

London Borough of Bromley

Report No. ES17056

PART 1 - PUBLIC

Agenda
Item No.

Title: **APPLICATION FOR A VARIATION OF THE PREMISES LICENCE
AT LANGTRY'S/BRIDGE BAR, 2-8 HIGH ST, BR3 1AZ**

Decision Maker: **Licensing Sub-Committee** Decision Date: **27th July 17**

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

Budget/Policy Framework:

Chief Officer: Executive Director Environment and Community
Services Nigel Davies

Contact Officer: Lynne Cregeen, Environmental Health Officer Licensing
Tel: 020 8461 7908 E-mail: lynne.cregeen@bromley.gov.uk

Ward: Copers Cope

1. SUMMARY

1.1 To consider the application made by Mr Michael Chapman for the Variation of the Premises Licence at Langtry's/Bridge Bar, 2-8 High St, BR3 1AZ as shown in **appendix 1**.

1.2 This premises sits within the Beckenham Town Centre Cumulative Impact Zone

~~2~~(CIZ) RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Members are asked to decide on this application having received written and oral evidence. The options include: -

1. Grant the applications as made.
2. Grant the application as made but imposing conditions or restrictions
3. Refuse the application.

1. COMMENTARY

3.1 SUMMARY OF LICENSING LAW - LICENSING ACT 2003.

3.2 The Licensing Act 2003 states that any premises in the London Borough of Bromley requires a licence / certificate issued by the Council (premises licence / club premises certificate) where the following activities occur:-

Provision of regulated entertainment

- a) plays. (Where the audience exceeds 500 people)
- b) films.
- c) indoor sporting events. (Where the audience exceeds 1000 people)
- d) boxing or wrestling entertainment.
- e) live music. (subject to the Live Music Act 2013 exemptions)
- f) recorded music.
- g) performances of dance. (Where the audience exceeds 500 people)

Provision of late night refreshment (between 2300hrs and 0500hrs).

Supply of alcohol (on and off sales).

The supply of alcohol by or on behalf of a club to, or to the order of, a member of the club.

The sale by retail of alcohol by or on behalf of a club to a guest of a member of the club for consumption on the premises where the sale takes place.

Licences / Certificates may be issued subject to any terms, conditions or restrictions the Council feels are appropriate to address any or all of the four licensing objectives. The Council has previously agreed on 19th October 2015 Bromley's Statement of Licensing Policy for the Period 2016 – 2021. The Licensing Appeals Committee must consider the Statement of Licensing Policy and any Special Policy of Cumulative Impact currently in force when making any decisions in respect of these applications.

4.0 Information about the premises

- 4.1 Letters of objections attached at **appendix 2**
- 4.2 Current Premises Licence at **appendix 3**
- 4.3 History of the Premises at **appendix 4**
- 4.4 Maps / photographs of location attached at **appendix 5**

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The Licensing Appeals Committee is a sub committee of the General Purpose and Licensing Committee. The decisions will have an impact on three of the key areas identified in the “Building a Better Bromley Strategy” these are

- Safer Communities
- A Quality Environment
- Vibrant thriving Town Centres

6.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Should the application be refused or granted with conditions the applicant, responsible authorities or interested party have the right of appeal to the Magistrates Court and then to the Crown Court. The cost of defending such an appeal would have to be met, but cannot be quantified at this time.

Non-Applicable Sections:	LEGAL IMPLICATIONS, PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Licensing premises file and computer records.

Appendix 1

(Application Form)



Bromley
Application to vary a premises licence
Licensing Act 2003

For help contact
licensing@bromley.gov.uk
 Telephone: 0208 313 4218

* required information

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You can save the form at any time and resume it later. You do not need to be logged in when you resume.

System reference This is the unique reference for this application generated by the system.

Your reference You can put what you want here to help you track applications if you make lots of them. It is passed to the authority.

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant? Put "no" if you are applying on your own behalf or on behalf of a business you own or work for.

Yes No

Applicant Details

* First name

* Family name

* E-mail

Main telephone number Include country code.

Other telephone number

Indicate here if you would prefer not to be contacted by telephone

Are you:

Applying as a business or organisation, including as a sole trader

Applying as an individual

A sole trader is a business owned by one person without any special legal structure. Applying as an individual means you are applying so you can be employed, or for some other personal reason, such as following a hobby.

Applicant Business

Is your business registered in the UK with Companies House? Yes No

Registration number

Business name If your business is registered, use its registered name.

VAT number Put "none" if you are not registered for VAT.

Legal status

Note: completing the Applicant Business section is optional in this form.

*Continued from previous page...*Your position in the business Home country

The country where the headquarters of your business is located.

Registered Address

Address registered with Companies House.

Building number or name Street District City or town County or administrative area Postcode Country **Section 2 of 17****APPLICATION DETAILS**

This application cannot be used to vary the licence so as to extend the period for which the licence has effect or to vary substantially the premises to which it relates. If you wish to make that type of change to the premises licence, you should make a new premises licence application under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003.

I/we, as named in section 1, being the premises licence holder, apply to vary a premises licence under section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in section 2 below.

* Premises Licence Number

Are you able to provide a postal address, OS map reference or description of the premises?

 Address OS map reference Description
Postal Address Of PremisesBuilding number or name Street District City or town County or administrative area Postcode Country **Premises Contact Details**Telephone number

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value of premises (£)

22,489.25

Section 3 of 17**VARIATION**Do you want the proposed
variation to have effect as
soon as possible? Yes NoDo you want the proposed variation to have effect in relation to the
introduction of the late night levy? Yes NoYou do not have to pay a fee if the only
purpose of the variation for which you are
applying is to avoid becoming liable to the
late night levy.If your proposed variation
would mean that 5,000 or
more people are expected to
attend the premises at any
one time, state the number
expected to attend**Describe Briefly The Nature Of The Proposed Variation**

Describe the premises. For example the type of premises, its general situation and layout and any other information which could be relevant to the licensing objectives. Where your application includes off-supplies of alcohol and you intend to provide a place for consumption of these off-supplies, you must include a description of where the place will be and its proximity to the premises.

Nightclub, extension of hours on a Friday and Saturday night from 0200 - 0400.

Section 4 of 17**PROVISION OF PLAYS**Will the schedule to provide plays be subject to change if this application to
vary is successful? Yes No**Section 5 of 17****PROVISION OF FILMS**Will the schedule to provide films be subject to change if this application to
vary is successful? Yes No**Section 6 of 17****PROVISION OF INDOOR SPORTING EVENTS**Will the schedule to provide indoor sporting events be subject to change if
this application to vary is successful?

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Yes

No

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PROVISION OF BOXING OR WRESTLING ENTERTAINMENTS

Will the schedule to provide boxing or wrestling entertainments be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

Yes

No

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PROVISION OF LIVE MUSIC

Will the schedule to provide live music be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

Yes

No

Standard Days And Timings

MONDAY

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Provide timings in 24 hour clock (e.g., 16:00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.

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Will the performance of live music take place indoors or outdoors or both?

Where taking place in a building or other structure select as appropriate. Indoors may include a tent.

- Indoors
 Outdoors
 Both

State type of activity to be authorised, if not already stated, and give relevant further details, for example (but not exclusively) whether or not music will be amplified or unamplified.

State any seasonal variations for the performance of live music

For example (but not exclusively) where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.

Non-standard timings. Where the premises will be used for the performance of live music at different times from those listed, above below.

For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.

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PROVISION OF RECORDED MUSIC

Will the schedule to provide recorded music be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

- Yes
 No

Standard Days And Timings

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Provide timings in 24 hour clock (e.g., 16:00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.

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Will the playing of recorded music take place indoors or outdoors or both?

Where taking place in a building or other structure select as appropriate. Indoors may include a tent.

- Indoors Outdoors Both

State type of activity to be authorised, if not already stated, and give relevant further details, for example (but not exclusively) whether or not music will be amplified or unamplified.

State any seasonal variations for playing recorded music.

For example (but not exclusively) where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.

Non-standard timings. Where the premises will be used for the playing of recorded music at different times from those listed above, list below.

For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.

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PROVISION OF PERFORMANCES OF DANCE

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Will the schedule to provide performances of dance be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

- Yes No

Standard Days And Timings

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Provide timings in 24 hour clock (e.g., 16:00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.

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Will the performance of dance take place indoors or outdoors or both?

- Indoors Outdoors Both

Where taking place in a building or other structure select as appropriate. Indoors may include a tent.

State type of activity to be authorised, if not already stated, and give relevant further details, for example (but not exclusively) whether or not music will be amplified or unamplified.

State any seasonal variations for the performance of dance.

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For example (but not exclusively) where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.

Non-standard timings. Where the premises will be used for the performance of dance at different times from those listed above, list below.

For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.

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PROVISION OF ANYTHING OF A SIMILAR DESCRIPTION TO LIVE MUSIC, RECORDED MUSIC OR PERFORMANCES OF DANCE

Will the schedule to provide anything similar to live music, recorded music or performances of dance be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

- Yes
 No

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PROVISION OF LATE NIGHT REFRESHMENT

Will the schedule to provide late night refreshment be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

- Yes
 No

Standard Days And Timings

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Provide timings in 24 hour clock (e.g., 16:00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.

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Will the provision of late night refreshment take place indoors or outdoors or both?

- Indoors
 Outdoors
 Both

Where taking place in a building or other structure select as appropriate. Indoors may include a tent.

State type of activity to be authorised, if not already stated, and give relevant further details, for example (but not exclusively) whether or not music will be amplified or unamplified.

State any seasonal variations.

For example (but not exclusively) where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.

Non standard timings. Where the premises will be used for the provision of late night refreshment at different times from those listed above, list below.

For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.

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SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL

Will the schedule to supply alcohol be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

- Yes No

Standard Days And Timings

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Provide timings in 24 hour clock (e.g., 16:00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.

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Will the sale of alcohol be for consumption?

- On the premises Off the premises Both

If the sale of alcohol is for consumption on the premises select on, if the sale of alcohol is for consumption away from the premises select off. If the sale of alcohol is for consumption on the premises and away from the premises select both.

State any seasonal variations.

For example (but not exclusively) where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.

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Non-standard timings. Where the premises will be used for the supply of alcohol at different times from those listed above, list below.

For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.

As per current license.

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ADULT ENTERTAINMENT

Highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, or other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children.

Provide information about anything intended to occur at the premises or ancillary to the use of the premises which may give rise to concern in respect of children, regardless of whether you intend children to have access to the premises, for example (but not exclusively) nudity or semi-nudity, films for restricted age groups etc gambling machines etc.

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HOURS PREMISES ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Standard Days And Timings

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Provide timings in 24 hour clock (e.g., 16:00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.

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State any seasonal variations.

For example (but not exclusively) where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.

Empty text box for seasonal variations.

Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises to be open to the members and guests at different times from those listed above, list below.

For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.

Empty text box for non standard timings.

Identify those conditions currently imposed on the licence which you believe could be removed as a consequence of the proposed variation you are seeking.

Empty text box for identifying conditions to be removed.

- I have enclosed the premises licence
- I have enclosed the relevant part of the premises licence

Reasons why I have failed to enclose the premises licence or relevant part of premises licence.

Empty text box for reasons for failure to enclose licence.

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Describe the steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives:

a) General – all four licensing objectives (b,c,d,e)

List here steps you will take to promote all four licensing objectives together.

As per current license.

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

As per current license.

c) Public safety

As per current license.

d) The prevention of public nuisance

As per current license.

e) The protection of children from harm

As per current license.

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PAYMENT DETAILS

This fee must be paid to the authority. If you complete the application online, you must pay it by debit or credit card.

Variation Fees are determined by the non domestic rateable value of the premises.

To find out a premises non domestic rateable value go to the Valuation Office Agency site at http://www.voa.gov.uk/business_rates/index.htm

Band A - No RV to £4300	£100.00
Band B - £4301 to £33000	£190.00
Band C - £33001 to £8700	£315.00
Band D - £87001 to £12500	£450.00*
Band E - £125001 and over	£635.00*

*If the premises rateable value is in Bands D or E and the premises is primarily used for the consumption of alcohol on the premises then your are required to pay a higher fee

Band D - £87001 to £12500	£900.00
Band E - £125001 and over	£1,905.00

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If you own a large premise you are subject to additional fees based upon the number in attendance at any one time

Capacity 5000-9999	£1,000.00
Capacity 10000 -14999	£2,000.00
Capacity 15000-19999	£4,000.00
Capacity 20000-29999	£8,000.00
Capacity 30000-39000	£16,000.00
Capacity 40000-49999	£24,000.00
Capacity 50000-59999	£32,000.00
Capacity 60000-69999	£40,000.00
Capacity 70000-79999	£48,000.00
Capacity 80000-89999	£56,000.00
Capacity 90000 and over	£64,000.00

* Fee amount (£)

DECLARATION

* I/we understand it is an offence, liable on conviction to a fine up to level 5 on the standard scale, under section 158 of the licensing act 2003, to make a false statement in or in connection with this application.

Ticking this box indicates you have read and understood the above declaration

This section should be completed by the applicant, unless you answered "Yes" to the question "Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?"

* Full name

* Capacity

* Date / /
dd mm yyyy

Once you're finished you need to do the following:

1. Save this form to your computer by clicking file/save as...
2. Go back to <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-a-licence/premises-licence/bromley/change-1> to upload this file and continue with your application.

Don't forget to make sure you have all your supporting documentation to hand.

IT IS AN OFFENCE, LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING LEVEL 5 ON THE STANDARD SCALE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION

OFFICE USE ONLY

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Appendix 2

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 4:20 PM on 22 Apr 2017 from.

Application Summary

Address: 2-8 High Street Beckenham BR3 1AZ

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Steve Phillips

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address:

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Local Resident

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment: - Noise Disturbance
- Opening Hours

Comments: 4:20 PM on 22 Apr 2017 2am is more than late enough for a licensed premises to be opened. The noise from revellers in the early hours is disturbing. Due to the number of people that attend such premises, it means that extra police officers are required to be on duty at that time of the morning. I have been awoken on several occasions from drunken people making a noise at 2am. The application should be refused.

I understand from the Copers Cope Area Residents' Association that the Bridge Bar in Beckenham has applied to extend to its trading hours until 4.00am.

I would like to register my objection to this.

In my opinion it would cause grave disturbance to the residents in the area, which suffers a considerable amount of noise, litter and disruption as things stand at the moment.

Extending the licensing hours would inevitably mean further noise, litter, drunkenness and the possibility of other businesses also opening for longer.

Linda Steward

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 11:04 AM on 24 Apr 2017 from.

Application Summary

Address: 2-8 High Street Beckenham BR3 1AZ

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Steve Phillips

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address:

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Local Resident

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

- Noise Disturbance
- Opening Hours
- Public Nuisance

Comments: 11:04 AM on 24 Apr 2017 My children and I are woken on a regular basis at the weekend by noisy people exiting the club at 2 am, men have been spotted urinating in the entrance which is unacceptable and unhygienic and can only be attributable to Bridge Bar clients as the trains and other venues have all closed by then.
To push this back even further to 4 am makes for even greater disturbance as the party goers have had access to alcohol for an even longer period.
This just seems unnecessary and is not in keeping with the quiet residential area which are in the surrounding roads.
Please do not allow this extension

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 11:50 AM on 24 Apr 2017 from.

Application Summary

Address: 2-8 High Street Beckenham BR3 1AZ

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Steve Phillips

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address:

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Local Resident

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

- Noise Disturbance
- Opening Hours
- Public Nuisance

Comments: 11:50 AM on 24 Apr 2017 Hello,

I'd like to register my objection to Bridge Bar's proposed extended hours on Friday and Saturday nights.

The existing hours of Beckenham's clubs mean people are making considerable amounts of noise in the streets until at least 3am as it is - despite the places closing at 2am.

This application notes that while the licence extends until 4am, the premises would be open until 4.30am. This means there would be people spilling out into the street and then hanging around until at least 5am. Probably later - and on a Sunday morning, too.

If this licence is granted it could also see the other clubs do the same - resulting in even more noise, litter, arguing and vomit in the streets.

When I moved in 2009 I was well aware of the nearby pubs and clubs. I accepted the level of noise we have at the moment - and still do. But any more just isn't

acceptable.

I hope you'll take my views into consideration.

Thanks,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 7:11 PM on 24 Apr 2017 from.

Application Summary

Address: 2-8 High Street Beckenham BR3 1AZ

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Steve Phillips

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address:

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Local Resident

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

- Crime and Disorder
- Noise Disturbance
- Opening Hours
- Public Nuisance

Comments: 7:11 PM on 24 Apr 2017 As a resident living very close to the Bridge Bar I object strongly to the application for an extension to 4 am on Friday and Saturday evenings. This is a residential area and it is quite unacceptable to have the inevitable noise of the Bridge Bar customers leaving and milling about, e.g. at kebab shop on the bridge, before going home. Local residents are entitled to be able to sleep and currently there is enough noise when the bar closes at 2 am by the time everyone has left the area.

