

Report for: Licensing Sub Committee 15th January 2026

Item number: 6

Title: Application for a Review of a Premises Licence at: The Victoria Stakes ,1 Muswell Hill London N10

authorised by: Daliah Barrett-Licensing Team Leader – Regulatory Services.

Ward(s) affected: Muswell Hill

Report for Key/

Non-Key Decision: Not applicable

1. Describe the issue under consideration.

1.1 The application is submitted by Ms Shiels a local resident due to the prevention of public nuisance objectives being impacted from noise which was affecting nearby residents. The review application and supporting documents are at App A.

1.2 The application currently permits the following:

Licensable activities authorised by the Licence:

Supply of Alcohol

Monday to Friday 1000 to 0000

Saturday 1100 to 0000

Sunday 1200 to 2330

Christmas Day & Good Friday 1200 to 2330

The opening hours of the premises:

Monday to Friday 1000 to 0020

Saturday 1100 to 0020

Sunday 1200 to 2350

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Supply of alcohol for consumption ON and premises, as an ancillary to a meal.

A copy of the Premises Licence is attached at App B.

1.4 Representations have been received from:

Haringey Noise & Nuisance Team – App C
Representation from Residents in support of the review – App D
Representation from residents in support of the venue – App E
Informative email from Planning Officer – App F

1.5 Recommendation

Before determining the application, the authority must hold a hearing to consider it and any relevant representations.

(3) The authority must, having regard to the application and any relevant representations, take such of the steps mentioned in subsection (4) (if any) as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

(4) The steps are—

- (a) to modify the conditions of the licence;
- (b) to exclude a licensable activity from the scope of the licence;
- (c) to remove the designated premises supervisor;
- (d) to suspend the licence for a period not exceeding three months;
- (e) to revoke the licence;

Members of the licensing sub committee are asked to note that they may not modify the conditions or reject the whole or part of the application merely because it considers it desirable to do so. It must be appropriate in order to promote the licensing objectives.

2 Background

2.1 The premises is situated in a residential area that faces onto a main road. It comprises of A cellar, ground floor and first floor dining area. There is an outside drinking area with a glass covered roof to the rear and an outside drinking area to the side of the premises. The venue advertises the first floor and external rear glass covered seated area as both being able to accommodate up to 80 capacity in each area. The existing Planning Permission contains safeguards to prevent both music and people noise being a problem and states the following in relation to the external rear glass covered area:

- . The covered dining area hereby authorised shall not be used before 0800 or after 2300 hours on any day. Reason: In order to minimise loss of amenity to occupiers of adjacent properties.*
- . No live or amplified music shall be played within the covered dining area at any time. Reason: In order to minimise any loss of amenity to occupiers of adjacent properties.*

The roof structure hereby permitted shall not contain any openings or vents. Reason: In order to prevent the transmission of airborne noise which would cause disturbance to occupiers of nearby residential premises

A copy of the Planning permission is attached at App G.

2.2 Records show that in May 2016 a resident submitted a written complaint relating to what

they termed the creeping effect of the premises ‘pushing the envelope’ to use the area for amplified regulated entertainment that was having an impact at the time. The Noise representation states that there has been 55 complaints relating to noise emanating from the rear and side area.

- 2.3 The review process yielded 7 representations from residents living close to the venue in support of the review and 186 representations in support of the venue.
- 2.4 Ms Shiel, Cllr Brennan and the representatives from Victoria Stakes had a meeting to discuss the review and the operation of the premises on Monday 29th December. Following that meeting Ms Shiel submitted an email setting out her view of the meeting. App H. A further email was sent with a recording attached of customers in the pub and the people noise that could be heard. The pub is frequented by people attending events at Alexandra Palace, at this time of the year the World Darts Championship was taking place. The pub must ensure that all alcohol sales are ancillary to a meal. App J.
- 2.5 Planning have informed that there is an application for a Certificate of Lawful use under consultation for the rear covered dining area. The original PP granted established this area as a dining area. The conditions imposed also refer to the covered dining area, which could be used between 0800 and 2300 hours on any day. No live or amplified music shall be played within the covered dining area at any time. In order to minimise any loss of amenity to occupiers of adjacent property.
- 2.6 The certificate of lawfulness now submitted is seeking the ability to play background music and amplified sound within the rear covered dining area.

3 Licensing Policy

- 3.1 In reviewing a licence the Licensing Sub-Committee will consider, and take into account, the complaints history of the premises and all other relevant information.
- 3.2 A number of reviews may arise in connection with crime that is not directly connected with licensable activities. The Sub-Committee does not have the power to judge the criminality or otherwise of any issue. The Sub-Committee’s role is to ensure the promotion of the crime prevention objective
- 3.3 Where reviews arise in respect of these criminal activities and the Sub-Committee determines that the crime prevention objective is being undermined, It is expected that revocation of the licence – even in the first instance – should Be seriously considered.
- 3.4 This Licensing Authority, in determining what action to take, will seek to establish the cause of concern and any action taken will be directed at these causes. Any action taken to promote the licensing objectives will be appropriate and proportionate. App K– Review section 182 Guidance.

3.5 Other considerations

- 3.6 Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 states: ‘Without prejudice to any other obligation imposed on it; it shall be the duty of each authority to which this section applies to exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those function on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can prevent crime and disorder in its area’.

3.6 Human Rights

3.7 While all Convention Rights must be considered, those which are of particular relevance to the application are:

- Article 8 – Right to respect for private and family life.
- Article 1 of the First Protocol – Protection of Property.
- Article 6(1) – Right to a fair hearing.
- Article 10 – Freedom of Expression.

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7 Use of Appendices

Review application and supporting documents from Ms Shiels – App A

Copy of Premises License – App B

Noise & Nuisance Representation – App C

Representation from Resident in support of review - App D

Representation from Cllr Brennan – APP D1

Representation in support of venue – App E

Informative email from Planning –App F

Copy of Planning permission for rear glass roof space – App G

Copy of Ms Shiels email following meeting with Pub – App H

Copy of email from Ms Shiels and audio/visual recording – App I

Section 182 Review Guidance - App K

Background papers: Section 82 Guidance – New version November 2025

[Revised guidance issued under section 182 of Licensing Act 2003 - GOV.UK](#)

Haringey Statement of Licensing policy

New National Licensing Policy framework - [National Licensing Policy Framework for the hospitality and leisure sectors \(web version\) - GOV.UK](#)