unable to allow you to trade permanently from this area. While in your email you have identified that other traders have operated from this area they do so on a Roving Trader bases – moving every 14 days along our network and not serving alcohol - [Roving Trader Licence](#). Thanks for highlighting the use of tables and chairs by other operators we will review internally. You have submitted an alcohol licence for you to permanently be based from this area which again would not be approved.

Moving the vessel from Stonebridge South mooring to the towpath for the purpose of trading is also not acceptable under the Trust's policies or licence terms.

The Canal and River Trust would be unable to support a permanent business mooring at this location.

Thanks

Tom Jackson

Business Boating Manager – London and South East

E: Thomas.jackson2@canalrivertrust.org.uk

From: Camilo Asuncion <

Sent: 08 July 2025 08:42

To: Daliah Barrett <Daliah.Barrett@haringey.gov.uk>

Cc: Michela Brennan <Howard Clark <Tom Jackson <Graham Philpot <Amir Darvish <Amir.Darvish@haringey.gov.uk>; Police <namailbox-.haringeylicensing@met.police.uk>

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The photos we provided were from a setup done the previous weekend to show your team how the space would be presented. We submitted our licence application before your message was received, and we have been doing our best to follow the correct procedures throughout.

To confirm again: we are not proposing to operate on the towpath, but on the grass verge behind it. We hope this addresses one of the concerns raised. I included Howard in the email to ask why another business is allowed to do the exact set up we would like on the grass verge.

It's disheartening to receive this feedback when we've tried to be transparent and cooperative from the beginning. We're committed to working with the council and addressing any issues raised.

Could you please advise on the specific concerns you are referring to, so we can respond to them properly and make any necessary adjustments?

I would also like to request a meeting—either in person or online—to discuss these matters further and find a constructive way forward.

Thank you for your time.

Kind regards,

Michela & Camilo

Camilo Asunción

Sent from my iPhone

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On 7 Jul 2025, at 23:46, Daliah Barrett <Daliah.Barrett@haringey.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Michela,

Thank you for the email.

I am not in agreement with your summary. The Council had to issue you with a warning due to you selling alcohol without a license.

You cannot say "from the outset you committed to work collaboratively" as you were doing something that you knew to be illegal without the correct authorisation.

There are various concerns with the application and I am seeking a legal steer in readiness for the application being placed before the Licensing Sub Committee for determination.

The sales of alcohol takes place outside of the boat itself as the customer is on the towpath. This brings into question street trading considerations.

A Pavement Licence

A boat cannot apply for a pavement licence for a towpath. Pavement licences are specifically for businesses to place furniture on public footpaths for the purpose of serving or selling food and drink. Towpaths, while sometimes used by pedestrians, are primarily for canal or river access and are not considered highways for the purposes of pavement licensing regulations.

Baltic Sea Food is of no interest with regard to your application. It is not within Haringey.

The application will be taken to a Licensing Sub-Committee, you will be advised of the details.

Regards

Daliah Barrett

Licensing Team Leader

Sent from [Outlook for Android](#)

From: Michela Brennan

Sent: Monday, July 7, 2025 9:28:49 pm

To: Daliah Barrett <Daliah.Barrett@haringey.gov.uk>; Howard.Clark@canalrivertrust.org.uk
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Dear Daliah and Howard,

I hope you're both well.

Thank you for your message and for forwarding the Canal & River Trust's formal objection. I'd like to take this opportunity to respond and clarify our current position.

We initially applied for a business boat licence and were advised that a premises licence would be required before the application could proceed. Based on this guidance, we began engaging with our local council to understand the necessary steps.

Since then, we've had two very positive meetings—one with PC Andrea and another with Licensing Manager Amir. During our discussion with PC Andrea, she raised valid concerns regarding anti-social behaviour in the area. I proactively suggested installing CCTV, which she welcomed. She also noted that our presence on Hale Wharf Bridge could act as a deterrent and have a positive impact on the surrounding area.

