



## **Licensing Sub Committee Hearing Panel**

Date: Tuesday, 30 May 2023

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: Council Antechamber, Level 2, Town Hall Extension

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**Councillors** - Grimshaw, Andrews and Evans

## Agenda

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**1. Urgent Business**

To consider any items which the Chair has agreed to have submitted as urgent.

**2. Appeals**

To consider any appeals from the public against refusal to allow inspection of background documents and/or the inclusion of items in the confidential part of the agenda.

**3. Interests**

To allow Members an opportunity to [a] declare any personal, prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interests they might have in any items which appear on this agenda; and [b] record any items from which they are precluded from voting as a result of Council Tax/Council rent arrears; [c] the existence and nature of party whipping arrangements in respect of any item to be considered at this meeting. Members with a personal interest should declare that at the start of the item under consideration. If Members also have a prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interest they must withdraw from the meeting during the consideration of the item.

**4. Application for a New Premises Licence - La Buka African Cuisine Ltd., 286-288 Moston Lane, Manchester, M40 9WB**

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The report of the Director of Planning, Building Control and Licensing is enclosed.

**5. Application for a Premises Licence Variation - Didsbury Sports Ground, Ford Lane, Manchester, M20 2RU**

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The report of the Director of Planning, Building Control and Licensing is enclosed.

## Information about the Committee

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**Manchester City Council  
Report for Resolution**

**Report to:** Licensing Subcommittee Hearing Panel – 30 May 2023

**Subject:** La Buka African Cuisine Ltd, 286-288 Moston Lane, M40 9WB  
- App ref: Premises Licence (new) 285871

**Report of:** Director of Planning, Building Control & Licensing

**Summary**

Application for the grant of a premises licence made under the Licensing Act 2003, which has attracted objections.

**Recommendations**

That the Panel determine the application.

**Wards Affected:** Moston

Manchester Strategy Outcomes	Summary of the contribution to the strategy
A thriving and sustainable City: supporting a diverse and distinctive economy that creates jobs and opportunities	Licensed premises provide a key role as an employer, in regeneration, and in attracting people to the city. The efficient processing of applications as well as effective decision making in respect of them, plays an essential role in enabling businesses to thrive and maximise contribution to the economy of the region and sub-region.
A highly skilled city: world class and home grown talent sustaining the city's economic success	An effective Licensing regime will enable growth in our City by supporting businesses who promote the Licensing Objectives.
A progressive and equitable city: making a positive contribution by unlocking the potential of our communities	The Licensing process provides for local residents and other interested parties to make representations in relation to licensing applications. Representations have to be directly related to the licensing objectives.
A liveable and low carbon city: a destination of choice to live, visit and work.	An effective licensing system supports and enables growth and employment in our City with neighbourhoods that provide

	amenities suitable to the surrounding communities.
A connected city: world class infrastructure and connectivity to drive growth	

**Full details are in the body of the report, along with any implications for:**

Equal Opportunities Policy  
Risk Management  
Legal Considerations

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### **Financial Consequences – Revenue**

None

### **Financial Consequences – Capital**

None

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### **Background documents (available for public inspection):**

- Manchester City Council Statement of Licensing Policy.
- Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.
- Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005.
- Any further documentary submissions by any party to the hearing.

## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 On 20/03/2023, an application for the grant of a Premises Licence under s17 of the Licensing Act 2003 was made in respect of La Buka African Cuisine Ltd, 286-288 Moston Lane, Manchester, M40 9WB in the Moston ward of Manchester. A location map and photograph of the premises is attached at **Appendix 1**.
- 1.2 A 28-day public consultation exercise was undertaken in accordance with Licensing Act 2003 regulations; requiring the application to be advertised by the displaying of a blue notice at or on the premises, a notice published in a newspaper or similar circulating in the local area, and details of the application published on the Council's website.
- 1.3 Representations may be made for or against an application during the consultation period. To be 'relevant' and, therefore, able to be taken into account in determining the application, they must be about the likely effect of the grant of the premises licence on the promotion of the licensing objectives. Where representations are made by persons who are not a responsible authority, they must not be frivolous or vexatious.
- 1.4 Relevant representations have been received in respect of this application and so it must be determined by a Licensing Hearing Panel in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

## 2. The Application

- 2.1 A copy of the application is attached at **Appendix 2**.
- 2.2 The applicant is Fatai Babajide Ajose.
- 2.3 The description of the premises given by the applicant is

“Downstairs is a restaurant with bar area. We have two rooms upstairs available for whoever wants to have club, society or group meetings on weekends within our opening hours. The other room is meant for an office and storage.

The premises is bordered on the right by a hair salon and on the left by an office. We have two entrances for customer use, and also an extra door which is a fire exit.

No licensable activities will take place in the upstairs rooms – customers will buy drinks downstairs, and any music will be background music only.”

- 2.4 The proposed designated premises supervisor is Mr Folorunso Samuel Oni.
- 2.5 **The licensable activities applied for:**
- Provision of regulated entertainment (anything of a similar description to live music, recorded music or performances of dance) – indoors only: Mon to Sun 2pm to 11pm

- The supply of alcohol for consumption both on and off the premises:  
Mon to Sun 2pm to 11pm
- Opening hours:  
Mon to Sun 2pm to 11pm

2.5.1 In accordance with the Live Music Act 2012 and Deregulation Act 2015, performances of Live Music and Recorded Music between the hours of 0800 and 2300 hours have been deregulated and so should not be regarded as licensable activities for the purposes of this application.

2.5.2 Any further details provided relating to any of the individual licensable activities are specified on the application form at **Appendix 2**.

## 2.6 **Activities unsuitable for children**

2.6.1 The applicant has not highlighted any adult entertainment or services, activities, other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children.

## 2.7 **Steps to promote the licensing objectives**

2.7.1 The applicant proposes to promote the licensing objectives by taking the steps identified in the operating schedule.

2.7.2 These steps must be translated into conditions by the licensing authority to be included in any granted premises licence, unless the conditions are modified by the Panel following consideration of relevant representations. These conditions are set out in the Schedule of Conditions at **Appendix 4**.

## 2.8 **Further documentation accompanying the application**

2.8.1 The applicant has submitted the following document in support of their application, which are included with the application form at **Appendix 2**:

- Document of conditions and other information: in addition to proposing conditions, this document gives additional information about the application, and the procedures and practices to be followed. The full document was circulated with the consultation emails sent out by this office.

## 3. **Relevant Representations**

3.1 A total of 6 relevant representations were received in respect of the application (**Appendix 3**). The personal details of all members of the public have been redacted. Original copies of these representations will be available to the Panel at the hearing.

### Responsible Authorities:

- Greater Manchester Police;
- MCC Licensing and Out of Hours Compliance Team;
- MCC Trading Standards
- Manchester City Council Neighbourhood Delivery Team

Other Persons:

- Ward Councillor x 2

## 3.2 Summary of the representations:

Party	Grounds of representation	Recommends
<b>GMP</b>	<p>GMP are concerned that the applicant has very limited understanding of the 4 licensing objectives and that little thought has gone into the application, as the conditions proposed appear to have been directly copied from those on another licence.</p> <p>GMP are also concerned that the applicant has seen fit to propose conditions regarding the performance of nudity and striptease when the application states that there will be no relevant entertainment and is described as a restaurant.</p>	Refuse
<b>Licensing and Out of Hours Compliance (LOOH)</b>	<p>LOOH comment on the nature of the area and the proximity to residential accommodation. Grant of this application could lead to issues of public nuisance.</p> <p>This detailed representation raises many questions over the application, and comments that “it lacks consistency, does not make clear the intended use of the premises”, and does not state how it will promote the licensing objectives.</p> <p>The representation submits that there are a large number of discrepancies in the application: for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why would a restaurant choose to play “exit music” at reduced volume, with lights turned up and dispersal measures in place? Why would there be a need for a “designated queuing area”, enclosed with barriers?</li> <li>• Conditions offered suggest that large numbers of people will arrive at the same time, necessitating SIA management, including searches for drugs and weapons. This further undermines confidence that the premises intends to operate predominantly as a restaurant.</li> </ul> <p>Further concerns are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That “nudity and striptease” and it’s advertising are mentioned in the application with no measures offered, except not being seen from</li> </ul>	Refuse

	<p>outside.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The application requests off-sales of alcohol but has not addressed how this will not undermine the licensing objectives in an area which already a high level of litter and some street drinking.</li> <li>• Reference to the use of a garden/ outside seating area which does not appear on the premises plan.</li> </ul> <p>The representation concludes that the “operating schedule provides no confidence that the licensing objectives will be upheld”. It is likely to have “a negative impact on the local community”</p>	
<p><b>Neighbourhood Delivery Team (NDT)</b></p>	<p>This representation describes the surrounding area as one with a mix of residential, commercial and community properties. Grant of this licence could lead to issues of public nuisance.</p> <p>The representation comments that, despite the detail in the operating schedule, “a number of the conditions offered are contradicted by other conditions, some contravene other legislation, and some are missing some key details and not enforceable.” One example is the reference made to smoking “generally” not being allowed on the premises.</p> <p>Another point of confusion is that the operating schedule makes reference to a side entrance to the premises. Given the premises’ location in the middle of a block of properties, it is not clear how the premises could have a side entrance. If the reference refers to the rear entrance, this “would cause an influx of noise related complaints through its day-to-day operation.”</p> <p>The application makes mention of nudity and striptease, but does not mention any control measures, or the number of such events to take place, as would be expected. Such entertainment is considered “wholly inappropriate” in this residential setting. The Councils Sex Establishment Policy Document is referred at this part of the representation.</p> <p>The mention of rooms available for hire raises concerns about the number of people who could be on the premises, potentially leading to</p>	<p>Refuse</p>

	<p>disorder.</p> <p>The NDT conclude that they “have no confidence in the management to operate under the proposed application” and request refusal.</p>	
<b>Trading Standards</b>	<p>This representation considers that the proposals in the application will not uphold the licensing objectives, specifically the protection of children from harm. Three conditions are proposed which relate to:</p> <p>operation of the Challenge 25 Scheme;</p> <p>Signage to be displayed regarding Challenge 25 and selling alcohol to children by proxy; and</p> <p>checks required to be made, both inside and outside, for underage persons encouraging adults to buy alcohol for them.</p>	Not stated
<b>Ward Councillors</b>	<p>The two representations received from ward councillors both forward on the representation received from the North NDT and state their total support for the points made in it.</p>	

3.3 The conditions proposed by Trading Standards are included in full in the Schedule of Conditions at **Appendix 4**.

3.4 No agreements on these conditions have been reached at the time of publication of these papers.

#### 4. **Key Policies and Considerations**

##### 4.1 **Legal Considerations**

4.1.1 Hearings under the Licensing Act 2003 operate under the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005.

##### 4.2 **New Information**

4.2.1 In accordance with Regulation 18 of the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005, the authority may take into account documentary or other information produced by a party in support of their application, representations or notice either before the hearing or, with the consent of all parties, at the hearing.

##### 4.3 **Hearsay Evidence**

4.3.1 The Panel may accept hearsay evidence and it will be a matter for the Panel to attach what weight to it that they consider appropriate. Hearsay evidence is evidence of something that a witness neither saw nor heard, but has heard or read about.

#### 4.4 **The Secretary of State's Guidance to the Licensing Act 2003**

- 4.4.1 The Secretary of State's Guidance to the Licensing Act 2003 is provided for all parties involved in licensing. It is a key medium for promoting best practice, ensuring consistent application of licensing powers across England and Wales and for promoting fairness, equal treatment and proportionality.
- 4.4.2 Section 4 of the 2003 Act provides that, in carrying out its functions, a licensing authority must 'have regard to' guidance issued by the Secretary of State under section 182. The Guidance is therefore binding on all licensing authorities to that extent. However, the Guidance cannot anticipate every possible scenario or set of circumstances that may arise and, as long as licensing authorities have properly understood this Guidance, they may depart from it if they have good reason to do so and can provide full reasons.
- 4.4.3 Departure from the Guidance could give rise to an appeal or judicial review, and the reasons given will then be a key consideration for the courts when considering the lawfulness and merits of any decision taken.

#### 4.5 **Manchester Statement of Licensing Policy**

- 4.5.1 Section 4 of the 2003 Act provides that, in carrying out its functions, a licensing authority must 'have regard to' its statement of licensing policy.
- 4.5.2 The Licensing Policy sets out the vision the licensing authority has for the regulation of licensed premises throughout Manchester and outlines the standards expected in order to ensure the promotion of the licensing objectives in the city. The Panel may depart from the policies should it consider doing so would benefit the promotion of the licensing objectives. Reasons are to be given for any such departure from the Policy.
- 4.5.3 Section 4 of the Policy (Operation of the Policy) sets out how the Licensing Policy is intended to be used in practice for licence applications and licensed premises.
- 4.5.4 Relevant to this application and the grounds of the representations made, the Panel are recommended to have regard to the following sections of the Policy:

##### ***Section 6: What we aim to encourage***

This section identifies certain types of venues and initiatives the licensing authority aims to encourage in order to promote an inclusive evening and night-time economy not simply focused on the consumption of alcohol. We aim to encourage:

- Premises that will extend the diversity of entertainment and attract a wider range of participants
- Live music, especially original material, which will provide a range of live performances and styles of music, provided that such entertainment does not undermine the licensing objectives
- National cultural institutions, global sports events and cultural festivals
- Non-drink-led premises, including restaurants, cafes, theatres and cinemas



- Communication and integration with local residents and businesses through licensees consulting with those in the local area prior to an application
- Participation in Pubwatches, off licence forums and other crime-reduction partnerships
- Engagement with the NITENET radio scheme and DISC secure information sharing platform by city centre venues through the Cityco Manchester Business Crime Reduction Partnership
- Designing out crime in the layout of the premises

### **Section 7: Local factors**

This section sets out key issues that applicants are expected to take into account relevant to the individual characteristics of the premises when preparing their operating schedule and address any local factors relevant to their premises.

Having regard to the grounds of the representations made, the Panel are recommended to have regard to the following Factors:

- Identified risk factors specific to the licensed premises
- Evidence of pre-existing problems in the area
- Consistency with relevant Council strategies
- The proximity of the premises to local residents and other local businesses, particularly in relation to the potential for nuisance
- Ability to clean and maintain the street scene

### **Section 8: Manchester's standards to promote the licensing objectives**

This section identifies the standards that the licensing authority expects of licensed premises in Manchester. It is recognised that not all standards will be appropriate to apply in every situation to every premises, and applicants are not obliged to include all standards in their operating schedule. The degree to which standards would be appropriate is expected to be proportionate to the risk posed against the promotion of the licensing objectives having regard to the individual circumstances of the premises. The standards are not exhaustive and the licensing authority will have regard to any relevant issues raised in any representation that may fall outside them.

- MS1 Implement effective security measures at the premises
- MS2 Effective general management of the premises
- MS3 Responsible promotion and sale of alcohol
- MS5 Prevent on-street consumption of alcohol
- MS7 Maintain a safe capacity
- MS8 Prevent noise nuisance from the premises
- MS9 Effectively manage exterior spaces (e.g. beer gardens, smoking areas, table and chair areas on the highway)
- MS10 Operate effective cleansing arrangements, including ensuring the premises and surrounding area are kept clean and free of litter, and adequate arrangements for the secure and responsible storage of refuse
- MS11 Ensure the wellbeing of children on the premises
- MS12 Prevent underage sales of alcohol, including proxy sales

**Section 10: Adult entertainment (including striptease, nudity and other entertainment of a sexual nature)**

This section sets out specific considerations in respect of applications to provide adult entertainment, including entertainment of a sexual nature e.g. nudity, striptease and lap dancing.

**5. Conclusion**

- 5.1 A licensing authority must carry out its functions under this Act (“licensing functions”) with a view to promoting the licensing objectives:
- the prevention of crime and disorder
  - public safety;
  - the prevention of public nuisance; and
  - the protection of children from harm.
- 5.2 In considering the matter, the Panel should take into account any representations or objections that have been received from responsible authorities or other persons, and representations made by the applicant or premises user as the case may be. In reaching the decision, regard must also be had to relevant provisions of the national guidance and the Council’s licensing policy statement.
- 5.3 Having regard to the representations, the Panel must take such of the steps set out below that it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives:
- a) To grant the licence subject to:
    - i. the conditions consistent with the operating schedule accompanying the application, which the Panel may modify to such extent as they consider appropriate, and
    - ii. any mandatory conditions that must be included in the licence;
  - b) To exclude from the scope of the licence any of the licensable activities to which the application relates;
  - c) To refuse to specify the person proposed in the application as the designated premises supervisor;
  - d) To reject the application.
- 5.4 The conditions consistent with the operating schedule may be modified to alter or omit any of them or to add any new condition, including restricting the times at which licensable activities authorised by the licence can take place.
- 5.5 All licensing determinations should be considered on the individual merits of the application.
- 5.6 The Panel’s determination should be evidence-based, justified as being appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives and proportionate to what it is intended to achieve. Findings on any issues of fact should be on the balance of probability.