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 2:49 PM on 24 Apr 2017 from.

Application Summary

Address: 2-8 High Street Beckenham BR3 1AZ

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Steve Phillips

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address:

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Local Resident

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

- Crime and Disorder
- Noise Disturbance
- Public Nuisance

Comments: 2:49 PM on 24 Apr 2017 I own a property, so I strongly object to the application.
There is already a noise nuisance from the premises while it is open and after closing, and if the premises were allowed to stay open any longer then this would go on until an unacceptably late time.
I'm also concerned that if patrons have a further two hours of drinking time then there would be an increase of drunk and disorderly behaviour in the direct vicinity. Whilst submitting this objection, I kindly request that my personal details aren't made available for public consumption

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 5:18 PM on 25 Apr 2017 from.

Application Summary

Address: 2-8 High Street Beckenham BR3 1AZ

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Steve Phillips

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address:

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Local Resident

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

- Noise Disturbance
- Opening Hours
- Public Nuisance

Comments: 5:18 PM on 25 Apr 2017 I strongly object to the extension of the licence as a nearby resident affected by noise in the early hours at present - and which would be even worse if extended from 2 am to 4 am at Langtry's/Bridge Bar, as proposed. I am no-kill joy! However, the Council must take into account the impact of extension on the local residents. Thank you.

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 2:15 PM on 26 Apr 2017 from.

Application Summary

Address: 2-8 High Street Beckenham BR3 1AZ

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Steve Phillips

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address:

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Local Resident

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

- Crime and Disorder
- Noise Disturbance
- Opening Hours
- Public Nuisance
- Public Safety

Comments: 2:15 PM on 26 Apr 2017 Beckenham is a vibrant London suburb that has a small village feel with lots of families and young children. It is not a Croydon or a Bromley with big nightlife that is supported by transport and police infrastructure.

The nightlife on a Friday and Saturday night really spoils this feeling and already causes huge noise disturbance, anti-social behaviour and crime on a weekly basis for local residents.

I was walking home from a restaurant outside of Bridge Bar in November and was mugged, two minutes away from my home. To think that this sort of behaviour and criminality could be extended into the even smaller hours of the night is unfair, unacceptable and unjustified.

Extending the hours of opening for the Bridge Bar with densely residential properties in such close proximity will exacerbate already troubling hooliganism, drunk and disorder and noise disturbance for sleeping residents.

Myself, my family and neighbours wholeheartedly object to this application and strongly urge the Council to refuse it.

Dear Sir/Madam
re application 17/00282/LAPRE
Application for extension of hours.

I wish to object strongly to this application.

Extending the hours will inevitable lead to **an increase in crime and disorder**. Already, in the vicinity of the Bridge Bar, there is unruly behaviour from as early as 21.00. This includes the tossing of cans, bottles and other litter into the church yard (St George's Church, High Street) witnessed by me as recently as Saturday 22nd April. Other disorderly behaviour includes walking in large and noisy groups. With an extension it will also be increasingly difficult for visitors to return home by public transport or by taxi.

Cars stop in the middle of the road, causing **a public safety hazard**, to disgorge passengers. Large groups on the pavement sometimes means it is necessary for other pedestrians to walk in the road to avoid them. With longer drinking hours it is more likely that those driving may be unfit and liable to cause an accident.

It is not unusual to see young men (and sometimes young women) causing **a public nuisance** by urinating against trees, walls and fences and in the M&S car park (again witnessed as above), when they arrive in the area already the worse for drink. The sound equipment from vehicles blares out both when they park and when they leave and there is loud speech, slamming of car doors and inappropriate behaviour.

All this antisocial behaviour takes place not only in the High Street and around the Junction but also in adjoining residential roads where people are trying to get some sleep. The disruption to sleep affects not only adults but also **causes harm to children**.

On all these grounds I object strongly to any extension of hours.

Yours faithfully

[Licensing Application Ref 17/00282/LAPRE](#)

Dear Mr Philips

I am writing to object to the licensing application for a variation to the above premises, the Bridge Bar, in Beckenham High Street.

I am a local resident. At present, I can hear the music being played at the bar until 2am every weekend. I am most upset about music being played until 4am, if this variation is allowed.

On a Saturday and Sunday morning, residents see the debris from the revellers the night before in the form of littered streets with kebabs, 'laughing gas' canisters, empty drinks cans and the obligatory vomit. It's not a nice sight first thing in the morning to have to go and clear up the street outside just so that your family can leave the house. It's a constant occurrence in Beckenham.

Opening later than anywhere else in the borough or local vicinity is going to attract a different type of customer to the Bridge Bar, and we all know that those who wish to make the most of the weekend nights by drinking in late night clubs are going to bring with them other problems, such as drug use and other anti social behaviour. This is not acceptable for local residents, especially as we have recently gained the Purple Flag in respect of the safe night time economy in Beckenham.

Mr Chapman is probably aware of the restructuring work to the High Street, especially as it will attract more people in the long run. However, he is unlikely to have thought about the extra noise that has been added to our lives, and will be going on for 18+ months due to the nature of the works, which will increase the noise pollution in the area which his club has already contributed to!

I am also concerned about the amount of time the Police are going to have to spend when the patron of the Bridge Bar spill out at 4am. The other clubs close at 2am, so an extra 2 hours of Police time is expensive yet would be necessary. A Police van was called to the clubs on the bridge at Beckenham at 10:30pm last night and 5 Police officers disembarked. There looked like a fight happening in Patricks, and this was at 10pm. After drinking for 6 hours straight just in the Bridge Bar, and probably having already drunk in one of the local pubs from long before that time at the weekends, there is likely to be more disruption, especially as club-goers realise that Beckenham is open for drinking all day, and then would have one of the latest closing times in the whole borough.

Residents do not want any more criminal activity in the area. We already have graffiti, burglaries (especially in Rectory Road) and fly-tipping, along with the noise and drug dealing that goes on at weekends. We are having to secure our properties with extra gates for the alleyways because we are all so fed up with the nuisance and criminal activities. IF Mr Chapman is given the extension of his license, it should be a condition that he pays for these gates as a necessary security improvement for in the residents. Currently, we are running into a costs of £15,700. Is Mr Chapman willing to pay this? No, I thought not. Mr Chapman is willing to blight the life of the already harangued residents, but won't be willing to compromise and make our lives any easier in any way, I can guarantee.

Yours sincerely,

I am writing concerning the latest application submitted by Bridge Bar, Beckenham, for extended licensing hours from 2am on a Friday and Saturday, to 4am. I find this application not only ridiculous, inconsiderate but also totally unacceptable. This is predominantly a residential area especially where the Bridge Bar and other drinking establishments are situated, so to apply for extended licensing to 4am is ludicrous.

The prevention of crime and disorder.

Despite the fact there is a police presence in the 'HOT SPOT' area, when people have been drinking for several hours majority pouring out of the clubs and pubs, at the latest 2am, its not unknown for cars to be broken into or damage done to properties or worse where drugs are concerned.

The prevention of nuisance

When there are almost 1500 people turning out of the clubs and pubs around the early hours and there are not enough cabs to cover demand, that is when there's usually trouble with tempers flaying and sometimes the arguments can turn physical.

The only way to prevent problems is to have a police presence everywhere in the area which of course is not feasible. Shorter not longer drinking hours would help but that is never going to happen. The fact that the surrounding areas have to put up with excessive noise when people are getting to their cars, there's shouting, sometimes loud singing, cars engines running whilst conversations continue, even engines reviving, all of which wake up families. Not to mention the debris, food wrappers, empty bottles and cans left on pavements and even thrown into front gardens at weekends can only be worsened with extended drinking hours.

Children wake up frightened because of all the noise especially when there's drunken brawls, groups of people with too much to drink, screaming and shouting at one another using disgustingly bad language upsets the children and in turn upsets the rest of the households.

A 2am finish is bad enough but to grant the Bridge Bar a further 2 additional hours would mean sentencing innocent, law abiding families to further suffering, broken sleep and frustration, besides which if this application were to be granted, it will open the flood gates to all other drinking establishments to apply as well.

I am writing to object to the extended licence application for the Bridge Bar. Reference 17/00282/LAPRE

I was concerned to hear that the Bridge Bar was applying to extend their licensing hours from 02:00 until 04:00 making it the only place legally open to sell alcohol in the whole borough of Bromley.

My objections to this fall under the following headings.

1. The prevention of crime and disorder

Over the years we have seen most forms of crime and disorder ranging from mass fighting, a serious stabbing, criminal damage to property, criminal damage to cars, groups of people talking loudly and shouting at each other as they walk through the district on their way home. All of the above occurred after closing time of the local pubs, clubs and bars.

With the bridge bar staying open after all other premises close will be like a magnet to all of the drinkers from the closing or closed establishments.

This extended licensing application is also going to put more pressure on the police. The police have admitted in the past that they can't effectively operate in their normal role in the borough when at closing time they have to assign resources to baby sit revellers leaving licensed premises as they do now. If this licence application is approved it will extend their presence and decrease their operational efficiency by at least 2 hours.

2. Public Safety

I think that the people returning home from shift work or leaving for work are going to get a shock on the trams and busses when people who have waited around after leaving the Bridge bar board the public transport that is just starting up to service the early morning travellers. Generally people who have been drinking, who are part of a group tend to be a little aggressive to other travellers, this I can confirm from experience. I believe this will also increase calls to 111 or 999 when people feel threatened by revellers on their way home.

3. The prevention of nuisance.

I think part of section 1 partly covers this, namely criminal damage shouting etc.

We have to sleep with our windows closed all year round from Thursday to Sunday because of the noise caused by people moving through our neighbourhood in the early hours of the morning, I think it would be quite frightening to young children to be woken up and hear the noise outside their houses. House owners who hear activity outside their houses take their life in their hands if they decide to investigate the cause.

All in all I think this request is a bad idea and will set a precedent for all of the other pubs, clubs and bars in the borough to apply for the same thing.

Also as a final comment, Beckenham town centre is an Alcohol exclusion zone and I think this speaks for its self.

[Licensing Application Ref 17/00282/LAPRE](#)

Dear Mr Philips,

I am writing to object to the licensing application for a variation to the above premises, the Bridge Bar, in Beckenham High Street.

There is already considerable noise from the music played at Bridge Bar. Although not as loud as it was years ago it is still audible until 2am from the houses in Rectory Road, The Crescent and Albemarle Road. Residents are not prepared to have their sleep disrupted any longer than is needed. This is a largely residential area, unlike other local towns like Bromley or Croydon, where the nightlife has a direct impact on the local community.

Transport at 4am is also a problem. The last tram leaves for Croydon at 1:08am and the last train towards Orpington is 00:46 on a Friday night. This means there is a considerable amount of time between the local transport ending and closing time, encouraging customers to wait until the transport links open again the next morning. The first train in a London direction on a Saturday morning isn't until 5am and the first train in the Orpington direction is at 6:01am. Where are the customers supposed to go at these times if there is no transport? If they have an hour to wait for a train, they are going to be around Beckenham for that time, which is not what local residents want.

There is however an N3 night bus - but this involves walking through the High Street or residential areas, at 4am, and far outside the 'triangle' which is policed until late. This area towards Bromley Road would require considerable more man power, and the walk is either through the High Street, or unlit car parks and parks which we all know are not safe after dark. The 4am closing time is going to be in pitch darkness for 90% of the year, and again, the local area is not equipped for such late night babysitting of customers.

The works in the High Street are continuing for the next 18 months, and have disrupted the bus transport considerably. Bus stops that used to be on the High Street or main road are now diverted to residential areas in Rectory Road and Albemarle Road. We have to put up with the noise of roadworks until after dark anyway, and some works go on through the night, but to have customers of Bridge Bar sitting outside our houses or walking through the residential areas in order to get to bus stops at 4am adds extra noise and burden. The bus stops were re-located by TfL with no consultation with the local residents, so we have had no say in the noise of the buses. Adding people to the area whilst they wait for a bus every half hour isn't going to reduce the noise and disruption any amount!

The extra hours would be a burden on the Police, who time their patrols on the current 2am closing time, which is observed by all of the nightclubs in the local area. An extra 2 hours means 2 hours more of Police time. Surely better to confine everything to just one time slot and allow the Police to do their job, and allow the residents to have some peace and quiet at the weekends? We feel that a compromise between residents and the local economy has already been reached with the present am closing times. The added 2 hours brings nothing to the local economy or residents, nor the wider Bromley economy if it is confined to just one corner of Beckenham, where all the other shops are closed.

We also fear that opening until 4am sets a precedence for all the other night time establishments to stay open until 4am. This doesn't just include the nightclubs, but the fast food shops, off licenses and convenience stores. This all generates litter which is invariably never cleaned up by the local authority and left to the local residents.

The purple flag was recently introduced to Beckenham for being an exceptionally safe night time economy. Are we really going to jeopardise the work carried out by the Police and LBB for the sake of 2 hours?

CBRA do not support any extended hours for the Bridge Bar by any means and certainly do not see any positive impact on the local area.

Yours sincerely,

I am advised that an application has been made to extend licensing hours.

I live in, Beckenham and have done for 22years. The noise that the drunks make on their way home after drinking is sometimes awful on a Friday and Saturday night. We have had many cases of vandalism.

I strongly object to the request to extend the opening hours.

Sent: 03 May 2017 15:25
To: Phillips, Steve
Subject: Application 17/00282/LAPRE

Dear Mr Phillips.

I understand that the Bridge Bar has applied to extend it's closure of trading hours from 2am to 4am. I wish to object to this extension in the strongest possible terms. I believe I am correct in saying that their last attempt was not granted, even under appeal, and I hope the same will happen again. It is reassuring to know that the council did respect the opinions and wishes of the local residents and take into consideration reports from the Police and other organizations before making it's decision. I hope that this support will continue.

Beckenham is a very pleasant and desirable place to live. A fact that will be further enhanced by the Town Centre Improvement Scheme. It's many restaurants, cafes, shops and parks make it very appealing. There is much going on locally including functions organized by the Church and regular events on the Green that help promote a community spirit. I understand that Night Time Economy is important at the moment and one that all councils have to factor into their opportunities for revenue. I hope this does not blinker the deciding panel's viewpoint to not consider the values such as community stability and residents happiness and well being which will be put at risk by such an application.

The Bridge bar is one of several similar venues all located in that area and all staying open to 2am or close to it. although the venue might close at 2am and despite how well they insist on good standards of dress and behavior within their premises they have absolutely no influence on how customers behave away from their premises. The dispersal of their customers regularly takes well over an hour after closing time. Throughout this additional hour lots of people many of whom have consumed far too much alcohol behave in a boisterous, loud and anti social manner. Arguing, fighting, vomiting and urinating in the street. With the taxi company unable to meet the demand of the people waiting for taxis a large number of shouting screeching revelers have to hang around for some time. Many of those who have driven leave with a complete disregard for the local residents by slamming doors, revving their engines and screeching their tyres.

I experience difficulty in sleeping as a result of this noise and have tried a number of ways to overcome it. I have had fitted additional secondary glazing to try and counter this excessive noise. Even with this additional sound proofing I still experience thumping sound of music. I have made my views known by writing to the council but with little success. To get something done about noise pollution involves extensive log keeping over a prolonged period of time and exact trouble spot identification that it is virtually impossible to do, especially between the hours of 12pm and 2 am.

There are also many others who also suffer as a result of the disruption caused by having noisy and antisocial behaviour in the area. Many elderly residents go through very stressful times every Friday and Saturday night but are too afraid to complain for fear of reprisals. Noise disruption on this scale can also be very difficult for families with children where a good nights sleep is essential.

By morning the streets are littered with empty bottles and fast food cartons and wrappers.

If the Bridge Bar were to be granted this extension then the other venues will be applying for a similar extension. All venues staying open to 4am would be an even bigger nightmare and have a substantial impact on the lives of many Beckenham residents.

This part of the future well being of Beckenham is in your hands I do hope you make the right decision and reject this application outright. I hope we are not destined to become yet one more alcohol fueled town centre to be viewed on late night television.

A very concerned council tax paying resident.

Subject: 17/00282/LAPRE

To whom this may concern,

I understand that The Bridge Bar, Beckenham, has applied for an extension to its trading hours to 4am. As a local resident (living at the Beckenham Junction end of The Drive) I object to this application on the grounds of public nuisance. There is already a noise nuisance when this night club is open with clubbers leaving the premise and hanging out outside the vicinity, and if the club was allowed to stay open even longer into the night, this would mean a noise nuisance until an unacceptably late time. We already need to keep our windows closed during the summer, and now with a young baby in the house this is going to be even more pertinent.

Kind regards

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 11:06 PM on 04 May 2017 from.

