

Licensing Panel (Licensing Act 2003 Functions)

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PART ONE

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Licensing Panel (Licensing Act 2003 Functions)

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject:	Application for a New Premises Licence under the Licensing Act 2003
Premises:	Station Grill, 62 Queens Road, Brighton, BN1 3XD
Applicant:	London Export and Import Ltd
Date of Meeting:	16 June 2025
Report of:	Corporate Director for City Operations
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Ward(s) affected:	West Hill & North Laine

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT

- 1.1 To determine an application for a New Premises Licence under the Licensing Act 2003 for Station Grill.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Panel determine an application for a New Premises Licence under the Licensing Act 2003 for Station Grill.

3. CONTEXT/BACKGROUND INFORMATION & CONSULTATION

- 3.1 The application is for a New Premises Licence under the Licensing Act 2003. The application proposes ***“RESTAURANT LOCATED AT 62 QUEENS ROAD, BRIGHTON”***
- 3.2 Section 18 (Operating Schedule) of the application is detailed at Appendix A and the plan of the premises is attached at Appendix B
- 3.3 Summary table of proposed activities
- | | Proposed |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Late Night Refreshment | Every Day: 23:00 – 03:00 |
| Hours premises are open to public | Every Day: 07:00 – 03:00 |
- 3.4 Cumulative Impact. The premises falls within the Cumulative Impact Area (“The Area”) (see paragraphs 3.1 – 3.1.10).

Representations received

- 3.5 Details of the representations made are notified to applicants on receipt by the Licensing Authority using a pro-forma. A summary appears below:
- 3.6 2 representations were received. They were received from Sussex Police and The Licensing Authority.
- 3.7 Representations received had concerns relating to Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Prevention of Public Nuisance and Cumulative Impact.
- 3.8 Sussex Police have proposed conditions if the Premises Licence is granted.
- 3.9 Full details of the representations and Sussex Police proposed conditions are attached at Appendix C. A map detailing the location of the premises is attached at Appendix D.
4. **COMMENTARY ON THE LICENSING POLICY**
- 4.1 The following extracts from Brighton & Hove City Council Statement of Licensing Policy are considered relevant to this application and **are numbered as they appear in the policy**:

1 Introduction

1.1 This Statement of Licensing Policy has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003 (the Act) and having regard to Guidance issued by the Home Office under Section 182 of the act. This policy takes effect from the 4th February 2021. The licensing authority is Brighton & Hove City Council. The purpose of this statement is to promote the licensing objectives and set out a general approach to making licensing decisions. The discretion of the licensing authority in relation to applications under the act is only engaged if 'relevant representations' are made by other persons or responsible authorities. This policy will inform the approach to be taken when deciding applications and imposing conditions when relevant representations are received. It is also intended as a guide for applicants as to what to include in their operating schedules, always recognising that if no representations are received, the application must be granted. The licensing authority must carry out its functions with a view to promoting the licensing objectives and this policy is framed around those objectives. Each application will be given individual consideration on its merit. The scope of this policy covers the following:

- Retail sales of alcohol.
- The supply of alcohol by or on behalf of a club, or to the order of, a member of the club.
- The provision of regulated entertainment.
- The provision of late night refreshment.

1.2 The licensing objectives are:

- (a) the prevention of crime and disorder.
- (b) public safety.

- (c) the prevention of public nuisance; and
- (d) the protection of children from harm.

1.3 Scope

1.3.1 Licensing is about regulating licensable activities on licensed premises, by qualifying clubs and at temporary events. Any conditions attached to various authorisations will be focused on matters which are within the control of individual licensees and others with relevant authorisations, i.e. the premises and its vicinity. Each application will be given individual consideration on its merit. Nothing in this policy shall undermine the right of any individual to apply under the terms of the act for a variety of permissions and to have any such application considered on its individual merits. Similarly, nothing in this policy shall override the right of any person to make representations on an application or seek a review of a licence or certificate where provision has been made for them to do so in the act

3 Special Policies and Initiatives

3.1 Cumulative impact

3.1.1 The licensing authority may receive representations from either a responsible authority or other persons that the premises will give rise to a negative cumulative impact on one or more of the licensing objectives. This should not, however, be confused with 'need' which relates more to the commercial demand for a particular type of premises. The issue of 'need' is therefore a matter for the market to decide and can, in some circumstances, be a matter for planning consideration; need therefore, does not form part of this licensing policy statement.

3.1.2 **Special Policy** - Cumulative Impact is defined as the potential impact upon the promotion of the licensing objectives of a significant number of licensed premises concentrated in one area.

3.1.3 The licensing authority, after careful consideration, has determined that the concentration of licensed premises in an area of the city centre is causing problems of crime and disorder and public nuisance, and that therefore an approach to 'Cumulative Impact' is necessary as part of its statement of licensing policy. The first Special Policy incorporating a Cumulative Impact Zone (CIZ) and Special Stress Areas (SSA's) was adopted in March 2008. Since that date, the licensing authority has kept the CIZ and SSA's under review. On 15 December 2011 Full Council resolved to expand the CIZ and the special stress area, covering 1.5% of the administrative area of Brighton & Hove City Council. On 20th November 2014 Licensing Committee resolved to confirm the current CIZ and SSA as defined in the current Statement of Licensing Policy. On the 29th November 2018 Licensing Committee resolved to expand the SSA into Central Hove. It is now proposed to expand the SSA into Preston Road and Beaconsfield Road. The licensing authority has published a Cumulative Impact Assessment which can be found at Appendix E.

3.1.4 This special policy will refer to a Cumulative Impact Zone ("the CIZ") in the Brighton city centre, a detailed plan of which is shown below.

Cumulative Impact Zone, January 2021



Brighton & Hove Public Health Intelligence, 2021
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3.1.5 The Cumulative Impact Zone comprises the area bounded by and including: the north side of Western Road, Brighton from its intersection with the west side of Holland Road to the junction with the west side of Dyke Road at its eastern end; from there, north-east to the junction of the north side of Air Street with the west side of Queens Road and then northward to the north-west corner of Surrey Street junction with Queens Road; thence along the north side of Trafalgar Street eastwards to its junction with York Place and continuing south-east across to Grand Parade, then south to the junction of Edward Street; along the north side of Edward Street to the east side of its junction with Egremont Place and southward along the eastern sides of Upper Rock Gardens and Lower Rock Gardens; southward to the mean water mark and following the mean water line westward to a point due south of the west boundary of Holland Road; northward to that point and along the west side of Holland Road to its northwest boundary and then diagonally across Western Road to its intersection with the west side of Holland Road.

3.1.6 The special policy will only be overridden in exceptional circumstances. The effect of this special policy is that applications for new premises licences or club premises certificates within the area, or variations which are likely to add to the existing Cumulative Impact will be refused following relevant representations. This presumption can be rebutted by the applicant if they can show that their application will have no negative Cumulative Impact.

3.1.7 This special policy also applies to all new premises licences and club premises certificates, for example pubs, restaurants and take-away establishments. Off licences also come within this policy as they can contribute to problems of street drinking, proxy purchasing, dispersal issues, preloading and excessive drinking and related disorder.

3.1.8 The presumption of refusal does not relieve responsible authorities or other persons of the need to make a relevant representation. If there are no representations, the licensing authority must grant the application in terms consistent with the operating schedule submitted.