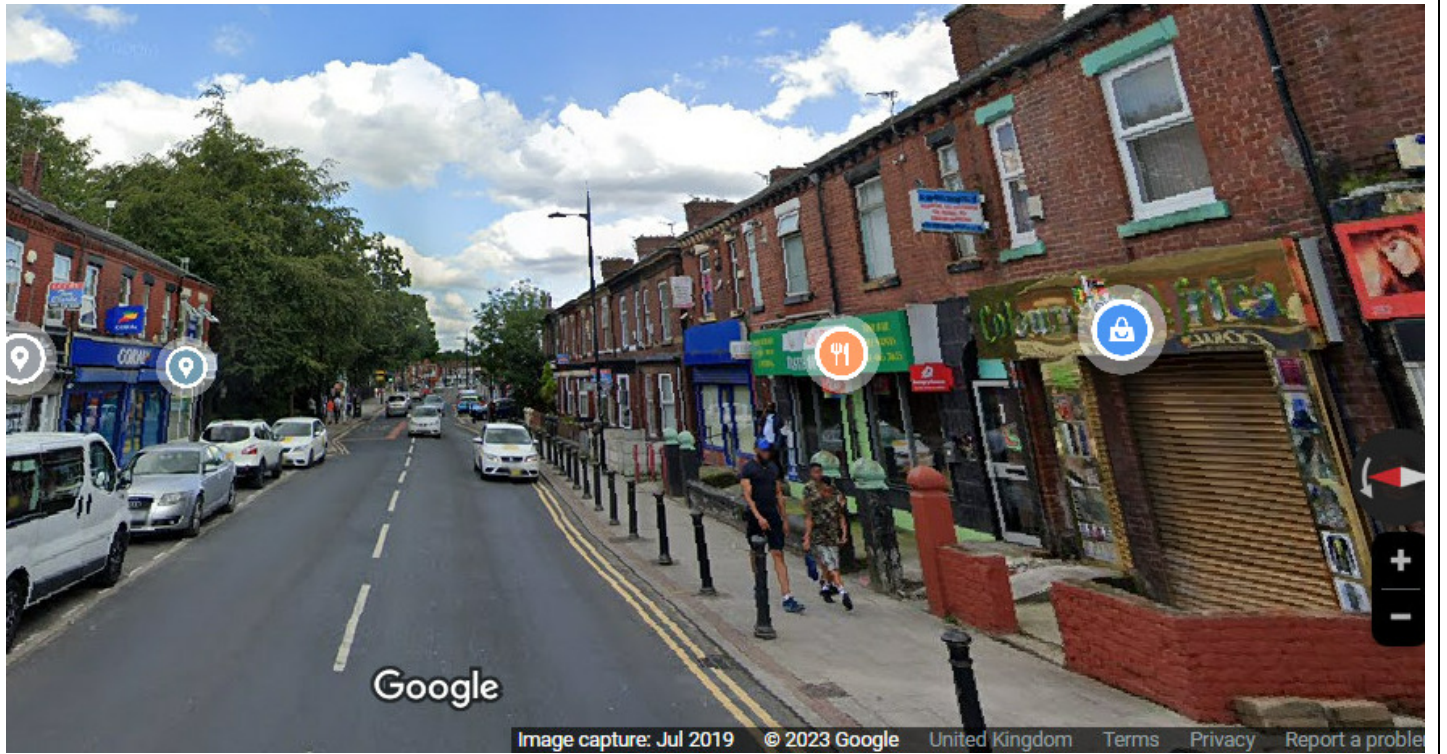
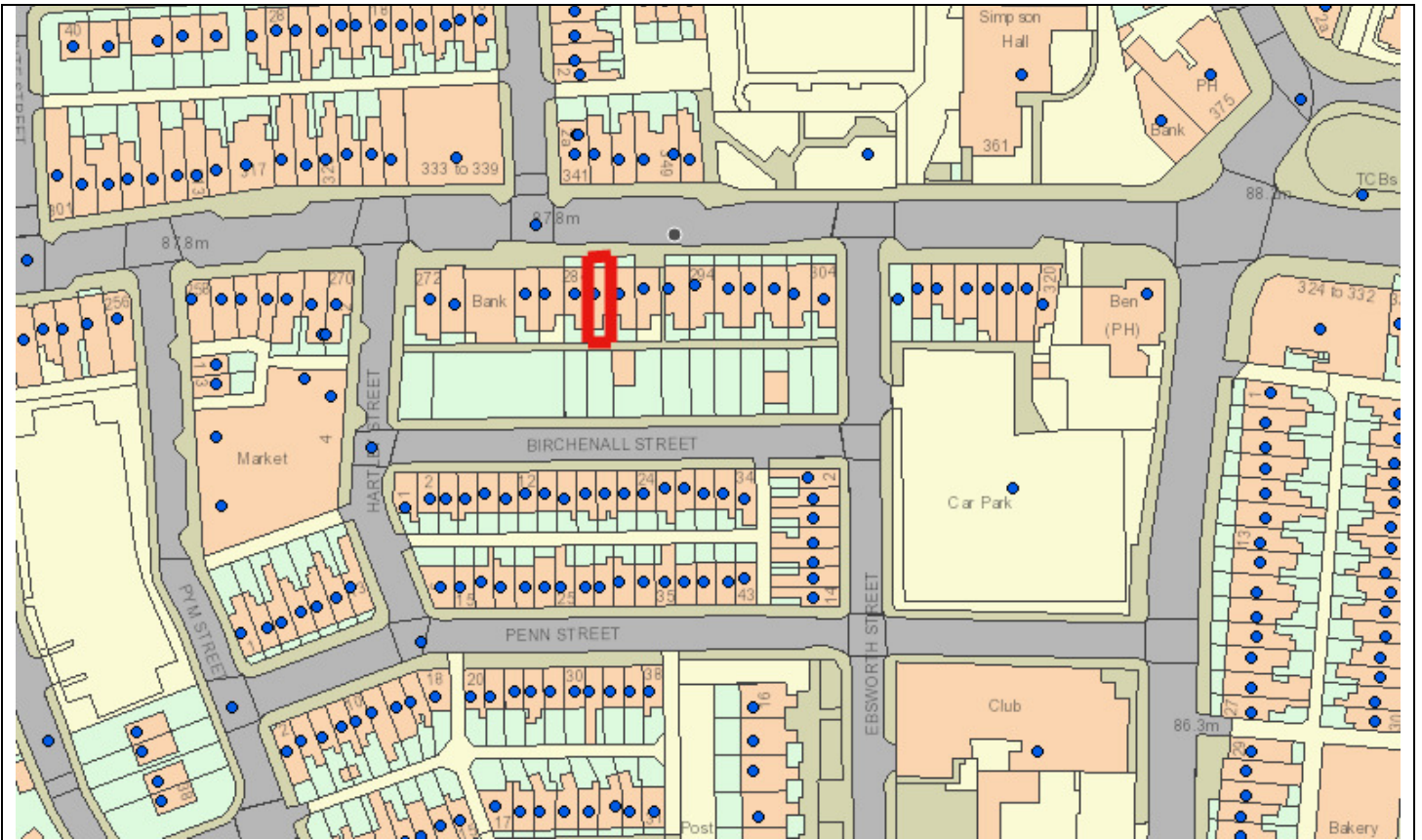
5.7 It is important that a licensing authority should give comprehensive reasons for its decisions in anticipation of any appeals. Failure to give adequate reasons could itself give rise to grounds for an appeal.

5.8 **The Panel is asked to determine the application**

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 286-288 Moston Lane, Manchester, M40 9WB  
 Premises Licensing  
 Manchester City Council

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<b>PREMISE NAME:</b>	La Buka African Cuisine Ltd
<b>PREMISE ADDRESS:</b>	286-288 Moston Lane, Manchester, M40 9WB
<b>WARD:</b>	Moston
<b>HEARING DATE:</b>	30/05/2023





## Application for a premises licence to be granted 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. 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 written in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary.

You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

I/We MR. FATAI BABAJIDE AJOSE

*(Insert name(s) of applicant)*

apply for a premises licence under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below (the premises) and I/we are making this application to you as the relevant licensing authority in accordance with section 12 of the Licensing Act 2003

### Part 1 – Premises details

Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description <b>286 MOSTON LANE MOSTON</b>			
Post town	MANCHESTER	Postcode	M40 9WB

Telephone number at premises (if any)	<b>01614653635</b>
Non-domestic rateable value of premises	<b>£ 13,500</b>

### Part 2 - Applicant details

Please state whether you are applying for a premises licence as **appropriate** **Please tick as**

a)	an individual or individuals *	X	please complete section (A)
b)	a person other than an individual *		
	i as a limited company/limited liability partnership		please complete section (B)
	ii as a partnership (other than limited liability)		please complete section (B)
	iii as an unincorporated association or		please complete section (B)
	iv other (for example a statutory corporation)		please complete section (B)





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**Second individual applicant (if applicable)****NOT APPLICABLE**

Mr	Mrs	Miss	Ms	Other Title (for example, Rev)	
<b>Surname</b>			<b>First names</b>		
<b>Date of birth or over</b>		I am 18 years old		Please tick yes	
<b>Nationality</b>					
Current residential address if different from premises address					
Post town				Postcode	
<b>Daytime contact telephone number</b>					
<b>E-mail address (optional)</b>					
Where applicable (if demonstrating a right to work via the Home Office online right to work checking service), the 'share code' provided to the applicant by that service: (please see note 15 for information)					

**(B) Other applicants**

Please provide name and registered address of applicant in full. Where appropriate please give any registered number. In the case of a partnership or other joint venture (other than a body corporate), please give the name and address of each party concerned.

Name
Address

Registered number (where applicable)
Description of applicant (for example, partnership, company, unincorporated association etc.)
Telephone number (if any)
E-mail address (optional)

**Part 3 Operating Schedule**

When do you want the premises licence to start?

DD	MM	YYYY
0	1	0 5 2 0 2 3

If you wish the licence to be valid only for a limited period, when do you want it to end?

DD	MM	YYYY

Please give a general description of the premises (please read guidance note 1)  
 DOWNSTAIRS IS A RESTAURANT WITH BAR AREA. WE HAVE A 2 ROOMS  
 UPTAIRS AVAILABLE FOR WHOEVER WANTS TO HAVE CLUB, SOCIETY OR  
 GROUP MEETINGS ON WEEKENDS WITHIN OUR OPENING HOURS. THE  
 OTHER ROOM IS MEANT FOR AN OFFICE AND STORAGE.  
 THE PREMISES IS BORDERED ON THE RIGHT BY HAIR SALOON AND ON THE  
 LEFT BY AN OGGICE.  
 WE HAVE TWO ENTRANCES FOR CUSTOMERS USAGE AND ALSO AN EXTRA  
 DOOR FOR FIRE EXIT.

The only upstairs rooms that will be used by customers are the rooms marked  
 Meeting Room and Office. No licensable activities will take place there: Customers  
 will buy drinks downstairs, and any music will be background music only

If 5,000 or more people are expected to attend the premises at any one time, please state the number expected to attend.

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What licensable activities do you intend to carry on from the premises?

(please see sections 1 and 14 and Schedules 1 and 2 to the Licensing Act 2003)

Provision of regulated entertainment (please read guidance note 2)	Please tick all that apply
a) plays (if ticking yes, fill in box A)	
b) films (if ticking yes, fill in box B)	
c) indoor sporting events (if ticking yes, fill in box C)	
d) boxing or wrestling entertainment (if ticking yes, fill in box D)	

e)	live music (if ticking yes, fill in box E)	YES
f)	recorded music (if ticking yes, fill in box F)	YES
g)	performances of dance (if ticking yes, fill in box G)	
h)	anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) (if ticking yes, fill in box H)	YES

<b><u>Provision of late night refreshment</u></b> (if ticking yes, fill in box I)	
<b><u>Supply of alcohol</u></b> (if ticking yes, fill in box J)	YES

In all cases complete boxes K, L and M

**A**

NOT APPLICABLE

Plays Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Will the performance of a play take place <u>indoors or outdoors or both</u> – please <u>tick</u> (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	
Day	Start	Finish		Outdoors	
Mon			<b>Please give further details here</b> (please read guidance note 4)	Both	
Tue					
Wed			<b>State any seasonal variations for performing plays</b> (please read guidance note 5)		
Thur					
Fri			<b>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of plays at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</b> (please read guidance note 6)		
Sat					
Sun					

**B**

NOT APPLICABLE

Films Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			<u>Will the exhibition of films take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors		
Day	Start	Finish		Outdoors		
Mon				<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 4)		
Tue						
Wed			<u>State any seasonal variations for the exhibition of films</u> (please read guidance note 5)			
Thur						
Fri			<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the exhibition of films at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 6)			
Sat						
Sun						





**D**

**NOT APPLICABLE**

<b>Boxing or wrestling entertainments</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			<b><u>Will the boxing or wrestling entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u></b> (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	
				Outdoors	
				Both	
<b>Day</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>Finish</b>			
Mon			<b><u>Please give further details here</u></b> (please read guidance note 4)		
Tue					
Wed			<b><u>State any seasonal variations for boxing or wrestling entertainment</u></b> (please read guidance note 5)		
Thur					
Fri			<b><u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for boxing or wrestling entertainment at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u></b> (please read guidance note 6)		
Sat					
Sun					

## E

Live music Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			<b><u>Will the performance of live music take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u></b> (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	X
Day	Start	Finis h		Outdoors	
				Both	
Mon	14.00	23.00	<b><u>Please give further details here</u></b> (please read guidance note 4)		
Tue	14.00	23.00			
Wed	14.00	23.00	<b><u>State any seasonal variations for the performance of live music</u></b> (please read guidance note 5)		
Thur	14.00	23.00			
Fri	14.00	23.00	<b><u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of live music at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u></b> (please read guidance note 6)		
Sat	14.00	23.00			
Sun	14.00	23.00			



## F

Recorded music Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			<u>Will the playing of recorded music take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	X
Day	Start	Finis h		Outdoors	
				Both	
Mon	14.00	23.00	<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 4)		
Tue	14.00	23.00			
Wed	14.00	23.00	<u>State any seasonal variations for the playing of recorded music</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Thur	14.00	23.00			
Fri	14.00	23.00	<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the playing of recorded music at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 6)		
Sat	14.00	23.00			
Sun	14.00	23.00			

**G**

**NOT APPLICABLE**

Performances of dance Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Will the performance of dance take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	
				Outdoors	
Day	Start	Finish		Both	
Mon	-----	-----		<b>Please give further details here</b> (please read guidance note 4)	
Tue	-----	-----			
Wed	-----	-----	<b>State any seasonal variations for the performance of dance</b> (please read guidance note 5)		
Thur	-----	-----			
Fri	-----	-----	<b>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of dance at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</b> (please read guidance note 6)		
Sat	-----	-----			
Sun	-----	-----			

## H

<b>Anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g)</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Please give a description of the type of entertainment you will be providing LISTENING TO SOFT MUSIC WHILE EATING AND DRINKING		
Day	Start	Finish	<b><u>Will this entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u></b> (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	X
Mon	14.00	23.00		Outdoors	
				Both	
Tue	14.00	23.00	<b><u>Please give further details here</u></b> (please read guidance note 4) ANYTHING OF A SIMILAR DESCRIPTION TO LIVE MUSIC AND RECORDED MUSIC WHICH IS RESTRICTED ONLY TO INDOORS.		
Wed	14.00	23.00			
Thur	14.00	23.00	<b><u>State any seasonal variations for entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g)</u></b> (please read guidance note 5) NONE		
Fri	14.00	23.00			
Sat	14.00	23.00	<b><u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u></b> (please read guidance note 6) NONE		
Sun	14.00	23.00			

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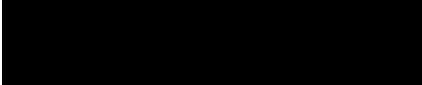
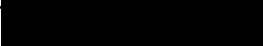
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<b>Late night refreshment</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Will the provision of late night refreshment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	
				Outdoors	
				Both	
Day	Start	Finish			
Mon			<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 4)		
Tue					
Wed			<u>State any seasonal variations for the provision of late night refreshment</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Thur					
Fri			<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the provision of late night refreshment at different times, to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 6)		
Sat					
Sun					

J

Supply of alcohol Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Will the supply of alcohol be for <u>consumption – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 8)	On the premises	
Day	Start	Finis h		Off the premises	
				Both	X
Mon	14.00	23.00	<b>State any seasonal variations for the supply of alcohol</b> (please read guidance note 5)  NOT APPLICABLE		
Tue	14.00	23.00			
Wed	14.00	23.00			
Thur	14.00	23.00	<b>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the supply of alcohol at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</b> (please read guidance note 6) NOT APPLICABLE		
Fri	14.00	23.00			
Sat	14.00	23.00			
Sun	14.00	23.00			

State the name and details of the individual whom you wish to specify on the licence as designated premises supervisor (Please see declaration about the entitlement to work in the checklist at the end of the form):

Name	MR. FOLORUNSO SAMUEL ONI
Date of birth	
Address	
Postcode	
Personal licence number (if known)	PA3058
Issuing licensing authority (if known)	OLDHAM COUNCIL



**K**

**Please highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children (please read guidance note 9).**

NOT APPLICABLE

**L**

<b>Hours premises are open to the public</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			<b>State any seasonal variations</b> (please read guidance note 5)
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon	14.00	23.00	
Tue	14.00	23.00	
Wed	14.00	23.00	
Thur	14.00	23.00	
Fri	14.00	23.00	
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**M**

The applicant has submitted an operating schedule which is attached at the end of this document. HH

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

**a) General – all four licensing objectives (b, c, d and e) (please read guidance note 10)**

WE WILL COMPLY WITH THE EXISTING HEALTH AND FIRE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS OF THE LAW.

(ALSO REFER TO THE ATTACHED PROPOSAL).

**b) The prevention of crime and disorder**

WE WILL TAKE ANY NECESSARY STEPS TO AVOID AND PREVENT CRIME AND DISORDER BY

1. INSTALLING CCTV
2. PROVIDE S.R.A. LICENSED SECURITY AT ALL EVENTS.
3. REPORT TO THE POLICE ANY ACT OF ASBO OR CRIME WITHIN OR AROUND THE PREMISES.
4. (ALSO REFER TO THE ATTACHED PROPOSAL)

**c) Public safety**

1. NO OVERCROWDING
2. WE ALSO HAVE FIRE ESCAPE DOORS AND FIRE EQUIPMENTS INSTALLED.

(ALSO REFER TO THE ATTACHED PROPOSAL).

**d) The prevention of public nuisance**

1. DETAILS OF THE NEAREST CAR PARK WILL BE DISPLAYED
2. NOTICES ADVISING CUSTOMERS NOT TO PARK IN RESIDENTS DRIVEWAY AND NOT TO BLOCK THE ROAD.
3. KEEP ALL RUBBISH & BINS AT REAR OF PREMISES.
4. KEEP ALL WINDOWS CLOSED
5. INSTALL SOUND LIMITER
6. A REMINDER NOTICE ADVISING CUSTOMERS TO LEAVE QUIETLY.
7. DISCOURAGE PATRONS FROM LOITERING OUTSIDE PREMISES.

**e) The protection of children from harm**

1. CHILD MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY RESPONSIBLE ADULT
2. NO CHILDREN ALLOWED AFTER 9PM
3. NOTICES ADVISING CUSTOMERS WHEN THEY ARE ALLOWED IN THE PREMISES.
4. CHECKS ON AGE VERIFICATION AND NO CHILD PERFORMER.
5. NO EVENTS SOLELY FOR THOSE UNDER 18

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**Checklist:**

Please tick to indicate agreement

•	I have made or enclosed payment of the fee.	X
•	I have enclosed the plan of the premises.	X
•	I have sent copies of this application and the plan to responsible authorities and others where applicable.	X
•	I have enclosed the consent form completed by the individual I wish to be designated premises supervisor, if applicable.	X
•	I understand that I must now advertise my application.	X
•	I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected.	X
•	[Applicable to all individual applicants, including those in a partnership which is not a limited liability partnership, but not companies or limited liability partnerships] I have included documents demonstrating my entitlement to work in the United Kingdom or my share code issued by the Home Office online right to work checking service (please read note 15).	

It is an offence, under Section 158 of the Licensing Act 2003, to make a false statement in or in connection with this application. Those who make a false statement may be liable on summary conviction to a fine of any amount.


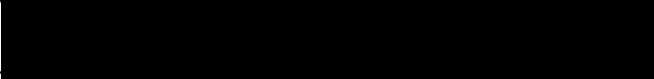
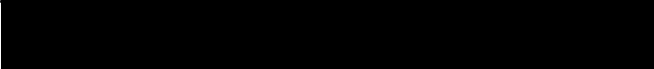
It is an offence under Section 24b of the Immigration Act 1971 for a person to work when they know, or have reasonable cause to believe, that they are disqualified from doing so by reason of their immigration status. Those who employ an adult without leave or who is subject to conditions as to employment will be liable to a civil penalty under section 15 of the Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 and pursuant to Section 21 of the same act, will be committing an offence where they do so in the knowledge, or with reasonable cause to believe, that the employee is disqualified.

**Part 4 – Signatures** (please read guidance note 11)

**Signature of applicant or applicant’s solicitor or other duly authorised agent** (see guidance note 12). **If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity.**

<b>Declaration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [Applicable to individual applicants only, including those in a partnership which is not a limited liability partnership] I understand I am not entitled to be issued with a licence if I do not have the entitlement to live and work in the UK (or if I am subject to a condition preventing me from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity) and that my licence will become invalid if I cease to be entitled to live and work in</li> </ul>
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	<p>the UK (please read guidance note 15).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The DPS named in this application form is entitled to work in the UK (and is not subject to conditions preventing him or her from doing work relating to a licensable activity) and I have seen a copy of his or her proof of entitlement to work, or have conducted an online right to work check using the Home Office online right to work checking service which confirmed their right to work (please see note 15)</li> </ul>
Signature	
Date	
Capacity	

**For joint applications, signature of 2<sup>nd</sup> applicant or 2<sup>nd</sup> applicant’s solicitor or other authorised agent (please read guidance note 13). If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity.**

Signature	
Date	
Capacity	

Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 14)			
Post town		Postcode	
Telephone number (if any)			
If you would prefer us to correspond with you by e-mail, your e-mail address (optional)			

**Notes for Guidance**

## LABUKA MANCHESTER LIMITED

### **Proposed Conditions**

Moston lane where Labuka African Manchester Limited is situated is highly known for crime and drink related crime. Although from statistic, since the influx of ethnically diverse communities moved into the neighbourhood the rate of crime as decreased but not eliminated.