Application Summary

Address: 2-8 High Street Beckenham BR3 1AZ

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Steve Phillips

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address:

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Local Resident

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

- Child Protection
- Crime and Disorder
- Noise Disturbance
- Public Nuisance
- Public Safety

Comments: 11:06 PM on 04 May 2017 There is already a considerable noise nuisance of customers from this bar walking along the drive. It is made worse by swearing. The alleyways are often used to urinate in. Extending the opening hours of The Bridge Bar will attract more customers and exacerbate this problem. Walking around the Green at night it is obvious that there is a lot of heavy drinking and scuffles and fights do occur. Whilst these are often dealt with by bouncers and occasionally the police this is primarily a residential area where the residents and children should be able to walk safely. I have often observed very drunken young men and women barely able to stand. They are a danger to themselves and others. This has however improved with the presence of pastors. However it is unlikely the either the police bouncers or pastors will be able to control the increased number of people over a longer period of time. I strongly object to this application. It is detrimental to the residential area and the residents.

To whom it might concern

I would like to object to the extension of the Bridge Bar's license to 4 am on the grounds of crime and disorder and public nuisance. As a resident of a neighbouring street we already have antisocial behaviour. My neighbours and I have had to pay £2000 to have a gate put across the lane which accesses the back of our properties to stop people urinating and having sex behind our gardens. We used to find discarded women's clothes on a regular basis as they 'nip' in there on the way home. There is often shouting in the street late at night.

In the last few months there has been open drug dealing from cars in our street, With more people coming to clubs and longer hours I can only see these problems being exacerbated.

Finally, if you are a lone woman coming from the station on a Friday or Saturday evening it can be very intimidating with the number of people who have clearly had a lot to drink in and around the tram and station. If the licensing hours are extended that means people can drink for even longer, and potentially we will have people waiting for taxis in the area and walking home at 4.30 am onwards and with loitering they could be in our streets until early Sunday morning.

Reference the application of extending the opening Hours of The Bridge Bar. Licensing Reference: 17/00282/LAPRE

Every Weekend/Bank Holidays we have to endure Fighting, Shouting, Screaming, Litter (Vomit, Alcoholic Drink Bottles and Cans left on the Pavement and sometimes smashed, Kebab Wrappers etc) Engine revving in the Station Car Park, beeping of Car Horns, Car Stereo Music Blaring, the list goes on.

Also our Communal Garden has been used for Sex, we have seen used Condoms in there before Those people leaving the Club are a nuisance, it gets even worse during the Summer Months, we can't even leave our Windows open due to the Noise Level.

We have seen women laying in the middle of the Road fighting and Cars just going around them, what kind of behaviour is that?

We have the legal right of enjoyment of our Home all this disturbance at weekends is interfering with that, therefore we are opposed to the application of extending the opening Hours of the Bridge Bar.

Regards

I would like to object to the application to extend the opening hours of the Bridge Bar at Beckenham Junction. I feel that extended hours would be a public nuisance as this is a residential area and people will have their sleep disturbed if patrons are leaving the premises for an extended period. This will also put an additional strain on already stretched Police resources. If this extended license is granted it will start a trend and other licensed premises will apply and it will eventually become the 'norm'. We should not be encouraging more drinking as it leads to anti social behaviour and long term health issues.

Dear Bromley Council,

I object to the 4 a.m. licence application by the Bridge Bar in Beckenham, licensing reference 17/00282/LAPRE, on grounds of the likely increase in public nuisance & disorder caused by noisy drunk groups of people leaving the bar late at night, going past my house & waking me up. The disorder & nuisance are already bad enough at the moment - I am already disturbed by noisy drunks coming out of bars at night, quarrelling & yelling obscenities. Public safety is also threatened by groups of noisy aggressive drunks.

The application for the bridge bar to extend its trading hours to 4am or later is opposed by us. Currently the clients leaving the bar are a public nuisance. They insist on drinking in the alcohol control zone on the corner of crescent rd and rectory rd, they urinate on the wall, in the alley behind and in the car park They are incredibly loud with no consideration for local residents. There is often fighting and loud music from parked cars. As a resident with a young child the weekend noise is disturbing to us already. It wakes us all regularly and distresses many local residents. We are unable to discuss the noise with the drunk people for fear of retribution. If the clients left the club quietly and went home we would not care when it closed. If the parking restrictions were increased so no one parked at the side there would be no lingering around parked cars. If the alcohol restrictions were enforced, if police presence or cctv were visible it would be much less likely there would be such anti social behaviour, less crime and disorder.

We therefore cannot agree to prolonged opening for fear of worsening of all these problems.

Regards

Dear whom it may concern

REF:17/00282/LAPRE

i am writing in regards to bridge bar wanting to extend its hours. i am against this as already as a resident i am suffering on weekends and so are my children due to all the clubs here and having it opening later would only add to that.

On the weekends the noise is unbelievable and goes on until 3am sometimes later with many people hanging around on the streets or slumped on the floor or wanting to fight, me and my children are awoken from it and if not that then the constant police sirens and flashing lights due to all the fights. Shouting, screaming,swearing and smashing things is very common to hear on the weekends not to mention the next morning all the rubbish and sick left on the pavements outside.

police are called almost every weekend for something or another and it would encourage people to become more drunk and hang around the streets longer causing more trouble. i already hear music and bass throughout the night from clubs and hearing it longer would affect mine and my children's sleep more which is already unfair.

i have to keep explaining to my children that it is OK on weekends when they hear shouting and arguing and loads of police and that they are safe but it becomes very tiring doing this several times in a night.

many thanks

Dear Steve & Bromley Licensing,

I wish to strongly object to the Bridge Bar licensing application ref 17/00282/LAPRE with respect to Bromley Council's Licensing Objectives of:

Crime and disorder; and
Public nuisance

I live at

My household is already currently disturbed by drinkers using our quiet residential road as a shortcut between the High Street and the Bridge Bar. If licensing hours are increased I expect the Bridge Bar would attract more clubbers going there during late evening and with two extra hours of drinking there would be increased noise on their way home. With two hours more alcohol inside them there will be a greater risk of public nuisance, crime and disorder, like public urination, vomiting and damage to property and vehicles.

2am is late enough for clubbers; anyone intent on drinking later than this will find places in London to go to.

The Council is investing heavily in improving Beckenham's townscape. Why risk blighting it by approving proposals like this?

Regards,

Dear Sir/Madam

Last Thursday I learned from a neighbour about the above application which I wish to strongly oppose.

I am shocked to know of these plans. I used to rely on the letters from the council to inform me of such, but having spoken to Paul in Licensing on Friday morning, I understand this is a thing of the past. I asked him how affected people should know about such plans and he informed me these are published in local papers and that The Bridge Bar will have posted a notice outside their premises. I haven't seen either although I usually get The News Shopper and I drive by The Bridge Bar every work day but the shutters are down. It causes me great concern that many residents in The Avenue, Albermarle Road, Copers Cope Road and Rectory Road may be unaware.

I have lived at Beckenham for 22 years. In between this we have a number of primary aged children and people who genuinely care about each other, where they live and our community. The increase in noise, pollution, antisocial behaviour, drug dealing, burglary, and the worry to public safety is a parallel consequence of the continued and extended operation of nightlife venues in our primarily residential area. This application would only serve to exacerbate these problems and it needs to stop.

The following are examples of the usual repercussions mainly attributed to the nightlife venues because of the behaviour of the people who visit them.

Antisocial Behaviour and Crime

I regularly witness 'punters' urinating, taking drugs around the back of our property by the bins or the garages. Drug drops are commonplace - random people standing outside on their mobile phones and cars pulling up

I see people slumped on the pavement, our walls, fences and access roads, lying in our gardens, all in a drunken/drugged up state. People shout abuse, fight, beep car horns, double park/partially block driveways, slam car doors and are exceptionally loud with their comings and goings.

Theft

Our garages are regularly burgled and my elderly neighbour had his bicycle stolen last Saturday where his ground floor flat backs onto part of our communal gardens. We have car vandalism and theft whether it be the vehicle itself or the contents thereof. One of my neighbours was mugged last year opposite The Bridge Bar.

Public Safety

I walk several times a day/evening and I am sorry to say as I see - vomit, left over kebabs and packaging, bottles, cans, drug paraphernalia (all of this from time to time

in our communal gardens). I do personally confront people's antisocial behaviour in my communal gardens but recognised by doing so I put myself at risk.

I have seen young men running scared into our grounds trying to escape their aggressors in pursuit. Young ladies/girls, if not being antisocial become vulnerable, scared, upset and distraught. This is just one example - my daughter helped a young girl three weeks ago who was sobbing uncontrollably I also went to assist her. She was so upset she couldn't get enough breath to even talk. I actually thought she may be deaf because she could not speak properly. When she was able to calm down and talk she explained that there was some sort of assault on her inside O'Neills where a man had pushed her around and the bouncers had determined she was the one to be thrown out. I was not there so cannot vouch for this but I felt so strongly about this young girl's vulnerability and personal safety that I went the following day and saw Rachel the Duty Manager who was unaware but said she would review the CCTV and speak to her bouncers.

I unfortunately regularly ring the police on 101 but have also had reason to ring 999 on a few occasions. There are also many occasions when I do not call the police as the unfortunate fact remains that they are under resourced especially during licensing hours. Please feel free to check this to substantiate my actions and provide evidence to support my objection.

I am not suggesting this is all at the door of The Bridge Bar but they are the largest venue in our neighbourhood with the latest hours. They are the final destination for many visitors to Beckenham and they operate during unsociable hours in what is and always will be a predominantly residential area. I therefore conclude they are the biggest contributor to ongoing and increased disruption and the detrimental effect this has on our quality of life, not only all evening and late into the night but the day after when you see the aftermath in your environment. When O'Neills and Patricks shut, people literally spill onto the streets looking for the next open venue and this is ultimately The Bridge Bar or Time.

Living in close proximity to these nightlife venues inevitably interrupts sleep, but just when you think the music and shouting has stopped (which penetrates the double glazing), the sirens have abated and the occasional disputes amongst the revellers have ended, it simply goes to the next stage. It's closing time and all and sundry once again spill out onto the street. Petty disagreements may reach their peak, rows erupt and sometimes escalate, the police/paramedics arrive again and even if the constant unnerving shouting and skirmishes are not enough, the flashing blue lights illuminated around your room will ensure you cannot rest. Last Bank Holiday weekend, there were five police cars outside as far as I could see opposite my flat and down to Time Bar in the early hours. The final straw is when the talentless bongo man decides to bang his drums for the sake of merry revellers in order to get a few pennies. He used to set up next door to the kebab shop (next to The Bridge Bar), then moved to The Green and 'performs' throughout the evening and beyond closing times. This is not so regular now but maybe he's just waiting for the nights to get a bit warmer.

The Purple Flag

With regard to The Purple Flag, I am completely in favour of a safe and economically viable nightlife in Beckenham which promotes respect, enjoyment and good behaviour but it totally fails to address in any form the feelings, concerns and wellbeing of residents. The Purple Flag is for the benefit of punters who in turn serve the interests of businesses whose owners do not live here and who have no reason to care so long as it doesn't get in the way of profit they raise. I just recently completed The Purple Flag survey – it's totally geared towards visitors. If that is its raison d'être then it serves its purpose but I would suggest the contribution of residents' opinions should be surveyed to give a proportional and unbiased result.

For the sake of sounding like a miserable party pooper, on the contrary I love music. I have DJ'd for over 20 years, I have been a punter twice at The Bridge Bar and have on one occasion actually DJ'd some years back at what is now known as 'Time'. I have studied Music Production, Performance and Technology at degree level. I know what loud music, the unpredictability of certain punters and drink/drugs can result in. I am also aware of decibel limiters, the obvious challenge of the equation where the more punters you have, the more they will drown out the music and therefore the louder the music needs to be in order to cancel out their noise.

Instead of considering an application to extend hours, I would prefer that an overhaul of the existing licensing be carried out for all such venues. As licensing hours/capacity increases, there are simply not enough resources to cope with this and measures need to be put in place to address this continuing out of control spiral.

So to conclude I strongly object to this current application on the above grounds and reiterate that in view of all the above consequences suffered, the emphasis should be on reducing not increasing the operational capabilities of such venues.

Thank you for your consideration and please acknowledge receipt of my objection.

Kind regards.

We wish to object strongly to the application from Bridge Bar to extend its licensed trading hours from 02.00 to 04.00 on the grounds of further public nuisance and crime and disorder.

Most Fridays and/or Saturdays we are woken between 01.30 and 02.30 by noisy revellers leaving clubs at Beckenham Junction. There is shouting and screaming, clearly fuelled by alcohol and sometimes it degenerates into swearing and fighting. We have had to call the police when there was fighting between two groups on the corner of our house. On another occasion I called the police when I heard a girl screaming repeatedly and didn't feel able to go out to investigate.

My impression is that at the moment most people leave at closing time but if the hours are extended it will spread the home going over a much longer period and we can expect to be disturbed for much longer. There is residential housing in every direction from Beckenham Junction and so people all around will suffer.

An extension will set an unacceptable precedent. There are several pubs and clubs in this area and they will undoubtedly follow suit.

Hello Steve

it will be no surprise to you that I am strongly against the Bridge Bar extending their license til 4 am. I bought my house in full knowledge of the Bridge Bar and have been there a number of times, so i am not against the bar at all - just the extending of the licensing. i actually find it staggering that they would want this license. Beckenham is trying to cultivate a village atmosphere by remodelling the high street, introducing 4 am licenses will set this process back.

General Reasons:

- The Bridge Bar is a destination club already, so making it the latest opening club in the borough will make it even more so, bringing people in from all over the borough as well as from outside the borough.
- The club actually show no interest in having any dialogue with the residents, as they have applied for this licence without even talking to the people who live the closest to them. I presume this is because they don't really care and also were worried (with good reason) what we would all think
- Saying that this is only friday and saturday nights is an irrelevance as they are only OPEN those nights
- i do not then want this to become the pre-cursor to every other bar opening that late in the area - this would make weekends very very unpleasant for the entire area - generating profits for just five businesses in theory - bars, clubs, a cab company and a kebab shop

Crime and Disorder

- I have already witnessed running battles in the station carpark at 2 in the morning. if people are able to drink for another 2 hours, then the chances of trouble are even greater. I am aware that there is a police presence sometimes at this time, but i would prefer that our police funding was employed elsewhere, than for a police presence from 1 to 4 am outside a nightclub full of people who do not even live here
- opening later also makes the area busier earlier too, as people will want to get into the club, so they will want people there earlier to ensure entry - this will mean there will be trouble with people just queuing to get in
- Longer hours = drunker people = more arguments = more trouble

Public Nuisance

- I have also witnessed people standing on cars, urinating on doorsteps, and kicking bins around. i am aware that these are not always the result of Bridge Bar customers, but later opening will mean that we have this to fear til five in the morning, when we are trying to sleep
- Plus i have a laneway next to my house and this becomes a public toilet at 2 am already
- We can always hear the chatter and shouts from the smoking area of the club. This would now be until 4 am
- At 2-3 am there is now the noise of bins being filled. this would now be from 4-5!!!

- there is a huge amount of noise from the cab rank and from general dispersal from the area. Whilst i understand that this will happen any way. At the moment this happens in a concentrated period at 2 am. Extending the opening hour of the Bridge Bar will just make this last so much longer - like a really annoying relay race

Public Safety

- People running out in the road, drunk -longer hours = more drunk = less safe
- damage to property . drunker people = more damage

I am aware you are busy, but i would appreciate knowing what the next steps are with this process. I was only made aware of this license application on the 6th May (four days before the deadline) and i would not want to miss any other chances to lodge any objections

many thanks

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 11:20 PM on 07 May 2017 from.

Application Summary

Address: 2-8 High Street Beckenham BR3 1AZ

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Steve Phillips

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address:

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Local Resident

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

- Crime and Disorder
- Fitness of Licence Applicant
- Noise Disturbance
- Opening Hours
- Parking
- Public Nuisance

Comments: 11:20 PM on 07 May 2017 I am a resident that lives within a 2 minute walk of the club. I live in a 2 bedroom apartment. One bedroom is at the front of the property. This bedroom is unable to have a window open due to the level of the noise from the club. The bedroom at the back is on the Road. This one has to put up with the noise from youths / adults from midnight to the early hours. Were we have had many fights, very violent where people have been stabbed. Also they come into the road to call minicabs so they are far enough away from the mini cab office so they don't have to queue. So they wait outside the flats. I am woken up every weekend. In the early hours with shouting swearing fighting. They also use the entrance to the flats as a toilet. So we have noise all day , It does quieten down from around 8pm . Then when the club is open we have to endure more noise & if the club was to stay open to 4pm over the weekend I would be lucky to have 3 hours sleep ? Which would be very unfair. As when they turn out of the club, The doormen are quick to get them away from the club & they just spill into the side streets causing a public nuisance.

