

Report for: Licensing Sub Committee 27th July 2026

Item number: 6

Title: Application for a review of a premises licence at The Village Square, Village Square, 177 Archway Road, N6 5BT

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

Ward(s) affected: Highgate

Report for Key/Non-Key Decision: Not applicable

1. Describe the issue under consideration.

- 1.1 This application for a review of a premises licence is made under section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003 by The Noise Team RA following ongoing noise nuisance and anti-social behaviour emanating from the venue. A copy of the review application is attached at Appendix 1.
- 1.2 Each application must be considered on its merits taking into account, the evidence presented at the hearing, and the Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 and the Council's Licensing Policy. The options that can be considered once evidence has been heard are detailed at section 4.8.

2 Purpose of the report

To advise members that a review is required following an application made under section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003 to review a Premises Licence in respect of The Village Square. The Licensing Sub Committee is required to consider this application and take such steps as it considers appropriate and proportionate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

3 Context and Key Issues

Under the Licensing Act 2003, a responsible authority or any other person may make representations in respect of the application which must be relevant to one or more of the four licensing objectives, namely:

- The Prevention of Crime and Disorder
- Public Safety
- The Prevention of Public Nuisance
- The Protection of Children from Harm

4 Background

4.1 Geographical description of the area and description of the building

The Village Square is located along Archway Road at the end of a terrace with residential properties above. The premises is promoted as a bar with karaoke and a nightclub. The premises was originally granted a premises licence in 2006 when it operated as Caiprihana Jazz Bar. Complaints of noise nuisance were received from this operation. In May 2017 the premises ownership change to Blue Vegas and became more of a nightclub operation. The operator at the time was unaware of events being advertised at the venue beyond the hours of the permitted licence, warnings were given by the then Police Licensing officer. Nuisance complaints continued relating to music noise and people behaviour associated with the premises.

- 4.2 In September 2019 were advised by an Enforcement Officer that a new operator was onsite and he had been issued with a Fixed penalty notice for Flytipping. That was the first time we became of Mr Oniuri taking over the venue on his own, he was previously in partnership with Mr Hopkin who was the premises licence holder for Blue Vegas. Noise complaints continued to be received. The Authority became aware that the named DPS was no longer involved in the business in July 2021. This was due to residents highlighting that Covid rules were being breached and noise nuisance coming from the venue.

Noise and anti-social behaviour complaints continued to be submitted.

In 2023 Cllr Emery submitted a complaint on behalf of residents relating to noise nuisance impact on nearby residents. This was investigated and a warning issued to the venue.

In October 2025 an ASB officer attended a Ward Panel and feedback the following matters:

" I attended a ward panel meeting in Highgate yesterday evening as was met with 30 very upset residents.

The ASB caused by the guests leaving the premises is affecting lots of local residents including ones on Holmesdale Road, they mentioned there has always been issues here there are periods where it goes quiet. But for the last few weeks it has been significantly worse, with Fridays closing time being the worst of it.

They also mention:

- *Drunk and disorderly behaviour when leaving premises*
- *The use of Nitrous oxide with allegations that this may be coming from inside the premises*
- *Shouting and screaming from closing time at 3am to 5am*
- *The streets become littered with rubbish and Nos cannisters*

One of the residents mentioned that the licensee was away and it was someone else looking after the place or something, the police have only just started receiving a few reports so residents were encouraged to report to the police and if it is as bad as what was being described then they should be calling 999. The residents also mentioned that they use barriers to block off the road which causes an obstruction.

I believe from yesterdays meeting the police will be putting on an ASB report on their system and will attempt to follow up with premises.

The meeting was challenging, usually these meetings get about 10 people attending but about 30 turned up for this meeting"

- 4.3 It should be noted that residents had engaged with the venue directly and were told that Mr Onuiri was away and not at the premises day to day. Enforcement officers carried out a follow up visit and again the people onsite were unable to say who the DPS was and there was no display of the premises license onsite. Noise nuisance and anti-social behaviour complaints continued.
- 4.5 The MPS attempted to make contact with Mr Onuiri in February 2026 and were unsuccessful initially. On further investigation Mr Onuiri was found to be abroad and had been away for many months. Mr Onuiri advised he was having a medical procedure carried out.
- 4.6 The Premises Licence allows for the sale of alcohol and regulated entertainment as well as Late night refreshment. A copy of the existing licence is attached at App 2.

4.7 Details of Premises Licence:

Supply of Alcohol
Provision of Late Night Refreshment
Regulated Entertainment: Live Music & Recorded Music

The times the Licence authorises the carrying out of licensable activities:

Supply of Alcohol
Sunday to Thursday 1700 to 0030
Friday and Saturday 1700 to 0230
Recorded Music
Sunday to Thursday 1700 to 0030
Friday and Saturday 1700 to 0230

Live Music
Sunday to Thursday 2100 to 0030
Fridays and Saturday 2100 to 0230

Provision of Late Night Refreshment
Sunday to Thursday 2300 to 0030
Friday and Saturday 2300 to 0230
Licensable activities Christmas Eve and New Years Eve until 0230

The opening hours of the premises:
Sunday to Thursday 1700 to 0100
Friday and Saturday 1700 to 0300
Opening hours Christmas Eve and New Years Eve until 0300

Supply of alcohol for consumption ON the premises only.

4.8 **Summary**

During the application's consultation period the licensing authority received representation from responsible authorities supporting the review, namely the Met Police. App 3.
In addition, ward members and residents submitted representations and supporting documentation and recordings/footage of the sound that can be heard in the area when the premises is in operation.. App 4 – Ward Councillors and App 5 -residents representations.

4.9 **Recommendation**

The purpose of this hearing is to decide what steps the licensing sub-committee considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives and to decide whether the interim licence suspension ceases to have effect altogether or becomes the subject of any steps which it considers are appropriate when making its determination on the review. The steps the licensing authority can take are:

- the modification of the conditions of the premises licence;
- the exclusion of a licensable activity from the scope of the licence;
- the removal of the designated premises supervisor from the licence;
- the suspension of the licence for a period not exceeding 3 months;
- And
- the revocation of the licence.

5 **Powers of a licensing authority**

The decision should be made having regard to the Secretary of State's guidance and the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy under the Licensing Act 2003. Where the decision departs from either the Guidance or the Policy, clear and cogent reasons must be given. Members should be aware that if such a departure is made the risk of appeal / challenge is increased.

- 5.1 The licensing authority's determination of this application is subject to a 21-day appeal period or, if the decision is appealed, the date the appeal is determined and/or disposed of.

6. **Other considerations**

- 6.1 **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 functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in its area."

7. **Human Rights**

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.

8 Use of Appendices

Review application from – Noise & Nuisance RA - App 1

Copy of Premises Licence - App 2

Met Police RA representation- App 3

Representation – App 4