With this in mind, it is both disappointing and somewhat unfair that anti-social behaviour has been cited in the formal objection. From the outset, we have committed to working collaboratively with the police and licensing authorities to support community safety.

The matter of not yet holding a river licence has also been raised. However, this presents a clear catch-22. As CRT were aware, the Canal & River Trust required us to have a home mooring in place before a river licence can be issued. Despite the limited availability of moorings in the area, I'm pleased to confirm that we successfully secured a mooring at Stonebridge South today. Once this is reflected on the system, we will proceed immediately with the river licence. We are actively engaging with the process and taking all necessary

steps to comply. Please also note that the boat has a valid BSS certificate (until October 2027) and is fully insured.

We had arranged to meet Amir on 27th June following a very constructive initial conversation and were looking forward to demonstrating the measures we've implemented based on his advice, including:

1. CCTV installation
2. Required signage (Challenge 25, CCTV in operation, and private signage to the rear)
3. A physical barrier and controlled access to prevent customers from placing a foot between the towpath and the boat counter

All of these are now in place, and photos are attached for reference. We were disappointed to receive his objection by email prior to this meeting, especially given the positive and solution-focused nature of our earlier discussions.

Regarding the tables and chairs licence: Amir advised us of the need to apply, and I followed up by email. The response from Daliah mentioned an objection from a land-owning organisation. I was surprised to read Howard's comment that such use is "wholly inappropriate"—particularly considering that the Baltic Sea Fish Boat has been granted similar permissions for comparable activity in the same location. Our proposed set-up would not obstruct public access, and customers would remain seated in a clearly designated area. We are committed to maintaining a clean and safe environment—indeed, we would leave the space cleaner than we found it, which unfortunately has not always been the case during recent boat rides for local schoolchildren Ferry Lane Primary, as shown in the attached photos from 28th June.

As responsible licence holders and local business owners, we are deeply committed to the Tottenham Hale area. Far from encouraging anti-social behaviour, we are fostering a safe, well-managed environment that contributes to the area's vibrancy and regeneration. As experienced boaters, we fully understand the risks associated with alcohol near locks and would not allow or encourage that behaviour. Again, our presence would serve as a preventative measure, not a risk.

It is frustrating to feel penalised despite our ongoing, constructive engagement with your teams. We hold full public liability insurance, and I am a qualified personal licence holder with a strong track record of responsible business management.

I would also like to confirm that we have a refusal book in place to comply with the trading standards condition for the protection of children from harm.

In light of all this, I kindly ask that you reconsider the objection. I would welcome the opportunity to meet—either online or in person—to discuss any outstanding concerns and demonstrate our full compliance.

As requested, I am again including the newspaper publication notice from Haringey Press.

Attached are the following:

1. A photo of the wooden attachment to the serving area (as recommended by Amir)
2. A photo of the area where we would like to apply for a tables and chairs licence, also showing the Baltic Sea Fish Boat trading with similar provisions
3. A photo of rubbish left behind by CRT workers/volunteers on 28th June

4. A copy of our new mooring agreement
5. A photo of the advert in the local paper
6. A photo of our full set-up prepared for Amir and PC Andrea

Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Warm regards,

Michela Brennan & Camilo Asuncion

.....**From:** Licensing
<Licensing@haringey.gov.uk>.....**Date:** 26 June 2025 at 15:32:27 BST
To:
Subject: CANAL RIVER TRUST REPRESENTATION: Application for a Premises Licence- Post Bar on the Water, Lock 17 Development Site Hale Wharf, Ferry Lane, Tottenham, London N17 9NF (WK/630427)

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find below a representation from the Canal River Trust.

Please advise your course of action.

Please send any correspondence to licensing@haringey.gov.uk. If it is sent to me directly there may be a delay in obtaining a response.

Kind Regards

Chanel Roye

Licensing Administrator

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