

Committee: Licensing Sub-Committee	Hearing Date: 26 February 2020	Item no. 1
Subject: Licensing Act 2003 - Public Hearing in Respect of an Application for the Variation of a Premises Licence Name of premises: Butchers Hall Address of premises: 87-89 Bartholomew Close London, EC1A 7EB		
Report of: Director of Markets and Consumer Protection		Public / Non-Public
Ward (if appropriate): Farringdon Within		

1 Introduction

- 1.1 To consider and determine, by public hearing, the application to vary a premises license under the Licensing Act 2003, taking into account the representations of ‘other persons’ detailed in paragraph 4, and the policy considerations detailed in paragraph 6 of this report.
- 1.2 The decision of the Sub-Committee must be made with a view to promoting 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

2 Summary of Application

2.1 An application made by:

**Worshipful Company of Butchers
87-89 Bartholomew Close
London
EC1A 7EB**

was received by the City of London Licensing Authority on 1 January 2020 to vary the premises licence in respect of the premises at:

**Butchers Hall
87-89 Bartholomew Close
London
EC1A 7EB**

2.2 The application seeks to replace annex 2, condition 4, with the following condition:

1. All sales of alcohol for consumption off the premises shall be in sealed containers only, with the exception of alcohol to be consumed on the roof terrace, and sales for consumption by patrons seated at tables which benefit from a licence granted to the applicant by the highway authority under S.115E Highway Act 1980. In both locations, alcohol may be consumed up to 21:00 hours.

2.3 The application also seeks to amend the plans to show the external mobile serving station. The original plan submitted with the application showed an external seating area. This was removed upon request as this is being dealt with by way of the tables and chairs application detailed in Appendix 3. The new amended plan to be determined is shown in Appendix 7.

All permitted hours, licensable activities and opening hours are to remain the same. Full details of the application are contained in the copy of the Application Form at Appendix 1.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Current Licence</u>	<u>Proposed Licence</u>
Sale of Alcohol	Sun 10:00– 00:00 Mon–Sat: 07:00– 02:00	No Change
Perform Dance, Recorded Music, Live Music, Exhibit Film, Perform Play	Sun 10:00– 00:00 Mon–Sat: 10:00– 02:00	No Change
Late Night Refreshment	Sun 23:00– 00:00 Mon–Sat: 23:00– 02:00	No Change

- 2.4 The Operating Schedule submitted by the applicant suggests no further steps necessary in order to promote the licensing objectives, other than the condition which is the basis of the variation itself.

3 Licensing History of Premises

- 3.1 The premises received a licence on 12 September 2005 where the Licence holder was Worshipful Company of Butchers, 87-89 Bartholomew Close, London, EC1A 7EB.
- 3.2 Due to a major refurbishment in 2018, a new licence was applied for which was granted on 29 August 2018.
- 3.3 A copy of the current premises licence can be seen as Appendix 2.
- 3.4 Relevant to this application is the Tables & Chairs application applied for (yet to be determined) in January 2020. A copy of this application can be seen as Appendix 3.

4 Representations From Other Persons

- 4.1 There are two representations from ‘other persons’. The representations are against the granting the variation primarily on the basis that if granted it will undermine the licensing objective of ‘the prevention of public nuisance’.
- 4.2 The representations can be seen in full as Appendix 5(i) and 5 (ii).

5 Representations from Responsible Authorities

- 5.1 There have been no representations from any of the Responsible Authorities.

6 Policy Considerations

- 6.1 In carrying out its licensing functions the Licensing Authority must have regard to its Statement of Licensing policy, and statutory guidance issued under s 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.

City of London Corporation's Statement of Licensing Policy

- 6.2 The following sections/paragraphs of the City of London Corporation's Statement of Licensing Policy are particularly applicable to this application.

The boxed comment on page 19 states the need to strike a fair balance between the benefits to a community of a licensed venue, and the risk of disturbance to local residents and workers.

The boxed comment on page 19 also states an overriding policy principle namely, that each application will be decided on its individual merits.

Paragraphs 79–81 address the need of care when controlling noise particularly from those persons outside of and leaving premises.

Paragraphs 115-121 state the Corporation's policy on setting conditions which may be applicable dependant on the step(s) taken by members as stated in paragraph nine of this report.

Statutory Guidance

- 6.3 The following sections/paragraphs of the statutory guidance issued under s182 of the Licensing Act 2003 are particularly applicable to this application (revised April 2017):

Chapter 2 of the guidance covers the four licensing objectives. In particular, paragraph 2.15 states that it is, '...important that in

considering the promotion of *[the public nuisance licensing objective, licensing authorities]* focus on the effect of the licensable activities at the specific premises on persons living and working (including those carrying on business) in the area around the premises which may be disproportionate and unreasonable.’ Also, paragraph 2.16 indicates that the prevention of public nuisance could, in appropriate circumstances include, ‘the reduction of the living and working amenity and environment of other persons living and working in the area of the licensed premises.’

Chapter 10 refers to conditions attached to premises licences with paragraph 10.10 stating that, ‘Conditions should be determined on a case-by-case basis and standardised conditions which ignore these individual aspects should be avoided.’ Also, ‘Licensing authorities should therefore ensure that any conditions they impose are only those which are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.’

7 Map and Plans

7.1 A map showing the location of the premises together with nearby licensed premises is attached as Appendix 6. A key of those premises is included which indicates the maximum permitted hours for alcohol sales in respect of each premises.

7.2 The plan of the premises is attached as Appendix 7.

8 Summary

8.1 The Licensing Authority has a duty under the Licensing Act 2003 to promote the Licensing Objectives.

8.2 Each objective has equal importance. In carrying out its licensing functions, the Licensing Authority must also have regard to its Statement of Licensing Policy, any Statutory Guidance under the Licensing Act 2003 and is bound by the Human Rights Act 1998. The Corporation must also fulfil its obligations under section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to do all that it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in the City.

9 Public Notices

- 9.1 The statutory blue public notice was duly exhibited at the premises as evidenced by photographs taken on 28/01/20. Two photographs of the notice in-situ are attached as Appendix 8 (i) and 8 (ii) and were verified to be accurate by a Licensing Officer.
- 9.2 A copy of the statutory newspaper advertisement was placed in the Islington Tribune on Friday 10 January. This is exhibited as Appendix 8 (iii).

10 Options

- 10.1 The Sub-committee must, having regard to the representation, take such of the following steps as it considers appropriate and necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives:
- i) modify the conditions of the licence; or
 - ii) reject the whole or part of the application

Any determination by the licensing sub-committee will not have effect until the end of 21 days following notification of the decision to the applicant by the licensing authority or, in the event of an appeal to the Magistrates' Court against the Sub-Committee's decision, the determination of the appeal.

For the purposes of paragraph 9.1(i) conditions are modified if any of them are altered or omitted or any new condition is added.

11 Recommendation

- 11.1 It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Sub-Committee determine this application for a variation of a premises licence in accordance with paragraph 9 of this report.

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Background Papers

<u>BACKGROUND PAPERS</u>	<u>DEPT</u>	<u>FILE</u>
Corporation of London Statement of Licensing Policy (revised Jan 2017)	MCP	5th Floor Walbrook Wharf
Statutory Guidance – ‘Revised Guidance Issued Under Section 182 Of The Licensing Act 2003’. April 2017		Statutory Guidance