Dear Sirs

I wish to object to the above application to vary its licensed trading hours from 2am to 4am plus additional drinking up time. I am concerned that varying the licence will add to the problems already experienced in the Beckenham Junction area and increase incidences of Crime and Disorder and Public Nuisance. The Bridge Bar is sited less than 200 metres from my front door and thus integrated into the community around the Beckenham Junction Area. It is not on the High Street or in a quiet/remote part of the town. As part of that community there is an expectation that any such business would have a positive and not a negative effect on local residents and Beckenham in general. Currently there are major development works underway to improve Beckenham and make it an attractive place for both residents and businesses. The extension of licencing hours from 2am to 4am at the Bridge Bar will add to the social problems associated with extended drinking hours and the constant and debilitating disturbances from people dispersing at all hours. It will add to incidents of public disorder and potential crime in Beckenham and negate all the good work the improvements hope to bring.

Section 8 & 9 of the application request the extension of live/recorded music until 4am. Currently, despite there being doors to the Bridge Bar, these are often open for extended periods of time so that the music until 2am can be heard loudly in the Beckenham Junction area including in the bedrooms in my house. No additional provision is stated to ensure that this music is not heard until 4am thus creating a disturbance to sleep, lifestyle and public nuisance in the Beckenham Junction area. Unfortunately although the Bridge Bar does have doors that close the gentlemen manning these doors tend to have them open due to the constant stream of people exiting the premises to smoke throughout the night and those dispersing between 1.30am and 2.30am when the music and crowd noise can be heard quite audibly. It's no good having a closed door as a noise prevention if it's constantly being opened or left open? If an extension to 4am is granted this is the time when all residents should be asleep and this will be hugely invasive and disturb the peace until this time. If the doors are open we can hear the music.

Currently customers leaving licensed premises in Beckenham cause problems for local residents in a number of ways. It is the people leaving the Bridge Bar, because of the exit at Beckenham Junction Station, that cause my neighbours and I the most issues. Parking restrictions do not apply after 6.30pm in the streets around the Bridge Bar thus people often park their cars in the residential streets around the High Street area and visit the Bridge Bar even though they intend to drink alcohol. When they return to their cars late at night there is a lot of noise as people disperse causing a considerable amount of public nuisance such as banging car doors, talking, shouting, playing car radios and having stand up arguments – unfortunately for us the good time they have had at the Bridge Bar extends to noise in the streets right outside our house. At the moment this noise is until about 2.45am. The later at night noise happens, the more of a nuisance it is for local residents as their sleep is disturbed, sometimes more than once in one night. It can be frightening to be woken by screams and shouts and then difficult to get back to sleep. If the noise happens after 03:00 then you may get very little sleep before needing to get up in the morning. If the licence were extended to 4am for inside with 4.30am for exiting as requested then the disturbances will continue until 5am outside my house. I would find this totally unacceptable in a built up residential area.

On a Friday and Saturday night the streets of Beckenham are saturated with licensed premises and large numbers of people come into the area at night time. The large numbers of people drinking in the area means there is often public disorder such as loud noise, shouting, arguing and fights. These disturbances often occur on the large forecourt in front of the Bridge Bar and Beckenham Junction Station. The fights also affect public safety as other people can be harmed or become involved in

these fights. Residents including myself are disturbed as the public disorder results in the Police being called who arrive with all sirens on! This will be exacerbated, if the Bridge Bar is granted an extension to 4am, by the lack of public transport at this time. There is a N3 bus that could be used but the tram and train do not run past 1.30am. This will put huge additional pressure on the local taxi firms, especially the one based at Beckenham Junction. With people dispersing after 4am and only a limited number of taxis at this time people sometimes have to wait over an hour for a taxi resulting in frustration and consequently public order disturbances. People who have consumed alcohol, and are tired from a night out will inevitably get angry if transport is not available to take them home. There are no variations in section 16 of the application to take into account the lack of any transportation away from the premises at 4am to prevent public disorder and to carry people away from residential premises at this time?

Section 13 of the application requests the Supply of Alcohol for Both On and *OFF* the premises until 4am. My understanding was that the streets around Beckenham Junction were a 'Drinking Control Area'? Extending the Supply of Alcohol until 4am will add to the problems in the area not control them? There are frequent issues in the streets around the Beckenham Junction area with intoxicated people shouting, vandalising cars and fences and using residents front gardens and back alleys as a lavatory. The Bridge Bar is in a built up residential area, the proposed extension of the Supply of Alcohol Off the Premises from 2am to 4am will add to the mess, rubbish and public nuisance around my house and that of my neighbours.

People leaving licenced premises on Friday and Saturdays often congregate in the streets after dispersal, talking loudly, shouting and even continuing to drink (as evidenced by the empty bottles and glasses found in the local streets on Saturday and Sunday mornings). The exit from the Bridge Bar next to Beckenham Junction Station means they often leave and come out onto Rectory Road – where I live. Happy people who have drunk alcohol and been in a room with loud music are never quiet and often talk/shout really loudly and there are frequent rows, at full volume and with 'colourful' language in the street outside my house. Currently when this happens past 2am it wakes me up as it is very loud and although it can cause issues with getting back to sleep. If it happens at 3.30am - 4.30am then it would be extremely difficult to get back to sleep as most of the night is gone and it may be getting light.

Many local residents feel distressed and frustrated about the problems caused by late night licensed premises and the fact that these premises regularly apply to extend hours and vary their licences in ways that will create more problems for local residents. It is time consuming to keep opposing these requests and stressful to live with the anxiety about whether premises will be allowed to operate even later and whether their customers will create nuisance, crime and disorder.

Over the 27 years I have lived here, there has been a substantial increase in the number of late night licensed premises operating in what is a residential area. The present licencing hours do cause us problems, disturbances and incidents of minor criminal damage but are somewhat tolerable compared with the proposed extension of hours under this application from 2am to 4am. I ask that this application not be granted as there is a real probability of increased crime and disorder and public nuisance due to lack of public transport to disperse people, increased consumption of alcohol in the 2 hour extension window and disturbances of the peace with music playing through open doorways and public disorder from congregating crowds on the forecourt taxi area.

I am happy for my name to be given against my representation.

Regards

Bridge bar objections. Licence ref: 17/00282/LAPRE

Dear Sir,

I object most strongly to the idea of The Bridge Bar having an even later licence, on grounds of public nuisance, noise pollution, health risk, and the protection of children.

The present licencing hours, which allow the club to stay open till 2.00am Saturday and Sunday mornings and holidays, result in loud, offensive, and sometimes violent disturbances in the streets until gone 2.30 am every day the club is open. And at Turn-out time there is shouting, screaming, swearing and fighting every weekend. The noise disturbs households [including mine] for several hundred metres radius, and makes sleep virtually impossible. It is exacerbated by frequent police sirens as they make their presence felt in the hope of preventing violence. It blights our lives already, and if it were extended by a further two and half hours (including drink-up time) we would probably get no sleep at all at the weekends, which would impact on the health of families as well as working adults.

Further, the streets are always polluted the following mornings with drinks-cans and bottles – sometimes broken - as well as food litter; and the pavements are stained with food, drink, cigarettes and spitting, which is unpleasant for everyone, especially families with children. It is also unhygienic and poses a health hazard. If the “revellers” had a further 2.5 hours to create more litter or become even more drunk, the refuse on the street would be even worse, adding to the problems of the sleepless local residents, of whom there are thousands because of the high-density local accommodation.

This club creates the biggest single problem for people living in this area. I wish there were some way of closing it completely, but short of that, at least let's not allow the problem to get even worse.

Yours sincerely,

Reference: 17/00282/LAPRE

Dear Mr Phillips

I am writing to you in regards to the proposed license extension of the Bridge Bar in Beckenham Junction.

Firstly, the opening hours as they currently stand are an annoyance to the local community. I have nothing against a bar/club in the area but what I do find to be a complete lack of control or, perhaps even negligence, by the local authorities is that once people leave the establishment, they are then walking around the streets, drunk and very loud. This is normal of course, however, creating such noise and disturbing families and people living in such a residential area is terrible. I am often woken up by revellers leaving the Bridge Bar (and Time for that matter), sitting on the walls outside of my flat and across the road once they've left the club.

I live on The Avenue, it is quite common that there are people shouting, fighting and making a noise generally until about 3am after a Friday and Saturday night out. I am always shocked that no action is ever taken by the council or the police.

Upon receiving this letter through my door regarding extending the license time, you can imagine my reaction. Unfortunately for myself and my neighbours, a 4am extension means that there will be people making a noise after the club has closed until at least 5am.

I hope that you consider these concerns and objections to any extensions with the upmost sincerity. I'm happy to be contacted on this matter and to provide any further information if required.

I look forward to hearing your response.

Your sincerely

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 1:30 PM on 08 May 2017 from.

Application Summary

Address: 2-8 High Street Beckenham BR3 1AZ

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Steve Phillips

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address:

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Local Resident

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:
- Noise Disturbance
- Public Nuisance

Comments: 1:30 PM on 08 May 2017 We already have enough disturbances in the early hours of the morning, and letting The Bridgebar open until 4-4.30 is only going to make things a lot worse.

Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to make a formal objection to the application of bridge bar to extend their licensing to opening until 4am. I do so on the following grounds as a local tenant.

Higher levels of Crime will occur, as a resident who lives close to bridge bar I often observes the fights and assaults that occur outside bridge bar, with this making the bar being the latest opening in the area it will attract more people and cause more fights in the queue, during the course of the night as it empties and when people can't get in.

Additionally it is quite frightening the levels of abuse that occur from those who travel to the area to go to bridge bar, the noise and comotion from those going in and out of the club is disturbing but there is the comfort this will end come just after 2am. Extending this will cause disruption to residence and especially those who work weekends and have young children.

The bar has also attracted beggars and buskers who regularly busk through out the night. The buskers often play loud keeping residence awake and I am one of several people have raised complaints with the police and Bromley council about this.

The bar has also has had a history of drug usage, empty canisters used for nitrous oxide are scattered around the area as well as occasionally I have observed needles. Though Bromley council are doing an excellent job of keeping on top of the mess (the street sweeper comes early the next day). I fear even great effort will miss things which could cause serious issue.

Kind Regards

Dear Mr Phillips,

I object strongly to any extension to the hours of The Bridge Bar.

If granted it means 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours of extra drinking plus sickness

and the danger of knife fights like we had 20 years ago.

Yours sincerely,

Comments were submitted at 8:40 PM on 08 May 2017 from.

Application Summary

Address: 2-8 High Street Beckenham BR3 1AZ

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Steve Phillips

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address:

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Local Resident

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

- Noise Disturbance
- Parking
- Public Nuisance
- Traffic

Comments: 8:40 PM on 08 May 2017 We're regularly get woken up by people leaving the area at 3 am. This is both from people causing a public nuisance (shouting, arguing, loud car music etc) and people driving their cars at speed in the area. Having people leave the area at 5 am will increase this disturbance.

In addition due to the lack of adequate parking facilities in the vicinity people regularly park on The Crescent for extended periods of time both on the single and double yellow lines. No enforcement is in place at that time in the morning. On occasion, we've been unable to park access our property due to the driveway being blocked.

On Saturday and Sunday mornings there is a significant increase in litter left over from the night before. Amongst detritus, we regularly come across discarded drug paraphernalia.

Date: 6 May 2017 at 14:31:17 BST

To: "Phillips, Steve" <Steve.Phillips@bromley.gov.uk>

Subject: Licensing application ref: 17/00282/LAPRE

Dear Mr Phillips,

I write to you in the capacity as a Ward councillor with regard to the application for the variation of the closing time of the Bridge Bar in Beckenham High Street. The application contravenes the Cumulative impact policy in as much as the extension of the hours from 02:00 – 04:00 sets an undesirable precedent for allowing the consumption of alcohol to continue after all the other establishments have ceased, unless the customers are within the premises prior to the cut off time, on this ground it would invoke public nuisance by virtue of their rowdy departure and also an element of public safety in the event of physical attacks either on passing pedestrians or indeed on other visitors to the establishment. In addition to that the prevalence of litter would increase and also compounded by the inadequate transport system to ensure the revellers can return from whence they came.

There are aspects of this application which confronts all of the four elements of the policy; crime and disorder, public nuisance, public safety and protection of children from harm and therefore I request you note my objections to the application and that it be refused.

Yours sincerely,

Sent: 04 May 2017 21:26
To: Phillips, Steve
Subject: Bridge bar applies for 4am licence

17/00282/LAPRE

Hello Steve,

I have just received a hand delivered letter concerning the application for an extended licence at the Bridge Bar, already this year we have had a bus stop spring up outside our house with absolutely no notice what so ever, not good. If this licence is granted it will mean we have people hanging around outside our house for the best part of 24 hours. Buses start to run at around 5.30 and the tram starts at 5.50, if the club has drinking up time to 4.30, punters won't have completely dispersed until 4.45-5ish and are then likely to hang around and wait for the first tram / bus especially in the summer months when it's sunnier and warmer. On the subject of summer, the noise levels will travel, they already do, we already hear the noise from the night club. I really think it would be totally unfair to expect people to have to put up with this until 4 in the morning. I am writing this letter to register my objection, I think if this licence is granted, it will certainly have consequences, public nuisance, crime and disorder, and public safety.

Please could I have acknowledgement of this letter

Kind regards

Sent from my iPad

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 1:36 PM on 09 May 2017 from

Application Summary

Address: 2-8 High Street Beckenham BR3 1AZ

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Steve Phillips

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address:

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Local Resident

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:
- Crime and Disorder
- Public Nuisance

Comments: 1:36 PM on 09 May 2017 Over the years there have been numerous incidents in and around Beckenham Junction and surrounding roads (Rectory Road, Beckenham High St, The Crescent, Church Avenue, The Drive etc) of noisy people coming out of Langtry's Nightclub in the early hours of the morning. There have been fights and some vandalism too. It is bad enough that those residents in the area trying to get some sleep have to put up with being woken up on some occasions after 2:00am on a Saturday or Sunday morning and it would seem that extending the opening hours will only make matters worse - as we understand it will make the Bridge Bar the only establishment in the Borough open that late selling alcohol and playing music, and those attending are likely to drink more which could lead to drunken behaviour upon leaving the premises. The club already provides a late night venue for youngsters and doesn't need to stay open any later than is currently allowed (ie 2:00am) - this application appears to be made purely for financial reasons by the proprietor with no regard for the likely negative impact on local residents and potential additional policing which might be required.

Licensing application ref 17/00282/LAPRE

With reference to the above application I would like to register my objection based on the following:

- this is a residential area and therefore it is not appropriate in this setting based on creating a public nuisance
- crime and disorder - I live in The Drive and there is a constant flow of rowdy persons moving from the high street towards the Bridge Bar especially once other Beckenham venues have closed. I have witnessed several instances of "nuisance" including shouting, fighting and urination in front gardens and against walls
- public safety - the number of people crossing or waiting around the "bridge" is dangerous when using the public highway and is especially evident late at night and in the early hours i.e. closing time

Rgs

Sent from my iPad

Sent: 10 May 2017 09:04
To: Phillips, Steve
Subject: Bridge Bar Application - letter of objection

Licensing Administration
Civic Centre
Stockwell Close
Bromley
BR1 3UH

Dear Mr Phillips,

Application for Variation of Premises Licence – Licensing Act 2003
Bridge Bar/Langtry's, 2-8 High Street, Beckenham, BR3 1AZ (ref 17/00282/LAPRE)

I am writing to object to the above application.

I object on the basis of three of Bromley's four licensing objectives:
Prevention of Nuisance
Public Safety
Crime and Disorder

We live in a residential area, which does not coexist well with the late-night licensed establishments in close proximity, particularly those at the 'Beckenham Triangle'. Historically, local residents have been united in opposition to the applications to increase the numbers and opening hours of these premises.

This current application is completely inappropriate based on the impact it would have on our residential area, in a zone already designated as 'saturated' with licensed premises and well known for its problems with the night time economy. Bridge Bar would be open until 4.30am (with drinking up time), so residents would probably be continuously disturbed until 5am as people disperse.

You are well aware, as an inevitability of our proximity to the late night venues, that in terms of public nuisance, crime and disorder and public safety, we already suffer (despite Purple Flags) from the impact of their presence. Some people come and go very quietly, many do not. Starting at the beginning of the evening, often 'pre-drinking', alcohol and drugs consumption in our roads; noise, bottles, cans and canisters. Customers park in our roads or walk through. We have parking (engine noise), cars and motorcycles, car doors slamming, car stereos, loud conversation, screaming, all can come from static groups, or might emanate from a group moving slowly down the road. That goes on at various points through the evening. We hear thudding base music from the venues, even from inside our houses, that Environmental Health have shrugged off in the past. Then we have the same again when people leave the venues, this time there is a greater likelihood of louder voices, screeching loud laughter, singing, fighting, abusive language, urination anywhere and everywhere, vomit and kebab residues; car stereo music, sometimes with car doors and windows open and mini-parties taking place on the street. Then vehicle engines as they leave. All on a background of an otherwise very quiet road, with residents who would otherwise be asleep. It is already unacceptable until 3am

(licensing until 2am, then drinking up time until 2.30am, dispersal probably until 3am). Adding two extra hours of this until 5am is unconscionable.

