

**Application for a Premises Licence under the Gambling Act 2005 – Little Vegas,
17 High Road, Wood Green, London, N22 – 4 June 2021**

The Special Licensing Sub-Committee carefully considered the application for a premises licence for an Adult Gaming Centre at Little Vegas, 17 High Road, Wood Green, London, N22. In considering the application, the Committee took account of the London Borough of Haringey's Statement of Gambling Policy, the Local Area Profile, the Gambling Act 2005, the Gambling Commission's guidance, the report pack, and the written and verbal representations made at the hearing by the applicant and their representatives and by objectors.

Having considered the application and heard from all the parties, the Committee decided to grant the application for a premises licence for an Adult Gaming Centre with the following conditions:

1. That the operating hours for opening will be 08:00 to 23:00 hours Monday to Sunday, including bank holidays.
2. A comprehensive CCTV system shall be installed and maintained on the premises as required by the Metropolitan Police Licensing Team. CCTV should cover the following:
 - (a) All entry and exit points to and from the premises enabling frontal identification of every person entering under any light conditions.
 - (b) The areas of the premises to which the public have access (excluding toilets); and
 - (c) Gaming machines and the counter area.
3. The CCTV shall continue to record activities 24 hours a day for 31 days.
4. CCTV shall be made available for police viewing at any time with minimum delays when requested.
5. The premises shall display notices near the entrance of the venue stating that CCTV is in operation.
6. A monitor shall be placed inside the premises above the front door showing CCTV images of customers entering exiting the premises.

Children and Young People

7. The Licensee shall maintain a bound and paginated 'Challenge 25 Refusals' register at the premises. The register shall be produced to the Police or Licensing Authority forthwith on request.
8. Prominent signage and notices advertising the Challenge 25 will be displayed showing the operation of such policy.

9. Third party testing on age restricted sales systems purchasing shall take at least twice a year and the results shall be provided to the Licensing Authority upon request.
10. A Challenge 25 proof of age scheme shall be operated at the premises where the only acceptable forms of identification are recognised photographic identification cards, such as a driving licence, passport or proof of age card with the PASS Hologram.
11. No external advertising at the premises shall be targeted at children.

Entrances and Doors

12. A magnetic locking device, commonly referred to as a Maglock will be installed and maintained on the main entrance/exit to the premises which must be operated from the ground floor cashier counter by staff to allow entry at all times.

Staffing levels

13. There will be a minimum of 2 staff present at all times when the premises are open after 19.00 hours or at other times after a risk assessment deems that necessary.

Identification of Offenders of Problem Persons

14. The licensee shall implement a policy of banning any customers who engage in crime or disorder within or outside the premises.
15. The licensee will refuse entry to customers who appear to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Alarms

16. The licensee shall install and maintain an intruder alarm on the premises.
17. The premises shall install and maintain a panic button behind the cashier's counter.

Toilets

18. The licensee will ensure that customer toilets are checked every hour for evidence of drug taking. Toilet checks are to be documented stating the time and member of staff who made the checks.

Signage, Promotional Material and Notices

19. Prominent GamCare documentation will be displayed at the premises.

Staff Training

20. The licensee shall: provide training on the specific local risks to the licensing objectives that have been identified for these premises as part of the staff induction training programme, periodically provide refresher training to all of its staff working at these premises on the specific local risks to the licensing objectives. Participation in this training shall be formally recorded on each member of staff's training records which, if requested, will be presented to the Licensing Authority as soon as practicable.
21. The licensee shall train staff on specific issues related to the local area and shall conduct periodic refresher training. Participation in this training shall be formally recorded and the records produced to the police or Licensing Authority upon request.
22. New and seasonal staff must attend induction training and receive refresher training every six months.

Homelessness and Street Drinking

23. The licensee shall monitor the area immediately outside the premises which will be covered by the CCTV system. Homeless people and street drinkers will not be permitted to enter the premises.
24. The licensee shall place a notice visible from the exterior of the premises stating that customers drinking alcohol outside the premises is not permitted and those who do so will be banned from the premises.

Recording of Incidents and Visits

25. An incident log shall be kept for the premises and made available on request to an authorised officer of the Licensing Authority or the Police which will record the following:
- (a) All crimes reported to the venue;
 - (b) Any complaints received regarding crime and disorder;
 - (c) Any incidents of disorder;
 - (d) Any faults in the CCTV system; and
 - (e) Any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service.

ATMs

There shall be no cash point or ATM facilities on the premises.

Reasons

The Committee gave serious consideration to the concerns raised by the objectors. It was noted that it was not possible to attribute weight to issues of demand or cumulative impact as part of the consideration of the application. In relation to the protection of children and other vulnerable people from being harmed or exploited by

gambling, the Committee noted the representations which explained that the premises were located near a school and in an area with increased deprivation and numbers of vulnerable people.

As part of the representations made by the representatives of the applicant at the hearing, the Committee heard that there would be a magnetic lock, or maglock, at the entrance/ exit of the premises. The Committee considered that it was appropriate to make a minor amendment to the wording of the condition that related to the maglock to ensure that it was used effectively at the premises to regulate the accessibility of the premises to children and vulnerable people in order to protect them from being harmed or exploited by gambling. The Committee also wanted to ensure that any external advertisements, such as window advertisements, would not make the premises attractive to children.

The Committee noted the other concerns raised by the objectors but considered that these provided insufficient evidence to demonstrate that the application would be inconsistent with the three licensing objectives.

The Committee noted that the applicant had voluntarily offered and agreed a number of conditions and had agreed to restricted operating hours. It was also acknowledged that the Committee was required to aim to permit the use of the premises for gambling as long as it was in accordance with the relevant Gambling Commission codes of practice, any relevant guidance issued by the Gambling Commission, reasonably consistent with the licensing objectives, and in accordance with the Haringey Statement of Gambling Policy; following the inclusion of conditions, the Committee considered that these requirements had been satisfied.

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 appellant is notified of the decision. This decision does not take effect until the end of the appeal period or, in the event that an appeal has been lodged, until the appeal is dispensed with.

Date: 10 June 2021