Knowing, how expensive policing can be and the need to maintain community cohesion, we are determined to ensure that our presence would not lead to an increase in rate of crime, noise, noxious smells, or litter coming from the premises which will amount to a public nuisance.

A direct telephone number for the manager of the premises shall be publicly available at all times the premises are open. The number would be conspicuously pasted.

Periodically, local residents shall be invited to quarterly residents' meetings held by the premises licence holder to resolve any problems associated with the carrying on of licensable activities at the premises. The minutes of the meeting and any action to be taken shall be lodged with the Council's Licensing Unit by the premises licence holder within seven days of the meeting.

I as the premises licence holder is fully aware of my responsibilities as an upright member of the community and under a range of health and safety related legislation and we have appropriate policies and procedures in place and are confident of complying with the relevant obligations which may arise. The protection of children from harm is of priority and the premises will operate a Think 25 policy.

The maximum occupancy of the building at any one time will be restricted to 40 people as written in our report and when it reaches such capacity, no further admission into the premises will be allowed and we would make sure we have enough SIA licensed security to control the crowd, a female SIA license holder must be included.

We are only not going to encourage noisy arguments, playing of loud music, defecating, or urinating outside but will effectively put measures in place to ensure that our licensed SIA operatives enforce the policies accordingly.

We have deliberately sought for application for a License that does not exceed beyond 23:00 hours daily so as to not risk harm to the Licensing objectives.

We intend to abide by the mandatory conditions which the Licensing Act 2002 requires.

### **Standards of management**

We will endeavour to maintain the highest standards of management in our licensed premises and expects this to be demonstrated through the operating schedule.

### **Pub watch and shop watch**

We also aim to join voluntary schemes such as Pubwatch and Shopwatch to help promote safer environment for the sale and consumption of alcohol.

## Closing procedures

We would like to make effective use of 'wind down' procedures when closing for the day.

1. We stop selling alcohol from 22:30 daily
2. Exit music will be played at a reduced volume.
3. Light turned up.
4. Customers would be advised on available onward transport options, including dedicated taxi services.
5. Most importantly, staffs would be at the door to ensure that customers leave in an orderly manner and prevented from re-entry.

## Illegal working

- We will not for any reason whatsoever employ or encourage illegal working within the premises.

There is a detailed training programme which ensures that comprehensive training is provided to employees having regard to their role and the responsibilities and such training is regularly reviewed, and appropriate records kept.

***We will ensure that we have a "good neighbour" policy which seeks to ensure that the premises play an active part in the local community especially the protection of children from harm***

## ENFORCEABLE CONDITIONS

### THE PREVENTION OF CRIME AND DISORDER

1. We will be correctly registered with the Security Industry Authority SIA
2. Any Security personnel will display the correct name/Identification Badge and SIA license at all times
3. A female door supervisor will be available if searches are to be conducted on female customers.
4. A door supervisors Register will be kept and includes names, dates and times of the persons employed in such capacity.
5. All staff engaged outside the entrance to the premises, or supervising or controlling queues, shall wear high-visibility jacket and armband.
6. When the premises are carrying on licensable activities after 19:00 hours, at least one registered door supervisor will be on duty at each door used for entry or exit this is applicable if we have special events and the premises is at its capacity of 40 people.
7. A CCTV system has been installed and its recordings will be maintained for an appropriate period of time acceptable to the law.
8. A notice will be displayed at the entrance to the premises advising that CCTV is in operation.
9. Alcohol and soft drinks will be served in plastics or toughened glasses. Where glass bottles are to be used the contents will be decanted into plastic or toughened glasses where it is not intended that the contents are to be consumed direct from the bottle.

10. Customers carrying open or sealed bottles or glasses will not be admitted to the premises at all times.
11. All bottles and glasses are to be removed from the public areas as soon as the contents have been drunk or are empty.
12. Bottle bins for collection of empty bottles will not be accessible to members of the public.
13. We have a capacity limit of 40 to prevent overcrowding which could lead to crime and disorder
14. Door Supervisor will ensure that the capacity limits are not exceeded. At all times.

### **CCTV SYSTEM**

**The premises shall install and maintain a comprehensive digital colour CCTV system. All public areas of the licensed premises, including all public entry and exit points and the street environment will be covered, enabling facial identification of every person entering in any light condition.**

**The CCTV cameras shall continually record whilst the premises are open to the public and recording shall be kept available and unedited for a minimum of 28 days with the date and time stamping. A staff member who is conversant with the operation of the CCTV system shall be present on the premises at all times when they are open to the public and must be able to produce / download / burn CCTV images upon request by a police officer or an authorised officer of the licensing authority.**

**Any footage will be in a format so it can be played back on a standard personal computer or standard DVD player. Where the recording is on a removable medium (i.e. compact disc, flash card etc.), a secure storage system to store those recording mediums shall be provided.**

### **PROOF OF AGE**

15. We will have a proof of age policy that has been formulated in and around the premises.

### **DRUGS**

16. We will have anti-drugs policy pasted within the premises and Police will be informed of all seizures of controlled drugs

### **NOTICES**

17. Crime prevention notices will be displayed warning customers of the possibility of crime which may target them.e.g. **“Bags should not be left unattended” “Watch out for pickpockets”**
18. A detailed **Customer Code of Conduct** poster will be conspicuously displayed warning customers that if they act in an inappropriate manner they could be barred from the premises.
19. Any restrictions on the admission of children to the premises are conspicuously displayed outside the premises.
20. A personal License holder will be at the premises at all times when alcohol is being sold.
21. As the premises licence holder, if requested, I will arrange for a crime prevention audit to be conducted by Greater Manchester Police or independent company approved by the licensing authority, and the recommendations of the audit shall be implemented within three months.
22. We shall make sure that all staff are briefed and be aware of their responsibilities and relevant company operating procedures before they commence paid duty at the premises.
23. As the premises licence with the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS), shall carry out reviews of security incidents at the premises. Such reviews shall be documented and conducted at least monthly and include details of any remedial action identified and implemented. If requested copies of the security review shall be made available upon inspection by a responsible authority, police officer, or authorised officer.

24. The designated premises supervisor shall attend a formal training course on avoiding underage sales, and responsible alcohol sales such as the National Certificate for Designated Premises Supervisors or the BIIAB Award in Responsible Retailing and provide evidence of attendance if requested.
25. The designated queuing area shall be enclosed within appropriate barriers to ensure that the footway is kept clear.
26. Any queue to enter the premises that forms outside the premises shall be kept orderly and supervised by licensed door supervisors to ensure that there is no public nuisance or obstruction to the public highway. And the queuing area shall be by the side gate away from normal pedestrian public highway.
27. Any person who appears to be intoxicated or who is behaving in a disorderly manner shall not be allowed entry to the premises.
28. As the premises licence holder, I shall carry out a documented risk assessment on the need for searching patrons entering the premises. The risk assessment shall be reviewed regularly and no less than every six months.
29. A written policy that aims to prevent customers or staff bringing illegal drugs, weapons or other illegal items onto the premises at any time shall be in place and operated at the premises.
30. An incident logbook shall be kept at the premises for at least six months, and made available on request to the police or an authorised officer of the licensing authority, which will record the following incidents including pertinent details:
  - (a) all crimes reported to the venue, or by the venue to the police
  - (b) all ejections of patrons
  - (c) any complaints received
  - (d) any incidents of disorder
  - (e) seizures of drugs, offensive weapons, fraudulent ID or other items
  - (f) any faults in the CCTV system, searching equipment or scanning equipment
  - (g) any refusal of the sale of alcohol
  - (h) any faults in the CCTV system, searching equipment or scanning equipment
  - (i) any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service
  - (j) the times on duty, names and the licence numbers of all licensed door supervisors employed by the premises.
31. As the premises license holder, I will make sure risk assessment is carried out if and when necessary.
32. No patron shall be admitted or readmitted to the premises after 23:00 hours.
33. As the premises license holder, the Greater Manchester Police will be allowed into the premises if there is suspicion of illegal drugs, weapons or other prohibited items found on persons attempting to enter or on the premises.
34. A nominated member of staff shall carry out searches of the premises before the premises open, during hours of operation and at closing. Any relevant items recovered, e.g. illegal drugs, lost property, shall be managed accordingly in accordance with our laid down policy and law relating to such.

## DUTY OF CARE

We shall have a policy of duty of care to all customers by making sure that the premises is conducive to their general well being and be mindful of things that can cause injury or harm to our patron.

All staff shall be trained in recognising signs of drunkenness, how to refuse service and the premises duty of care.

Documented records of training completed shall be kept for each member of staff. Training shall be regularly refreshed and at no greater than a six-month interval. Training records shall be made available for inspection upon request by a police officer or an authorised officer of Manchester City Council whenever requested.

There shall be no self-service of spirits on the premises. The premises shall also have a documented Duty of Care policy for managing intoxicated and vulnerable customers at the premises. The policy shall also include provision for persons refused entry to the premises who are also considered vulnerable by staff.

The premises shall display prominent signage indicating by the bar, at the entrance of the bar room and at the point of sale, that it is an offence to sell alcohol to anyone who is drunk.

The supply of alcohol shall only be to a person seated taking a table meal there and for consumption by such a person as ancillary to their meal.

The sale of alcohol shall only be by waiter service to seated customers, and there shall be no sales of alcohol at the bar. No vertical drinking.

No super-strength beer, lagers or ciders (including perries) of 6.5% ABV (alcohol by volume) or above shall be sold at the premises.

Substantial food and non-intoxicating beverages, including drinking water, shall be available in all parts of the premises where alcohol is sold or supplied for consumption on the premises during the periods when alcohol is sold.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

1. We have conducted a suitable Fire Risk Assessment at the premises and implemented the necessary control measures and will be done periodically.
2. All exit doors are easily operatable without the use of a key, card, code, or similar means.
3. Exit doors are regularly checked to ensure they function satisfactorily
4. All removable security fastenings are removed whenever the premises are opened to the public or staff
5. All fire doors are maintained unobstructed and effectively self-closing and will not be held open other than with approved devices.
6. Notices detailing the actions to be taken in the event of fire or other emergency will be prominently displayed and maintained in good condition.
7. Access is provided for emergency vehicles and always kept clear and free from obstruction.
8. Fire drill and emergency lighting tests will be conducted monthly. Records of these tests will be available upon request.

9. All fire exits and means of escape are signed in accordance with BS 5499: Part 1 Specification for Fire Safety Signs: 1990
10. An evacuation policy is in place that is to the satisfaction of the Fire Authority. All existing staff members and future staff members will be trained in Fire and emergency evacuation procedures.
11. Wall and ceiling finishes are fire resistant to the appropriate standard.

#### **DISABLED PEOPLE**

12. We shall make adequate arrangements to enable the safe movement within the premises of disabled people and their safe evacuation in the event of an emergency.

#### **FIRST AID**

Adequate and appropriate First Aid equipment and materials will be made available on the premises.

At least one suitable trained First Aider will be on duty when the public are present and are trained to deal with drug and alcohol related problems.

#### **FIRE SAFETY – LIGHTING**

13. In the absence of adequate daylight suitable and sufficient artificial lighting is provided and maintained in any area accessible to the public.
14. Fire safety signs are adequately illuminated everywhere within the premises.
15. We have adequate emergency lighting installed and regularly maintained.
16. Emergency lighting batteries are fully charged before the admission of the public.
17. The emergency lighting battery has a capacity of 30 minutes to allow adequate evacuation of the premises.
18. **A No Smoking** policy is operated and enforced at the premises, and also operate a complete no smoking policy at the premises.

### **THE PREVENTION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE**

1. Since we are only playing from recorded music, a survey of the noise levels to which customers are subjected to has been undertaken and adjustments have been made to reduce levels, wherever necessary.
2. Noise or vibration from the premises will be maintained at a level that will not be audible to neighbours nearby.
3. Doors and windows will be kept closed when regulated entertainment is taking place.
4. All windows are double glazed to minimize the breakout of noise.
5. The premises will be air-conditioned to avoid the need to open doors and windows for ventilation in summertime and hot season.
6. All entrances and exits have an effective lobby to minimize the breakout of noise.
7. Noise limiters will be fitted to amplification equipment and will be set at an agreeable level.
8. Prominent, clear, and legible notices are displayed at all exits requesting patrons to respect the needs of local residents and to leave the premises and the area quietly especially after consuming alcohol.
9. ***The use of explosives, pyrotechnics and fireworks of a similar nature which could cause disturbance in surrounding areas is not permitted.***



10. Disposal of empty bottles into waste receptacles outside the premises will not be permitted to take place between the hours of 23:00 and 07:00 hrs to minimise disturbance to nearby occupiers.
11. For the final hours of opening, the music is reduced in volume and is discernibly quieter.
12. The playing of live or recorded music in garden or outside seating areas of the premises is not permitted.
13. The garden or outside seating areas are closed to the public after 22 hrs.
14. All sales of alcohol for consumption off the premises shall be in sealed containers only, and shall not be consumed on the premises.
15. Staff shall monitor customers smoking outside the premises on a regular basis and ensure patrons do not cause a public nuisance.  
Patrons permitted to temporarily leave and then re-enter the premises, e.g. to smoke, or make/receive calls shall not be permitted to take drinks or glass containers with them.

***We are also aware that some people tend to talk so loud especially when intoxicated and thereby cause nuisance outside. This is an area where the Licensed Security must make sure never happens. Everybody who does not comply will be politely asked to leave, if unresponsive invite the GMP.***

#### **NOXIOUS SMELLS**

1. All ventilation and extract systems are designed and maintained so as to prevent noxious smells causing a nuisance to nearby properties.
2. Refuse receptacles are cleaned with disinfectant at least weekly and located about 50 meters away from the building.

#### **LIGHT POLLUTION**

1. Bright lights used outside the premises and any security or access lighting installed will not be operated so as to cause a nuisance to nearby occupiers.
2. All external lighting, including floodlighting, is directed away from adjacent occupiers.

#### **LITTER**

1. 2 litter receptacles are placed within the premises for customers to use and are emptied at least daily.
2. The premises has a waste collection contract with Kenny waste management who remove waste.
3. Staff undertake a litter pick to a distance of 50 metres around the premises daily.

#### **THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM HARM**

1. The premises will have clear signs displayed for restricting people under 18 years unless accompanied by an adult. Catch 25
2. The hours of the day which age restrictions apply are between 20:00 hrs and 23:00 hrs.
3. Alcohol is not available on the premises when only under 18's is permitted.
4. The premises operate a proof of age policy that is agreeable by the police.
5. Normally smoking is generally not allowed anywhere within the premises, when children are allowed on the premises, the issue of smoking is completely eliminated.
6. No events solely for those under the age of 18 will be permitted on the premises.



7. As the premises licence holder, I will ensure that there is a minimum of one member of staff on duty for every ten under aged child even though they are accompanied by a responsible adult. If necessary be confirmed by Manchester Safeguarding Children's Board. And to assist in the evacuation of children in an emergency. Such number of staff may include licensed door supervisors.
8. As the premises licence holder, I shall ensure that adequate arrangements, including transport, are available for ensuring the wellbeing of children at the conclusion of any regulated entertainment under this licence. Such transport will be guaranteed by accompanying/responsible adult. In fact, no child will be permitted without being accompanied.
9. No persons under 18 shall be permitted on the premises at any time that adult entertainment is provided at the premises.
10. As the license holder I shall ensure that **NO** child performer is allowed in the premises.
11. A log shall be kept at the premises to record all refused sales of alcohol for the reasons that the person(s) is, under 18 years of age. The log shall record the date and time of the refusal and the name of the member of staff who refused the sale. The log will be available on request by the police or an authorised officer of Manchester City Council. The log shall be checked on a regular basis by the Designated Premises Supervisor to ensure that it is being used by staff and each check shall be recorded in the log.
12. There shall be a policy for the premises agreeable with Greater Manchester Police on the handling of fraudulent identification used to attempt to purchase alcohol or gain entry to the premises or report same to the Greater Manchester Police department immediately.
13. In addition to any other training, as the premises licence holder, I shall ensure that all staff are trained to prevent underage sales, and also be aware of and prevent proxy sales, maintain the refusals log, enter sales correctly on the tills so the prompts show as appropriate. I shall also monitor staff to ensure their training is put into practice.
14. As the premises license holder, I shall document records of completed training for each member of staff. Training shall be regularly refreshed and at no greater than six monthly intervals. Training records shall be made available for inspection upon request by a police officer or an authorised officer of Manchester City Council.
15. Where children are allowed on the premises, information shall be displayed at the entrance and walls in bold letters on what to do if there is a cause for concern regarding a child's welfare. This shall include reporting to Manchester City Council via its Contact Centre on 0161 234 5000 or [mcsreply@manchester.gov.uk](mailto:mcsreply@manchester.gov.uk), or the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000 (free 24-hour service) or dialling 999 in the event of an immediate threat.

### **NUDITY AND STRIPEASE**

1. Advertising of such events will not be displayed on the premises so that it is seen from outside the premises.
2. The activities inside the premises cannot be seen from outside the premises.

### **RESTAURANT**

The premises shall only operate as a restaurant under the following conditions.

- (i) in which customers are shown to their table

- (ii) that provides food in the form of substantial table meals prepared on the premises and served and consumed at the table using non-disposable crockery
- (iii) There shall be no noise or odours caused by the kitchen extraction equipment that gives rise to a nuisance.

## **DELIVERIES**

All deliveries to the premises must be made via the side of the gate in the premises.

No deliveries must be made to the premises between 20:00 and 08:00 hours. Delivery drivers shall conduct the delivery in a manner that will not cause a noise disturbance to the occupiers of any residential properties surrounding the delivery address. This includes the avoidance of slamming doors, playing loud music, shouting, overrevving engines and sounding horns to signal their arrival. The driver shall turn the engine off immediately upon arrival at the delivery address and will park considerately without causing any obstruction to the highway.

All deliveries will only be made directly to the property address and customers will not be permitted to take orders from the vehicle.

## **DESIGNATED SPECIAL EVENTS**

Prior to any designated special event by Greater Manchester Police 'designated sporting event' as defined in the Sporting Events Control of Alcohol Act 1985 the premises licence especially football matches or boxing on Digital Television we shall ensure that, Alcohol sales in respect of cans of beer or cider are limited to no more than four cans per person for a minimum of four hours before the commencement of the relevant designated sporting/special event.

No sales of alcohol in bottles or glass containers are made in the period four hours before the commencement of the event.

Alcohol sales cease for a period of one hour immediately before the commencement of the event.

We don't generally advertise for people to come watch special or sporting events but if any of our patrons are on the premises and wishing to watch can do so provided, they comply with the laid down rules. There shall be no variation on the type of alcohol we sell or any inducement whatsoever.

All members of staff working at the premises are informed of this condition prior to taking up employment.

On the day of the relevant designated special/sporting event, upon the direction of a police officer, using the grounds of the prevention of crime and disorder or public safety, the premises will immediately cease to sell alcohol until further directed.

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# GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE - REPRESENTATION

## About You

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## About the Premises

Application Reference No.	<b>LPA 285871</b>
Name of the Premises	<b>La Buka African Cuisine Ltd</b>
Address of the premises including postcode	286-288 Moston lane, Manchester M40 9WB

## Your Representation

Please outline your representation below and continue overleaf. This should describe the likely effect of the grant of the licence on the licensing objectives on and in the vicinity of the premises in question.

