

**LICENSING (HEARING) SUB COMMITTEE**  
**FRIDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2012**  
**Premises: Club2AD, 2 Crutched Friars, London EC3N 2HT**

**Sub Committee**

Deputy Edward Lord OBE JP (Chairman)  
Alderman Simon Walsh JP  
Peter Dunphy CC

**City of London Officers**

Rakesh Hira - Town Clerk's Department  
Caroline Webb - Town Clerk's Department  
Ru Rahman - Comptroller & City Solicitor's Department  
Peter Davenport - Markets & Consumer Protection Department

**Premises Licence Holder**

Mr Iman Handi, Shareholder of Club 2AD accompanied by Mr Steve Newby.

**The Applicant**

Mr Gary Grant of Counsel, accompanied by Inspector Rita Jones and PC Dan White

**Also in Attendance**

Marianne Fredericks CC for the Ward of Tower  
PC Neil McMillan, City of London Police Licensing Team

**Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005**

- 1) A hearing was held in Committee Room 1, Guildhall, London EC2, to consider the representations by the premises licence holder of Club 2AD in the relation to the decision taken by the Licensing Authority on 21 November 2012 on taking interim steps to suspend the premises licence.
- 2) The Chairman pointed out that the decision of the Licensing Authority taken on 21 November 2012 had been served on the same day to the Premises Licence Holder and other parties.
- 3) The hearing commenced at 2.15pm
- 4) The Sub Committee considered the representations received by email from Mr Iman Handi (dated 23 November 2012 at 9.19am).
- 5) Mr Handi began explaining that the incident which took place on Sunday 18 November 2012 was a serious incident and that he did not wish it had occurred. He pointed out that he would be surrendering the premises licence at the end of December 2012 and Club 2AD would be put into administration in January 2013. Mr Handi however requested that eight events (which consisted of corporate events, dinner and dances and birthday parties), which had been pre-booked, be allowed to take place.

He explained that for some of these events tickets had been sold in advance and if they were not going to be allowed to take place he would need to let the relevant people know.

6) The Sub Committee asked questions of Mr Handi and Mr Newby with reference being made to the following points:

- Mr Handi explained that he had consulted with the City Police on employing a security company for the events he wished to open the premises for.
- In relation to promoted events, no advance notice had been provided to the City Police, as had been previously agreed. Mr Handi explained that he had submitted risk assessments for the December 2012 and January 2013 periods but had not done so for November 2012.
- Mr Handi stated that he took full responsibility for the event which took place on 18 November 2012 as he had personally organised it and that following the serious incident his staff had been distressed and he would not be opening for any high-profile events.
- The Chairman commented that if the premises were allowed to open for any of the events (i.e. birthday parties or a corporate event) the premises could become a target which could put people at risk of gang members committing a reprisal act. Mr Handi stated that the crowd for the pre-booked events was different compared with that which had turned up on 18 November 2012.
- Mr Newby explained that he had called the Police but not an ambulance, following the stabbing on 18 November 2012, as he thought it would have been quicker for the Police to request an ambulance.

7) Mr Gary Grant had no questions of Mr Handi or Mr Newby.

8) All parties withdrew from the room, apart from Members of the Sub Committee and the representatives of the Town Clerk and the Comptroller and City Solicitor, in order to deliberate and make their decision.

9) All parties returned to the room and the following decision was announced:

*The Licensing Authority considered the certificate which accompanied the application and the representations made by the Commissioner of the Police for the City of London as well as the representations made by the holder of the premises licence in accordance with Section 53B of the Licensing Act 2003.*

*The Licensing Authority was not satisfied that the representations of the Premises Licence Holder, submitted in writing and heard orally, would address their concerns.*

*The Licensing Authority expressed their lack of confidence in the Premises Licence Holder to operate the premises in a safe manner if the suspension of the licence was lifted. The interim steps for the promotion of the licensing objections were considered appropriate.*

*It was determined that the modification or withdrawal of the interim steps would not be appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives and therefore the Sub Committee decided to uphold the decision made on 21 November 2012 to suspend the premises licence for the premises Club 2AD.*

*A full hearing to determine the substantive application for the Summary Review will take place on **Monday 17 December 2012 at 10.30 am** at Guildhall.*

- 10) The Chairman thanked all parties for attending.

**The meeting ended at 2.47pm**

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**Chairman**

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