I would also urge you to consider the impact on children living in the area. Bromley has a duty to protect its children. If children are woken in the middle of the night by disturbances, taking place feet from their bedroom windows, they can be frightened by what they see and hear. Bromley should not collude in exposing children to psychological distress.

Don't add insult to injury and use phone calls, emails and letters to police and environmental health as barometers of problems. Don't expect residents to wake during disturbances and keep logs of incidents. They are not going to. They just want to get back to sleep quickly. People are also intimidated by these situations and reluctant to report them. Instead, look at the records of police attendances (when they can get there, due to challenges of their resources), the Incident Log Book from the premises itself and familiarise yourself with the content of the relatively recent Licence Review brought by the Police against Bridge Bar/Langtry's and all the attendant discussions and correspondence, including that from Bromley's Health and Safety Inspector/Public Protection, and then consider if it is appropriate for this premises to be granted an extension.

The additional hours would add to the problems facing local paramedics and A&E's, again currently under-resourced. Please also consider the concerns of the government and media about the threat to public health of excessive drinking on a national level, particularly amongst young people; not to mention the threat to residents' health of stress and disturbed sleep patterns.

Please support us by not granting the 4am licence, nor any extensions of half hour increments as a 'concession' to the licensee.

There is no argument to support a staggered leaving time, except perhaps to allow the licensee to close earlier than the other licensed premises perhaps.

Please do not grant an extension with Conditions, imagining that these would ameliorate any negative effects for Beckenham residents. It is doubtful they would help, even in the short term, before they are surreptitiously removed over time.

You would not want this happening outside your house.

Yours sincerely



Licensing Administration
Civic Centre
Stockwell Close
Bromley
BR1 3UH



2nd May 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

Application for a Variation to Premises Licence - Licensing Act 2003
Langtry's/Bridge Bar, 2-8 High Street, Beckenham, BR3 1AZ (ref
17/00282/LAPRE)

I would like to object to the above application.

I am objecting on the basis of:-
Crime and Disorder
Public Nuisance
Public Safety

I am a local resident and feel that granting the variation to 4am will affect crime, disorder and public safety, plus increase public nuisance in the area. The area has already been declared saturated with licensed premises.

We already experience all of the above, as you are fully aware, so increasing the hours will increase the hours in which we are disturbed and prevented from sleeping in the middle of the night and morning. Totally unacceptable. Please do not grant them even half an hour more!

Yours sincerely



Licensing Administration
Civic Centre
Stockwell Close
Bromley
BR1 3UH

10th May 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

Application for a Variation to Premises Licence – Licensing Act 2003
Langtry's/Bridge Bar, 28 High Street, Beckenham, BR3 1AZ (ref
17/00282/LAPRE)

I would like to object to the above application.

I am objecting on the basis of:-

Crime and Disorder
Public Nuisance
Public Safety

I am a local resident and feel that granting this license variation to 4am will affect crime, disorder and public safety, plus increase public nuisance in the area. The area has already been declared saturated with licensed premises.

As residents living close to the Bridge Bar we already suffer when the clients leave the club, shouting to one another in our street, slamming car doors, revving car engines and generally disturbing the peace. It is quite unacceptable to be woken at 2am and the thought of this disturbance happening between 4am and 5am is totally outrageous.

We have to put up with inebriated revelers urinating in the street, take away wrappers being left everywhere, screaming from arguments and also what appears to be strange, shady meetings taking place in Marks and Spencer's car park.

It is a pleasant residential area and the club should not be allowed to extend its hours further to spoil the quality of life for its residents.

I believe this extension should be thrown out and not granted to the Bridge Bar.

Yours faithfully,

OBJECTION TO EXTENDED LICENSING HOURS -BRIDGE BAR BECKENHAM

On grounds of Public Nuisance , I strongly object to licensing hours of the above bar being extended until 4.30am. This is a residential area that already has to endure noise, gardens being used as toilets and intoxicated arguments between patrons . To extend this by another 2 hours would be intolerable . At the moment patrons have usually moved on by 3am but with an out time of 4.30 am patrons will inevitably hang around waiting for the tram service to start at 5am.

Sent from my iPad

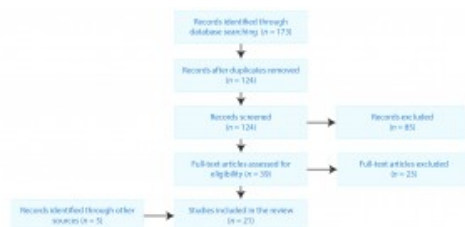
To the Council,

As resident of Beckenham and in close vicinity to the Bridge Bar I would like to make it known my concern regarding the application to extend the licensing hours from 2am to 4am.

Being located on a side road within minute walking distance of the Bridge Bar we already experience footfall and disruption on Friday and Saturday evenings when the bar closes. We are often woken up by large groups of disorderly people passing by the house, shouting, swearing and on occasions dropping or throwing bottles and rubbish onto our property. This behaviour is a public nuisance, and further extending the opening hours will draw more people that will leave at a later hour, and those people are more likely to be heavily under the influence and engaged in other substance with extended operating hours. T

Many studies have found the extension of licensing hours to relate to increases the rates of violence, crime, and public nuisance incidents. I encourage you to take into consideration this research, and make an informed and data driven decision - for example, this analysis of 21 research studies;

<http://www.phrp.com.au/issues/september-2016-volume-26-issue-4/impacts-of-changes-to-trading-hours-of-liquor-licenses-on-alcohol-related-harm-a-systematic-review-2005-2015/>



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Impacts of changes to trading hours of liquor licences on alcohol-related harm: a systematic review 2005–2015. Claire Wilkinson, Michael Livingston, Robin Room

The reality is, when the other bars close, those people that refuse to go home but will travel across the borough to find the one bar still open are more likely to cause trouble - this is not rocket science...more alcohol for longer leads to increased crime and disorder.

Finally, it seems counter intuitive for the council promote their efforts and commitment to spend sums of money to improve the high street and surrounds to then approve extended operating hours of a bar that regularly requires a police presence, leads to loud and inappropriate behaviour, and a mess in the street the next morning (kebabs, vomit, and broken glass everywhere on weekend mornings!) on your new pavers no less!

Let's not be the town centre banging the drum and calling to the late night drunks of the borough.

Best

(I'm 34 years old so not anti bars or fun, I enjoy a civil drink like anyone else, but this extension will not benefit the civil)

Dear Mr Phillips

I am writing on behalf of the company for the owners and residents of flats in the complex located at the top of the Junction to register a strong objection to the application by the Bridge Bar to extend its licensing hours at weekends from 2 am to 4 am (Licensing Application Ref. 17/00286/LAPRE).

Residents in our blocks of flats are disturbed most weekends between 1am and 2.30am by patrons of leaving clubs in Beckenham. Common disturbances include:

- Loud arguments and screaming by seemingly intoxicated persons
- Loud boisterous shouting by persons walking home and worryingly returning to their cars
- Altercations and fighting - this can range to a couple of persons physically fighting to larger groups
- Car radios blaring as people from the clubs congregate to talk before making their way home

Often trouble seems to fall in to the top of Copers Cope Road as patrons argue along the main road end up on our road. There have been a number of occasions in the last few years where altercations have been so serious that residents have had to call the Police. On one specific occasion a group of 20-30 men and women were fighting in the middle of the road, thankfully the Police arrived on mass before anyone was seriously harmed.

Residents are used to disturbances at 2am, often woken but able to return to sleep. Being disturbed up to 4.30am will adversely affect residents, at that time it is harder to return to sleep. The additional 2 hour drinking time and lower supply of transport at 4.am will increase the likelihood and seriousness of crime and disorder, public nuisance, and public safety.

The Bridge Bar is very close to residential dwellings. Beckenham does not have the infrastructure (transport, policing, street cleaning) to deal effectively with all-night clubbing. Allowing the Bridge Bar to open until 4am will set a precedent, encouraging other clubs, bars, mini-cab and kebab shop etc to seek extended night-time hours, which in turn will exacerbate crime and disorder, public nuisance, and public safety problems throughout the night.

We urge the Council to refuse this application.

Application for a Variation Premises Licence - Bridge Bar 2-4 High Street Beckenham BR3 1AZ

On 13th April 2017 Police received a copy of an application made in respect of the above premises, from the owner of the venue Michael Chapman, for a Variation to the Premises Licence under the provisions of the 2003 Licensing Act.

The Application.

The application seeks to increase the hours the premises is open to the public from 02:30 hours to 04:30 hours. In hand with this the venue is seeking to increase the times for late night refreshment, alcohol sales, provision of live/recorded music and dance to 04:00 hours.

Current Situation.

The premise is located in High Street, Beckenham, and is nearby to several other licensed premises including O'Neill's, Time Bar, Patrick's, and Kaplan Kebabs. This whole area is frequented by large numbers of people, many of whom are drunk by the end of the evening. The street can become busy as they look for food or seek to leave the area either on foot or on public transport.

There is a cab office nearby, which is already used by a great many people. In recent times Both the High Street, the Kebab shop and the travel hub of Beckenham Junction have been the Flashpoint for violence and disorder. Although some of this trouble can be attributed to customers of known venues, some of it cannot.

The High Street Beckenham and the surrounding area are subject to a cumulative impact policy. This is due to the number of licensed premises, their opening hours and the associated problems with crime and disorder. The High Street area is a 'hot spot' for crime and it is well known that the customers that use the licensed premises in this area are responsible for, if not the victims of, the high number of alcohol related assaults that take place. They are also involved in disorder and issues around public nuisance. Bridge Bar is situated within this area.

In recent times through partnership working improvements in crime and disorder have been made in this area. This has been recognised by the awarding of a "Purple Flag". This award should not breed complacency this is a delicate balance and it would not take much for the status quo to be jeopardised.

The venue did meet with police to discuss the application and police advised that despite improvements the level of crime and disorder in the area known as The Triangle remains a concern to police, this is almost entirely due to the level of drunkenness of patrons.

Recorded violent crime this year for Beckenham High Street night time economy is currently 32 up to 30th April 2017. For the same period last year it was 38 crimes. Only 5 of those crimes happened before midnight, 16 occurred after 01:30 hours and 24 happened in The Triangle area. 8 of the reported crimes are specifically linked to the Bridge Bar.

15/01/2017 00:01 hours; male touched a females bottom in the venue.

15/01/2017 after 02:30 hours; female remained in venue as a guest of door staff and was subsequently seriously sexually assaulted due to her level of intoxication.

22/01/2017 02:30 hours; female Bridge Bar customer was assaulted in the kebab shop.

11/03/2017 01:00 hours; females bottom touched as she stood outside the venue. Suspect detained by door staff.

11/03/2017 01:20 hours; female punched in the throat as she tried to stop another female jump the queue for the toilet.

12/03/2017 00:28 hours; female believes her drink was spiked in the venue.

19/03/2017 02:18 hours; group of males fighting at the location. Victim was pushed to the floor and kicked in the face knocking him out.

16/04/2017 02:00 hours; Male stated he had been involved in an incident in the venue resulting in him sustaining a swollen eye. He refused to assist police further.

The police recognise that Bridge Bar works well with police and partner agencies. It is not uncommon for officers to report on good work done by staff at the venue in assisting with an incident. However the fact remains that Bridge Bar customers are still the victims or suspects in violent crime in the area.

Police offered the venue the option to operate under TEN's this year to trial remaining open until 04:00 hours, as the venue felt that the later time would ease dispersal problems. It is worth noting the venue only trialled this once and then submitted this application. Which could lead you to think that the venue fear the later finishing time will not ease dispersal but instead just extend the dispersal problems for this area.

This was in fact exactly what happened over the August Bank Holiday 2016 when the venue operated until 03:00 hours on 28th/29th August, with sales of alcohol stopping at 02:00 hours, to try and ease dispersal. At 03:40 hours police were called to deal with a fight in the cab queue. It resulted in two crimes being reported an ABH and a GBH for a suspected broken jaw. All were Bridge Bar customers.

Conclusion

The variation of this licence will have a detrimental impact on the licensing objectives.

The applicant has not suggested any additional measures to promote the licensing objectives or demonstrate that they will not have a further detrimental impact on the area. As demonstrated the venue already has an issue with drunk customers and police believe with the increased drinking hours requested this will do no more than to fuel already drunk customers and extend dispersal time causing public nuisance even further into the early hours.

As this area is subject to a CIP police would ask that this application is refused.

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 4:18 PM on 27 Apr 2017 from.

Application Summary

Address: 2-8 High Street Beckenham BR3 1AZ

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Steve Phillips

[Click for further information](#)

Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address:

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

- Crime and Disorder
- Noise Disturbance
- Opening Hours
- Public Nuisance

Comments: 4:18 PM on 27 Apr 2017 I strongly object to the extension of opening hours as with the current licensing hours, we currently have to put up with the shouting, swearing, fighting and Police sirens which seem to have become the norm. Not forgetting the beeping of horns and screeching of tyres as club goers vacate in their vehicles.
Our gardeners also have the delight of removing vomit, beer cans and used condoms from our grounds that the patrons like to use as a dumping ground.
Granting an extra two hours alcohol licence will only bring further misery to us local residents.
I cannot see what benefit this will bring to the local community.

Dear Sir/Madam,

We object strongly to the extension of the opening hours at the Bridge-Bar in Beckenham High street from 2am to 4am.

It is bad enough as it is at the moment. Many people come out of the bar drunk and very noisy. We can hear often people screaming, throwing drink-bottles and cans on the road, which wakes us up during the night. We also have seen some fights going on in our road.

We think, that to increase the opening-time further, will really bring the area down, make it unsafe for residents and will increase crime.

As you know, Beckenham has already many bars and restaurants. To have a club open till 2am should be long enough. This is a Residential-area with many families with children; please, consider this!

We also noticed, that the streets are getting really very littered, especially after the weekend. We have seen some bottles on the road, which have been drugs. This is very dangerous for youngsters and children to see.

Thank you for your attention!

Yours sincerely,

Licensing ref: 17/00282/Lapre

Yr Ref. 17/00282/LAPRE

Extension of Opening Hours.

Dear Sir or Madam

The Prevention of Public Nuisance.

An extension from the existing 2am to 4am seems to be quite unwarranted in what we must emphasise is a residential area.

The Bridge Bar is surrounded by blocks of flats, and has terraced houses opposite, occupied by families and elderly people.

The night bus stop is right outside a row of Alms Houses, and the taxi rank is outside a new set of flats above shops in the High Street.

All of these people will be affected by this further extension. It would appear that the Bridge Bar management are trying to run a club more appropriate in the West End, or perhaps an industrial estate, than a suburban residential area, where people range from young children to the elderly. None of these people seem to be considered by the bar owners.

Currently, numerous discarded phials of 'highs' can be found in local gutters, on any Saturday or Sunday morning, exactly the produce of the late night customers.

We trust that Bromley Council will consider the full range of their residents, rather than the interests of one business that affects so many. We object to the extension.

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 5:09 PM on 04 May 2017 from.

Application Summary

Address: 2-8 High Street Beckenham BR3 1AZ

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Steve Phillips

[Click for further information](#)

Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address:

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Local Resident

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

- Crime and Disorder
- Noise Disturbance
- Opening Hours
- Public Nuisance

Comments: 5:09 PM on 04 May 2017 I object to the variation of the licence at Bridge Bar (Langtrys) because I feel that it would have a negative impact on the neighbourhood, more so than it does already.
I live in close proximity to Bridge Bar and have to suffer their noise and disturbances every weekend. Countless times the police and ambulance service have been called to fights and alcohol induced accidents.
I have two young children whose bedroom overlooks Bridge Bar and they are frequently woken by the noise from the bar itself and by the emergency services having to attend every Friday and Saturday night.
I feel that extending the licence at Bridge Bar will only make things worse and would stretch the emergency services resources thinner than they already are. Plus it would make neighbours lives even harder having to put up with what we do already.

Dear Mr Phillips

I am writing on behalf of the Copers Cope Area Residents' Association (CCARA) that represents 1500 members in Beckenham to register a strong objection to the application currently under consideration from the owners of the Bridge Bar to extend its licensing hours at weekends from 2 am to 4 am (Licensing Application Ref. 17/00286/LAPRE).

We consider the extension of hours to be both inappropriate for the character of this densely residential area in Beckenham, quite unsuited, unlike central London, for an all-night clubbing culture, and a serious potential risk under at least three of the four categories identified as relevant areas of concern in considering the application to extend the licensing hours: crime and disorder, public nuisance, and public safety.

