Decision Notice

APPLICATION FOR A REVIEW OF A PREMISES LICENCE AT CLEOPATRA RESTAURANT & LOUNGE, 21 TURNPIKE LANE, WOOD GREEN, LONDON N8 0EP (HARRINGAY)

The Licensing Sub Committee carefully considered the application for the review of a Premises Licence at: **APPLICATION FOR A REVIEW OF A PREMISES LICENCE AT CLEOPATRA RESTAURANT & LOUNGE, 21 TURNPIKE LANE, WOOD GREEN, LONDON N8 0EP (HARRINGAY)**

In considering the application for revocation, the Committee took account of the London Borough of Haringey's Statement of Licensing Policy, the Licensing Act 2003, the Licensing Act 2003 section 182 Guidance, the Human Rights Act, The Environmental Protection Act 1990 part III The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005, Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 the report pack, and the applicant's and respondents representations.
Having carefully considered the application and heard from all the parties, the Committee decided to **GRANT** the review application, impose conditions and amendments and suspend the premises licence for a period of 6 weeks to allow for the appointment of a new Designated Premises Supervisor (''DPS'') subject to the conditions below:
Sale of Alcohol
Monday to Sunday **1200 to 2230**

The opening hours of the premises:
Monday to Sunday 0730 to 2330

The rear yard is to be closed to patrons by 2130

CONDITIONS:
The Committee requires the Respondent to adhere to the Conditions proposed by the Committee.
The conditions are as follows:

1. A new DPS shall be appointed within 6 weeks of this decision.

2. The premises shall have in place a Noise Management and Dispersal Policy which will be made readily available to any statutory authority upon request.

3. The rear yard space will be cleared of patrons by no later than 21.30.

4. Advertising should be strictly in line with licensed operating hours.

5.

(a) The premises shall install and maintain a 24 hour CCTV system.

(b) All entry and exit points will be covered enabling frontal identification of every person entering in any light condition.

(c) The CCTV system shall continually record whilst the premises is open for licensable activities and during all times when customers remain on the premises and will include the external area immediately outside the premises entrance.

(d) All recordings shall be stored for a minimum period of 31 days with date and time stamping.

(e) Viewing of recordings shall be made available immediately upon the request of Police or authorised officer throughout the entire 31-day period.

6. A staff member from the premises who is conversant with the operation of the CCTV system shall be on the premises at all times when the premises is open. This staff member must be able to provide a Police or authorised council officer copies of recent CCTV images or data with the absolute minimum of delay when requested.

7. No noise generated on the premises, or by its associated plant or equipment, shall emanate from the premises nor vibration be transmitted through the structure of the premises which gives rise to a nuisance.

8. The Premises shall be kept in a clean and tidy condition and waste management shall be dealt with effectively and expeditiously to ensure no nuisance or annoyance is caused to any owner or occupiers of neighbouring properties.

REASONS:
The committee gave serious consideration to the submissions by the Applicant noise nuisance officer re the premises repeated failure to comply with its licence, undermining the licensing objective to prevent public nuisance and crime and disorder. They heard that since October 2024, officers had received numerous noise complaints and had repeatedly found the premises operating beyond authorised hours. It was of particular concern that the breaches continued after the review application had been served demonstrating a persistent disregard for the premises licence. It was further noted that multiple websites advertised the premises as having much later operational hours.
This was considered by the Applicant to be part of a clear pattern of non-compliance and there was a loss of confidence in the current management's ability to uphold the licence and objectives. The Sub-Committee was invited to give serious consideration to the revocation of the licence as the appropriate and proportionate response however it ultimately determined that this measure would be too strong given the committee heard from the proprietor at the hearing who advised that he is planning to address the issues raised.
Nevertheless given the representations of the Applicant re repeated breaches of the licence associated with the premises the Committee feels strongly that a new DPS should be appointed and operations suspended for 6 weeks to allow for the appointment of same.

The Committee, whilst also noting the representations made on behalf of the Respondent concerning the lack of corroborating evidence re the issue of noise, firmly believes that the conditions referred to above will serve to alleviate the worries and concerns raised by the Applicant whilst also allowing a new DPS the chance to improve the premises and ensure compliance going forward.
In light of the above, it was deemed that a grant of the application to review with the above conditions balanced the interests of the Applicant, the Respondent, local residents and the licencing objectives.

Appeal rights.

This decision is open to appeal to the Magistrates Court within the period of 21 days, beginning on the day upon which the apparent is notified of the decision. This decision does not take effect until the end of the appeal. Or, in the event that an appeal has been lodged, until their appeal is dispensed with.

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