Please accept this as formal notification of the Greater Manchester Police objection to the premises licence in relation to the above premises on the grounds of Prevention of Crime and Disorder and the Prevention of Public Nuisance, Public Safety and the Protection of Children from Harm.

GMP are concerned that the applicant has very limited understanding of the 4 licensing objectives, and this is evidenced by the fact that the lengthy list of conditions that have been offered are a direct cut and paste from the premises licence of Queens Restaurant at 120 Moston Lane.

GMP are also concerned that the applicant has seen fit to propose conditions regarding the performance of nudity and striptease when the application states that there will be no relevant entertainment and is described as a restaurant.

It is clear that little thought and effort has gone into this application and as such we have no confidence that if a premises licence was granted, the 4 licensing objectives would be upheld.

We therefore ask that this application is refused.

<b>Licensing &amp; Out of Hours Compliance Team - Representation</b>	
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<b>Premise Details</b>	
Application Ref No	REF 285871
Name of Premises	LaBuka
Address	286 Moston lane, Manchester, M40 9WB

<b>Representation</b>
<p>Outline your representation regarding the above application below. This representation should describe the likely effect of the grant of the licence/certificate on the licensing objectives and on the vicinity of the premises.</p>
<p>Licensing &amp; Out of Hours Compliance Team (LOOHT) have assessed the likely impact of the granting of this application taking into account a number of factors, including the nature of the area in which the premises is located and the proximity to residential accommodation, the hours applied for, and any potential risk that the granting of this application could lead to issues of public nuisance.</p> <p>The application in question requests that a licence be granted for the following activities between 14:00 hours and 23:00 hours:</p> <p>Sale of alcohol, live music, recorded music, and “anything of a similar description” to live or recorded music or live dance</p> <p>Hours open to the public will be between 14:00 hours and 23:00 hours</p> <p>The premises is located on Moston lane, with residential properties in close proximity to Labuka at the rear and above. The applicant describes it as a restaurant.</p> <p>LOOHT have a number of concerns with the application, and believe that it lacks consistency, does not make clear the intended use of the premises and is likely to undermine the prevention of public nuisance licensing objective.</p> <p>The application states that SIA would be used to “control the crowd” and also states that SIA would be necessary to stop patrons from “defecating, urinating and playing loud music outside”</p>

The applicant states that he has deliberately sought an application for a license not exceeding beyond 23:00 hours “so as not to risk harm to licensing objectives”. The application does not state how it will promote the licensing objectives.

It is also unclear why the operating schedule says no alcohol will be sold after 22:30 hours when they have asked for a licence to sell alcohol until 23:00 hours. Under the proposed “closing procedures” they have stated that “exit music” will be at reduced volume, lights will be turned up and dispersal measures will be implemented. This is not suggestive of a premises operating as a restaurant where the supply of alcohol is only served as ancillary to a table meal.

The application goes on to state that SIA will be used to manage “queues” outside. Also that there will be a “designated queuing area”, enclosed with barriers. This makes the premises sound like a venue, and not a restaurant, and undermines confidence LOOHT have in the intended use of the premises.

Furthermore the queue would be directed down a side alley between 2 buildings. This leads to the rear of the building and faces terraced housing, and would interfere with the access to the residential property, via exterior rear staircase, located directly above the premises.

This residential property is described on the plan as a meeting room and office.

Other conditions offered also suggest that large numbers of people will arrive at the same time, that would necessitate SIA management, including searches for drugs and weapons. This further undermines confidence that the premises intends to remain predominantly as a restaurant where alcohol is only sold when ancillary to a table meal.

In fact a condition has been offered that states the “supply of alcohol shall only be to a person seated taking a table meal and for consumption by such person as ancillary to their meal”.

It is not clear, therefore, how alcohol will be supplied at “designated special events”, such as sports matches. The applicant states that alcohol sales will be limited to 4 cans of beer or cider per person during these events. The application states that it would allow people to watch the sporting events at the premises.

This is not consistent with operating as a restaurant where alcohol is only supplied when it is ancillary to a table meal.

In addition to these concerns, the application states that there will be “nudity and striptease”, but try to reassure that the advertising of these events will not be seen from outside, nor will the activities themselves be seen from outside.

Another concern LOOHT have is that off sales of alcohol will likely increase the risk of undermining the prevention of public nuisance objective. There is already a high level of litter and some street drinking on Moston lane. LOOHT do not believe the application has addressed how the sale of alcohol to be taken from the premises will not undermine licensing objectives in this area.

Finally in part 12 and 13 of the application relating to public nuisance, there is reference to the use of a garden/ outside seating area. This does not appear on the plan of the application. The rear of the premises faces terraced housing, and is

an access to the upstairs property above the premises. Beyond having SIA in place to stop patrons “defecating, urinating and playing loud music”, it is not clear how this will not cause public nuisance, and raises further questions about the premises intended use.

It is worth noting that the rear of Moston lane in that location has been subject, in recent years, to a number of noise complaints, anti social behaviour and crime that has included public urination, fighting, loud music, a stabbing and has resulted in multi agency responses, including LOOHT, ASBAT, and GMP.

Manchester’s Statement of Licensing Policy at section 7.12 states that consideration must be given to the general character of the surrounding area, including crime and disorder and anti -social behaviour levels, litter problems, proxy sales and noise complaints. We submit that the area surrounding Labuka displays all of the characteristics that would merit concern under section 7.12.

Section 7.1 of Manchester’s Statement of Licensing Policy states that “Licensed premises are expected to be an asset to their local area through the promotion of the licensing objectives”. We submit that Labuka have failed to state how they will promote the licensing objectives with the introduction of licensable activities.

LOOHT does not support this application because the lack of clarity in the operating schedule provides no confidence that the licensing objectives will be upheld, and the premises will likely not be able to successfully promote the licensing objectives and will lead to a negative impact on the local community

Recommendation:	Refuse Application
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**Neighbourhoods Team - Representation**

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<b>Premise Details</b>	
Application Ref No	285871
Name of Premises	La Buka African Cuisine
Address	286 – 288 Moston Lane, Manchester M40 9WB

<b>Representation</b>
<p>Outline your representation regarding the above application below. This representation should describe the likely effect of the grant of the licence/certificate on the licensing objectives and on the vicinity of the premises.</p> <p>The North Neighbourhoods Team (NNT) have assessed the likely impact of the grant of this premises license, taking into account a numbers of factors, including the nature of the area in which the premises is located, the hours applied for and any potential risk that the granting of this licence could lead to issues of public nuisance. and the ability to uphold the four licensing objectives: specifically, the public nuisance objective.</p> <p>The premises is located on Moston Lane, the surrounding area is a mix of residential, commercial and community properties. Moston Lane Community Primary School is approx. 300 metres from the premises and St Dunstons R C Church is within 200 meters of the premises.</p> <p>The applicant has submitted a detailed operating schedule with this application on how they intend uphold the four licensing objectives; however, a number of the conditions offered are contradicted by other conditions some contravene other legislation, and some are missing some key details and not enforceable.</p> <p>The Council's Statement of Licensing Policy 2021–2026 states that licence conditions will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be precise and enforceable</li> <li>• Be unambiguous and clear in what they intend to achieve</li> </ul> <p>This application makes mention of Sexual Entertainment by way of Nudity and/or Striptease by way of subsection but does not contain any mention how it would control this in its operating schedule, or indeed the number of such events that they are hosting. A premises wishing to provide relevant</p>

entertainment would need to apply for this a Sexual Entertainment Venue license as set out in the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 as amended by the Policing and Crime Act 2009, within the City of Manchester. We are concerned that this is an effort to circumvent the need for this license. We are also further concerned that offering entertainment of this nature is wholly inappropriate given the residential setting that it operates within as detailed above.

To this point, the Councils Sex Establishment Policy Document refers to the following considerations when considering the location of such establishments:

4.3 Manchester City Council considers that areas located outside the City Centre, as defined by the Planning Department's definition of the City Centre, are not appropriate locations for sex establishments. Therefore, the policy is that the appropriate number for sex establishments outside of the City Centre is nil.

4.7 Sex establishments will not normally be licensed near to:

- a) Housing / Residential property;
  - b) in the immediate vicinity of major transport stops e.g. Railway stations, tram stops or clustered bus stops;
  - c) schools, play areas, nurseries or children's centres;
  - d) family shopping or leisure areas;
  - e) places of worship;
  - f) historic buildings or tourist attractions;
  - g) other places where relevant entertainment takes place;
  - h) other sensitive uses that may be relevant e.g. women's hostel;
- where the proximity to such uses is likely to be considered by the Council to be inappropriate in having regard to the character of the relevant locality

There are also rooms available for hire which are not mentioned in the schedule. This has been offered by the applicant as "*Available for whoever wants to have club, society or group meetings on weekends within our opening hours*". By not bringing these within the schedule of operation as a licensed premises, we are concerned that this would lead to disorder and that a larger group of people than the currently planned for 40 could feasibly be on the premises at any one time.

Further to this, the subsection "*Protection of Children from Harm*" in the operations schedule contains a clause around smoking generally not being allowed on the premises. This is erroneous, smoking is not allowed anywhere on the premises in accordance with the Health Act 2006.

Lastly, the operating schedule continues to make reference to a side entrance to the premises. Given its location in the middle of a block of properties, we do not understand how the premises could have a side entrance. The entrance would either be on the frontage, in which case it would impact on the highway and street scene with its queuing system and outside area, or at the rear, which we feel with residential properties facing it would cause an influx of noise related complaints through its day to day operation.

With the above considerations the Neighbourhoods team have no confidence in the management to operate under the proposed application and refuse the application.

Recommendation: Refuse Application

**PLEASE NOTE: ALL REPRESENTATIONS AND SUPPORTING EVIDENCE MUST BE SUBMITTED TO MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL WITHIN 28 DAYS, STARTING THE DAY AFTER THE PREMISES IN QUESTION MAKES AN APPLICATION (TO FIND OUT THE CLOSING DATE CALL THE LICENSING UNIT ON 0161 234 4512)**

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<b>ABOUT THE PREMISES</b>
<b>Application Ref No. (if known):</b>
LPA 285871
<b>Name of the Premises about which you would like to make a representation:</b>
La Buka African Cuisine Ltd
<b>Address of the Premises (including postcode if known):</b>
286-288 Moston Lane, Manchester, M40 9WB

<b>YOUR REPRESENTATION</b>
<b>Please outline your representation below and continue overleaf. This should be the likely effect of the grant of the licence / certificate on the licensing objectives on and in the vicinity of the premises in question.</b> (Please continue on a separate sheet of paper if necessary)
<p>The Trading Standards Team have assessed the likely impact of the granting of this application taking into account a number of factors, including the conditions offered and times applied for and any potential risk that the granting of this application could lead to issues which do not uphold the licensing objectives specifically the protection of children from harm.</p> <p>The application is for a restaurant selling alcohol on site.</p> <p>When considering the application, the Trading Standards Team have given consideration to Manchester City Councils Statement of Licensing Policy 2021 – 2026.</p> <p>The original application addresses few points relating to the Licensing Objectives especially in protecting children from harm.</p> <p>Giving consideration to the above application, the Trading Standards Team therefore recommend that the following conditions are applied to the licence.</p>

1. The Challenge 25 scheme must be operated to ensure that any person who appears to be under the age of 25 shall provide documented proof that he/she is over 18 years of age. Proof of age shall only comprise a passport, photo card driving licence, an HM Forces warrant card, or a card bearing the PASS hologram.
2. The Premises Licence Holder will ensure that signage demonstrating the Challenge 25 policy as well as selling alcohol to children by proxy are placed at the entrance to the premises as well as being displayed in all areas serving alcohol.
3. The Premise Licence Holder will also ensure regular checks are made around the inside and outside of the premises for underage persons encouraging adults to buy alcohol for them.

**Supporting Evidence:** In addition to your own written / oral testimony to the Licensing Sub-Committee, you may wish to provide evidence to support your representation. You will need to show how this evidence relates to the premises in question. Examples of supporting evidence include oral testimony, written testimony, noise records, video or photographic material, crime and disorder data, other statistical data, reports etc.)

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Premises Licensing

I totally support the objections submitted by Michael Ripley for the new application of Premises Licence (new) 285871/HH1: La Buka African Cuisine Ltd, 286 -288 Moston Lane, Manchester, M40 9WB.

Regards

Councillor Julie Connolly

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Premises Licensing

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Regards

Councillor Paula Appleby

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Conditions consistent with the operating schedule	Agreed	Proposed by
<p><b>THE PREVENTION OF CRIME AND DISORDER</b></p> <p>We will be correctly registered with the Security Industry Authority SIA.</p> <p>Any Security personnel will display the correct name/Identification Badge and SIA license at all times.</p> <p>A female door supervisor will be available if searches are to be conducted on female customers.</p> <p>A door supervisors register will be kept and includes names, dates and times of the persons employed in such capacity.</p> <p>All staff engaged outside the entrance to the premises, or supervising or controlling queues, shall wear high-visibility jacket and armband.</p> <p>When the premises are carrying on licensable activities after 19:00 hours, at least one registered door supervisor will be on duty at each door used for entry or exit this is applicable if we have special events and the premises is at its capacity of 40 people.</p> <p>A CCTV system has been installed and its recordings will be maintained for an appropriate period of time acceptable to the law.</p> <p>A notice will be displayed at the entrance to the premises advising that CCTV is in operation.</p> <p>Alcohol and soft drinks will be served in plastics or toughened glasses. Where glass bottles are to be used the contents will be decanted into plastic or toughened glasses where it is not intended that the contents are to be consumed direct from the bottle.</p> <p>Customers carrying open or sealed bottles or glasses will not be admitted to the premises at all times.</p> <p>All bottles and glasses are to be removed from the public areas as soon as the contents have been drunk or are empty.</p> <p>Bottle bins for collection or empty bottles will not be accessible to members of the public.</p> <p>We have a capacity limit of 40 to prevent overcrowding which could lead to crime and disorder</p> <p>Door Supervisor will ensure that the capacity limits are not exceeded. At all times.</p> <p><b>CCTV SYSTEM</b></p> <p>The premises shall install and maintain a comprehensive digital colour CCTV system. All public areas of the licensed premises, including all public entry and exit points and the street environment</p>	N/A	Applicant