Beckenham does not have the infrastructure (transport, policing, street cleaning) to deal effectively with all-night clubbing. The proposed extension would mean that the town of Beckenham would have the latest opening night club in the whole of the borough and it is wholly evident that Beckenham a residential area is not a suitable location for such.

The current closing time of 2am is not without issue, however this is relatively contained, as, despite the local police and street pastors presence normally finishing at midnight, this currently leaves only a 2-hour window with less support. The proposal to extend the drinking hours by an additional 2 hours will in our opinion exponentially increase the likelihood of antisocial behaviour due to intoxication. The dispersal of patrons leaving the club to go home will now go on for an additional 2 hours, disturbing residences in close proximity to the club until after 4am, which we assert is wholly unacceptable. At 4am there will be fewer services available (taxis, food outlets, toilet facilities etc.) to support patrons, and this is highly likely to further exacerbate antisocial behaviour.

It is the view of our Association that the well-being of residents needs to be protected in balance with providing a well-managed night-time economy. Any further extension of opening times/licencing times would cause unacceptable detrimental levels of disturbance to local people and to the patrons themselves through increased risk by lack of infrastructure to effectively manage a night-time economy until 4am.

An ill-managed element of night-time economy risks Beckenham losing its Purple Flag status, which residents, local police and Bromley Council worked very hard, to achieve.

We urge the Council to refuse this application.

To whom it may concern,

Our concern regarding the above referenced application for the Bridge Bar to extend its licencing hours to 4:00 am are as follows.

- 1) Crime and disorder - Expect crime and disorder to increase.
For example the local convenience store closes already early on Friday and Saturday nights.
- 2) Public nuisance. - Disturbance of residents rest by loud music shouting vomiting and drunken behavior associated with all night drinking.
- 3) Public nuisance - Out of character with quiet respectable neighbourhood.
- 4) Public safety - Food , chips and greasy liter etc from customers leaving the night club already create a public hazard in the area would increase if the licence were agreed.

Our Details,

Appendix 3

LICENSING ACT 2003

**Premises Licence
London Borough of Bromley**

Premises licence number

05/00716/LAPRE

Signed

Paul Lehane
Food, Safety and Licensing Manager

Licence Granted 24th November 2005

Issue Number **003**

This licence consists of **12** pages (Including Licence Summary)

Part 1 – Premises Details

Postal address of premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description

Langtrys Nightclub
2-8 High Street
Beckenham
Kent
BR3 1AZ

Where the licence is time limited the dates

Not applicable.

Licensable activities authorised by the licence

Sale or Supply of Alcohol
Alcohol Off Sales
Late Night Refreshment
Live Music
Recorded Music
Performance of Dance
Facilities for Making Music
Provision of Facilities for Dancing

Where the licence authorises supplies of alcohol whether these are on and/or off supplies

Both On and Off Supplies

The opening hours of the premises

Monday to Saturday from 0900 to 0230

Sunday from 1200 to 2300

The times the licence authorises the carrying out of licensable activities.

Sale or Supply of Alcohol on Monday-Saturday from 10:00 to 02:00

Sale or Supply of Alcohol on Sunday from 12:00 to 22:30

Alcohol Off Sales Timings as above

Late Night Refreshment on Monday-Saturday from 23:00 to 02:00

Live Music on Monday-Saturday from 10:00 to 02:00

Recorded Music on Monday-Saturday from 10:00 to 02:00

Recorded Music on Sunday from 12:00 to 22:30

Performance of Dance on Monday-Saturday from 09:00 to 02:00

Facilities for Making Music on Monday-Saturday from 09:00 to 02:00

Facilities for Making Music on Sunday from 09:00 to 22:30

Provision of Facilities for Dancing on Monday-Saturday from 09:00 to 02:00

Part 2

Name, (registered) address, telephone number and email (where relevant) of holder of premises licence

Mr Michael James Chapman

of

1 Marlow Close

London

SE20 7XP

Registered number of holder, for example company number, charity number (where applicable)

Not Applicable.

Name, address and telephone number of designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises for the supply of alcohol

Full Name: Mr Jason Paul Orris
Address: 1 Mayford Close Beckenham BR3 4XS

Personal licence number and issuing authority of personal licence held by designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises for the supply of alcohol

DPS Licence Ref: 05/01390/LAPER issued by London Borough Of Bromley

Mandatory Conditions

1. Supply of Alcohol:

- (1). No supply of alcohol may be made at a time when no designated premises supervisor has been specified in the licence or at a time when the designated premises supervisor does not hold a personal licence or the personal licence has been suspended.

- (2). Every sale of alcohol under the premises licence must be authorised by a personal licence holder.

2. Irresponsible Promotions:

- (1). The responsible person must ensure that staff on relevant premises do not carry out, arrange or participate in any irresponsible promotions in relation to the premises.

- (2). In this paragraph, an irresponsible promotion means any one or more of the following activities, or substantially similar activities, carried on for the purpose of encouraging the sale or supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises—
 - (a) games or other activities which require or encourage, or are designed to require or encourage, individuals to—
 - (i) drink a quantity of alcohol within a time limit (other than to drink alcohol sold or supplied on the premises before the cessation of the period in which the responsible person is authorised to sell or supply alcohol), or .
 - (ii) drink as much alcohol as possible (whether within a time limit or otherwise);

(b) provision of unlimited or unspecified quantities of alcohol free or for a fixed or discounted fee to the public or to a group defined by a particular characteristic in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;

(c) provision of free or discounted alcohol or any other thing as a prize to encourage or reward the purchase and consumption of alcohol over a period of 24 hours or less in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;

(d) selling or supplying alcohol in association with promotional posters or flyers on, or in the vicinity of, the premises which can reasonably be considered to condone, encourage or glamorise anti-social behaviour or to refer to the effects of drunkenness in any favourable manner;

(e) dispensing alcohol directly by one person into the mouth of another (other than where that other person is unable to drink without assistance by reason of disability).

3. Free Potable Water

(1). The responsible person must ensure that free potable water is provided on request to customers where it is reasonably available.

4. Age Verification:

(1). The premises licence holder or club premises certificate holder must ensure that an age verification policy is adopted in respect of the premises in relation to the sale or supply of alcohol.

(2). The designated premises supervisor in relation to the premises licence must ensure that the supply of alcohol at the premises is carried on in accordance with the age verification policy.

(3). The policy must require individuals who appear to the responsible person to be under 18 years of age (or such older age as may be specified in the policy) to produce on request, before being served alcohol, identification bearing their photograph, date of birth and either—

- (a) a holographic mark, or
- (b) an ultraviolet feature.

5. Minimum Measures:

(1). The responsible person must ensure that —

(a) where any of the following alcoholic drinks is sold or supplied for consumption on the premises (other than alcoholic drinks sold or supplied having been made up in advance ready for sale or supply in a securely closed container) it is available to customers in the following measures— .

(i) beer or cider: ½ pint; .

(ii) gin, rum, vodka or whisky: 25 ml or 35 ml; and .

(iii) still wine in a glass: 125 ml; .

(b) these measures are displayed in a menu, price list or other printed material which is available to customers on the premises; and .

(c) where a customer does not in relation to a sale of alcohol specify the quantity of alcohol to be sold, the customer is made aware that these measures are available.

6. Permitted Price:

(1). A relevant person shall ensure that no alcohol is sold or supplied for consumption on or off the premises for a price which is less than the permitted price.

(2). For the purposes of the condition set out in paragraph 1 -

(a) "duty" is to be construed in accordance with the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979;

(b) "permitted price" is the price found by applying the formula -

$$P = D + (D \times V)$$

where -

(i) P is the permitted price,

(ii) D is the amount of duty chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the duty were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol, and

(iii) V is the rate of value added tax chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the value added tax were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol;

(c) "relevant person" means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a premises licence -

(i) the holder of the premises licence,

(ii) the designated premises supervisor (if any) in respect of such a licence, or

(iii) the personal licence holder who makes or authorises a supply of alcohol under such a licence;

(d) "relevant person" means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a club premises certificate, any member or officer of the club present on the premises in a capacity which enables the member or officer to prevent the supply in question; and

(e) "value added tax" means value added tax charged in accordance with the Value Added Tax Act 1994.

(3). Where the permitted price given by Paragraph (b) of paragraph 2 would (apart from this paragraph) not be a whole number of pennies, the price given by that sub-paragraph shall be taken to be the price actually given by that sub-paragraph rounded up to the nearest penny.

(4). (1). Sub-paragraph (2) applies where the permitted price given by Paragraph (b) of paragraph 2 on a day ("the first day") would be different from the permitted price on the next day ("the second day") as a result of a change to the rate of duty or value added tax.

(2). The permitted price which would apply on the first day applies to sales or supplies of alcohol which take place before the expiry of the period of 14 days beginning on the second day.

7. Films:

(1). The admission of children must be restricted in accordance with the recommendations laid down by the British Board of Film Classification.

OR

(2). In circumstances where the licensing authority has reclassified a film. Then access of children should be restricted to meet this reclassification standard.

Note:- "Children" means any person under 18 years of age.

8. Door Supervision:

(1). Any individual employed at the premises as a door supervisor must
(a) be authorised to carry out that activity by a licence granted under the Private Security Industry Act 2001; or
(b) be entitled to carry out that activity by virtue of section 4 of that Act.

Conditions consistent with the Operating Schedule

The premises must operate in accordance with the submitted application forms and are subject to additional conditions as specified within Part 3 (Operating Schedule) of the form held by the Licensing Authority dated 24th November 2005

General

This premises shall operate as a nightclub with both on and off sales.

9. On New Year's Eve from the end of permitted hours on New Year's Eve to the start of permitted hours on the following day (or, if there are no permitted hours on the following day, midnight on 31st December).

10. A plan and suitable notices shall be displayed showing clearly the areas, which should be used for parking cars

11. There shall be no new admission of the public after 01:00 on any night. There must be a notice clearly displayed outside the club stating this.

Prevention of Crime and Disorder

12. The Premises will have an approved, effective and well managed CCTV system, installed/maintained by an NST – Nacoss Gold Standard/SSAIB registered installer. The system installed shall be subject to a regular maintenance contract to ensure it is always fully operational, as stipulated/recommended by the installer.

13. The system must be in working condition, in use and recording at all times that licensable activities are taking place (and whilst people remain on the premises). It must be able to record in all lighting conditions and the images recorded must be of a good evidential standard. These images must be kept on a secure database and be capable of being downloaded onto removable media. A member of staff must be present at all times who can both operate the system and supply copies of these images on request to either the Police, Council or other authorised Officer. The recordings shall be kept for a minimum of 31 days. The premises shall have no fewer than six SIA Registered Door Supervisors whenever licensable activities are taking place. One of these must be female. All must sign a register when performing duties at the premises. This register is to contain the full names, SIA badge numbers and contact details of that person.

14. Those records are to be made available on request to any Relevant Authority for the purpose of investigating or preventing crime or apprehending or prosecuting an offender.

Public Safety

15. All chains on other removable fastenings should be removed from all exit doors whilst members of the public are on the premises. and retained in the possession of a responsible person. The routes to the final exit doors and the area outside the final exit doors shall be kept clear at all times whilst members of the public are on the premises.

16. All exits should be manned or under observation at all times when members of the public are on the premises

17. The number of persons accommodated at any one time in the premises shall not exceed the following-

Upper Floor **200**

Lower Floor **250**

Prevention of Public Nuisance

18. Notices must be posted in or near exit routes stating that anybody caught or seen causing a nuisance or disturbance when leaving the club will be refused future admission to the club.

Conditions attached after a REVIEW hearing by the Licensing Authority

Dispersal policy

19. A dispersal policy document is to be drawn up in consultation with Police and Council officers. Once agreed it is to be implemented in full. To include, but not limited to; (the monitoring of customers by door staff, the pre booking of mini cab/taxis, orderly dispersal of patrons, announcements and public information). This policy shall be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure it is still effective and shall be updated if necessary.

Staff Training

20. All staff will receive documented training in relation to the Licensing Act 2003, and the 'challenge' policy and the training shall be repeated every six months. Records of this training and the written policies relating to it will be kept and made available to Police or Council Officers on request.

Crime Prevention

21. At Police request (and following consultation with the premises licence holder or their representative), the venue will take part in reasonable crime prevention initiatives, including the submission of form 696 – promoted event risk assessment – if considered necessary in targeting any prevailing crime trend identified at the premises.

Risk Assessment

22. If the premises are being used for a privately booked family or business function, televised sporting event or any other special occasion then a risk assessment will be carried out by management prior to the event taking place. If deemed necessary, the management will put in place measures to negate any risk. Deliberations to include, but not limited to - appropriate number of door staff, the use of Polycarbonate glasses for all drinks, PET bottles or bottles de-cantered into drinking vessels by staff, control of customer numbers, searches of patrons – if these or any other measures deemed necessary by the risk assessment are not employed for the event in question, the management of the premises shall record the reason(s). The risk assessments will be filed at the premises and made available to the Police and Council Officers on request.

Incident Book

23. A log for all incidents is to be kept and maintained. This log must be available to Police or Council Officers on request. Relevant offences will be reported to Police in good time.

Search Policy

24. Targeted searches of customers entering the premises are to be carried out. These searches are to include the customer's person, wallets, purses, bags, and any other item carried by them. All searches to be carried out in sight of a CCTV camera. A hand held metal detector must be available for use by staff as needed. If any person is found in possession of drugs, weapons or items prohibited by the venue, these items must be seized and the person excluded. Police will be called in all cases where weapons are recovered. Any person not submitting themselves to a search must be refused entry.

Club Scan

25. A photographic, ID computer based entry system (club scan) is to be installed/maintained. The system is to be capable of sharing information with other venues. It will also be able to identify the authenticity of identity documents to a reasonable standard. The system will be in operation at all times that the venue engages in licensable activities. All patrons and staff that enter the premises will have their ID documents 'scanned in' or may have 'biometric' fingerprint membership once their details are recorded on the system. The details shall be stored for a minimum of 31 days and be made available on request of a Police Officer for the purposes of detecting or investigating crime.

26. Persons refusing to supply identity documents or refusing to submit them for scanning into the photographic ID computer based system (club scan) will be refused entry (they shall also be refused entry if they refuse to pass through the system in any other way – photograph, fingerprint scan etc.).

Plans

Held by the Licensing Authority Ref number: **05/00716/LAPRE**
Date: **24th November 2005**

LICENSING ACT 2003

Premises Licence Summary

Premises licence number

05/00716/LAPRE

Signed

Paul Lehane
Food, Safety and Licensing Manager

Licence Granted 24th November 2005

Issue Number **003**

This licence summary consists of **2** pages

Premises Details

Postal address of premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description

Langtrys Nightclub - 2-8 High Street Beckenham Kent BR3 1AZ

Where the licence is time limited the dates

Not applicable.

Licensable activities authorised by the licence

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Alcohol Off Sales
Late Night Refreshment
Live Music
Recorded Music
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Facilities for Making Music on Sunday from 09:00 to 22:30

Provision of Facilities for Dancing on Monday-Saturday from 09:00 to 02:0

Name, (registered) address of holder of premises licence

Mr Michael James Chapman
of
1 Marlow Close London SE20 7XP

Registered number of holder, for example company number, charity number (where applicable)

Not Applicable.

Name of designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises for the supply of alcohol

Full Name: Mr Jason Paul Orris

State whether access to the premises by children is restricted or prohibited

As stated on the operating schedule ref number **05/00716/LAPRE**
Date: **24th November 2005**

Appendix 4

0208 313 4218
Lynne.Cregeen@bromley.gov.uk

ehts/co/sp

16th June 2017

hello@thebridge-bar.com

Dear Sir or Madam

**Re: APPLICATION FOR A TEMPORARY EVENT NOTICE AT
Langtry's/Bridge Bar, 2-8 High Street, Beckenham, BR3 1AZ
Licensing Act 2003**

The application to refuse a Temporary Event Notice (TEN) on 18th June 2017 at the above address was heard by the Licensing Sub Committee on:

14th June 2017 at 10:00hrs at the London Borough of Bromley, Committee Rooms, Civic Centre, Stockwell Close, Bromley, Kent.

For your information the out come of the hearing was as follows:-

Members: Councillors: Nicholas Bennett J.P. (Chairman), Kim Botting and Mary Cooke

Licensing Officer – Lynne Cregeen

Police application to refuse TEN at Langtry's/Bridge Bar, 2-8 High Street, Beckenham BR3 1AZ

Sub-Committee Decision

Police application to refuse Temporary Event Notice on 18th June from 2am to 4am.

1. The Panel has made the following decision having regard to:

- the Crime and Disorder licensing objective,
- the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy 2011 – 2016,
- Guidance issued under the Licensing Act 2003,
- Written and oral representations by the licence holder for the Event,
- Written and oral representations by the Metropolitan Police.