3.1.9 Furthermore, this special policy is not absolute. Upon receipt of a relevant representation, the licensing authority will always consider the circumstances of each case and whether there are exceptional circumstances to justify departing from its special policy in the light of the individual circumstances of the case. If an application is unlikely to add to the cumulative impact of the area, it may be granted. The impact can be expected to be different for premises with different styles and characteristics. For example, while a large nightclub or high capacity public house might add to problems of cumulative impact, a small restaurant, theatre or live music venue (where alcohol is not the primary activity) may be considered exceptional circumstances. The fact that a premises will be/is exceptionally well managed with a well-qualified applicant, or that there are no residential premises nearby, will not be considered exceptional.

3.1.10 If the licensing authority decides that an application should be refused, it will still need to show that the grant of the application would undermine the promotion of one of the licensing objectives and that conditions would be ineffective in preventing the problems involved.

3.3 The Matrix Approach

The Licensing Authority will support:

3.3.1 Diversity of premises: ensures that there is a mix of the different types of licensed premises and attracts a more diverse range of customers from different age groups, different communities and with different attitudes to alcohol consumption. It gives potential for positively changing the ambience of the city or an area of it. This will have a positive effect in reducing people's fear of crime and in increasing the number of evening visitors to the city centre. The Community Safety Strategy recognises that too many single uses in a confined area and patrons turning out onto the streets at the same time may create opportunities for violent crime and public disorder and therefore supports mixed use venues encouraging a wider age balance.

3.3.2 A "matrix" approach to licensing decisions has been adopted and is set out below. It provides a framework of what the licensing authority would like to see within its area and gives an indication of the likelihood of success or otherwise to investor and businesses making applications.

Matrix approach for licensing decisions in a Statement of Licensing Policy (times relates to licensable activities)

	Cumulative Impact Area	Special Stress Area	Other Areas
Restaurant	Yes (midnight)	Yes (midnight)	Yes (midnight)
Café	Yes (10 pm)	Yes (10 pm)	Yes (10 pm)
Late Night Takeaways	No	Yes (midnight)	Yes (midnight)
Night Club	No	No	No
Pub	No	Yes (11pm)	Yes (midnight)
Non-alcohol lead (e.g. Theatre)	Yes (favourable)	Yes (favourable)	Yes (favourable)
Off-licence	No	No	Yes (Up to 11pm but if in densely residential area may be earlier – see note 7 below)
Members Club (club premises certificate)	Yes (<100 capacity) (11pm)	Yes (<100 capacity) (11pm)	Yes

Notes on matrix

Subject to the following notes, the policy, as represented in the matrix, will be strictly adhered to:

- 1) Each application will be considered on individual merit
- 2) Applications within the CIZ are subject to the special policy on cumulative impact at para 3.1, and those within the special stress area to the special stress policy considerations at para 3.2.
- 3) Departure from the matrix policy is expected only in exceptional circumstances
- 4) Exceptional circumstances will not include quality of management or size of venue except where explicitly stated in policy matrix.
- 5) Exceptional circumstances may include: consultation with and meeting requirements of responsible authorities, an appropriate corporate social responsibility policy, community contribution to offset impact (such as financial contribution to infrastructure), community support, alcohol sale ancillary to business activity (demonstrable to responsible authorities and licensing authority, for instance by licence condition allowing authorised officers access to sales accounts).
- 6) The following licensing activities are encouraged and valued by the licensing authority: outdoor regulated entertainment, community based street parties, members clubs, traditional pubs outside the city centre and non-alcohol led licensable activities, particularly within city centre.

7) Other Areas; consideration will be given to the nature of the area and location in relation to any application. In a residential area for example the concerns of local residents will be relevant when considering applications for off-licences, pubs or cafes, especially if there is evidence of anti-social behaviour, street drinking or underage drinking. Earlier closing times may be appropriate. Regard will be had to the Public Health Framework for assessing alcohol licensing on our website.

8) In an area where there are already several existing off-licences or where the premises is situated within a parade with another off licence and where representations are received about negative cumulative impact on the licensing objectives of a further premises, the application may be refused on these grounds or restrictions placed on the terminal hour to reflect opening hours of other shops.

9) Outdoor events will be supported where arranged through the council's event planning process. Generally, regulated entertainment in the open air including tents and marquees should have a maximum closure hour of 2300. Earlier hours may be imposed in sensitive open spaces or near residential areas. The licensing authority will have regard to Noise Council guidance.

10) Non-alcohol led category does not include "alcohol in shared workplaces". It is recommended that sale of alcohol in shared workspaces should have a terminal hour of no later than 10pm. For further advice and guidance on "alcohol in shared workplaces" please see paragraph 3.3.4-3.3.6.

4 Prevention of Crime and Disorder

The following details and measures are intended to address the need for the prevention of crime and disorder which may be associated with licensed premises and certificated club premises. Conditions attached to licences and certificates will, as far as possible, reflect local crime reduction strategies.

4.1.1 The licensing authority acknowledges that training and good management play a key part in preventing alcohol and drug related crime. The authority expects that all licensees of on-licensed premises attend training programmes which will raise their awareness of the issues relating to drugs and violence in licensed premises, and that suitable training be extended to all bar staff and door supervisors so that drug dealers and users will be deterred from using licensed premises for illegal purposes and that incidents of violence in licensed premises will be reduced. Licensees are also encouraged to attend training programmes to help identify children at risk and issues of basic child protection. It is the duty of the designated premises supervisor (DPS) to train staff on induction concerning conditions on their premises licence.

4.1.2 It is expected that the DPS will spend a significant amount of time on the premises. When not on the premises it will be essential that the DPS is contactable, particularly should problems arise with the premises and that staff are authorised by the DPS.

4.1.3 The location of violent attacks, anti-social behaviour and hate crime or related incidents may be used to justify closing times.

4.1.4 Measures put in place should support the intentions of Operation Marble (police operational order), which aims to prevent incidents of crime and disorder within the night time economy, at weekends. Operation Marble operates with a view to minimising the risk to the public of being a victim of public place violent crime; to reduce incidents of violent crime and public disorder within the city centre; to deal positively with offences and offenders; to secure and preserve evidence which will assist in the prosecution of offenders and to support the night time economy and the responsibly run businesses within it.

4.2 Sussex Police

4.2.1 Sussex Police have a specific Operation relating to the night time economy called Operation Marble (detailed in 3.4.1) and work closely with partners to ensure a safe and vibrant city centre. There continues to be an increasing demand for resources further into the early hours of the morning with the highest concentration of crimes occurring between 21:00 and 06:00 on a Friday into a Saturday and between 20:00 and 06:00 on a Saturday night into a Sunday. The data set used shows that up to 80% of arrests made in the timeframe 20:00 – 06:00 on these days were affected by alcohol. For full details of these statistics see the Cumulative Impact Assessment at Appendix E.

4.2.2 The dealing and use of drugs remains an issue across the city and Sussex Police welcome proactive policies from licensed premises. A drug safe and seizure recording initiative is in place of which further details can be obtained by contacting Brighton & Hove Police Licensing (brighton.licensing@sussex.pnn.police.uk). This initiative encourages licensed premises with Door Supervisors to search and seize drugs from persons attempting to enter their premises and ensures that once drugs are removed from persons, they can be safely collected and destroyed by Sussex Police.

4.2.3 Dispersal from the city centre during the late evening and early morning remains a policing challenge. Over recent years, there has been a proliferation of off-licences and late night refreshment venues along the city's arterial routes. This has led to incident 'hot spots' where patrons from the night time economy continue to interact, albeit away from any safety measures afforded by on-licences. As such, Sussex Police support the Council's Special Policy in offering guidance to both applicants and the Licensing Committee in relation to off-licences and late night refreshment licences.