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<p>will be covered, enabling facial identification of every person entering in any light condition.</p> <p>The CCTV cameras shall continually record whilst the premises are open to the public and recording shall be kept available and unedited for a minimum of 28 days with the date and time stamping. A staff member who is conversant with the operation of the CCTV system shall be present on the premises at all times when they are open to the public and must be able to produce / download / burn CCTV images upon request by a police officer or an authorised officer of the licensing authority. Any footage will be in a format so it can be played back on a standard personal computer or standard DVD player. Where the recording is on a removable medium (i.e. compact disc, flash card etc.), a secure storage system to store those recording mediums shall be provided.</p> <p><b>PROOF OF AGE</b></p> <p>We will have a proof of age policy that has been formulated in and around the premises.</p> <p><b>DRUGS</b></p> <p>We will have anti-drugs policy pasted within the premises and Police will be informed of all seizures of controlled drugs</p> <p><b>NOTICES</b></p> <p>Crime prevention notices will be displayed warning customers of the possibility of crime which may target them.e.g. "Bags should not be left unattended" "Watch out for pickpockets"</p> <p>A detailed Customer Code of Conduct poster will be conspicuously displayed warning customers that if they act in an inappropriate manner they could be barred from the premises.</p> <p>Any restrictions on the admission of children to the premises are conspicuously displayed outside the premises.</p> <p>A personal License holder will be at the premises at all times when alcohol is being sold.</p> <p>As the premises licence holder, if requested, I will arrange for a crime prevention audit to be conducted by Greater Manchester Police or independent company approved by the licensing authority, and the recommendations of the audit shall be implemented within three months.</p> <p>We shall make sure that all staff are briefed and be aware of their responsibilities and relevant company operating procedures before they commence paid duty at the premises.</p> <p>As the premises licence with the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS), shall carry out reviews of security incidents at the premises. Such reviews shall be documented and conducted at least monthly</p>		
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<p>and include details of any remedial action identified and implemented. If requested copies of the security review shall be made available upon inspection by a responsible authority, police officer, or authorised officer.</p> <p>The designated premises supervisor shall attend a formal training course on avoiding underage sales, and responsible alcohol sales such as the National Certificate for Designated Premises Supervisors or the BIIAB Award in Responsible Retailing and provide evidence of attendance if requested.</p> <p>The designated queuing area shall be enclosed within appropriate barriers to ensure that the footway is kept clear.</p> <p>Any queue to enter the premises that forms outside the premises shall be kept orderly and supervised by licensed door supervisors to ensure that there is no public nuisance or obstruction to the public highway. And the queuing area shall be by the side gate away from normal pedestrian public highway.</p> <p>Any person who appears to be intoxicated or who is behaving in a disorderly manner shall not be allowed entry to the premises.</p> <p>As the premises licence holder, I shall carry out a documented risk assessment on the need for searching patrons entering the premises. The risk assessment shall be reviewed regularly and no less than every six months.</p> <p>A written policy that aims to prevent customers or staff bringing illegal drugs, weapons or other illegal items onto the premises at any time shall be in place and operated at the premises.</p> <p>An incident logbook shall be kept at the premises for at least six months, and made available on request to the police or an authorised officer of the licensing authority, which will record the following incidents including pertinent details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>all crimes reported to the venue, or by the venue to the police</li> <li>all ejections of patrons</li> <li>any complaints received</li> <li>any incidents of disorder</li> <li>seizures of drugs, offensive weapons, fraudulent ID or other items</li> <li>any faults in the CCTV system, searching equipment or scanning equipment</li> <li>any refusal of the sale of alcohol</li> <li>any faults in the CCTV system, searching equipment or scanning equipment</li> </ul>		
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<p>any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service</p> <p>the times on duty, names and the licence numbers of all licensed door supervisors employed by the premises.</p> <p>As the premises license holder, I will make sure risk assessment is carried out if and when necessary.</p> <p>No patron shall be admitted or readmitted to the premises after 23:00 hours.</p> <p>As the premises license holder, the Greater Manchester Police will be allowed into the premises if there is suspicion of illegal drugs, weapons or other prohibited items found on persons attempting to enter or on the premises.</p> <p>A nominated member of staff shall carry out searches of the premises before the premises open, during hours of operation and at closing. Any relevant items recovered, e.g. illegal drugs, lost property, shall be managed accordingly in accordance with our laid down policy and law relating to such.</p> <p><b>DUTY OF CARE</b></p> <p>We shall have a policy of duty of care to all customers by making sure that the premises is conducive to their general well being and be mindful of things that can cause injury or harm to our patron.</p> <p>All staff shall be trained in recognising signs of drunkenness, how to refuse service and the premises duty of care.</p> <p>Documented records of training completed shall be kept for each member of staff. Training shall be regularly refreshed and at no greater than a six-month interval. Training records shall be made available for inspection upon request by a police officer or an authorised officer of Manchester City Council whenever requested.</p> <p>There shall be no self-service of spirits on the premises. The premises shall also have a documented Duty of Care policy for managing intoxicated and vulnerable customers at the premises. The policy shall also include provision for persons refused entry to the premises who are also considered vulnerable by staff.</p> <p>The premises shall display prominent signage indicating by the bar, at the entrance of the bar room and at the point of sale, that it is an offence to sell alcohol to anyone who is drunk.</p> <p>The supply of alcohol shall only be to a person seated taking a table meal there and for consumption by such a person as ancillary to their meal.</p> <p>The sale of alcohol shall only be by waiter service to seated customers, and there shall be no sales of alcohol at the bar. No vertical drinking.</p>		
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<p>No super-strength beer, lagers or ciders (including perries) of 6.5% ABV (alcohol by volume) or above shall be sold at the premises.</p> <p>Substantial food and non-intoxicating beverages, including drinking water, shall be available in all parts of the premises where alcohol is sold or supplied for consumption on the premises during the periods when alcohol is sold.</p> <p><b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b></p> <p>We have conducted a suitable Fire Risk Assessment at the premises and implemented the necessary control measures and will be done periodically.</p> <p>All exit doors are easily operatable without the use of a key, card, code, or similar means.</p> <p>Exit doors are regularly checked to ensure they function satisfactorily</p> <p>All removable security fastenings are removed whenever the premises are opened to the public or staff</p> <p>All fire doors are maintained unobstructed and effectively self-closing and will not be held open other than with approved devices.</p> <p>Notices detailing the actions to be taken in the event of fire or other emergency will be prominently displayed and maintained in good condition.</p> <p>Access is provided for emergency vehicles and always kept clear and free from obstruction.</p> <p>Fire drill and emergency lighting tests will be conducted monthly. Records of these tests will be available upon request.</p> <p>All fire exits and means of escape are signed in accordance with BS 5499: Part 1 Specification for Fire Safety Signs: 1990</p> <p>An evacuation policy is in place that is to the satisfaction of the Fire Authority. All existing staff members and future staff members will be trained in Fire and emergency evacuation procedures.</p> <p>Wall and ceiling finishes are fire resistant to the appropriate standard.</p> <p><b>DISABLED PEOPLE</b></p> <p>We shall make adequate arrangements to enable the safe movement within the premises of disabled people and their safe evacuation in the event of an emergency.</p> <p><b>FIRST AID</b></p> <p>Adequate and appropriate First Aid equipment and materials will be made available on the premises.</p> <p>At least one suitable trained First Aider will be on duty when the</p>		
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<p>public are present and are trained to deal with drug and alcohol related problems.</p> <p><b>FIRE SAFETY – LIGHTING</b></p> <p>In the absence of adequate daylight suitable and sufficient artificial lighting is provided and maintained in any area accessible to the public.</p> <p>Fire safety signs are adequately illuminated everywhere within the premises.</p> <p>We have adequate emergency lighting installed and regularly maintained.</p> <p>Emergency lighting batteries are fully charged before the admission of the public.</p> <p>The emergency lighting battery has a capacity of 30 minutes to allow adequate evacuation of the premises.</p> <p>A No Smoking policy is operated and enforced at the premises, and also operate a complete no smoking policy at the premises.</p> <p><b>THE PREVENTION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE</b></p> <p>Since we are only playing from recorded music, a survey of the noise levels to which customers are subjected to has been undertaken and adjustments have been made to reduce levels, wherever necessary.</p> <p>Noise or vibration from the premises will be maintained at a level that will not be audible to neighbours nearby.</p> <p>Doors and windows will be kept closed when regulated entertainment is taking place.</p> <p>All windows are double glazed to minimize the breakout of noise.</p> <p>The premises will be air-conditioned to avoid the need to open doors and windows for ventilation in summertime and hot season.</p> <p>All entrances and exits have an effective lobby to minimize the breakout of noise.</p> <p>Noise limiters will be fitted to amplification equipment and will be set at an agreeable level.</p> <p>Prominent, clear, and legible notices are displayed at all exits requesting patrons to respect the needs of local residents and to leave the premises and the area quietly especially after consuming alcohol.</p> <p>The use of explosives, pyrotechnics and fireworks of a similar nature which could cause disturbance in surrounding areas is not permitted.</p> <p>Disposal of empty bottles into waste receptacles outside the premises</p>		
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<p>will not be permitted to take place between the hours of 23:00 and 07:00 hrs to minimise disturbance to nearby occupiers.</p> <p>For the final hours of opening, the music is reduced in volume and is discernibly quieter.</p> <p>The playing of live or recorded music in garden or outside seating areas of the premises is not permitted.</p> <p>The garden or outside seating areas are closed to the public after 22 hrs.</p> <p>All sales of alcohol for consumption off the premises shall be in sealed containers only, and shall not be consumed on the premises.</p> <p>Staff shall monitor customers smoking outside the premises on a regular basis and ensure patrons do not cause a public nuisance.</p> <p>Patrons permitted to temporarily leave and then re-enter the premises, e.g. to smoke, or make/receive calls shall not be permitted to take drinks or glass containers with them.</p> <p>We are also aware that some people tend to talk so loud especially when intoxicated and thereby cause nuisance outside. This is an area where the Licensed Security must make sure never happens. Everybody who does not comply will be politely asked to leave, if unresponsive invite the GMP.</p> <p><b>NOXIOUS SMELLS</b></p> <p>All ventilation and extract systems are designed and maintained so as to prevent noxious smells causing a nuisance to nearby properties.</p> <p>Refuse receptacles are cleaned with disinfectant at least weekly and located about 50 meters away from the building.</p> <p><b>LIGHT POLLUTION</b></p> <p>Bright lights used outside the premises and any security or access lighting installed will not be operated so as to cause a nuisance to nearby occupiers.</p> <p>All external lighting, including floodlighting, is directed away from adjacent occupiers.</p> <p><b>LITTER</b></p> <p>2 litter receptacles are placed within the premises for customers to use and are emptied at least daily.</p> <p>The premises has a waste collection contract with Kenny waste management who remove waste.</p> <p>Staff undertake a litter pick to a distance of 50 metres around the premises daily.</p>		
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<p><b>THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM HARM</b></p> <p>The premises will have clear signs displayed for restricting people under 18 years unless accompanied by an adult. Catch 25</p> <p>The hours of the day which age restrictions apply are between 20:00 hrs and 23:00 hrs.</p> <p>Alcohol is not available on the premises when only under 18's is permitted.</p> <p>The premises operate a proof of age policy that is agreeable by the police.</p> <p>Normally smoking is generally not allowed anywhere within the premises, when children are allowed on the premises, the issue of smoking is completely eliminated.</p> <p>No events solely for those under the age of 18 will be permitted on the premises.</p> <p>As the premises licence holder, I will ensure that there is a minimum of one member of staff on duty for every ten under aged child even though they are accompanied by a responsible adult. If necessary be confirmed by Manchester Safeguarding Children's Board. And to assist in the evacuation of children in an emergency. Such number of staff may include licensed door supervisors.</p> <p>As the premises licence holder, I shall ensure that adequate arrangements, including transport, are available for ensuring the wellbeing of children at the conclusion of any regulated entertainment under this licence. Such transport will be guaranteed by accompanying/responsible adult. In fact, no child will be permitted without being accompanied.</p> <p>No persons under 18 shall be permitted on the premises at any time that adult entertainment is provided at the premises.</p> <p>As the license holder I shall ensure that NO child performer is allowed in the premises.</p> <p>A log shall be kept at the premises to record all refused sales of alcohol for the reasons that the person(s) is, under 18 years of age. The log shall record the date and time of the refusal and the name of the member of staff who refused the sale. The log will be available on request by the police or an authorised officer of Manchester City Council. The log shall be checked on a regular basis by the Designated Premises Supervisor to ensure that it is being used by staff and each check shall be recorded in the log.</p> <p>There shall be a policy for the premises agreeable with Greater Manchester Police on the handling of fraudulent identification used to attempt to purchase alcohol or gain entry to the premises or report same to the Greater Manchester Police department immediately.</p>		
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<p>In addition to any other training, as the premises licence holder, I shall ensure that all staff are trained to prevent underage sales, and also be aware of and prevent proxy sales, maintain the refusals log, enter sales correctly on the tills so the prompts show as appropriate. I shall also monitor staff to ensure their training is put into practice.</p> <p>As the premises license holder, I shall document records of completed training for each member of staff. Training shall be regularly refreshed and at no greater than six monthly intervals. Training records shall be made available for inspection upon request by a police officer or an authorised officer of Manchester City Council.</p> <p>Where children are allowed on the premises, information shall be displayed at the entrance and walls in bold letters on what to do if there is a cause for concern regarding a child's welfare. This shall include reporting to Manchester City Council via its Contact Centre on 0161 234 5000 or <a href="mailto:mcsreply@manchester.gov.uk">mcsreply@manchester.gov.uk</a>, or the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000 (free 24-hour service) or dialling 999 in the event of an immediate threat.</p> <p><b>NUDITY AND STRIPTease</b></p> <p>Advertising of such events will not be displayed on the premises so that it is seen from outside the premises.</p> <p>The activities inside the premises cannot be seen from outside the premises.</p> <p><b>RESTAURANT</b></p> <p>The premises shall only operate as a restaurant under the following conditions.</p> <p>in which customers are shown to their table</p> <p>that provides food in the form of substantial table meals prepared on the premises and served and consumed at the table using non-disposable crockery</p> <p>There shall be no noise or odours caused by the kitchen extraction equipment that gives rise to a nuisance.</p> <p><b>DELIVERIES</b></p> <p>All deliveries to the premises must be made via the side of the gate in the premises.</p> <p>No deliveries must be made to the premises between 20:00 and 08:00 hours. Delivery drivers shall conduct the delivery in a manner that will not cause a noise disturbance to the occupiers of any residential properties surrounding the delivery address. This includes the avoidance of slamming doors, playing loud music, shouting, overrevving engines and sounding horns to signal their arrival.</p> <p>The driver shall turn the engine off immediately upon arrival at the</p>		
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<p>delivery address and will park considerably without causing any obstruction to the highway.</p> <p>All deliveries will only be made directly to the property address and customers will not be permitted to take orders from the vehicle.</p> <p><b>DESIGNATED SPECIAL EVENTS</b></p> <p>Prior to any designated special event by Greater Manchester Police 'designated sporting event' as defined in the Sporting Events Control of Alcohol Act 1985 the premises licence especially football matches or boxing on Digital Television we shall ensure that, Alcohol sales in respect of cans of beer or cider are limited to no more than four cans per person for a minimum of four hours before the commencement of the relevant designated sporting/special event.</p> <p>No sales of alcohol in bottles or glass containers are made in the period four hours before the commencement of the event.</p> <p>Alcohol sales cease for a period of one hour immediately before the commencement of the event.</p> <p>We don't generally advertise for people to come watch special or sporting events but if any of our patrons are on the premises and wishing to watch can do so provided, they comply with the laid down rules. There shall be no variation on the type of alcohol we sell or any inducement whatsoever.</p> <p>All members of staff working at the premises are informed of this condition prior to taking up employment.</p> <p>On the day of the relevant designated special/sporting event, upon the direction of a police officer, using the grounds of the prevention of crime and disorder or public safety, the premises will immediately cease to sell alcohol until further directed.</p>		
<b>Conditions proposed by objectors</b>	<b>Agreed</b>	<b>Proposed by</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Challenge 25 scheme must be operated to ensure that any person who appears to be under the age of 25 shall provide documented proof that he/she is over 18 years of age. Proof of age shall only comprise a passport, photo card driving licence, an HM Forces warrant card, or a card bearing the PASS hologram.</li> <li>2. The Premises Licence Holder will ensure that signage demonstrating the Challenge 25 policy as well as selling alcohol to children by proxy are placed at the entrance to the premises as well as being displayed in all areas serving alcohol.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;">Continued....</p>	<p>No (as at 25/04)</p>	<p>Trading Standards</p>

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3. The Premise Licence Holder will also ensure regular checks are made around the inside and outside of the premises for underage persons encouraging adults to buy alcohol for them.		
No conditions have been proposed by any objector other than Trading Standards.		

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## Manchester City Council

### Report for Resolution

**Report to:** Licensing Subcommittee Hearing Panel – 30 May 2023

**Subject:** Didsbury Sports Ground, Ford Lane, Manchester, M20 2RU - App ref: Premises Licence variation 286663

**Report of:** Director of Planning, Building Control & Licensing

#### Summary

Application for the variation of a premises licence which has attracted objections.

#### Recommendations

That the Committee determine the application.

**Wards Affected:** Didsbury West

Manchester Strategy Outcomes	Summary of the contribution to the strategy
A thriving and sustainable City: supporting a diverse and distinctive economy that creates jobs and opportunities	Licensed premises provide a key role as an employer, in regeneration, and in attracting people to the city. The efficient processing of applications as well as effective decision making in respect of them, plays an essential role in enabling businesses to thrive and maximise contribution to the economy of the region and sub-region.
A highly skilled city: world class and home grown talent sustaining the city's economic success	An effective Licensing Policy and implementation will enable growth in our City by supporting businesses who promote the Licensing Objectives.
A progressive and equitable city: making a positive contribution by unlocking the potential of our communities	The Licensing process provides for local residents and other interested parties to make representations in relation to licensing applications. Representations have to be directly related to the licensing objectives.
A liveable and low carbon city: a destination of choice to live, visit and work.	An effective licensing system supports and enables growth and employment in our City with neighbourhoods that provide amenities suitable to the surrounding communities.

A connected city: world class infrastructure and connectivity to drive growth	
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**Full details are in the body of the report, along with any implications for:**

Equal Opportunities Policy  
Risk Management  
Legal Considerations

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### **Financial Consequences – Revenue**

None

### **Financial Consequences – Capital**

None

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### **Background documents (available for public inspection):**

- Manchester City Council Statement of Licensing Policy.
- Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.
- Any further documentary submissions by any party to the hearing



## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 On 04/04/2023, an application for the variation of an existing Premises Licence under s34 of the Licensing Act 2003 was made in respect of Didsbury Sports Ground, Ford Lane, Manchester, M20 2RU in the Didsbury West ward of Manchester. A location map of the premises is attached at **Appendix 1**.
- 1.2 A 28-day public consultation exercise was undertaken in accordance with Licensing Act 2003 regulations; requiring the application to be advertised by the displaying of a blue notice at or on the premises, a notice published in a newspaper or similar circulating in the local area, and details of the application published on the Council's website.
- 1.3 Representations may be made for or against an application during the consultation period. To be 'relevant' and, therefore, able to be taken into account in determining the application, they must be about the likely effect of the grant of the premises licence on the promotion of the licensing objectives. Where representations are made by persons who are not a responsible authority, they must not be frivolous or vexatious.
- 1.4 Relevant representations have been received in respect of this application and so it must be determined by a Licensing Hearing Panel in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

## 2. Current Licence

- 2.1 The premises licence holder is Didsbury Sports Ground Limited and a copy of the current licence is attached at **Appendix 2**.

## 3. The Application

- 3.1 A copy of the application is attached at **Appendix 3**.

- 3.2 The variation is to

The proposed variation is to extend the current permissions for licensable activity, to allow for one annual outdoor public event to be held on the playing fields of Didsbury Sports Ground during Summer months.

The application is for one annual event only in May, June or July. There are no other changes to current licence.

The permission will cover the 1st band of attendances up to a 4999 capacity.

Permission for the following licensable activities; - the sale or supply of alcohol - the provision of regulated entertainment.

The current premises license allows for the above activities, within the clubhouse only.

It is requested that those existing permissions are maintained; with the additional variation to approve sale of alcohol and provision of entertainment from 11:00 to 23:00 outdoors.

Alcohol is to be consumed on the premises only. Events are subject to provision of detailed Event Management Plans and ultimate sign-off by local authority departments and joint agencies via SAG meetings.

Organisers are committed to engaging local residents, neighbouring organisations and ensuring that events are professionally operated, safe and well-managed.

**Proposed hours and licensable activities (timings for outdoor area are in addition to those already permitted indoors):**

Provision of regulated entertainment (live music, recorded music) (to take place outdoors):

Current hours: Not applicable

Proposed hours: Mon 11am to 9pm, Fri to Sun 11am to 11pm

Provision of regulated entertainment (performances of dance) (to take place outdoors):

Current hours: Not applicable

Proposed hours: Mon 12 noon to 9pm, Fri to Sun 12 noon to 11pm

Supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises only:

Current hours: Not applicable

Proposed hours: Mon 12 noon to 9pm, Fri to Sun 12 noon to 11pm

Opening hours:

Current hours: Not applicable

Proposed hours: Mon 11am to 9pm, Fri to Sun 11am to 11pm

- 3.2.1 In accordance with the Live Music Act 2012 and Deregulation Act 2015, performances of Live Music and Recorded Music between the hours of 0800 and 2300 hours have been deregulated and so should not be regarded as licensable activities for the purposes of this application.
- 3.2.2 Any further details provided relating to any of the individual licensable activities are specified on the application form at **Appendix 3**.
- 3.3 **Activities unsuitable for children**

3.3.1 The applicant has not highlighted any adult entertainment or services, activities, other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children.

#### 3.4 **Steps to promote the licensing objectives**

3.4.1 The applicant proposes to promote the licensing objectives by taking the steps identified in the operating schedule.

3.4.2 These steps must be translated into conditions by the licensing authority to be included in any granted premises licence, unless the conditions are modified by the Panel following consideration of relevant representations. These conditions are set out in the Schedule of Conditions at **Appendix 6**.

#### 3.5 **Further documentation accompanying the application**

3.5.1 The applicant has submitted the following documents in support of their application, which are included with the application form at **Appendix 4**:

- Plan of the premises

#### 4. **Relevant Representations**

4.1 A total of 46 relevant representations were received in respect of the application (**Appendix 5**). The personal details of all members of the public have been redacted. Original copies of these representation will be available to the Committee at the hearing.

##### Responsible Authorities:

- MCC Licensing and Out of Hours Compliance Team;

##### Other Persons:

- Northenden & Didsbury West Ward Councillors (4);
- Residents (40).

4.2 Summary of the representations: AMEND AS NECESSARY

<b>Party</b>	<b>Grounds of representation</b>	<b>Recommends</b>
<b>Licensing and Out of Hours Compliance</b>	Concerns regarding the Prevention of Public Nuisance Licensing Objective with particular regard to noise disturbance to nearby neighbours and litter. Complaints have been received over the past year regarding loud music from the clubhouse and there are concerns that expansion of activities to the outside area without an Event Management Plan could exacerbate this	Refuse

	problem. There are also concerns regarding the lack of clarity in what is being applied for.	
<b>Northenden &amp; Didsbury West Ward Councillors</b>	Concerns regarding access to the site down the narrow Ford Lane; potential noise nuisance to nearby residential properties; the suitability of the location for a large event; site security; nuisance from large numbers of vehicles accessing the site and parking; and the management of numbers attending the event.	Refuse
<b>Residents (x38)</b>	<p>The Prevention of Crime and Disorder: Concerns regarding large crowds arriving and leaving the site with a likelihood of drunk and disorderly behaviour; damage to vehicles and front gardens; public urination; and littering.</p> <p>Public Safety: Concerns about the access road not being suitable to cope with large numbers of vehicles and people arriving and leaving leading to people congregating in the roads of the neighbourhood; lack of two way access for vehicles; and the safety of pedestrians.</p> <p>The Prevention of Public Nuisance: Concerns about noise from the event being heard in nearby properties; noise from revellers who may have been drinking; and the lateness of the proposed terminal hour and the associated disturbance.</p> <p>The Protection of Children from Harm: Concerns that large crowds would put children at risk, especially if they met a large group who have been drinking; and the potential for inappropriate language from</p>	Refuse

	drunken customers	
<b>Residents in support (x2)</b>	Assertion that the grant of the application would help to keep the sports ground viable and that it is an asset to the area.	Grant

4.3 Any conditions proposed by objectors are set out in the Schedule of Conditions at **Appendix 6**.

4.4 No agreements on conditions have been reached with objectors.

## 5. **Key Policies and Considerations**

### 5.1 **Legal Considerations**

5.1.1 Hearings under the Licensing Act 2003 operate under the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005.

### 5.2 **New Information**

5.2.1 In accordance with Regulation 18 of the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005, the authority may take into account documentary or other information produced by a party in support of their application, representations or notice either before the hearing or, with the consent of all parties, at the hearing.