The panel decided to **refuse the application in objection** to the Temporary Event Notice, and **confirm that the Temporary Event may proceed** as applied for, including regulated entertainment specified in section 5 of the application form, subject to all of the current licence conditions and the voluntary measures offered by the licence holder in his application to hold the Event.

Reasons

This is an application for a single Temporary Event Notice at the premises for an additional 2 hours opening beyond the current 2am limit for the cessation of licensable activities. The Metropolitan Police objected on the ground that the operating of the premises in accordance with the Temporary Event Notice would undermine the Crime and Disorder objective.

The Police highlighted the likely impact on the incidence of violent crime and disorder of a venue emptying after customers had been drinking alcohol for an additional 2 hours. Reference was also made by the police to crime statistics in the area known as the Beckenham Triangle, in which the premises are situated.

Police agreed that the premises were well run, but that, notwithstanding this, the fact remained that an extra 2 hours of drinking time was likely to fuel trouble, particularly in an area where public transport options are limited and police resources are very stretched.

The licence holder's representative confirmed that this is a single application, which follows other TENS in April and May, to which police objections were withdrawn. The April Temporary Event in particular was identical to the current proposal, and, after the withdrawal of police objections, had gone ahead without incident. The sub-committee's attention was drawn to the steps proposed (including the adoption of all current licence conditions) in order to mitigate the impact on the Crime and Disorder objective. It was confirmed that there would be no entry after 1am, in order to avoid migration problems. In addition, a letter of support from a local taxi company was produced, detailing arrangements to be in place at the time of the event to aid dispersal of customers, and confirmation that customers leaving in the early hours would be channelled out of the premises via the door which does not open onto the main trouble point of the High Street.

In the circumstances, the sub-committee decided that it was fair and proportionate to allow the Temporary Event to proceed as the licence holder had demonstrated that they had taken sufficient steps to mitigate any adverse effect on the Crime and Disorder objective.

Yours faithfully

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Our Ref: ehts/co/sp

Thursday 13th Oct 2016

Mr Jason Orris
Langtrys / Bridge Bar
2-8 High Street
Beckenham
BR3 1AZ

Dear Mr Orris

Re: Langtrys/Bridge Bar Nightclub, 2-8 High Street, Beckenham, BR3 1AZ.

Thank you for your email of 10th October 2016 requesting a relaxation of condition 11 of your current premises licence (issue 2).

This request has arisen out of the discussions which took place on Tuesday 4th Oct 16 at the meeting held here at the council offices.

As agreed at the time once your request was placed in writing I would officially request consideration of it directly to the Metropolitan Police Licensing Team.

I am pleased to say that they have considered this request. And in light of your comments regarding the problems this restriction causes they feel that a test without the need for formal application would be a worthwhile exercise. I am in agreement with this and in light of this

The following is proposed:

1. Condition 11 on premises licence issue 2 will not be enforced (Suspended) for a period of 12 weeks commencing on Friday 14th October 16 finishing on Friday 6th January 2017
2. The success or failure of this exercise will be decided by the Licensing Authority in consultation with the Metropolitan Police. You will be informed of the outcome of any consideration in writing at the end of the period.

If it is found that the exercise has not had a negative effect on the area then consideration will be given to supporting an application for variation of the current licence to have this condition permanently removed.

If however this exercise has in the opinion of the Licensing Authority and Police had a negative effect on the area then it will come as no surprise that both the Police and I would not support an application for condition 11 to be permanently removed.

Of course our position would not prevent you from legitimately placing a variation if you felt the Police or Licensing Authority had not arrived at a fair assessment of the exercise as ultimately it would be matter for the Licensing Sub Committee to consider at hearing.

If you have any questions or problems please contact me or a member of the licensing team on 0208 313 4210

Yours sincerely

Steve Phillips

Steve Phillips
Team Leader
Licensing Team

Cc Police Licensing

**Application for a minor variation to a premises licence or club premises certificate under the
Licensing Act 2003**

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Before completing this form please read the Guidance Notes at the end of the form, especially Note 1.

If you are completing this form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary.

Once completed please send your application to the relevant licensing authority. You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

MICHAEL CHAPMAN

(Insert name(s) of applicant)

being the premises licence holder(s)/club holding a club premises certificate, apply to vary a premises licence under section 41A/club premises certificate under section 86A of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below.

Part 1 – Premises details

Postal address of premises (or, if none, ordnance survey map reference, or description)

2-4 HIGH STREET
BECKENHAM

Post town

BECKENHAM

Postcode

BR3-1AZ

Telephone number at premises (if any)

0203 650 1250

Premises licence number/club premises certificate number

05/00716/LAPRE

Brief description of premises (Please see Guidance Note 2)

NIGHTCLUB

Part 2 – Applicant Details

I am/we are the premises licence holder/club premises certificate holder. (Please delete as appropriate)

Contact phone number in working hours (if any)

0203 650 1250

Applicant Postal address IF DIFFERENT FROM PREMISES ADDRESS	
Post town	Postcode
Please provide email address if you would prefer us to contact you by email (optional)	

Part 3 – Proposed variation(s)

Please tick

Do you want the proposed variation to have effect as soon as possible? Yes No

If not, from what date do you want the variation to take effect?

DDMM YYYY
 13 01 17

Do you want the proposed variation to have effect in relation to the introduction of the late night levy? (Please see guidance note 3) Yes No

Please describe the proposed variation(s) in detail in the box below and explain why you consider that they could not have an adverse effect on the promotion of any of the licensing objectives (See Guidance Note 1). This should include whether new or increased levels of licensable activities will be taking place indoors or outdoors (indoors may include a tent):

Details of proposed variations (Please see Guidance Note 4)

REMOVE
 ADMISSION FROM 12TIL 5AM

Details of proposed variation(s) (Continued)

Part 4 – Operating Schedule

Please tick those parts of the Operating Schedule which would be subject to change if this application to vary was successful.

Provision of regulated entertainment

Please tick all that apply

- a. plays
- b. films
- c. indoor sporting events
- d. boxing or wrestling entertainment
- e. live music
- f. recorded music
- g. performances of dance
- h. anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g)

Provision of late night refreshment

Supply of alcohol

(Note that this can only relate to reducing licensed hours or moving them without any overall increase between 7am and 11pm)

Please tick to indicate you have enclosed the following:

- I have enclosed the premises licence/club premises certificate
- I have enclosed the relevant part of the premises licence/club premises certificate
- I have included a copy of the plan (this is necessary if the proposed variation will affect the layout)

If you have not ticked one of the previous three boxes, please explain why in the box below.

Reasons why you have not enclosed the premises licence/club premises certificate or relevant parts.

Any further information to support your application. (See Guidance Note 5)

CHECKLIST:

Please tick to indicate agreement


- I have made or enclosed payment of the fee; or
- I have not made or enclosed payment of the fee because this application has been made in relation to the introduction of the late night levy.
- I have enclosed the plan, if appropriate, of the premises in scale [1mm to 100mm], unless otherwise agreed with the licensing authority.
- I have enclosed the premises licence/club premises certificate or relevant part of it or provided an explanation.
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected.
- I understand that I am required to advertise my application for a continuous period beginning on the first working day after the day on which the application is given to the relevant licensing authority and ending at the expiry of the ninth consecutive working day after that day.

IT IS AN OFFENCE, LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING LEVEL 5 ON THE STANDARD SCALE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION.

Part 5 – Signatures and Contact Details

(See Guidance Note 6)

Premises Licence: Signature of applicant (the current premises licence holder) or applicant’s solicitor or other duly authorised agent (see Guidance Note 7). If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state your name and in what capacity you are authorised to sign:

Signature: 
 Date: 13/1/2017
 Capacity: Director

Where the premises licence is jointly held, signature of 2nd applicant (the current premises licence holder) or 2nd applicant’s solicitor or other authorised agent (See Guidance Note 8). If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity.

Signature:

Date:

Capacity:

Where the premises are a club

I (insert full name) _____ make this application on behalf of the club and have authority to bind the club.

Signature:

Date:

Capacity:

Contact name (where not previously given) and address for correspondence associated with this application. (See Guidance Note 9)	
Post town	Postcode
Telephone number (if any)	If you would prefer us to correspond with you by email your email address (optional)

Cregeen, Lynne

From: Andrea.O'Donnell@met.pnn.police.uk
Sent: 08 February 2017 10:47
To: Licensing
Subject: Withdrawal of objection

Dear Council

Having met with representatives from the Bridge Bar they have addressed my concerns and Police wish to withdraw the objection

Regards

Andrea
Bromley Police Licensing

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Our ref:
6th October 2016

Dear Mr Orris and Mr Chapman,

This letter is to follow on from the meeting held at the council offices on 4th October 2016. Present were Mr Orris and Mr Trump, Steven Phillips and Lynne Creegan from the council and Insp Byfield and myself from the police.

I called the meeting following on from the issues on the August bank holiday weekend. From a policing point of view the extended hours for a slower dispersal and having both Time and Bridge Bar open had a negative impact on the licensing objectives and for the time being I will closely scrutinise any TEN applications. This of course does not stop you submitting them.

We discussed the 19 violent crimes that have been linked to your venue this year compared to 17 for the whole of last year. It was accepted that the majority of these occur outside the venue and you feel that although you continue to employ street marshals the police are not always there in support and this, you felt, could be some of the issue. I was pleased to inform you that the feedback around how you and your staff deal with incidents inside your club is always complementary. You are always able to provide CCTV and clubscan and maintain crime scenes if necessary.

Going forward you were keen for a bi monthly meeting to take place with police the council and other licensed venues to discuss current issues. We have under taken to arrange this for mid-November. We also discussed street briefings and looking to reinvigorate these and the carriage of shop safe radios by officers. These points will be taken on board and I will address them.

The police will look to conduct a visit in the near future and explore the viability of carrying out a proactive operation.

The tone of the meeting was positive and I hope with the support of the Equinox teams the run up to Christmas will see an improvement for The Bridge Bar and the Triangle.

Yours

Andrea O'Donnell PC908

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Our Ref: ehts/co/lag

13th January 2015

**Re: NOTICE OF THE OUTCOME OF THE REVIEW HEARING
Langtry's Night2-8 High Street Beckenham Kent BR3 1AZ
Licensing Act 2003, Section 51.**

The application for the review of the premises licence at the above address was heard by the Licensing Sub Committee on:

18th December 2014 at 10.00am at the London Borough of Bromley, Civic Centre, Stockwell Close, Bromley, Kent.

For your information the out come of the hearing was as follows:-

Decision:

Modify the conditions of the licence as follows:

- 1. Condition 3 (on licence – permitted hours); the bulk of this condition can be removed except part (g) which can be retained**
- 2. Condition 4 (relates to condition 3) can be removed**
- 3. Condition 5 (section 77) can be removed**
- 4. Condition 6 (LNR) can be removed**
- 5. Condition 7 (operating schedule) can be removed**
- 6. Condition 9 (paid for admission) can be removed**
- 7. Condition 13 (under 18's) can be removed**
- 8. Condition 14 (serving of drunks) can be removed**
- 9. Condition 18 (DJ announcements) can be removed**
- 10. Condition 22 (music & dancing Licence) can be removed**

The following conditions are to remain on the licence

- 11. Condition 8 (no new admissions) is to be retained**

12. Condition 11 (fastenings) is to be retained

13. Condition 12 (capacity) is to be retained

14. Condition 16 (notices) is to be retained

15. Condition 17 (manned exits) is to be retained

16. Condition 20 (fastenings) is to be retained

17. Condition 21 (Notices re admission) is to be retained

The following conditions are to be replaced with an updated/reworded condition

18. Condition 10 (CCTV) to be replaced with the following:

- *The Premises will have an approved, effective and well managed CCTV system, installed/maintained by an NST – Nacoss Gold Standard/SSAIB registered installer. The system installed shall be subject to a regular maintenance contract to ensure it is always fully operational, as stipulated/recommended by the installer.*
- *The system must be in working condition, in use and recording at all times that licensable activities are taking place (and whilst people remain on the premises). It must be able to record in all lighting conditions and the images recorded must be of a good evidential standard. These images must be kept on a secure database and be capable of being downloaded onto removable media. A member of staff must be present at all times who can both operate the system and supply copies of these images on request to either the Police, Council or other authorised Officer. The recordings shall be kept for a minimum of 31 days.*

19. Condition 15 (door staff) to be replaced with the following:

- *The premises shall have no fewer than six SIA Registered Door Supervisors whenever licensable activities are taking place. One of these must be female. All must sign a register when performing duties at the premises. This register is to contain the full names, SIA badge numbers and contact details of that person.*
- *Those records are to be made available on request to any Relevant Authority for the purpose of investigating or preventing crime or apprehending or prosecuting an offender.*

20. **The following conditions are to be added to the premises licence:**

Dispersal policy

- *A dispersal policy document is to be drawn up in consultation with Police and Council officers. Once agreed it is to be implemented in full. To include,*

but not limited to; (the monitoring of customers by door staff, the pre booking of mini cab/taxis, orderly dispersal of patrons, announcements and public information). This policy shall be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure it is still effective and shall be updated if necessary.

Staff Training

- *All staff will receive documented training in relation to the Licensing Act 2003, and the 'challenge' policy and the training shall be repeated every six months. Records of this training and the written policies relating to it will be kept and made available to Police or Council Officers on request.*

Crime Prevention

- *At Police request (and following consultation with the premises licence holder or their representative), the venue will take part in reasonable crime prevention initiatives, including the submission of form 696 – promoted event risk assessment – if considered necessary in targeting any prevailing crime trend identified at the premises.*

Risk Assessment

- *If the premises are being used for a privately booked family or business function, televised sporting event or any other special occasion then a risk assessment will be carried out by management prior to the event taking place. If deemed necessary, the management will put in place measures to negate any risk. Deliberations to include, but not limited to - appropriate number of door staff, the use of Polycarbonate glasses for all drinks, PET bottles or bottles de-cantered into drinking vessels by staff, control of customer numbers, searches of patrons – if these or any other measures deemed necessary by the risk assessment are not employed for the event in question, the management of the premises shall record the reason(s). The risk assessments will be filed at the premises and made available to the Police and Council Officers on request.*

Incident Book

- *A log for all incidents is to be kept and maintained. This log must be available to Police or Council Officers on request. Relevant offences will be reported to Police in good time.*

Search Policy

- *Targeted searches of customers entering the premises are to be carried out. These searches are to include the customer's person, wallets, purses, bags,*

and any other item carried by them. All searches to be carried out in sight of a CCTV camera. A hand held metal detector must be available for use by staff as needed. If any person is found in possession of drugs, weapons or items prohibited by the venue, these items must be seized and the person excluded. Police will be called in all cases where weapons are recovered. Any person not submitting themselves to a search must be refused entry.

Club Scan

- ***A photographic, ID computer based entry system (club scan) is to be installed/maintained. The system is to be capable of sharing information with other venues. It will also be able to identify the authenticity of identity documents to a reasonable standard. The system will be in operation at all times that the venue engages in licensable activities. All patrons and staff that enter the premises will have their ID documents 'scanned in' or may have 'biometric' fingerprint membership once their details are recorded on the system. The details shall be stored for a minimum of 31 days and be made available on request of a Police Officer for the purposes of detecting or investigating crime.***
- ***Persons refusing to supply identity documents or refusing to submit them for scanning into the photographic ID computer based system (club scan) will be refused entry (they shall also be refused entry if they refuse to pass through the system in any other way – photograph, fingerprint scan etc).***

The Review

The Licensing Sub-Committee have carefully considered the application made by Jonathan Booth PC 123 (on behalf of The Commissioner of The Metropolis) for a review of the premises licence of Langtry's Nightclub at 2-8 High Street Beckenham, Bromley BR3 1AZ held by Mr Michael James Chapman.

The application for review was made under the prevention of crime and disorder and public safety licensing objectives. The application arose out of the premise licence holder's failure to fully accept responsibility for the safety of his staff, customers and the wider community.

Findings in fact

Matters leading to the review

There has been 31 documented offences of crime or allegations of crime connected to the premises from May 2006 – September 2011 and a further 38 since September 2011 to December 2014.

The matters, including a number of incidents leading to the review are extensively set out in the PC Booth's application and highlighted as follows:

1. On 11th September 2011 at 02:19 hours - Police called by CCTV operators to large fight

outside involving customers of venue. One male knocked unconscious suffering injuries amounting to GBH - crime report 3318405/11

2. On Sunday 4th March 2012 at 00:01 to 00:20 hours - Affray; A fight occurred within the venue between two large groups, one of whom had been in a reserved section of the club. Door Staff attempted to break up the fight forcing those involved out into Beckenham Junction car park. The fight continued outside between the groups who had been ejected, with door staff trying to maintain order. Police on patrol saw a crowd running towards the rear of Bridge Bar and saw a group fighting with staff. The situation was described as 'volatile and aggressive'. Four males were detained; they were all drunk. LBB CCTV showed members of the two groups involved swinging punches and kicking each other. Of the four arrested two were given tickets for a public order offence, with one of the two receiving a caution for possession of cocaine - crime report 3304393/12

3. On Saturday 19th May 2012 at 01:00 hours - GBH; the victim noticed one of his friends in dispute with another male. He approached and separated them. Later that night he was on the dance floor when he was tapped on the shoulder. A male said 'your mate and my mate have got a problem. He was then punched by another unknown male. Door staff separated the group and ejected them all. Injuries received - bruising and swelling to right eye, broken nose. Nose to be re-broken and re-set by hospital. The victim did not make contact with Police during secondary investigation, report closed - crime report 3309485/12

4. On Wednesday 30th May 2012 - informal meeting with management of venue regarding the last three assaults, bringing them to their attention. The availability of CCTV was also discussed.