4.2.4 Sussex Police have continuing concerns that, despite staff training in age-restricted sales, under age individuals are still being served alcohol both on and off the premises in some of the city's licensed premises. As such, regular intelligence-led 'test-purchase' operations are conducted to highlight premises where sales are taking place and ensure appropriate enforcement action is taken to prevent further sales. The introduction of identification scanning machines at premises throughout the city has proved successful in mitigating some risk, but operators must maintain vigilance regarding the fraudulent use of genuine IDs. Sussex Police continue to work alongside the Business Crime Reduction Partnership to tackle the problem of those who use false or another's identification to enter licensed premises and purchase alcohol.

4.2.5 Sussex Police work closely with venues and other organisations within the city to protect vulnerable people from becoming victims of crime. As well as work to prevent under age sales, vulnerability training is offered to identify persons who may have been made vulnerable through alcohol or drugs. Sussex Police also support initiatives such as (but not limited to) safe spaces, mobile teams of volunteers actively checking people's well-being and the Beach Patrol.

4.2.6 Public Space Protection Orders have proved an effective tool for Sussex Police in targeting enforcement action in problem areas of the city. It 'allows Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers to remove alcohol from any person in a public place if that person is involved in anti-social behaviour (ASB) or the officer believes that by having alcohol in their possession there is an increased risk of ASB. It is an offence to refuse to hand over alcohol when required to do so.' They have been particularly effective in the day time economy where members of the street community are causing ASB issues for members of the public and local businesses, especially during the summer months where there is a large influx of visitors to Brighton & Hove.

4.2.7 Policing the night time economy continues to provide a challenge and in the climate of limited resources and newly emerging problems, Sussex Police support maintaining the council's Special Policy which defines cumulative impact and special stress and will continue to take enforcement action where appropriate if the actions of a Premises Licence Holder, Designated Premises Supervisor, Door Supervisors or Staff have fallen below the high standard expected across the city. Sussex Police also recognise and support businesses which are aware of their social responsibilities and as such, actively contribute towards keeping Brighton & Hove a safe and enjoyable city.

4.3 Care, control and supervision of premises

4.3.1 The Licensing authority supports the Business Crime Reduction Partnership and other approved schemes. Where appropriate, premises licence holders should be members of the BCRP for the deterrence to violent crime that such membership provides. The BCRP NightSafe radio scheme is normally expected as an operational requirement for city centre bars, clubs and pubs and is an example of good practice in achieving the aim of reducing crime and disorder and improving public safety. Well managed pub-watch schemes provide information exchange between the premises licence holders and responsible authorities that reduce and deter violent crime and disorder. The council will support a responsible licensing scheme.

4.3.2 The effective management and supervision of a venue is a key factor in reducing crime and disorder, both within it and outside. The police will consider the applicants, objecting to the application where appropriate. The police may suggest crime prevention measures in relation to, for example, the internal layout of the premises, closed-circuit television, help points, lighting and security staff. The police may ask for conditions which support such measures to be imposed when licensing applications are granted, eg type of licence, capacity, operating hours restrictions.

4.3.3 Following the grant of a licence, the management and supervision of the premises, in so far as it might impact on crime and disorder, will continue to be monitored. Particular attention will be paid to any licensed premises where there is evidence of criminal activity or any association with racist or homophobic crime. The licensing authority will keep itself well briefed on the nature, location and type of premises where alcohol related violence and disorder are occurring so it can take full account of the facts and avoid exacerbating problems as required by the Community Safety Strategy. Where licensed premises are found to cause nuisance or be associated with disorder or unreasonable disturbance, the review process may be invoked, and powers of revocation or the imposition of conditions may be considered. Conditions may include use of closed-circuit television, licensed door supervisors and earlier closing times. Such action to restrict the operation may be taken for trial periods to allow businesses an opportunity to remedy existing disorder, nuisance or disturbance.

4.3.4 This policy recognises the use of registered Door Supervisors All Door Supervisors will be licensed by the Security Industry Authority. Mobile security units and similar systems are in use by some premises operators as a means of providing security cover at very short notice at premises which may not normally require a permanent security presence. This policy endorses the use of units following such guidance and standards in appropriate circumstances.

4.3.5 The development of codes of practice and general operating standards for security companies is encouraged for local businesses; premises operators are urged to ensure that security services, when engaged, are provided by suitably qualified businesses operating to recognised standards and who should be working towards SIA accreditation.

4.3.6 Enforcement will be achieved by the enforcement policy appended (Appendix B).

6 Prevention of Public Nuisance

The following details and measures are intended to address the need for the prevention of public nuisance which may be associated with licensed premises and certificated club premises:

6.1.1 In determining applications for new and varied licences, regard will be had to the location of premises, the type and construction of the building and the likelihood of nuisance and disturbance to the amenity of nearby residents by reason of noise from within the premises, as a result of people entering or leaving the premises or from individuals or groups of customers gathered outside (eg in order to smoke).

6.1.2 Applications for new licences or for the extension in size of licensed premises should not normally be granted if the premises will use amplified or live music and operate within or abutting premises containing residential accommodation except that occupied by staff of the licensed premises. A condition may be imposed on new licences that entertainment noise shall be inaudible in any residence. Noise emanating from within licensed premises should not normally be audible outside.

6.1.3 Installation of sound limiting equipment and sound insulation may be required to minimise disturbance to the amenity of nearby residents by reason of noise from the licensed premises.

6.1.4 Generally, regulated entertainment in the open air including tents and marquees should have a maximum closure hour of 2300. Earlier hours may be imposed in sensitive open spaces or near residential areas. The Licensing Authority will have regard to Noise Council guidance.

6.1.5 In determining applications for new licences or extensions in hours or terminal hours of licensed premises, regard will be had to late night public transport availability and location of taxi ranks to aid dispersal of customers.

6.1.6 Reasonable controls are available to all premises operators to minimise the impact of noise from customers outside. The council's Environmental Health Department has issued guidance on a number of steps that can be taken in this respect which are endorsed by this policy (see 6.2 below).

6.2 Smoking Advice

6.2.1 Premises licence holders will be expected to:

- Develop a management plan on how to manage smoking on your premises and ensure that all staff are aware of the contents of this plan, and that it is effectively implemented. Noise from people smoking and talking can be intermittent, vary in character and volume and be intrusive. An effective smoking management plan will help prevent neighbours being disturbed.
- Comply with any planning conditions restricting the use of outdoor areas.
- Ensure that any structures used by smokers comply with the design criteria detailed in the Heath Act 2006 and that any structures, awnings, retractable canopies, etc. have the relevant planning permission.
- Ensure any new lighting to outdoor areas must be designed so as not to cause a light nuisance to neighbours and again have the relevant planning permission and building control consent.
- Ensure that the conditions on the premises licence are complied with. There may be conditions restricting the hours of use of gardens and outdoor areas. Having reviewed the contents of the premises licence you may find it necessary to request a variation of your licence.
- Licence tables and chairs on the Public Highway under the provisions of the Highways Act 1980. These licences may have conditions restricting the times that the area can be used.
- Ensure drinks, glasses and bottles are not taken onto the highway unless there is a tables and chairs licence permitting use. A system

should be adopted to prevent theft and 'spiking' of drinks and reminding customers not to leave unattended items.