### 5.3 **Hearsay Evidence**

5.3.1 The Panel may accept hearsay evidence and it will be a matter for the Panel to attach what weight to it that they consider appropriate. Hearsay evidence is evidence of something that a witness neither saw nor heard, but has heard or read about.

### 5.4 **The Secretary of State's Guidance to the Licensing Act 2003**

5.4.1 The Secretary of State's Guidance to the Licensing Act 2003 is provided for all parties involved in licensing. It is a key medium for promoting best practice, ensuring consistent application of licensing powers across England and Wales and for promoting fairness, equal treatment and proportionality.

5.4.2 Section 4 of the 2003 Act provides that, in carrying out its functions, a licensing authority must 'have regard to' guidance issued by the Secretary of State under section 182. The Guidance is therefore binding on all licensing authorities to that extent. However, the Guidance cannot anticipate every possible scenario or set of circumstances that may arise and, as long as licensing authorities have properly understood this Guidance, they may depart from it if they have good reason to do so and can provide full reasons.

5.4.3 Departure from the Guidance could give rise to an appeal or judicial review, and the reasons given will then be a key consideration for the courts when considering the lawfulness and merits of any decision taken.

## 5.5 **Manchester Statement of Licensing Policy**

5.5.1 Section 4 of the 2003 Act provides that, in carrying out its functions, a licensing authority must 'have regard to' its statement of licensing policy.

5.5.2 The Licensing Policy sets out the vision the licensing authority has for the regulation of licensed premises throughout Manchester and outlines the standards expected in order to ensure the promotion of the licensing objectives in the city. The Panel may depart from the policies should it consider doing so would benefit the promotion of the licensing objectives. Reasons are to be given for any such departure from the Policy.

5.5.3 Section 4 of the Policy (Operation of the Policy) sets out how the Licensing Policy is intended to be used in practice for licence applications and licensed premises.

5.5.4 Relevant to this application and the grounds of the representations made, the Panel are recommended to have regard to the following sections of the Policy:

### ***Section 6: What we aim to encourage***

This section identifies certain types of venues and initiatives the licensing authority aims to encourage in order to promote an inclusive evening and night-time economy not simply focused on the consumption of alcohol. We aim to encourage:

- Premises that will extend the diversity of entertainment and attract a wider range of participants
- Live music, especially original material, which will provide a range of live performances and styles of music, provided that such entertainment does not undermine the licensing objectives
- National cultural institutions, global sports events and cultural festivals
- Non-drink-led premises, including restaurants, cafes, theatres and cinemas
- Communication and integration with local residents and businesses through licensees consulting with those in the local area prior to an application
- Participation in Pubwatches, off licence forums and other crime-reduction partnerships
- Engagement with the NITENET radio scheme and DISC secure information sharing platform by city centre venues through the Cityco Manchester Business Crime Reduction Partnership
- Designing out crime in the layout of the premises

### ***Section 7: Local factors***

This section sets out key issues that applicants are expected to take into account relevant to the individual characteristics of the premises when

preparing their operating schedule and address any local factors relevant to their premises.

Having regard to the grounds of the representations made, the Panel are recommended to have regard to the following Factors:

- Evidence of pre-existing problems in the area
- The proximity of the premises to local residents and other local businesses, particularly in relation to the potential for nuisance
- The availability of transport to and from the premises
- Ability to clean and maintain the street scene

### ***Section 8: Manchester's standards to promote the licensing objectives***

This section identifies the standards that the licensing authority expects of licensed premises in Manchester. It is recognised that not all standards will be appropriate to apply in every situation to every premises, and applicants are not obliged to include all standards in their operating schedule. The degree to which standards would be appropriate is expected to be proportionate to the risk posed against the promotion of the licensing objectives having regard to the individual circumstances of the premises. The standards are not exhaustive and the licensing authority will have regard to any relevant issues raised in any representation that may fall outside them.

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| MS1  | Implement effective security measures at the premises  |
| MS2  | Effective general management of the premises   |
| MS8  | Prevent noise nuisance from the premises   |
| MS9  | Effectively manage exterior spaces (e.g. beer gardens, smoking areas, table and chair areas on the highway)  |
| MS10 | Operate effective cleansing arrangements, including ensuring the premises and surrounding area are kept clean and free of litter, and adequate arrangements for the secure and responsible storage of refuse |
| MS11 | Ensure the wellbeing of children on the premises   |
| MS12 | Prevent underage sales of alcohol, including proxy sales   |

### ***Section 12: Premises Licences for large-scale public events***

This section sets out particular expectations regarding large scale public events, given the specific associated risks.

## **6. Conclusion**

6.1 A licensing authority must carry out its functions under this Act ("licensing functions") with a view to promoting the licensing objectives:

- the prevention of crime and disorder
- public safety;
- the prevention of public nuisance; and
- the protection of children from harm.

6.2 In considering the matter, the Panel should take into account any representations or objections that have been received from responsible authorities or other persons, and representations made by the applicant or premises user as the case may be. In reaching the decision, regard must also

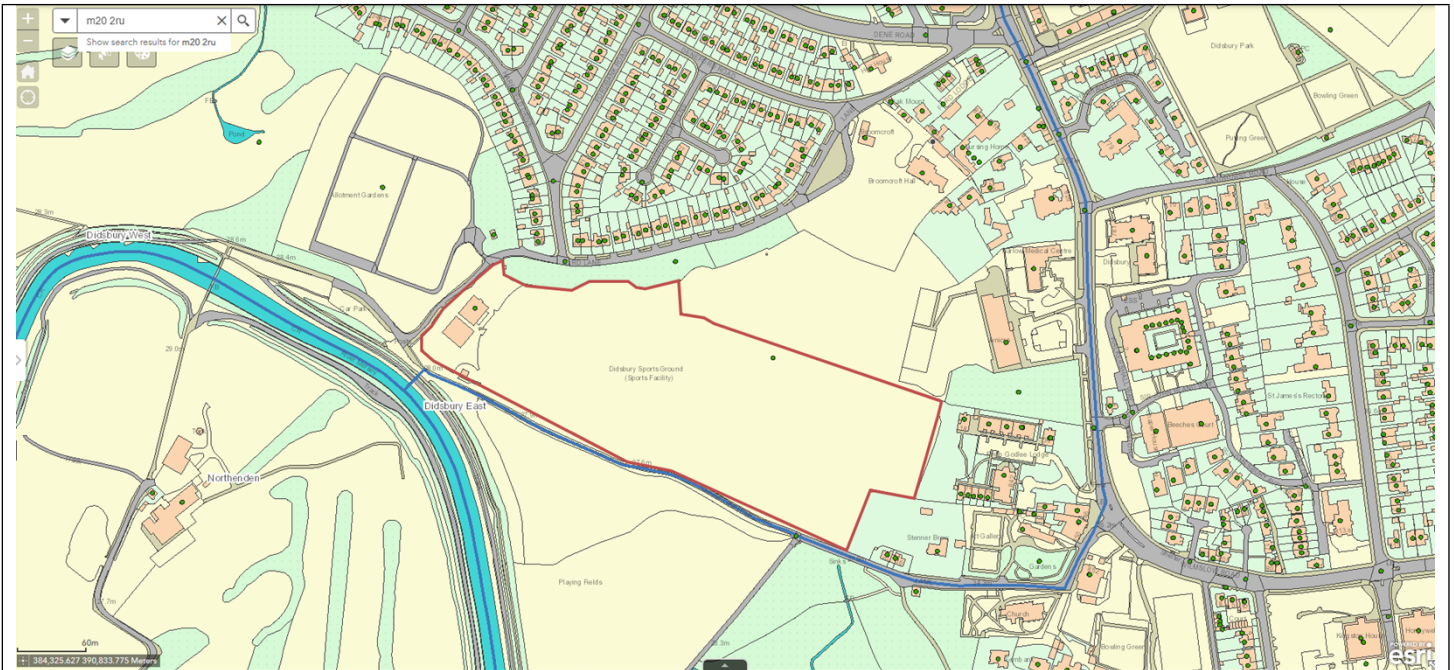
be had to relevant provisions of the national guidance and the Council's licensing policy statement.

- 6.3 The Panel must take such of the steps set out below that it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives:
- a) To grant the licence subject to the conditions consistent with the operating schedule accompanying the application, which the Panel may modify to such extent as they consider appropriate;
  - b) To reject the whole or part of the application
- 6.4 The conditions consistent with the operating schedule may be modified to alter or omit any of them or to add any new condition, including restricting the times at which licensable activities authorised by the licence can take place.
- 6.5 However, conditions should not be imposed on a licence which are unrelated to the variation sought.
- 6.6 All licensing determinations should be considered on the individual merits of the application.
- 6.7 The Panel's determination should be evidence-based, justified as being appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives and proportionate to what it is intended to achieve. Findings on any issues of fact should be on the balance of probability.
- 6.8 It is important that a licensing authority should give comprehensive reasons for its decisions in anticipation of any appeals. Failure to give adequate reasons could itself give rise to grounds for an appeal.
- 6.9 **The Panel is asked to determine the application.**



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 Ford Lane, Manchester, M20 2RU  
 Premises Licensing  
 Manchester City Council

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<b>PREMISE NAME:</b>	Didsbury Sports Ground
<b>PREMISE ADDRESS:</b>	Ford Lane, Manchester, M20 2RU
<b>WARD:</b>	Didsbury West
<b>HEARING DATE:</b>	30/05/2023

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# MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

## LICENSING ACT 2003 PREMISES LICENCE

Premises licence number	154908
Granted	04/09/2013
Latest version	DPS variation 269412 granted 10/02/2022

### Part 1 - Premises details

Name and address of premises
<b>Didsbury Sports Ground</b> Ford Lane, Manchester, M20 2RU
Telephone number
0161 446 2146

Licensable activities authorised by the licence
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The sale by retail of alcohol*.</li> <li>2. The provision of regulated entertainment, limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Live music;</li> <li>Recorded music;</li> <li>Performances of dance.</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p>* All references in this licence to "sale of alcohol" are to sale by retail.</p>

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

Sale by retail of alcohol							
Standard timings							
Day	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Start	1100	1100	1100	1100	1100	1100	1100
Finish	0000	0000	0000	0000	0030	0030	0000
The sale of alcohol is licensed for consumption on the premises only.							
Seasonal variations and Non-standard Timings:							
Christmas Eve/New Year's Eve: Start 1100 Finish 0100							

Live music; Recorded music; Performances of dance							
Standard timings							
Day	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Start	1100	1100	1100	1100	1100	1100	1100
Finish	0000	0000	0000	0000	0030	0030	0000
Licensed to take place indoors only.							

Seasonal variations and Non-standard Timings:  
 Christmas Eve/New Year's Eve: Start 1100 Finish 0100

### Hours premises are open to the public

#### Standard timings

Day	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Start	0800	0800	0800	0800	0800	0800	0800
Finish	0030	0030	0030	0030	0100	0100	0030

Seasonal variations and Non-standard Timings:  
 Christmas Eve/New Year's Eve: Start 1100 Finish 0100

## Part 2

### Details of premises licence holder

Name: Didsbury Sports Ground Limited  
 Address: Ford Lane, Manchester, M20 2RU  
 Registered number: 01587077

### Details of designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises for the supply of alcohol

Name: Lee Wilde  
 Address: [REDACTED]  
 Personal Licence number: 18/00506  
 Issuing Authority: Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council

### Annex 1 – Mandatory conditions

#### Door Supervisors

1. Only individuals licensed by the Security Industry Authority shall be used at the premises to undertake security activities, which include guarding against: -
  - (a) Unauthorised access or occupation (e.g. through door supervision),
  - (b) Outbreaks of disorder, or
  - (c) Damage,
 unless otherwise entitled by virtue of section 4 of the Private Security Industry Act 2001 to carry out such activities.

#### Supply of alcohol

2. No supply of alcohol may be made under this premises licence:
  - (a) At a time when there is no designated premises supervisor in respect of the premises licence or,
  - (b) At a time when the designated premises supervisor does not hold a personal licence or his personal licence is suspended.
3. Every retail sale or supply of alcohol made under this licence must be made or authorised by a person who holds a personal licence.

4. (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. (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 (1) above–
  - (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 (2)(b) 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) (a) Sub-paragraph (4)(b) applies where the permitted price given by paragraph (2)(b) 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.
- (b) 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.
6. (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).
7. The responsible person must ensure that free potable water is provided on request to customers where it is reasonably available.
8. 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.

For the purposes of conditions 6, 7 and 8 above, a responsible person in relation to a licensed premises means the holder of the premise licence in respect of the premises, the designated premises supervisor (if any) or any individual aged 18 or over who is authorised by either the licence holder or designated premises supervisor. For premises with a club premises certificate, any member or officer of the club present on the premises in a capacity that which enables him to prevent the supply of alcohol.

#### Annex 2 – Conditions consistent with the operating schedule

1. The patio area shall only be used between 1100 and 2200
2. Signs shall be displayed to remind people using the facilities to leave the clubhouse quietly and respect local residents.
3. Staff shall ensure people do not congregate outside the clubhouse, causing nuisance to local residents.
4. CCTV footage shall be retained to assist the Police.
5. The premises shall adopt a 'Challenge 21' policy.
6. All staff selling alcohol at the premises shall be trained in responsible alcohol retailing.
7. All doors shall remain closed after 2200 daily save for access and egress.
8. Children shall not be permitted on the premises unless in the company of an adult.

#### Annex 3 – Conditions attached after hearing by the licensing authority

Not applicable

#### Annex 4 – Plans

See attached

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**MANCHESTER  
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**Send completed application form to:**

Premises Licensing  
Manchester City Council  
Level 2 Town Hall Extension  
Albert Square  
PO Box 532, M60 2LA

**Application to vary a premises licence 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. 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 written in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary.

You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

**I/We** Didsbury Sports Ground Limited

*(Insert name(s) of applicant)*

**being the premises licence holder, apply to vary a premises licence under section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below**

<b>Premises licence number</b>	154908
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**Part 1 – Premises Details**

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

Didsbury Sports Ground  
Ford Lane

Post town	Manchester	Postcode	M20 2RU
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Telephone number at premises (if any)	0161 446 2146
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Non-domestic rateable value of premises	£ 10,000
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**Part 2 – Applicant details**

Daytime contact telephone number	0161 446 2146		
E-mail address (optional)	[REDACTED]		
Current postal address if different from premises address			
Post town		Postcode	

**Part 3 - Variation**

Please tick as appropriate

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?

DD	MM	YYYY
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

**Please describe briefly the nature of the proposed variation** (Please see guidance note 1)

The proposed variation is to extend the current permissions for licensable activity, to allow for one annual outdoor public event to be held on the playing fields of Didsbury Sports Ground during Summer months.

We request that permission will cover the 1st band of attendances up to 4999 capacity.

Permission for the following licensable activities;

- the sale or supply of alcohol
- the provision of public entertainment

The current premises license allows for the above activities, within the clubhouse only.

We would request that those existing permissions are maintained; with the additional variation to approve sale of alcohol and provision of entertainment from 11:00 to 23:00 outdoors.

Alcohol is to be consumed on the premises only. Events are subject to provision of detailed Event Management Plans and ultimate sign-off by local authority departments and joint agencies via SAG meetings.

Organisers are committed to engaging local residents, neighbouring organisations and ensuring that events are professionally operated, safe and well-managed.

If your proposed variation would mean that 5,000 or more people are expected to attend the premises at any one time, please state the number expected to attend:

n/a
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**Part 4 Operating Schedule**

Please complete those parts of the Operating Schedule below which would be subject to change if this application to vary is successful.

**Provision of regulated entertainment****Please tick all that apply**

- a) plays (if ticking yes, fill in box A)
- b) films (if ticking yes, fill in box B)
- c) indoor sporting events (if ticking yes, fill in box C)
- d) boxing or wrestling entertainment (if ticking yes, fill in box D)
- e) live music (if ticking yes, fill in box E)
- f) recorded music (if ticking yes, fill in box F)
- g) performances of dance (if ticking yes, fill in box G)
- h) anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g)  
(if ticking yes, fill in box H)

**Provision of late night refreshment** (if ticking yes, fill in box I)

**Sale by retail of alcohol** (if ticking yes, fill in box J)

**In all cases complete boxes K, L and M**

## A

Plays Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>Will the performance of a play take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 3)		
Mon					
Tue			<u>State any seasonal variations for performing plays</u> (please read guidance note 4)		
Wed					
Thur			<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of plays at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Fri					
Sat					
Sun					

**B**

Films Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>Will the exhibition of films take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 3)		
Mon					
Tue			<u>State any seasonal variations for the exhibition of films</u> (please read guidance note 4)		
Wed					
Thur			<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the exhibition of films at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Fri					
Sat					
Sun					

## C

Indoor sporting events Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>Please give further details</u> (please read guidance note 3)
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon			<u>State any seasonal variations for indoor sporting events</u> (please read guidance note 4)
Tue			
Wed			
Thur			<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for indoor sporting events at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 5)
Fri			
Sat			
Sun			



**D**

Boxing or wrestling entertainments Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>Will the boxing or wrestling entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 3)		
Mon					
Tue			<u>State any seasonal variations for boxing or wrestling entertainment</u> (please read guidance note 4)		
Wed					
Thur			<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for boxing or wrestling entertainment at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Fri					
Sat					
Sun					

## E

Live music Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>Will the performance of live music take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 3)  Performance of live amplified music within the grounds of the site, where audiences exceed 500 attendance.		
Mon	11:00	21:00			
Tue			<u>State any seasonal variations for the performance of live music</u> (please read guidance note 4) Performance of live amplified music within the grounds of the site, during Summer months (May, June, July, August). At weekends, or Bank Holiday Mondays/ Fridays. Or on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day until 01:00.		
Wed					
Thur			<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of live music at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 5)  None		
Fri	11:00	23:00			
Sat	11:00	23:00			
Sun	11:00	23:00			

## F

Recorded music Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>Will the playing of recorded music take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 3)  Performance of amplified recorded music within the grounds of the site, where audiences exceed 500 attendance.		
Mon	11:00	21:00			
Tue			<u>State any seasonal variations for the playing of recorded music</u> (please read guidance note 4)  Performance of amplified recorded music within the grounds of the site, during Summer months (May, June, July, August). At weekends, or Bank Holiday Mondays/ Fridays. Or New Year's Eve and New Year's Day until 01:00		
Wed					
Thur			<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the playing of recorded music at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 5)  None		
Fri	11:00	23:00			
Sat	11:00	23:00			
Sun	11:00	23:00			

## G

Performances of dance Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>Will the performance of dance take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish		Outdoors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mon	12:00	21:00	<b><u>Please give further details here</u></b> (please read guidance note 3)  Performance of dance within the grounds of the site, where audiences exceed 500 attendance. No adult entertainment.	Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tue					
Wed			<b><u>State any seasonal variations for the performance of dance</u></b> (please read guidance note 4)  Performance of dance within the grounds of the site, during Summer months (May, June, July, August). At weekends, or Bank Holiday Mondays/ Fridays. Or on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day until 01:00.		
Thur					
Fri	12:00	23:00	<b><u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of dance at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u></b> (please read guidance note 5)  None		
Sat	12:00	23:00			
Sun	12:00	23:00			

## H

<b>Anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g)</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Please give a description of the type of entertainment you will be providing		
Day	Start	Finish	<b><u>Will this entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u></b> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mon				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tue			<b><u>Please give further details here</u></b> (please read guidance note 3)		
Wed					
Thur			<b><u>State any seasonal variations for entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g)</u></b> (please read guidance note 4)		
Fri					
Sat			<b><u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u></b> (please read guidance note 5)		
Sun					

I

Late night refreshment Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b>Will the provision of late night refreshment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</b> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish		Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mon				<b>Please give further details here</b> (please read guidance note 3)	
Tue					
Wed			<b>State any seasonal variations for the provision of late night refreshment</b> (please read guidance note 4)		
Thur					
Fri			<b>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the provision of late night refreshment at different times, to those listed in the column on the left, please list</b> (please read guidance note 5)		
Sat					
Sun					

**J**

<b>Supply of alcohol</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b>Will the supply of alcohol be for consumption – please tick</b> (please read guidance note 7)	On the premises	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
				Off the premises	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Day</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>Finish</b>	<b>State any seasonal variations for the supply of alcohol</b> (please read guidance note 4)  Supply of alcohol on the premises during Summer months (May, June, July, August). At weekends, or Bank Holiday Mondays/ Fridays.		
Mon	12:00	21:00			
Tue					
Wed					
Thur					
Fri	12:00	23:00			
Sat	12:00	23:00			
Sun	12:00	23:00	<b>Non-standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the supply of alcohol at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</b> (please read guidance note 5)  Or on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day until 01:00.		

