

Decision Notice

Application for a New Premises Licence under the Licensing Act 2003 – for Gourmet Burger Kitchen (UK) Limited at Slim Chickens 133 High Road, Wood Green, London N22 6BB - 13th January 2025

The Licensing Sub Committee carefully considered the application for a new premises licence for **Gourmet Burger Kitchen (UK) Limited at Slim Chickens 133 High Road, Wood Green, London N22 6BB**. 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 (including the Additional Papers) 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 as requested **subject to the conditions below**.

Regulated Entertainment: Recorded Music

Monday to Sunday 0900 to 2300 hours

Late Night Refreshment

Monday to Sunday 2300 to 2330 hours

Sale of Alcohol

Monday to Sunday 0900 to 2300 hours

Supply of alcohol **ON** and **OFF** the premises.

All licensable activities on New Year's Eve - from the end of permitted hours on New Year's Eve to the start of permitted hours on New Year's Day.

Hours open to Public

Monday to Sunday 0900 to 2330 hours

New Year's Eve - from the end of permitted hours on New Year's Eve to the start of permitted hours on New Year's Day.

REASONS

The premises is an end of terrace restaurant with residential above part and Alexandra Road a residential road to the side. Martin's Walk is a footpath leading from Alexandra Road to Mayes Road behind the southward portion of The Mall.

The premises had had the benefit of a licence issued to Itsu, but that licence was surrendered in April 2024 and Itsu has ceased trading from the premises.

The current application is for a licence in the same terms as that issued to Itsu.

Responsible authorities

No objections were made by Responsible Authorities

Resident objections

There were two objections by residents. Following mediation with the Applicant, one objection was withdrawn prior to the hearing.

The remaining objection, by two persons resident in a ground floor flat on Alexandra Road raised concerns about experiencing anti-social behaviour involving drink and drugs; including people with problem drinking hanging around the corner of their road and urinating in Martin's Walk. They found the idea of a late night drinking place at the end of their road scary, and felt that "buying the odd chicken drumstick to permit you to drink from 09:00am to 11:00pm is a recipe for disaster".

The objectors did not attend the hearing.

At the hearing

The Applicant was represented by a solicitor and by the Operations Director of the Boparan Restaurant Group ("the Group"), owner of the Applicant and of the Slim Chickens chain among others.

The representative emphasised that the Applicant was an experienced licensee; the Group owns around 120 restaurants in the UK, of which 30 are Slim Chickens.

The Applicant would have taken a transfer of the Itsu licence had it not been surrendered; but the application sought to replicate the terms of that licence. The restaurant is currently operating at the premises, albeit without an alcohol offering.

Slim Chickens' operational style is that of a premium fast food restaurant, based around American fried chicken. It has a very limited alcohol offering, limited to bottled (or sometimes canned) beers; no draught beers or wine. Alcohol makes up only around 5% of its sales; and it is sold in sealed containers solely ancillary to food; either in the restaurant or with a takeaway.

The Applicant was happy to reach out to the community to deal with any issues that arise.

The Panel

In the light of the submissions made by the Applicant's representative the Panel came to the view that the conditions offered by the Applicant adequately upheld the licensing objectives of prevention of public nuisance and of disorder notwithstanding the concerns expressed in the remaining objection.

CONDITIONS

The licence is to be granted subject to the additional conditions offered in section 18 paragraphs (b)-(e) of the application.

INFORMATIVE

The Applicant indicated that in the event that this licence was granted, it would seek a table and chairs licence for the outside area shown on the plan accompanying the application and referred to in the conditions.

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