- Discourage smokers remaining in gardens and outdoor areas and determine terminal hours.
- Discourage smokers remaining outside by removing/disabling tables and chairs or prohibiting their use after a certain time. Lights and heaters will also be turned off.
- Introduce a system that after a certain time the number of smokers outside are restricted to a maximum number. Staff will be needed to manage this restriction.
- Employ staff and/or SIA registered door supervisors to manage doors and control customers and smokers entering and leaving the premises. Staff positioned on the doors can help to encourage customers not to cause a noise problem. It may be that staff are required to manage doors after a certain time, particularly during the hours when neighbouring residents are trying to sleep.
- Ensure door supervisors maintain order outside venues and protect customer safety. BCRP supports the use of Night Safe. Radio net and other pager systems and pub watch schemes can be used to provide for rapid police response and alert other venues where customers and staff are endangered.
- Position signs to remind customers that the premises is in an area where people live. It is not always obvious in busy commercial streets with flats above. By changing the design and wording of signs customers do not forget. Signs can be located in and outside the premises and on tables.
- Use CCTV to manage outside areas.

6.2.2 Licensed premises should normally display prominent, legible signs at exits reminding customers to leave in a quiet, peaceful, orderly manner.

8 Integration of Strategies

8.1.1 The licensing authority shall secure the proper integration of this policy with local crime prevention, planning policy, transport, tourism and cultural strategies by:-

- Liaising and consulting with the Sussex Police, Community Safety Forum, Sustainability Commission representatives and following the guidance in community safety and crime and disorder strategy
- Liaising and consulting with Public and Alcohol Programme Board
- Liaising and consulting with the East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service
- Liaising and consulting with the Local Strategic Partnership, Safety Advisory Group (Emergency Planning) and Equalities and Social Justice Consultation Forum
- Liaising and consulting with the Planning authority
- Liaising and consulting with the Highways authority
- Liaising and consulting with local business and business associations. Having regard to any future documents issued relating to the Private Security Industry Act 2001, for example liaison or information sharing protocols

- Liaising and consulting with the Trading Standards Team, for example with regard to test purchasing codes of practice

8.1.2 In line with statutory requirements and the council's Inclusion Policy, the Licensing Authority shall have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, and to promote equality of opportunity and positive relations between persons of diverse backgrounds, for example communities of interest such as: lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people; disabled people; racial and ethnic groups; religious and faith groups.

8.1.3 This policy supports the aims of the tourism strategy, recognising the benefits for the tourism economy of creating a safer and more attractive city centre and improving competitiveness with other European cities. The Licensing Committee should receive any reports relevant to the needs of the local tourist economy and the cultural strategy for the area to ensure that it considers these matters.

8.1.4 The Licensing Committee should receive relevant information relating to the employment situation of the area and the need for new investment and employment where appropriate.

8.1.5 Specific conditions may be attached to premises licences to reflect local crime prevention strategies. Such conditions may include the use of closed circuit television cameras, use of the NightSafe radio system or accredited scheme, the provision and use of shatterproof drinking receptacles, drugs and weapons search policy, the use of registered door supervisors, specialised lighting requirements, hours of opening. Certificates issued to club premises shall reflect local crime prevention strategies and may include any or all of the requirements listed above.

8.1.6 The licensing authority will have regard to the need to disperse people quickly and safely from the city centre to avoid concentrations which may produce disorder and disturbance.

8.3 Enforcement

8.3.1 The Enforcement of licensing law and inspection of licensed premises is detailed in the Protocol between Sussex Police, the East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service and Brighton & Hove City Council. This protocol reflects the need for more efficient deployment of Police and Local Authority staff commonly engaged in licensing enforcement and can be found at Appendix D (Lead Agency Status) of the Statement of Licensing Policy. In addition, the Licensing Authority will have regard to its published Licensing Enforcement Policy in making enforcement decisions in accordance with Brighton & Hove City Council's Statement of Licensing Policy (Appendix B). In order to better target enforcement resources, inspections will be undertaken outside of normal office hours and the sharing of information between all enforcement agencies will be encouraged through joint meetings or similar arrangements.

8.3.2 Attention is drawn to the targeting of agreed problem and high risk premises requiring greater attention as identified in the protocol. A number of other council and government policies, strategies and guidance documents must be taken into account to complement the policy, including:

- Community Safety & Crime Reduction Strategy
- Drugs and alcohol strategies – local alcohol harm reduction strategy
- Objectives of the Security Industry Authority
- The Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003/ASBPC Act 2014
- The Health Act 2006
- The Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006
- Policing and Crime Act 2009

APPENDIX A – Licensing Best Practice Measures

Best Practice Measures to be included for consideration, in particular in SSA:
Matters that would normally be expected in operating schedules:

- the adoption of a policy (e.g. Challenge 25) with acceptable proof of ID as per existing Statement of Licensing Policy
- all off sales to be made in sealed containers for consumption away from the premises
- a smoking policy which includes an assessment of noise and litter created by premises users
- the use of plastic or polycarbonate drinking vessels and containers, especially in outside areas or after specified hours
- a policy in relation to searching customers and for drugs, weapons, seized or lost and found property
- use of a refusals book for registering attempts to buy alcohol by under-age persons or refusals to those intoxicated
- the installation of a digital CCTV system by liaison with, and to a standard approved by, Sussex Police
- policies for dispersal of customers which may include signage regarding taxi services' telephone numbers and advice to respect neighbours and minimize noise

Items to which positive consideration would be given:

- membership of Business Crime Reduction Partnership, Pubwatch, Neighbourhood Watch or similar schemes
- use of 'Night Safe' radio system or similar accredited scheme
- regular training and reminders for staff in respect of licensing legislation, policies and procedures; records of which should be properly recorded and available for inspection
- records of regular checks of all parts of the premises in relation to drug use
- systems in place to ensure details of barred clients are exchanged with other operators
- giving an agreed minimum notice of special events (screening of major sports events, birthday parties, adult entertainment, etc.) to relevant authorities and use of appropriate additional measures at such events

Recommend best practice for both on and off premises

- Staff must be aware of the risk of the problem of proxy sales and offer assistance to responsible authorities to deter offences
- Signage on premises should set out legal duties

- Voluntary restriction of high strength alcohol – operating schedules may be used to limit high ABV beers and ciders
- Staff training – in addition to personal licence holders training, staff must be adequately trained for duties
- Challenge 25 would be the norm, particularly in the off licence trade
- Signage – proxy sale – deterrence

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 The licensing Act 2003 provides for fees to be payable to the licensing authority in respect of the discharge of their functions. The fee levels are set centrally at a level to allow licensing authorities to fully recover the costs of administration, inspection and enforcement of the regime.

Finance Officer Consulted David Wilder
dd/mm/yy

Date: 04/06/2025

Legal Implications:

- 5.2 The licensing authority must act to promote the four licensing objectives which are:

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety
- The prevention of public nuisance
- The protection of children from harm

The licensing authority must have regard to its statement of licensing policy and the guidance issued by the Secretary of State in carrying out its functions.

Lawyer Consulted: Rebecca Sidell
30/05/25

Date:

Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 Diversity is valued and strong, safe communities are vital to future prosperity. Licensing policy aims to protect children from harm including sale and supply of alcohol to children.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 Licensing policy aims to prevent public nuisance and develop culture of live music, dancing and theatre.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Appendix A – Section 18 (Operating Schedule) of the Application

2. Appendix B – Plan of Premises
3. Appendix C – Representations and Sussex Police Proposed Conditions
4. Appendix D – Map of Area

Documents in Members' Rooms

Brighton & Hove City Council, Licensing Act 2003: Statement of Licensing Policy 2021.

Home Office, Revised Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003, February 2025.

Public Health Framework for Assessing Alcohol Licensing – January 2022.

Background Documents

Brighton & Hove City Council, Licensing Act 2003: Statement of Licensing Policy 2021.