**K**

<p><b>Please highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children</b> (please read guidance note 8).</p> <p>No adult entertainment</p>
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L

<b>Hours premises are open to the public</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b><u>State any seasonal variations</u></b> (please read guidance note 4)
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon	11:00	21:00	<p>Opening hours to start from 11am during the proposed variation periods, in order to allow ingress to site. No alcohol to be sold before 12pm - curfew 30 mins before closing time.</p> <p>Seasonal variation requested for Summer months (May, June, July, August).</p> <p>9pm closing time (latest) on Sundays when there is no Bank Holiday on the following day. 9pm closing time (latest) on Bank Holiday Mondays.</p> <p><b><u>Non standard timings. Where you intend the premises to be open to the public at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list</u></b> (please read guidance note 5)</p> <p>On New Year's Eve from 11:00 and New Year's Day until 01:00.</p>
Tue			
Wed			
Thur			
Fri	11:00	23:00	
Sat	11:00	23:00	
Sun	11:00	23:00	

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

n/a



Please tick as appropriate

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

If you have not ticked one of these boxes, please fill in reasons for not including the licence or part of it below

**M**

Describe any additional steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives as a result of the proposed variation:

**a) General – all four licensing objectives (b, c, d and e) (please read guidance note 9)**

- Instruction of professional event management companies in the delivery of proposed events, subject to comprehensive Event Management Plan documentation, covering all aspects of the delivery.
- Consultation with the local community, business, local authority agencies and interested parties.
- Events subject to consultation, review and ultimate sign-off from SAG.

**b) The prevention of crime and disorder**

- Development of effective crowd management and security strategies, using experienced industry contractors with expertise in delivery of similar events.
- Coverage exceeding minimum requirements of staffing at all times. Overnight security and CCTV monitoring where required, liaison with local Police force.
- Prevention of Crime and Disorder Plan to include counter-terrorism measures.
- Delivery of co-ordinated operation of supply chain and Project Management board, in liaison with the license holder.

**c) Public safety**

- Preventative communications strategy pre-event.
- Effective gate bag search, detection, amnesty measures for ingress.
- Perimeter monitoring by roving security details.
- Dot plan for security details on-site, effective communications between EMT.
- Egress plans supported by re-deployment of management personnel and team leaders. Ask Angela processes in place for female guest safeguarding.

**d) The prevention of public nuisance**

- Steward supported egress plan, deployment of welfare facilities at gate for use on exit.
- Cleansing strategy for cleaning of site and surrounding areas.
- Deployment of waste bins at the gate, for use on exit.
- Traffic Management Plan and physical measures deployed where appropriate.
- Resident letter drop with direct dedicated on-site contact for noise complaints, to address issues as they arise during delivery.
- Sufficient site and street lighting for egress period after sunset.

**e) The protection of children from harm**

- Safeguarding Policy in place, with co-ordination between the EMT and suppliers such as security and stewarding teams, medical teams.
- Lost child/vulnerable person strategy in place as reactive measures.
- Challenge 25 on all bars, and at the gate. ID check for 18+.
- Underage children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- DBS checks on all staff expected to come into contact with unaccompanied children.

## Checklist:


Please tick to indicate agreement

- I have made or enclosed payment of the fee.
- I have sent copies of this application and the plan to responsible authorities and others where applicable.
- I understand that I must now advertise my application.
- I have enclosed the premises licence or relevant part of it or explanation.
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected.

**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** (please read guidance note 10)

**Signature of applicant (the current premises licence holder) or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent** (please read guidance note 11). **If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity.**

Signature	
Date	22.03.23
Capacity	Agent - Director of Orb Event Agency Ltd on behalf of Didsbury Sports Ground

**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** (please read guidance note 12). **If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity.**

Signature	
Date	
Capacity	

**Contact name (where not previously given) and address for correspondence associated with this application** (please read guidance note 13)

  
Didsbury Sports Ground  
Ford Lane

<b>Post town</b>	Manchester	<b>Post code</b>	M20 2RU
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<b>Telephone number (if any)</b>	
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**If you would prefer us to correspond with you by e-mail, your e-mail address (optional)**

## Notes for Guidance

**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.**

1. 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.
2. Where taking place in a building or other structure please tick as appropriate (indoors may include a tent).
3. For example 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.
4. For example (but not exclusively), where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.
5. For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.
6. Please give 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.
7. If you wish people to be able to consume alcohol on the premises, please tick 'on the premises'. If you wish people to be able to purchase alcohol to consume away from the premises, please tick 'off the premises'. If you wish people to be able to do both, please tick 'both'.
8. Please give 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 or the presence of gaming machines.
9. Please list here steps you will take to promote all four licensing objectives together.
10. The application form must be signed.
11. An applicant's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
12. Where there is more than one applicant, each of the applicants or their respective agents must sign the application form.
13. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.

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of the Local Government Act 1972.

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**MANCHESTER  
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**Licensing & Out of Hours Compliance Team - Representation**

Name	Sion Roberts
Job Title	Neighbourhood Compliance Officer
Department	Licensing and Out of Hours Compliance Team
Address	Level 1, Town Hall Extension, Manchester, M60 2LA
Email Address	sion.roberts@manchester.gov.uk
Telephone Number	0161 234 1220/07970477891

Premise Details	
Application Ref No	<b>REF 286663/PW5</b>
Name of Premises	Didsbury Sports Ground
Address	Ford Lane, Manchester, M20 2RU

Representation
Outline your representation regarding the above application below. This representation should describe the likely effect of the grant of the licence/certificate on the licensing objectives and on the vicinity of the premises.
<p>Licensing &amp; Out of Hours Compliance Team (LOOHT) as the responsible authority have assessed the likely impact of the grant of this application taking into account a number of factors, including the nature of the area in which the premises is located and the proximity to residential accommodation, the hours applied for, and any potential risk that the grant of this application could lead to issues of public nuisance.</p> <p><i>Description of proposed variation as given by the applicant:</i></p> <p><i>The proposed variation is to extend the current permissions for licensable activity, to allow for one annual outdoor public event to be held on the playing fields of Didsbury Sports Ground during Summer months.</i></p> <p><i>We request that permission will cover the 1st band of attendances up to 4999 capacity.</i></p> <p><i>Permission for the following licensable activities; - the sale or supply of alcohol - the provision of public entertainment</i></p> <p><i>The current premises license allows for the above activities, within the clubhouse only.</i></p> <p><i>We would request that those existing permissions are maintained; with the additional variation to approve sale of alcohol and provision of entertainment from 11:00 to 23:00 outdoors.</i></p> <p><i>Alcohol is to be consumed on the premises only. Events are subject to provision of detailed Event Management Plans and ultimate sign-off by local authority departments and joint agencies via SAG meetings.</i></p> <p><i>Organisers are committed to engaging local residents, neighbouring organisations and ensuring that events are professionally operated, safe and well-managed.</i></p>

*Proposed hours and licensable activities (timings for outdoor area are in addition to those already permitted indoors):*

*Provision of regulated entertainment (live music, recorded music) (to take place outdoors):*

*Current hours: Not applicable*

*Proposed hours: Mon 11am to 9pm, Fri to Sun 11am to 11pm*

*Within the grounds of the site, during Summer months (May, June, July, August). At weekends, or Bank Holiday Mondays/ Fridays. Or on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day until 01:00.*

*Provision of regulated entertainment (performances of dance) (to take place outdoors):*

*Current hours: Not applicable*

*Proposed hours: Mon 12 noon to 9pm, Fri to Sun 12 noon to 11pm*

*Within the grounds of the site, during Summer months (May, June, July, August). At weekends, or Bank Holiday Mondays/ Fridays. Or on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day until 01:00.*

*Supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises only:*

*Current hours: Not applicable*

*Proposed hours: Mon 12 noon to 9pm, Fri to Sun 12 noon to 11pm*

*During Summer months (May, June, July, August). At weekends, or Bank Holiday Mondays/ Fridays. Or on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day until 01:00.*

*Opening hours:*

*Current hours: Not applicable*

*Proposed hours: Mon 11am to 9pm, Fri to Sun 11am to 11pm*

*Opening hours to start from 11am during the proposed variation periods, in order to allow ingress to site. No alcohol to be sold before 12pm - curfew 30 mins before closing time. Seasonal variation requested for summer months (May, June, July, August). 9pm closing time (latest) on Sundays when there is no Bank Holiday on the following day. 9pm closing time (latest) on Bank Holiday Mondays.*

*On New Year's Eve from 11:00 and New Year's Day until 01:00.*

A site visit was conducted by Licensing and Out of Hours (LOOH) with the agents to discuss the variation. The current licence holder and designated premises supervisor were not present.

It was established that the variation application is for a one-day only craft beer style festival, to be held on playing fields adjacent/nearby to the existing licensed clubhouse.

Whilst it was also established during the site visit, that the agent has significant experience of several similar type festivals in the Cheshire area and has provided conditions in order to promote the licensing



objectives, it was felt that without more detailed site-specific information, it would be extremely difficult for LOOH to fully assess the impact of this application in relation to public nuisance. Especially that of the festival attendees arriving and leaving the event via any proposed routes and the knock-on effect on the wider locality.

This would be in relation to not only people noise but potential litter issues, which would be a lot more difficult to control once away from the proposed varied licensed area.

These concerns have also been reflected in the number of local residents and elected members representations.

During the visit, the wording of the additional variations was also queried, as it was unclear regarding the amending of the clubhouses regulated entertainment to be changed to external, as worded this would also include the later seasonal timings up until 01.00am in some instances.

LOOH have received several complaints of noise last year and in previous years regarding loud music and people noise from the clubhouse itself and it is felt that any variation to include regulated entertainment to outside with no additional controls (As any Event Management Plan EMP, would only apply the one-day festival) would likely lead to noise nuisance to be experienced by nearby residents.

Section 7 of Manchester City Council's Statement of Licensing Policy sets out considerations that must be taken in to account when assessing the impact of a premises to local residents in relation to the potential for nuisance.

As such LOOHT recommends that the application, in its current format, is refused on the grounds of not upholding of the licensing objectives in relation to prevention of public nuisance.

Recommendation:

Refuse Application

**Cllr1**

**From:** Angela Moran <cllr.angela.moran@manchester.gov.uk>

**Sent:** 06 April 2023 13:22

**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Premises Licence variation 286663/PW5: Didsbury Sports Ground, Ford Lane, Manchester, M20 2RU, (Didsbury West ward)

Hi,

As a ward councillor for Northenden, I would like to share my concern about the below licence variation. In particular, I am concerned about access to the site, which seems to rely on Ford Lane, a very narrow and winding road. To have 5,000 people use this road as the main access point would cause a significant amount of pressure in terms of car and pedestrian traffic. I also have some concerns about the noise that may result through the variation on site, which would again cause disruption to those living in nearby houses.

In addition to registering the above concerns, please could you confirm, if residents in the area to be impacted have been/or will be notified about the variation?

Kind regards,

**Cllr. Angela Moran**

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**Cllr2**

**From:** Debbie Hilal <cllr.debbie.hilal@manchester.gov.uk>

**Sent:** 21 April 2023 08:52

**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Premises Licence Variation 286663/PW5 Didsbury Sports Ground Ford Lane

Hi

Having carefully considered the above application I am writing to inform you of my objection to the above application:

Ford Lane has only a one way access therefore it is not suitable for so many vehicles entering and leaving the ground

Traffic mitigation issues

Overspill parking on surrounding roads

Noise issues with up to 5,000 people even if the maximum number of people do not attend the event I envisage major problems for local residents with noise and other associated problems with such a large number of people

The Sports Ground is not a suitable location for such a large event

Best wishes

Councillor Debbie Hilal

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**Cllr3**

**From:** Andrew Simcock <cllr.andrew.simcock@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 21 April 2023 12:17  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Re: Premises Licence variation 286663/PW5: Didsbury Sports Ground, Ford Lane, Manchester, M20 2RU, (Didsbury West ward)

Thank you for your e mail.

Please do count my e mail as a representation.

The grounds for my objection at this stage are questions I have regarding the security of the site, the lack of car parking and access generally for a crowd of up to 4,999 people.

I have had a brief exchange of e mails with the applicant but don't intend to engage with them in a more detailed manner.

Andrew

**Andrew Simcock**  
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**From:** Andrew Simcock <cllr.andrew.simcock@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 20 April 2023 10:38  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Premises Licence variation 286663/PW5: Didsbury Sports Ground, Ford Lane, Manchester, M20 2RU, (Didsbury West ward)

Thank you for the notification of the above premises licence variation. I represent the adjoining ward Didsbury East.

Please can I seek clarity on the following matters:

The list below itemises a number of the issues involved here.

Given that the site is open and accessible from a number of points and there is currently little to stop anyone gaining access to the location how exactly will the organisers be able to carry out these functions?

What are the parking arrangements for this estimated crowd of 4,999 people?

I am not objecting per se to this application but it seems to be that there are a number of practical issues to be resolved.

Effective gate bag search, detection, amnesty measures for ingress.

Perimeter monitoring by roving security details.

Dot plan for security details on-site, effective communications between EMT.

Egress plans supported by re-deployment of management personnel and team leaders. Ask Angela processes in place for female guest safeguarding.

Steward supported egress plan, deployment of welfare facilities at gate for use on exit.

Cleansing strategy for cleaning of site and surrounding areas.

Deployment of waste bins at the gate, for use on exit.

Traffic Management Plan and physical measures deployed where appropriate.

Resident letter drop with direct dedicated on-site contact for noise complaints, to address issues as they arise during delivery.

Sufficient site and street lighting for egress period after sunset.

Safeguarding Policy in place, with co-ordination between the EMT and suppliers such as security and stewarding teams, medical teams.

Lost child/vulnerable person strategy in place as reactive measures.

Challenge 25 on all bars, and at the gate. ID check for 18+.

Underage children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

DBS checks on all staff expected to come into contact with unaccompanied children.

Thank you

Andrew

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**Cllr 4**

**From:** John Leech <cllr.john.leech@manchester.gov.uk>

**Sent:** 28 April 2023 10:57

**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Re: Premises Licence variation 286663/PW5: Didsbury Sports Ground, Ford Lane, Manchester, M20 2RU, (Didsbury West ward)

Dear Licensing

There is very little details about how the event would be managed, so it is very difficult to be certain that the license will promote the 4 licensing objectives. There is clearly scope for noise and disturbance with the potential for up to 4999 people, and I cannot see how they event organisers would be able to ensure that there were not more people accessing the event, and managing the potential for noise and disturbance.

Kind regards

John Leech

**Res 1**

**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** 25 April 2023 22:15  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** 286663/PW5 - Didsbury Sports Ground

Hi,

I would like to strongly object.

They have made no engagement with local residents about this application at all. I have been notified by the local councillors letter and that is the first I've heard of it. I walk by very regularly as I have a small child. I also have an allotment next to the sports ground.

As the [REDACTED], they have made no contact with us about gauging local opinion for this application.

This is a very residential area. As a parent with a small child and having multiple neighbours with small children and elderly people people allowing music outdoors along with alcohol consumption until 11pm is completely unacceptable.

The site already in the summer months plays loud music inside for events which creates a nuisance for local residents. Noise spreads around the local streets and people leaving the area aren't particularly quiet.

Allowing music and entertainment to take place outside would cause considerable nuisance if it was a regular occurrence until 11pm.

People under the influence of alcohol already do not respect local residents properties and noise levels when leaving the area.

There are often late night noise disturbances surrounding the sports ground, this would certainly increase if this was approved.

There would be an increase in traffic caused by taxis and other vehicles who never adhere to the 20mph speed limits. The old concrete road surfaces are already loud in the evening in the summer months.

This a quiet neighborhood and plans to hold large outdoor events up to 4999 people is a ridiculous proposal. I don't believe they have the skills or expertise to manage a large event of that many people. There are too many houses close by. I don't believe the sports ground would take ownership of rubbish and the effect it would have on people surrounding the area. There would be noise and rubbish everywhere which would spill out onto the local roads. There is not enough access for transport and taxis would block roads. Even during children's football matches on weekends cars spill out locally.

It is worth noting, they have installed poor fencing around their sports pitches which has been left in poor state or disrepair. They isn't a great deal of local engagement with poorly worded signage about trespassing installed around the pitches add odds with local residents

Another consideration is there are also a number of birds of prey who nest in trees close to the sports ground. This would have a negative effect on them and other local wildlife. We have seen bats on regular occasions late in the evening as well

Many thanks

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**Res 2**

**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** 26 April 2023 06:28  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** John Leech <cllr.john.leech@manchester.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** 286663/PW5

I write further to the letter regarding Didsbury Sports Ground application to vary their premises licence, to allow for one annual outdoor public event to be held on their playing fields.

What about the effect this will have on our neighbourhood? We've experienced troubles in the past when they had fairground equipment and it attracted hundreds of people. The trouble to residents with people urinating in the gardens, throwing paper cups in the neighbourhood, loud shouting.

To think they want an event for up to 4999 people over 12 hours is asking for trouble. Ford Lane is a narrow road. We are already experiencing our driveways blocked - nobody does anything about it.

This 12 hour event is going to lead to crime and disorder in the area. What about emergency services, we've already experienced jobs setting a fire on the grassy knoll. Thankfully residents managed to put it out, then no emergency vehicle was needed - next time maybe they will be needed.

We experience public nuisance on a regular basis and that's just a few idiots. A one off event such as this will attract a huge amount of people. Not with fun in their minds, but to cause havoc.

There have been incidences at the sports ground in the past. Not necessarily buying alcohol there, but they will buy it and bring it in to the sports ground. We've seen the mess that was done during lockdown. The litter in the green spaces, the football/rugby/cricket pitches - barbecues were being lit - which caused damage to them.

The impact of this is going to be horrendous, dangerous to all people. Residents especially are going to be in fear with so many people around. What about our homes - possibly vandalism etc.

Just 2 nights ago, there were just a few adults kicking football around at the top of Deneford Road/Ford Lane. The noise they were making - no thought for children trying to sleep. Some of us still have original windows - I was frightened the ball may end up breaking our windows. Who ends up paying for the damage? Not Didsbury Sports Ground.

What services are the Council going to provide? There's going to be more litter etc. How are the emergency services going to get through?

Also, a lot of work goes in to 'Didsbury in Bloom' - plants/grass verges are going to be trampled on. We've already experienced people coming into this area during COVID time, the grass verges and green spaces were damaged due to people walking on them.

The clear-up from this event could take several months until the next annual event. This is not clear, it states, 'to allow for one annual outdoor public event'. Does this mean 1 day only, or does it mean an annual event over several consecutive days? Is it going to

be a concert?