5. On Sunday 22nd July 2012 at 02:00 hours - GBH; victim attended the venue to celebrate a friend's birthday. He had a lot to drink. Whilst in the venue he had an argument with a group of 3 to 4 males. As the victim left the venue he was attacked, blacking out as a result. Injuries resulting were a black eye, cut across the left temple and a fractured left cheek bone; also cuts and bruising to his left arm, swelling behind his left ear and a graze to the right side of his head. The crime was later transferred to the British Transport Police as the assault occurred in the Beckenham Junction car park. The outcome is not known - crime report 3822344/12

6. On Friday 24th August 2012 - informal licensing visit carried out at venue following a complaint from the officer investigating the above offence that the venue was 'not fully assisting'

7. On Saturday 27th October 2012 at 00:01 hours - serious sexual assault reported, victim had been in the venue beforehand and was very intoxicated. This incident has been included purely to demonstrate how vulnerable customers of the club can be when very drunk – crime report 3832268/12

8. On Saturday 29th December 2012 at 22:25 hours - Affray; a male had started throwing punches at a group of males, initiating a fight within the club. During the fight one of the

males involved had thrown a glass which struck an innocent bystander on the right side of the face causing several lacerations needing 16 stitches. The male who threw the initial punches was arrested outside, but no action was taken against him (as no victim identified)

and the male who threw the glass was never identified - crime report 3324654/12, 3324652/12. The investigating officer identified the lack of photographs of those entering the club and the lack of a membership system as being an issue.

9. On Wednesday 2nd January 2013 - a meeting was held with the management at The Bridge

Bar regarding the affray and GBH that occurred on the 29th December. Issues discussed included the clearing away of the crime scene, the availability of CCTV, club scan, incident

log, crime prevention (in relation to theft), and 'project aqua' a scheme to make water easily/freely available. The follow up letter to this meeting was included with this review application.

10. Sunday 15th September 2013 at 02:10 hours - GBH; a problem between males inside the venue led to one of the groups leaving after only 25 minutes. The dispute escalated into violence once outside. A male was pushed in the chest before being punched to the ground by another, banging his head on the ground. This was witnessed by CID officers who intervened, detaining the main assailant. At this the male responsible for the push punched one of the officers. Other officers arrived and both attackers were arrested. The unconscious male came round and was conveyed to hospital. The arrested males were later charged with ABH and sent to court - crime report 3317123/13

11. Friday 1st November 2013 at 01:58 hours - GBH; the male victim arrived at the venue at about 23:30 hours having been at the Slug & Lettuce previously. He had drunk (throughout the whole evening?) 6/7 pints of beer and several jagerbombs. The victim stood by the dance floor with a drink in his hand. The assailant who was dancing nearby suddenly punched the victim knocking him out. The victim fell backwards striking his head on a low table. The attacker then continued with his dance. At first the unconscious victim was ignored by those around him. The victim suffered a cut to his forehead and to his lip. He spent at least 24 hours in hospital and had two scans. He also suffered from blackouts/headaches which subsided within two weeks. The officers investigating noted that the victim was 'quite intoxicated' and staff were not fully conversant with CCTV; it could be viewed but not burnt off. Police took possession of it 10 days later. The assailant was never identified - crime report 3320397/13 (CCTV).

12. Wednesday 6th November 2013 at 11:00 hours - a meeting was held at LBB with the management of the club. This was to highlight the continuing problems of theft and disorder at the venue. Crime prevention in relation to the thefts was discussed. In relation to the violence the incidents between 16th June and 1st November 2013 were highlighted. 'Project aqua, crime scene preservation training, and the issue with the CCTV and club scan were again discussed. The premises licence holder was sent a follow up letter.

13. Wednesday 5th February 2014 - Police received three temporary event notices (TEN) for Bridge Bar, applied for by Mr Jason Orris the designated premises supervisor (DPS). The dates notified were the 29th and 30th March 2014, 19th and 20th April 2014 and 31st May and 1st June 2014. The TENs were to increase the licensable hours from 02:00 to 03:00 hours. Because of the ongoing problems connected to crime and disorder Bromley

Borough Police objected to all three. All were withdrawn. The club management were also told that unless things improved all future TENs would be objected to and that they would have to consider club scan. A copy of the objection is included with these papers.

14. Saturday 1st March 2014 at 01:49 hours - Assault; males were ejected from a side entrance of Bridge Bar. These males were then approached by another group who had come from the rear door of the club. The two groups intermingled and conflict seemed imminent. Door staff intervened. As two males began to square up to each other, one of the protagonists was punched from the side knocking him to the ground. He was then kicked by another male. The incident was not reported and was found on CCTV.

15. Wednesday 9th April 2014 at 10:45 hours - a further meeting was held with management at Bridge Bar. Mr Candeland was also present. The premises licence was discussed and several conditions identified as being suitable for removal, retention or replacement. Other conditions were also put forward as additions. It was at this meeting that Mr Chapman announced he had been told by users of club scan that it was a 'waste of time', was expensive and that the club would not be adopting the system.

16. Sunday 18th May 2014 at 02:02 hours - GBH; the male victim was on the dance floor and may have been involved in a short verbal exchange with another male. The victim walked off and stood next to a pillar. He was followed by the male who then jumped up and head butted him in the face knocking him out. Door staff intervened and escorted the assailant out, letting him go once he was outside - crime reports 3308702/14, 3309007/14.

17. Monday 19th May 2014 at 10:30 hours - a licensing visit was carried out and the above matter was discovered. Management including Mr Chapman were present. They were asked when they intended to inform Police of the assault. No satisfactory answer was given. The incident was recorded by door staff. Mr Chapman stated that he would not be applying for a minor variation (as previously discussed) to modernise the premises licence and that he would be complying with it as it stood.

18. Friday 23rd May 2014 - an email was received from David Candeland of licensing at LBB confirming that he had spoken to Mr Chapman and that the venue would not be applying for a minor variation of his licence as he was not going to gain from it. He also confirmed that he was not going to pursue club scan due to cost and because he had evidence that it made no difference.

19. Saturday 31st May 2014 at 02:05 hours - fight In Beckenham Junction car park outside rear of Bridge Bar club involving patrons of the club. A car pulled up and the driver got out and punched a male to the ground. A fight started and another male was seen to run from the rear exit of Bridge Bar, joining in the disorder. One of those involved took off his belt and swung it at another. A female acting as peace maker prevented further trouble. Not reported, found on CCTV.

20. Details of the above fight were published in the weekly crime digest for the Beckenham pubwatch . This resulted in an angry phone call from Mr Chapman who complained that the incident had been attributed to them. He was defensive and refused to accept that the fight was connected to the club. This outburst prompted an immediate licensing visit that day by Pc Booth with Inspector Brown. Mr Chapman met PC Booth as he stepped through the door clasping his hand with both of his. He apologised stating Mr trump (manager) had confirmed those involved in the fight had come from his club. The

premises licence variation was also discussed. He Stated to Pc Booth that he would be applying.

21. Sunday 28th September 2014 at 01:50 hours - GBH; Police attended the venue in response to a call. They spoke to a male victim of assault outside. His clothing was covered in blood that was coming from a wound to his mouth. He stated that a male punched him whilst he was at the bar. He declined first aid and walked off. A male claiming to be the victim's brother was described as being very obstructive and aggressive towards Police. The assailant had been detained by door staff before being ejected. He had not been put through club scan - crime reports 3317570/14, 3317573/14 and 3317780/14

22. Tuesday 30th September 2014 – Pc Booth carried out a licensing visit to the club (day time) as he had heard that the venue had installed club scan. This had not been communicated to him by the club itself. He spoke to Mr Trump (management) who showed him the set up. He stated that some customers had questioned it and not all of them were put through the machine as the club was being 'selective'. The system was not being used to its full potential as fingerprint/biometric membership was not being utilised. It was established that the male responsible for the assault on the 28th had not been put through club scan. It was also pointed out by Pc Booth that door staff had detained him, but then let him go, despite this being brought up as a concern on previous occasions.

23. Sunday 5th October 2014 at 0005 hours - GBH; the male victims arrived at Bridge Bar at 22:30 hours. At about 23:45 hours the victims found themselves in dispute with a group of males on the dance floor. There were about 15 males in this group including 5 of interest. The victims walked away but were attacked by five of the group who threw punches at the victims, kicking them when they fell to the floor. One of the victims was also hit with a bottle. Door staff intervened and escorted the group out; they did not take too kindly to this course of action. The investigation is ongoing at time of reporting. The assailants had not been put through club scan - crime report 3318050/14.

24. Monday 6th October 2014 – Pc Booth spoke to Mr Trump on the telephone re the assault on the 5th. It was pointed out that door staff did not detain the assailants. Mr Trump confirmed that those involved in the fight had not been put through club scan. He was advised to properly advertise the use of the system on the club's website and that 4-5 weeks was long enough for customers to become used to the system and bring ID. He was told that the system would not be effective if not used properly. He told Pc Booth that Mr Chapman was away and that he would speak to him on his return.

25. On Thursday 16th October 2014 The club's website and Facebook page were checked. The website stated that patrons should bring ID. However neither site mentioned the use of club scan. Moreover there was no mention of club scan on either site as recent as 7th November 2014 and still no reply from Mr Chapman the premises holder.

26. The most recent incident occurred on 7th December 2014 and related to an allegation of domestic common assault in the Bridge Bar, where the suspect grabbed his wife with his fingers around her chin and later became verbally aggressive – crime report: 3322383/14.

PC Booth applied for the review of the premises due to the high number of incidents of violence, drunkenness and disorderly behaviour over a period of time, and the premises

licence holder's inability to firmly put in place readily available solutions to many problems experienced at the premises.

Facts arising out of the hearing

PC Booth introduced the application for review of the premises licence. He explained to the sub-committee that there have been problems of crime and disorder and issues surrounding public safety connected to the premises since September 2011. He stated that the premises is situated within the Beckenham Triangle. He highlighted the numerous incidents at the property including one incident which occurred on "Sunday 22nd September 2013 at 00:50 hours – GBH door staff had ejected a group of drunken females after they noticed trouble brewing between them. Once outside the group met up by the cab office and a fight ensued. One girl was 'set upon' by three of the group, punching and pulling hair. The victim suffered facial injuries around her nose and eyes. Door staff from Bridge Bar intervened. Of the three one received a caution for common assault, the other two were subject to no further action, due to the victim not cooperating with the Police (**of note**; all the parties were drunk by their own admission prior to attending the venue but were still allowed entrance) – crime report 3317579/13".

PC Booth set out the number of informal verbal discussions he had with the premises licence holder and staff including on "5th March 2014 following a Beckenham pubwatch meeting, Police and Council attended Bridge Bar and spoke to management. The meeting was to discuss the premises licence, compliance with its conditions, to obtain feedback on project aqua, incident kit and measures put in place to combat the continuing problems with theft and violence at the club. The instances of theft were summarised as were those involving violence. Club scan was again discussed...a follow up letter was sent. It warned that the situation was not improving, the management now had to take responsibility and that the Police would consider the review process if drunkenness, disorder and violence continued".

PC Booth presented the sub-committee with CCTV footage of a number of incidents at the premises – 15 in total.

Councillor Stevens asked PC Booth "why are there no police outside of the premises if trouble keeps on happening"? Councillor Stevens questioned whether 6 security staff are enough for 500 people.

PC Booth explained that use of club scan would have identified the people involved in the incidents. He stated that the premises licence holder failed to take responsibility by claiming that "he had been told by users of club scan that it was a 'waste of time', was expensive and that the club would not be adopting the system". PC Booth explained that club scan would have flagged people banned from clubs, checked id and produced figures. He stated that club scan has been shown to cut down crime dramatically by 80% in some cases.

PC Booth recommended to the sub-committee a number of conditions to be removed from and added to the licence (p 55 -58 of the application bundle).

The solicitor representative acting on behalf of the premises licence holder put forward submissions. He wanted to look forward not back. He accepted that there have been problems at the premises but measures have been put in place to address the Police concerns.

Mr Hardy, one of the senior doormen gave representations. He explained the club's rigidly enforced policies. He stated that club scan was implemented in September 2014 and although it has taken time to fully operate the system it has proved to be an excellent tool.

The premises licence holder made representations. He accepted that initially he could not see the benefit in club scan but now fully embraces the system.

PC Booth stated that he wished to add the requirement for club scan as a condition.

Reasons for decision

Legislation & Policy guidance

The Licensing Act 2003 provides a range of powers for the licensing authority which it may exercise on determining a review where it considers them appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

The Council's Statement of Licensing Policy 2011 – 2014 indicates that the Licensing Authority has instructed its officers to adopt a zero tolerance approach to criminal offences committed in licensed premises in the Borough. The matters that may be investigated following complaints or concerns include breach of licence conditions.

Revised Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 paragraph 11.18 states that where responsible authorities such as the police have already issued warnings requiring improvement either orally or in writing, licensing authorities should not merely repeat that approach and should take this into account when considering what further action is appropriate.

At paragraph 11.20 the Guidance states that in deciding which powers to invoke, it is expected that licensing authorities should so far as possible seek to establish the cause or causes of the concern that the representations identify. The remedial action should generally be directed at these causes and should always be no more than an appropriate and proportionate response.

The Guidance also states at paragraph 11.23 that it is important that any detrimental financial impact that may result from the licensing authority's decision is necessary and proportionate to the promotion of the licensing objectives.

A recent judicial authority (Bassetlaw DC v Worksop Magistrates Court) confirms that in a review involving criminal activity, wider considerations come into play, and the furtherance of the licensing objective includes the prevention of crime. Deterrence is an appropriate consideration for the licensing authority on such a review.

The sub-committee's conclusions

The sub-committee carefully considered the facts and representations presented to them by the parties.

The sub-committee decided to accept all the conditions suggested by the applicant.

The sub-committee's Decision

Modified the licence by removing some non-operative conditions and imposed additional conditions considered necessary and proportionate to promote the licensing objectives in this case

Appeals against a decision of the Licensing Sub Committee

1. An applicant, responsible authority or interested party may appeal against a decision of the licensing sub committee in certain circumstances. These are laid down with Schedule 5 of the Licensing Act 2003.
2. Any appeal should be made to the Magistrates Court, London Road, Bromley, BR1 1BY. An appeal must be lodged within **21 days** beginning the day on which you were informed of the decision of the committee.

If you have any questions or problems please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number

Yours sincerely

Laurie Grasty
Licensing Officer



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21st October 2014

Dear

I'm writing to you as the Borough Commander for police in Bromley to highlight the rise of violence in the area of Beckenham and to set out the response that we are taking. As a licensee within Beckenham, I am keen to engage you in tackling the issues.

Offences that involve Violence with Injury (VWI) have increased within Bromley Borough. This issue is not only of concern to the police but it is an issue of heightened risk to the Mayor of Policing and Crime and to Bromley Council. Of more importance is the fact that the community are suffering as a result. I'm sure that it is also causing you some concern.

Previously, an impact policy was introduced because of the high concentration of licensed premises and the high incidence of crime and disorder associated with the night time economy within the Beckenham area. This includes a number of venues, including Bridge Bar, Time, O'Neill's and Patricks. Beckenham is currently the Borough's hotspot for night time crime and disorder, with assaults being almost weekly occurrence.

Despite intervention, guidance and advice from successive police and Council Licensing officers, the situation in the area is not improving. I take the view that all premises and their licence holders are jointly responsible to some degree for the violence so often associated with alcohol consumption and the night time economy.

The police, in partnership with the Council Licensing officers, will be taking pro-active steps to address the situation and will now consider further intervention and make use of the review process to bring about the necessary change. I also urge you to start taking steps yourselves to prevent further escalation of this type of crime and also to fully engage with my licensing officer and the Council licensing team.

I have asked Bromley Council to call a licensing meeting to discuss the issues and to identify actions that we need you to undertake. It will be held at Bromley Police station and an invitation will be sent to you shortly. I ask that you make all efforts to attend as we will be looking to actively enforce licensing legislation that will directly affect you and your business and I would rather work in partnership with you to reduce violence and prevent more of your customers being assaulted.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Hafford'.

Chris Hafford
Borough Commander

Appendix 5