Appendix A

Section 18 of 21
LICENSING OBJECTIVES
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.
<p>We are applying for a Late Night Refreshment Licence for a small restaurant located within the Cumulative Impact Zone (CIZ) in central Brighton. However, we believe this application will not add to the cumulative impact because:</p> <p>A- we will not sell ALCOHOL at all on or off the restaurant .</p> <p>B- The business will be providing non-alcoholic late-night food, supporting safer late-night consumption and offering an alternative to alcohol-based venues.</p> <p>C-Our comprehensive operating schedule promotes all four licensing objectives, with specific emphasis on crime prevention, public nuisance reduction, and customer safety.</p> <p>D- The premises will not offer alcohol or entertainment, which reduces the risk of disorder and disruption.</p> <p>E-Our robust CCTV system, staff training procedures, and active engagement with local authorities demonstrate our commitment to responsible management.</p> <p>F-We will work with Sussex Police and local initiatives such as Business Crime Reduction Partnerships to stay proactive and accountable.</p> <p>G- the seating area inside the restaurant will be closed for dine in after midnight and the restaurant will be only for food orders collection and delivery.</p> <p>H-the business will stop serving customers dining in on the premises at 11:59 pm, and Signs on the doors would confirm that the business is closed to "walk-in" customers after 11:59 pm. the restaurant would offer deliveries (on electric bikes, electric vehicles, cars and mopeds) from 11:59 pm using either our own staff or a delivery service such as Deliveroo, Just Eat or Uber Eats for this purpose for deliveries. Asking delivery drivers to use designated loading bays which are immediately outside the restaurant, so they can park / waiting legally and properly and not causing a public nuisance by way of obstructing the highway or footpaths. as a result, the existence of a delivery service will draw customers away from the town centre, rather than into it.</p> <p>Also, will offer collection services for customers already exciting in the city centre</p> <p>We fully understand and support the principles of the Brighton & Hove Statement of Licensing Policy 2021, and we are confident that our proposal contributes positively to the local area, providing a safe and well-managed environment for late-night refreshment.</p> <p>so, we will :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Install and Maintain a Comprehensive CCTV System 2-Noise and Nuisance Control Measures 3-Work Closely with Local Authorities and Police 4-Staff Training and Incident Log
<p>5-Appropriate Lighting and Clean Surroundings</p> <p>6-SIA-Registered Door Staff (when required)</p> <p>I MUST ensure that all times when the premises are for any licensable activity, there are sufficient competent staff on duty at the premises for the purpose of fulfilling the terms and conditions of the license and for preventing crime and disorder. I MUST ensure that all staff will undertake training in their responsibilities in relation to the sale of hot food after 23:00 ,Records will be kept for training and refresher training</p>

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

- 1- Install a comprehensive CCTV system covering all public areas, entrances, and exits. Footage will be stored for a minimum of 31 days, in line with Statement of Licensing Policy 2021 (Section 3.3).
- 2-Ensure staff are fully trained in conflict resolution, and refusing service to intoxicated individuals.
- 3-Collaborate with Sussex Police and join Business Crime Reduction Partnership (Policy Section 3.2).
- 4-Keep a refusals and incident logbook available for inspection.
- 5-An incident log will be maintained by the premises showing a detailed note of incidents that occur in the premises, The logbook should be kept on the premises and be available for inspection at all times the premises are open by authorised officers of the Licensing Authority or the police. The written risk assessment will be reviewed at least once every calendar year
- 6- Install a comprehensive CCTV system covering all customer areas, entrances, and the vicinity outside the premises. Footage will be stored for at least 31 days and made available to authorities upon request.
- 7-Employ trained staff to manage customer behavior and refuse service to intoxicated individuals or those displaying antisocial behavior.
- 8-Display clear signage about zero tolerance for drugs, weapons, and unruly conduct.
- 8-Any incidents of a criminal nature that may occur on the premises will be reported to the Police.
- I MUST install comprehensive CCTV coverage at the premises and it is operated and maintained at the premises.
- The CCTV system shall conform to the following points:
 1. Cameras must be sited to observe the entrance and exit doors both inside and outside.
 2. Cameras on the entrances must capture full frame shots of the heads and shoulders of all people entering the premises i.e. capable of identification.
 3. Cameras viewing till areas must capture frames not less than 50% of screen.
 4. Cameras overlooking floor areas should be wide angled to give an overview of the premises.
 5. Be capable of visually confirming the nature of the crime committed.
 6. Provide a linked record of the date, time and place of any image.
 7. Provide good quality images –colour during opening times.
 8. Operate under existing light levels within and outside the premises.
 9. Have the recording device located in a secure area or locked cabinet.
 10. Have a monitor to review images and recorded picture quality.
 11. Be regularly maintained to ensure continuous quality of image capture retention.
 12. Have signage displayed in the customer area to advise that CCTV is in operation.
 13. Police will have access to images at any reasonable time.
 14. The equipment must have a suitable export method, e. G. CD/DVD writer so that the police can make an evidential copy of the data they require. This data should be in the native file format, to ensure that no image quality is lost when making the copy, if this format is non-standard (i.e. manufacturer proprietary) then the manufacturer should supply the replay software to ensure that the video on the CD can be replayed by the police on a standard computer. Copies must be made available to Police on request.

c) Public safety

- 1-Comply fully with Health and Safety regulations, fire safety, and risk assessments to protect customers and staff.
- 2-Maintain a clear and safe layout inside the premises, including proper lighting and signage.
- 3-Limit customer numbers late at night to avoid overcrowding (in line with Policy Section 3.5).
- 4-Provide first aid kits and ensure trained first-aiders are available during late hours.
- 5-Ensure proper fire safety measures fire extinguishers, and regular maintenance of fire alarms.
- 6-Maintain a well-lit interior and exterior to ensure customer safety and visibility, especially at night.
- 7-Conduct regular staff training on emergency procedures, including first aid and crowd management.
- 8-Appropriate fire safety procedures are in place including fire extinguishers (foam, H2O and CO2), fire blanket, internally illuminated fire exit signs, numerous smoke detectors and emergency lighting . All appliances are inspected annually.
- 5-All emergency exits shall be kept free from obstruction at all times.

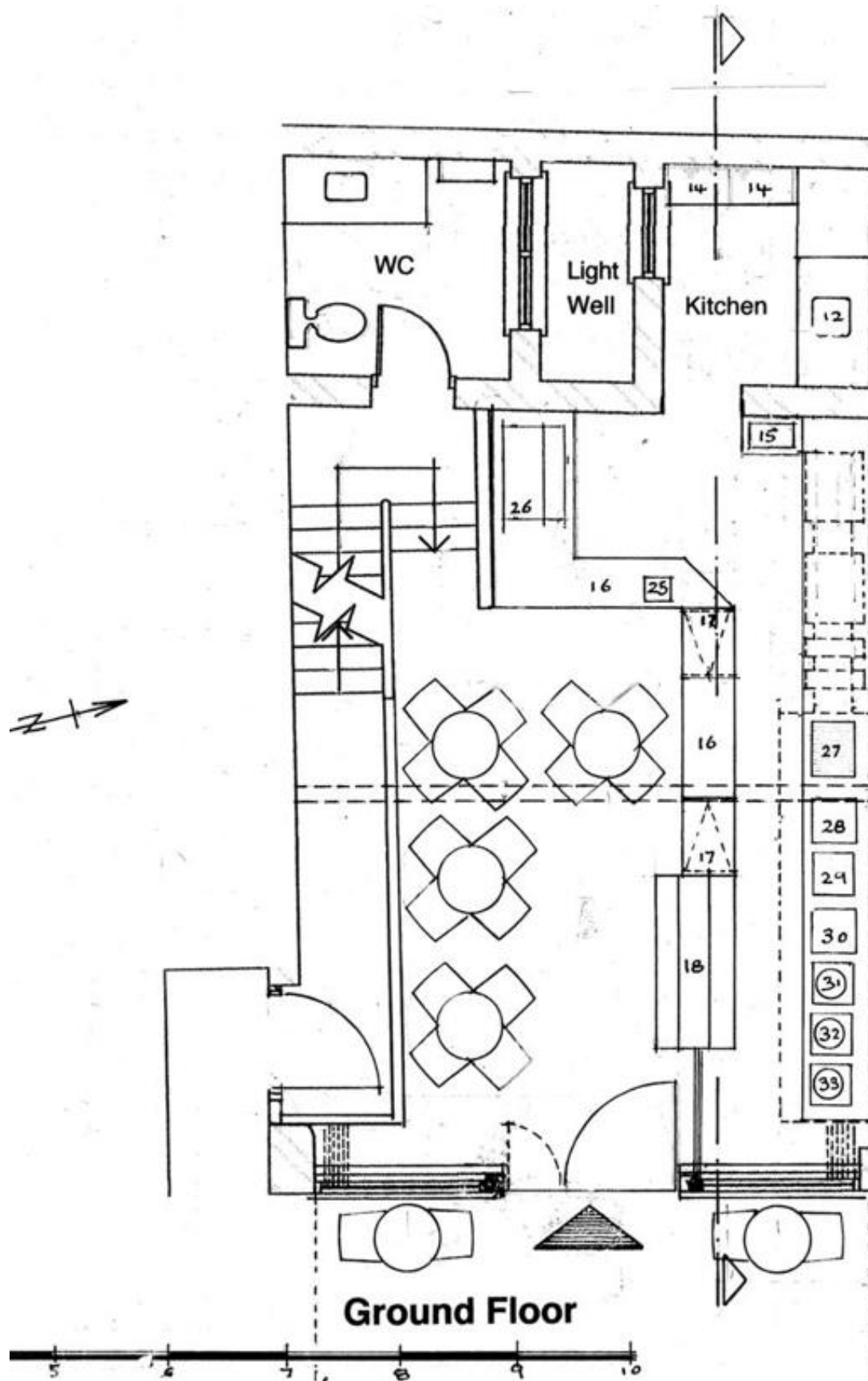
d) The prevention of public nuisance

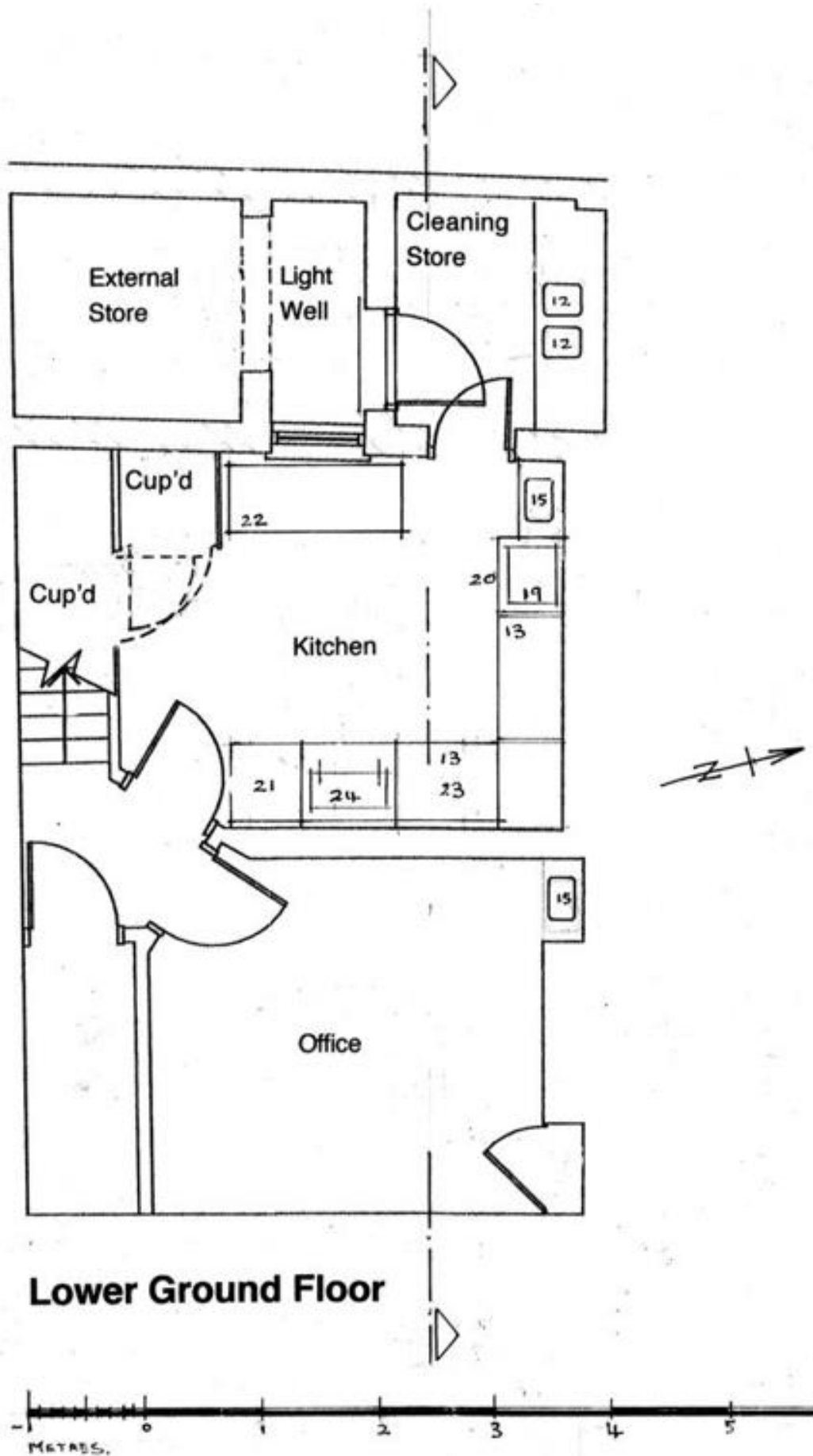
- 1-Implement a Noise Management Plan: control of noise from kitchen equipment, customer activity, and deliveries—referencing Policy Section 3.6 on reducing nuisance.
- 2-Display “Please leave quietly” signs at exits to encourage respectful behaviour from customers leaving the premises.
- 3-Implement clear procedures for disposing of waste regularly and discreetly to prevent littering and odors.
- 4-Ensure customer dispersal is managed calmly to avoid loitering or disturbances outside the premises.
- 5-All customers will be asked to leave quietly.
- 6-Clear and legible notices and signs will be prominently displayed to remind customers to leave quietly and have regard to our neighbors.
- 7-ensure that delivery vehicles waiting or arriving to collect orders will be parked/waiting legally ON THE LOADING BAYS and not causing a public nuisance by way of obstructing the highway or footpaths.

e) The protection of children from harm

- 1- All staff will be trained in:
 - A-Identifying persons who are vulnerable which could include but not limited to, their age or due to intoxication and or drugs as well as identifying potential perpetrators.
 - B-Conflict management.
- 2-All training undertaken by staff members shall be fully documented and recorded. All training records shall be made available to Sussex Police, officers of the local authority and officers from the Trading Standards team upon request.

Appendix B





Appendix C



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Date: 19th May 2025
Our Ref: 2025/02576/LAPREN
Phone: 01273 295801
Email: REDACTED

Dear Emily Fountain,

RE: Licensing Act 2003 - Representation against the application for a new Premises Licence application for Station Grill, 62 Queens Road, Brighton, BN1 3XD

I refer to the application made by London Export and Import Ltd, for a new Premises Licence at Station Grill, 62 Queens Road, Brighton. The proposed hours are for Late Night Refreshment, every day 23:00hrs to 03:00hrs and opening from 07:00 every day.

I have concerns about this application and make a representation on the grounds of the prevention of crime and disorder and the prevention of public nuisance and that this application is contrary to our Statement of Licensing Policy (SoLP).

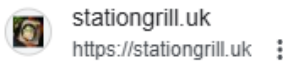
The council has a special policy to address cumulative impact, the special policy was set up because the Licensing Authority determined that the concentration of licensed premises and the subsequent numbers of people drawn into the city centre is causing exceptional problems of crime and disorder and public nuisance. The special policy will only be overridden in exceptional circumstances. New applications and variations to existing licences should normally be refused following relevant representations. This presumption of refusal can be rebutted by the applicant if they can show that their application will have no negative cumulative impact on licensing objectives including the prevention of crime and disorder and public nuisance. The Licensing Authority will always consider the circumstances of each case and whether there are exceptional circumstances to justify departing from its special policy in the light of the individual circumstances of the case.

This special policy applies to all new premises licences and club premises certificates, for example pubs, restaurants and take-away establishments and 62 Queens Road falls within the cumulative impact area (CIZ).

The Council's Statement of Licensing Policy (SoLP) includes a Matrix approach for licensing decisions with provisions for a terminal hour for all classes of licensed premises in a particular area. The Matrix Model recognises the diverse operation and different risks presented by different classes of licensed premises. It provides a vision of what the Licensing Authority would like to see within its area and gives an indication of likelihood of success or otherwise to investors and local businesses making applications. Each application is still considered on its individual merit and there is discretion to depart from the Matrix approach policy in exceptional circumstances. The Matrix table clearly shows that late night takeaways in the CIZ should not be granted.

The applicant has stated in their application and in additional supporting information, that the premises is a restaurant, providing hot food after 23:00 which will be indoor in some cases and will stop serving customers dining it at 23:59hrs. After that it will be mostly for delivery and collection to be consumed at the customer home address not outside the restaurant. When searching on the

internet the premises describes itself as a take-away although I appreciate that they may have a small capacity for dining in:



Station Grill | Fast Food Takeaway & Online Ordering in ...

Station Grill. Located at 62 Queens Rd, Brighton and Hove, Brighton BN1 3XD, UK,
we offer a variety of freshly prepared Fast Food meals delivered straight ...



We have received additional correspondence from our Planning Department regarding this application, Planning are a Responsible Authority under the Licensing Act 2003 and are consulted on applications. They have said that the premises does not have planning permission to be a take-away and has opened an enforcement case for investigation.

For clarity purposes, this is the second time I have put in a representation against this premises and applicant, they originally applied in September 2024 and a licensing panel refused the application at hearing. The applicant appealed that decision and the matter is still pending at the Magistrates Court.

It is important to note that our Cumulative Impact Assessment (CIA) (which must be carried out every three years and forms part of our SoLP) recognises that 'late night refreshment' premises do add to the problems in an already saturated area. The applicant has specifically put forward that they are a 'restaurant' which does not sell alcohol so the premises will not add to the existing cumulative impact.

Extract from the CIA:- "In some areas where the number, type or density of licensed premises such as those selling alcohol or providing late night refreshment, is high or exceptional, serious problems of nuisance, crime and disorder may arise outside or some distance from those premises. Such problems generally occur as a result of large numbers of drinkers being concentrated in an area, for example when leaving premises at peak times or when queuing at fast food outlets or for public transport. These conditions are more likely to arise in city centres."

'Late night refreshment' becomes licensable after 23:00hrs and I believe that granting this application will likely add to additional burdens and problems to the already challenging area, especially when customers are collecting orders from the premises and deliveries are taking place between midnight - 3am. I therefore wish to bring the application to the attention of the panel so that they can question the applicant further and decide whether this application constitutes exceptional circumstances to depart from the policy.

Yours sincerely

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19th May 2025

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Dear Emily Fountain,

RE: APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE FOR STATION GRILL, 62 QUEENS ROAD, BRIGHTON, BN13XD UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003.

I write on behalf of the Chief Officer of Police for Sussex to raise a representation against the grant of the above application on the grounds that it will undermine the Licensing Objectives of the prevention of crime and disorder and public nuisance. We also make reference to the Brighton & Hove City Council (BHCC) Statement of Licensing Policy.

This is a proposed new licence application in an area of the City which is subject to a Special Policy adopted by Brighton & Hove City Council. The premises lies in the Cumulative Impact Area (CIZ) (as defined in the BHCC Statement of Licensing Policy) and seeks the following hours and licensable activities:

Late Night Refreshment (Both)

Every Day 23:00 – 03:00

Opening hours

Every Day:

23:00 – 03:00

Paragraph 3.1.2 of the Brighton and Hove City Council 2021 Statement of Licensing Policy states:

“The licensing authority, after careful consideration, has determined that the concentration of licensed premises in an area of the city centre is causing problems of crime and disorder.”

In accordance with the Statement of licensing policy this application would be a “NO”

This premises lies within what was the Regency Ward which within the Brighton & Hove Public Health Framework for Assessing Alcohol Licensing and is ranked number 1 for All injury Violence, All violence against the person and Sexual Offences. Additionally, it’s ranked number 2 for Police recorded alcohol related incidents, demonstrating the higher risk to the Licensing Objective of the Prevention of Crime and Disorder in this area.

Recent incident & crime statistics indicate that during the period of 18th May 2024 and 16th May 2025 there were 283 crimes linked to Queens Road and surrounding side roads. The majority of these incidents were recorded as violent crime in a public place and thefts.

This shows a slight increase in crimes from the previous search which was run between October 2023 – October 2024 where there were 271 crimes recorded.

There was also 9 Sexual Assaults reported along Queens Road in this 12-month period.

With the area already experiencing high number of incidents which occur throughout the day and night, permitting a premises to be open into the night time economy is likely to increase incidents in the locality, which is already a busy thoroughfare road to and from the city centre and the train station and is populated with many Licensed premises all varying from Pubs, off licences and Late Night Refreshment venues.

PC Wade and Licensing officer Hannah Staplehurst worked a night shift on Saturday 10th May 2025. At 23:05 they travelled along Queens Road and witnessed large groups of people congregating at a Late Night Refreshment (LNR) premise. We were unable to access this premises due to the crowd growing along the pavement, however at this time Station Grill 62 Queens Road was closing and this dispersed some of the groups and encouraged them to continue towards the train station.

At 23:45 we visited Queens Road again to visit the LNR premises and crowds were less busy and manageable inside the premises however we were unable to stop due to a few arrests that were taking place on the opposite side of the road, because Police Constables had been assaulted and Queens Road was busy with a number of police vehicles and Police Constables.

While Sussex Police acknowledge that the premises application is not asking for the sale of alcohol, offering food and drink into the early hours encourages persons who may be under the

influence of alcohol or drugs to remain in the area, which has a number of residential flats and properties. This increases the risk of crime and disorder, anti-social behaviour and public nuisance in an area that is already evidenced to be problematic.

I have previously worked with the applicant throughout the consultation period for their first application which was submitted in 2024 and after a licensing hearing this application was refused. Sussex Police are aware the applicant has appealed this decision and are concerned that should be this second application be granted while the first application is in the appeal process, this would encourage a Judge to grant a second licence at appeal as the police concerns and crime data would be dismissed.

The applicant may have been trading during a day for a few months now, but they haven't traded along Queens Road, nor in Brighton during the Night time economy and seemed to have little understanding of the crime and disorder associated with this area. Security has since been offered when requested by the police, the applicant has not offered specific days and times themselves.

Sussex Police are also confused over what the applicant is applying for. I note on this application they are now applying for 03:00 every day which is an hour longer on a Sunday – Thursday than the first application.

The application also says they are a restaurant offering delivery services, but in Subsection A under section 18 of the application it states *"Also, will offer collection services for customers already existing in the city centre"*

During this Consultation period, Licensing Officer Hannah Staplehurst asked for clarification for what the applicant was applying for, and asked for clarity why this application had been submitted while an appeal is progressing with the first court hearing imminent.

Please find below part of the reply that was received

"My first application was not for take away. I confirmed many times that my shop is a restaurant and not a take away shop.

serving dine in , delivery and collection DOES NOT mean that it is a take away. all restaurants including Macdonalds and KFC are restaurants and they offer delivery and food collection services."

Sussex Police would disagree that during the first hearing the applicant stated he was applying for a restaurant as the applicant offered to have a hatch cut in the window at the front in order to pass food to customers waiting on the pavement. Which would possibly mean the tables and chair would have to be removed for this area.

Sussex Police would also disagree and would state that deliveries and collections are in fact take aways as the definition of a take away is where a customer buys food from a premises to be eaten elsewhere.

Sussex Police have little confidence in the applicant and fear should a licence be granted until 03:00 every day, Sussex Police could see an increase in crime and disorder as the applicant would not be able to operate knowledgeably.

Lastly there was issues raised around the Blue notice the applicant had to display as part of this application process. Licensing officer Hannah Staplehurst and PC Wade drove past on the 24th April 2025 and they are able to confirm that there was no Blue Notice on display and spent photos to the BHCC Licensing team. This further raise concerns in the confidence of the applicant to complete licensing conditions.

Although we are unable to support this application and are now seeking refusal for the second time, if the Licensing Panel are minded to grant this application at the hearing, Sussex Police have attached conditions and ask that these conditions are added to the Premises Licence, taking into account the request that the premises trades only for deliveries from Midnight. The conditions being offered unfortunately do not mitigate fully the risks should this premises trade until 03:00am. They go some way to reduce incidents occurring within the premises itself but there are no conditions that can address the risks once customers have departed. The risks of them becoming a victim of crime or them partaking in criminal activity is one that will need to be dealt with by the emergency services. Or if public nuisance issues occur, then this will be for the environmental officers to pick up.

Therefore, Sussex Police invite the Licensing Authority to seriously consider refusing this application.

- Attached proposed conditions.

Yours sincerely,

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Insp Ben Morrison
Ops Planning and Events (inc. Licensing)
Inspector Brighton & Hove Division
Sussex Police

Please address all future correspondence to Brighton & Hove Licensing Unit, Police Station, John Street, Brighton, BN2 0LA.

REP B Police Licensing - Station Grill, 62 Queens Road, Brighton Proposed Conditions

General

1. Authorised staff employed by Sussex Police in the role of licensing officer shall have the right of access to the licensed premises during hours of operation for the purpose of inspection of the premises and premises records in order to ensure the promotion of the licensing objectives.
2. The premises will operate as a restaurant until 23:59pm. From Midnight (00:00) until close the premises will be closed to customers (there will be no takeaways or eating in after that time), The premises door will be locked during these times and opened only to allow delivery persons to collect orders. and only deliveries will take place. Clear signage will be placed on the door to advising potential passing customers that the premises is closed.
3. All delivery orders shall be to a registered residential or business address. There shall be no deliveries to public/communal areas or open spaces.

Prevention of crime & disorder

4. Subject to GDPR guidance and legislation:
 - (a) Digital CCTV and appropriate recording equipment to be installed in accordance with Home Office Guidelines relating to UK Police Requirements for Digital CCTV System (PSDB Publication Number 09/05), operated and maintained throughout the premises internally and externally to cover all public areas, including the entrances/exits to the premises as well as any outside space. The system shall be on and recording at all times the premises licence is in operation.
 - (b) The CCTV cameras and recording equipment must be of sufficient quality to work in all lighting levels inside the premises at all times.
 - (c) CCTV footage will be stored for a minimum of 31 days
 - (d) The management will give full and immediate cooperation and technical assistance to the Police in the event that CCTV footage is required for the prevention and detection of suspected or alleged crime.
 - (e) The CCTV images will record and display dates and times, and these times will be checked regularly to ensure their accuracy.
 - (f) The management of the premises will ensure that key staff are fully trained in the operation of the CCTV, and will be able to download selected footage onto a disk (or other electronic portable device acceptable to Police e.g. USB) or provide footage via an online link as initiated by Police, without difficulty or delay and without charge.
 - (g) Any breakdown or system failure will be notified to the police immediately & remedied as soon as practicable - brighton.licensing@sussex.police.uk.
 - (h) In the event of the CCTV system hard drive being seized as evidence as part of a criminal investigation by Police or for any other reason, the premises will be expected to install a

replacement hard drive, or a temporary replacement drive as soon as practicable.

5. SIA licensed door supervisors shall be employed on any other occasions when a requirement is identified by the licence holder's written risk assessment or requested by Sussex Police in writing at least 48 hours in advance. The written risk assessment will be reviewed at least once every calendar year. The written risk assessment will take into account information or guidance offered by the police, and also taking into account busy periods such as Bank Holidays, Season Variations and other City Events e.g. Football, Pride, Music Events. The written risk assessment will be available on the premises for inspection by police and authorised officers of the Licensing Authority.
6. At all times the premises is open to the public, the management will contract the back up services of an approved mobile support unit (MSU) that operates at all times the premises is open to the public, with a minimum of 2 SIA registered Door Supervisors operating from it. A copy of the MSU contract will be retained at the premises and made available for immediate inspection upon request by Sussex Police or Council Officials. The MSU will be accredited by the Brighton Crime Reduction Partnership (BCRP) or other similar organisation approved by Sussex Police should the BCRP not be in existence.
7. The premises will become a member of the Brighton Crime Reduction Partnership or similar scheme approved by the Licensing Authority. The scheme must operate, subject to local coverage, radios and additionally an exclusion/banning scheme of named individuals within both the day and nighttime economy.
8. (a) An incident log will be maintained by the premises showing a detailed note of incidents that occur in the premises. The log will be inspected and signed off by a manager at least once a month.
(b) The logbook should be kept on the premises and be available for inspection at all times the premises are open by authorised officers of the Licensing Authority or the police. An incident will be defined as being one which involves an allegation of a criminal offence.

Any additional conditions offered up within the original application or agreed with any other responsible authority.

Public safety

Any additional conditions offered up within the original application or agreed with any other responsible authority.

Prevention of public nuisance

9. The management will ensure that delivery vehicles waiting or arriving to collect orders will be parked/waiting legally and not causing a public nuisance by way of obstructing the highway or footpaths.

Any additional conditions offered up within the original application or agreed with any other responsible authority.

Protection of children from harm

10. All staff will be trained in:

- Identifying persons who are vulnerable which could include but not limited to, their age or due to intoxication and or drugs as well as identifying potential perpetrators.
- Conflict management.

The operator will have a policy in place assisting staff in how to deal with such situations.

All training undertaken by staff members shall be fully documented and recorded. All training records shall be made available to Sussex Police, officers of the local authority and officers from the Trading Standards team upon request.

Further verbal reinforcement/refresher training covering the above will be carried out thereafter at intervals not to exceed 8 weeks, with the date and time of the verbal reinforcement/refresher training documented.

Any additional conditions offered up within the original application or agreed with any other responsible authority.

Appendix D