It needs to be clearly stated what this public event is and how long it will last. Who is actually organising it? Is it outsiders hiring the grounds? What are the benefits to Didsbury Sports Ground? Do they hire it out for an enormous fee?

We are totally opposed to it.

  
Residents.

Res 3

**From:** [REDACTED] >

**Sent:** 26 April 2023 18:22

**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>

**Subject:** 286663/PW5 Premises: Didsbury Sports Ground, Ford Lane, Manchester, M20 2RU

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am responding to the above application as a resident of [REDACTED].

I am concerned by the scale of the application - capacity upto 4999 people, which seem disproportionate to the facilities the venue offers in terms of parking.

There is limited parking in the adjacent area.

The adjacent area does not have capacity for the entrance or egress of such a volume of cars or people on foot. I am also concerned about the disturbance which such large numbers could cause late at night after the consumption of alcohol.

I hope you will take these points into account.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Res 4**

**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** 26 April 2023 18:56  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** 286663/PW5 Didsbury Sports Ground

I have lived beside Didsbury Sports Ground for over 30 years. What was once a community club has descended into a money grabbing business. Loud music anti social behaviour littering and no parking. The new owner takes from the community and gives nothing back. There is no parking. There are no positives to this application apart from making a millionaire even richer.

After recent decisions in Didsbury i hope your planning department will consider residents

Thanks

[REDACTED]

## Res 5

**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** 26 April 2023 22:08  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** John Leech <cllr.john.leech@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Reference 286663/PWS - Didsbury Sports Ground

To Whom It May Concern,

We are residents at [REDACTED] and would like to oppose the application for Premises License Variation of Didsbury Sports Ground. We today received notification of the application for the first time via a letter from local councillors Richard Kilpatick and John Leech. This is the first we have heard of the application, there has been no engagement by the club ahead of receiving this notification. We have a young family and believe that this proposal creates nuisance to residents, disorder in the local areas, and risk of harm for children and the elderly in the immediate vicinity.

We strongly oppose the application based on the following rationale:

Crime Prevention and Disorder / Prevention of Public Nuisance

- The location is extremely close to quiet residential housing. Indeed it can only be accessed through the residential streets.
- The overspill and dispersal of people attending the sports club has created an increasing amount of crime in the surrounding streets - specifically people trying to enter parked vehicles, canvas properties by entering gardens and side entrances, and criminal damage to property and street signs. These have all been reported to the local council and police on an increasingly regular basis. It is inevitable that with the proposal this concern will continue to spiral (probably out of control).
- The summer months already bring an increase in disorder by people leaving the sports club for existing events in the late hours - throwing bottles into gardens, smashing bottles on the streets (see protection of children from harm below also), entering local properties on the street, urinating in the street and that's before even the behaviour and noise of people travelling down the street as they leave the area.
- The noise nuisance that already exists when the sports club run 'indoor' events is a problem given the number of young families living in the area. It is obvious that the 'indoor' events are not 'indoors' and so would have little trust that these events would run within the application guidelines (i.e. we have no doubt this would run beyond 11pm - which in itself causes issue for children trying to sleep from much earlier than this!)

Public Safety / The Protection of Children from Harm

- We have 2 young children, as many people in the area do. This is a family area - not an area set up to deal with large scale events. There is not the space to accommodate the vehicles that would be visiting as part of these events. On a Sunday morning the local streets cannot even cope with the traffic attending the rugby sessions, never mind events with 4999 people! Even on a Sunday morning this causes dangerous parking, as well as restricting the view at junctions. There are many times that we and others have been put at risk when trying to cross the road due to these events - it would only be a matter of time before a child (or elderly) was knocked down and seriously injured.
- In addition to the above we already have issues with coach buses parking for rugby events - this may well extend with the introduction of these events. These already cause issues parking on bends, again creating risk for other road users and pedestrians. This has also contributed to our road in particular (Fordbank Road) being in dire state of repair as the road is not designed for heavy load traffic. This will of course time cost the council additional monies which we will be lobbying for.

- On a normal day with no events, Ford Lane is only passable one way and therefore this will create further risk of harm as this route is also heavily used by walkers and dog owners travelling down to the river. If this road is impassible to the volume of traffic proposed how will the traffic management solutions be implemented to manage this without further creating risk to local people?
- There is an increasing problem in the area - specifically at the sports club - with vape pellets and laughing gas pellets being left in the surrounding areas. This carries high risk to 'inquisitive' children who will pick up these pellets (or god forbid needles) and potentially come to harm. By accepting this application we will be increasing this problem
- The rubbish left by current events leaves the local area in a state. Already alcohol is not only consumed on the premises and there is apparently no security to manage this in any way (even if security is employed the sight is accessible by many routes and so would be pretty impossible to manage)

We have previously had case to complain to the club when supposed 'indoor' events which create loud nuisance late into the night - extended well beyond the 11pm 'finish time'. The organiser / sports club showed complete disregard for residents by playing extremely loud music until very late into the night, and refusing to acknowledge or apologise in any way. it is obvious that the club doesnt have suitable resource or operations to manage even small scale events, and so to extend this to large outdoor events would be so unbelievably negligent.

We are happy to provide any further detail but in no way support this application and would expect further consultation and engagement before any further progress is made.

With Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Res 6

**From:** [REDACTED] >

**Sent:** 26 April 2023 23:25

**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>

**Subject:** I am a resident of [REDACTED], Didsbury. I strongly object to the application to license large social events at the Rugby Club on the grounds that there are no car parking facilities to cope with the cars bringing 4,999 people to the site. The resid...

Aside from this there is the noise aspect, this is a very quiet estate with many elderly people living here, including myself [REDACTED]. Our roads would doubtless have noisy drunken revellers coursing through them following the end of such an event, possibly causing damage to our properties and cars.

Please rethink this crazy idea.

[REDACTED]

**Res 7**

**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** 27 April 2023 06:28  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Objection to licence extension -Didsbury Sports Ground

Hello,

I live at [REDACTED], Manchester, England, M20 2TH. I'm writing to object to the extension on the licence to hold events for 4995 people for the following reasons;

- 1) Environmental- impact on wildlife and their habit
- 2) Very limited access and parking to the sports ground. It's impossible. You should walk down the streets on a Saturday afternoon to see the volume of traffic. There is zero capacity and limited access for that amount of people.
- 3) Noise pollution in a residential area
- 4) inappropriate behaviour- I've had to deal with many people who have been drunk, jumping on cars, vandalising. This will exacerbate the issue.

As a resident, I 100% object to this license extension.

Kindes regards,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



Res 8

**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** 27 April 2023 08:11  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** 286663/PWS

I write to object to the application for at Didsbury Sports Ground.

This organisation states that they "aim to be the beating heart of Didsbury" and write that they are committed to provide our current members, residents and the local community with an unparalleled experience..." At no point, however, have they consulted with residents about the current application which I would have thought was essential.

How will the event be "marshalled"? For 4999 people a high level of security would be required to ensure the health and safety of participants and residents.

How will people get to DSG? Presumably a high proportion will drive: currently there is only a small car park and there are already parking issues on certain days, particularly Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings where perhaps a couple of hundred people attend, far fewer than the almost five thousand in the proposal. Parking, including of coaches, is an issue for local residents given that the small car park cannot cope already and inevitably people park, sometimes unhelpfully, on the nearby streets.

Please note that in the past when there have been functions at DSG there has been unacceptable behaviour on the local streets which have required police engagement, eg people walking on people's cars, throwing rubbish in residents' gardens and even someone falling asleep in someone's garden! Are there any proposals to "marshal" the streets to ensure a safe and orderly exit from the event? I believe such issues have already been raised with the club and the city council over the past few years.

I am also concerned about noise levels and the effect that this will have on neighbours, particularly the young and the elderly.

Didsbury Sports Ground and the areas nearby are a haven for wildlife; I am most concerned about the impact of the application on the environment, both with regard to noise on the night itself but also from the inevitable litter including, potentially, broken glass, which also is a potential hazard for sports' participants and spectators at subsequent training sessions or fixtures.

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Res 9**

**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** 27 April 2023 11:24  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Reference: 286663/PW5; Objection to the Proposed Variation of Didsbury Sports Ground License

Dear Licensing Department,

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to express my deep concern and strong objection to the proposed variation of the license for Didsbury Sports Ground (DSG), as outlined in the application currently under consultation. As a resident of Ford Lane, a neighbourhood directly affected by the activities of DSG, I believe that the granting of this application would have severe negative consequences on our community and directly impact the promotion of the four licensing objectives.

Firstly, I would like to highlight the significant disruption and disturbance caused by the existing operations of DSG. Over the years, we have endured numerous instances of excessive noise pollution, with loud music playing until midnight. Despite my previous complaint to the city council, these disturbances have persisted, creating an unwelcoming and disruptive environment for the residents of Ford Lane, particularly young children who are trying to sleep. Furthermore, the high volume of departing vehicles between midnight and 2 am poses safety risks and further contributes to the noise pollution and potential crime and disorder in the area.

Additionally, the behaviour of some intoxicated young adults from DSG has been alarming and intimidating. They have been witnessed running on top of parked cars along Ford Lane, leaving bottles and glasses in front gardens, and engaging in other forms of anti-social behaviour. This behaviour not only endangers the safety of our neighbourhood but also undermines public safety and contributes to the creation of a public nuisance.

Furthermore, the limited access to Didsbury Sports Ground and the insufficient parking facilities exacerbate the problems faced by residents. On multiple occasions, buses transporting attendees to DSG have been unable to pass through Ford Lane due to parked cars, necessitating residents to move their vehicles, causing inconvenience and disruption to our daily lives. Granting the proposed variation and allowing an annual outdoor event with a capacity of up to 4999 people would exacerbate the already limited access and parking issues, leading to further chaos and disturbances in the area.

Of significant concern is the proposed destruction of the adjacent site of biological interest and local nature reserve. These ecological areas are invaluable assets to our community, providing habitat for wildlife and offering a serene environment for residents to enjoy. Allowing an event of this scale would not only damage this cherished natural space but also disregard the protection of the environment, which is crucial to the promotion of public safety and the prevention of public nuisance.

Moreover, the incidents involving unsupervised open fires on DSG during the heatwave last summer were extremely distressing. The smoke emitted from these fires severely affected visibility and breathing within our homes. It is particularly alarming that no personnel from Didsbury Sports Ground took responsibility for extinguishing the fires or addressing the concerns raised by the affected residents. This negligence on their part raises serious doubts about their ability to operate events safely and manage potential hazards.

Considering the aforementioned concerns, I strongly urge the Licensing Department to reject the proposed variation of the Didsbury Sports Ground license. Granting such a license

would only exacerbate the existing problems and compromise the well-being, safety, and quality of life for the residents of Ford Lane. Instead, I implore the council to prioritize the interests and concerns of the local community and ensure that the licensing objectives of crime and disorder prevention, public safety, prevention of public nuisance, and protection of children from harm are upheld.

Thank you for considering my objections. I trust that you will take appropriate action to protect the rights and well-being of the residents of Ford Lane.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted name]

[Redacted address line 1]

[Redacted address line 2]

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**Res 10**

**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** 27 April 2023 12:56  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** John Leech <cllr.john.leech@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Didsbury Sports Ground application to vary license

Dear Sirs,

I write as a concerned resident of [REDACTED] Didsbury in respect of the recent application to extend the license of Didsbury Sports Ground.

The Fordbank estate is made up of entirely residential properties and has access roads consistent with this, the track leading down to the Sports club is not designed or maintained to cater for large amounts of traffic. The club has limited parking spaces, which will only result in traffic congestion and inconvenience to local residents as visitors will inevitably park outside our houses and cause late night disruption when they leave the club.

At present the club has supposed limitations on what they can do with regards consumption of alcohol outside and noise levels. The application attempts to expand on what they can do presumably with certain restrictions imposed. Bearing in mind during the summer months the club flagrantly flouted the current restrictions by playing loud music well past midnight with their doors open and allowing patrons to consume alcohol outside I am far from convinced that the club will respect any further limitations the council will impose.

Previous complaints have been made to the council as to the noise levels and I specifically refer to this household's complaint to the licensing out of hours department reference 741528.

Local residents have had to put up with anti social behaviour for a number of years now and any increase on the license will only increase that. The area has many houses were young children and elderly people live who will only suffer disruption and inconvenience.

The suggestion that this venue is suitable for numbers in their hundreds let alone several thousand is ludicrous, you will have large numbers of people with unlimited access to alcohol with little in the way of toilet facilities and close proximity to a river, I would suggest this is a recipe for disaster.

The main purpose of this club is to provide sporting facilities for the area not to provide a venue for large gatherings were alcohol is present to the detriment of people who live nearby.

Bearing in mind the little regard the club has for local residents I would have thought it more prudent to limit their license not extend it.

I am sure I will not be the only person raising objections to this application due to their concerns over the risk of anti-social behaviour, disruption and the nuisance this will cause.

Ultimately this is a residential area and Should be considered as such and the concerns of the residents have to be taken into account

Should you wish to discuss this matter further please do not hesitate to donate me.

Yours faithfully

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**Res 11**

**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** 28 April 2023 14:37  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Premises Licence Variation - 286663/PW5

Dear Sir/Madam

I write re the above application at Didsbury Sports Ground

This proposal involving such a large number of visitors / revellers in a densely residential area is fraught with challenges regarding the four licensing objectives I understand the Council have to meet.

The prevention of Crime & Disorder

How is such a large number of visitors expected to arrive? The Council must have some form of metric they can apply to how visitors will arrive at the sports ground - bus,car,tram,foot.

Those arriving by bus, tram and foot will crowd the pavements from Wilmslow Road and down all the smaller residential streets of Didsbury Village as they walk towards the Ground. How will such a large increase in pedestrian numbers be shepherded to the Sports Ground to avoid any disturbances ? The potential overcrowding of pavements with pedestrians spilling into the road is a threat to public order and indeed traffic

What percentage of visitors are expected to arrive by car? Where are these extra cars supposed to park in Didsbury in order to avoid blocking local roads and potentially causing threats to public order - and safety ?

What stewarding arrangements will be in place to ensure ease of ingress and egress of vehicles and pedestrians to the site - bearing in mind the main entrance is down a steep narrow hill. Especially egress when many visitors will have imbibed and with no pavement on Ford Lane near the Sports Ground - who is assuming responsibility for the safety of all pedestrians.

Public Safety

As mentioned above how is such a large number of people supposed to arrive and leave the area without overcrowding the pavements and spilling into the roads?

Those arriving by car will be arriving in an area where parking is already at a premium. How many car parking spaces are the Sports Ground proposing to lay on - and even if they arrange parking - the residential approach roads have residents cars parked on them - generally making travel down them difficult. With normal traffic single cars can allow each other to pass. With a large increase in the number of vehicles I would suggest that gridlock is likely and this will spill out onto Wilmslow Road affecting through traffic and more importantly one of Manchesters busiest bus routes. A mix of far larger numbers of pedestrians and more cars cannot make the area any safer than it already is. Far from it.

As you will know the River Mersey flows close by the Sports Ground. With a licence allowing access to alcohol all day the proximity of the river becomes a more significant hazard. I understand that the vast majority of people drink responsibly - it will only take a limited number drinking to excess to endanger their own lives and those of others. It will also only take one accident - or worse a tragedy - to call into question the judgement of those making

the decision to extend the licence.

= Prevention of Public Nuisance

Just how do the Council and organisers expect to prevent and manage Public Nuisance issues with up to nearly 5000 extra people in a relatively confined space and small narrow roads. Without significant extra policing how will public nuisance be prevented? What numbers of extra constables and / or stewards are the council proposing for this event and who will pay for the extra resource?

What noise limit (in dB) is being proposed ? What input will residents have to this.

Protection of Children from harm

What proposals for minors have the organisers made regarding this event ? Is there a minimum age ? What crowd control measures will be implemented to specifically protect children from pedestrian crowding next to roads, protection within the event to avoid any risk of crushing. Is the fence between the Sports Ground and the the river secure to ensure no adventurous youngsters can get through and access the embankment and river?

Yours Faithfully

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**Res 12**

**From:** [REDACTED] >

**Sent:** 01 May 2023 20:43

**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Notice of Application to vary a Premises Licence (ref 154908)

Hi

I am writing to object to the recent notice of application to vary a premises licence for Didsbury Sports Ground (ref 154908).

All nearby residents already experience late night noise and disruption from the club, as well as car parking issues and anti-social behaviour. I can only see this getting worse if this licence is approved. The club have made no effort to consult the residents and outline what their plans are. Local engagement with us continues to be very poor. I fear that if this is approved it will set a precedent and the issues that we already experience will get out of control.

Regards,

[REDACTED]



**Res 13**

**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** 28 April 2023 16:04  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Didsbury Sports Ground

Good afternoon

I wanted to give my thoughts on the proposed premises license variation for Didsbury Sports Ground

I have lived on [REDACTED] for over 20 years and have recently welcomed the change of ownership at DSG. I do however have my concerns about this proposal

- The prevention of crime and disorder
  - Unfortunately with the location of this area close to the river, with paths out of the area and open spaces, there has been a lot of crime in the area over the years. This has been acknowledged by police / PCSOs, counsellors etc. Evenings and days when events are happening is when more crime occurs with groups attracted to the events / music happening at DSG. This can be cars and damaged, vandalism, broken glass on roads, outbuildings broken into and general disorder from the groups who congregate in this area and are attracted by noise etc. Not all incidences are reported as it is felt that things are not followed through. This will lead to too many people in the area, overcrowding and a much higher chance of crime and disorder
  - 
  - Public safety
  - Groups of youths and other adults can be threatening in this area. People in the area are wary of going out late at night and if events are happening late more people will be attracted
  - 
  - The prevention of public nuisance
  - DSG is in a residential area. We already have lots of events there. This leads to a high volume of traffic on small roads not suitable for the amount of people attending. Noise from DSG already affects many many houses in the area. Doors at DSG are open and events held outside leading to music playing all day and being a nuisance. Watching tv at home, trying to sleep and hearing the music pounding through the walls from the events causes a public nuisance. This would increase with this application and affect many in the area. The area cannot cope with this amount of people. It says it finishes at 11.00pm, but people leaving the area take time and this has an impact on areas such as Ford Lane where people are kept awake by people walking / cars etc for a long time afterwards. There has to be consideration to the local residents in the area and noise is a major factor.
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  - The protection of children from harm
- The area has an issue with groups of youths attracted to the fields, away from sight and drinking and taking drugs in the vicinity of the area. More people will be attracted with events and this will increase.

There has to be consideration for the local residents of the area and I believe that granting this application is not in the best interest of the local residents and will have a detrimental impact on their livelihoods

Please can you confirm receipt of this email  
Regards

[REDACTED]

**Res 14**

**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** 28 April 2023 19:08  
**To:** Sion Roberts <sion.roberts@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>; John Leech <cllr.john.leech@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Didsbury Rugby Club

Dear Sion

I write further to your letter of 21 May 2022 (your Ref 741528) when you confirmed a full premises inspection would take place at Didsbury Rugby Club following my complaints about noise.

It has also been brought to my attention that the club have applied for an extension to their music/alcohol licence (reference 286663/PW5). They are seeking for outdoor drinking and music until 2300 to include live music. Alcohol sales to 0100 as well.

I am of course completely opposed to this application, as I am aware many of the local residents are.

Please can you share your own investigation/reports/complaints are shared with the licensing team as I am concerned that the existing licence provisions for the club are in my view too lenient so to extend these even further is a huge concern.

I have copied the licence team into the email, please treat this email as notice of my objection. I will endeavour to send to you a more detailed response to the application before 2 May. Can I check – are you not planning on writing to the residents at all?

I have copied John Leech, my local councillor so he is aware of the issue.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Res 15

**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** 29 April 2023 18:58  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Proposed event at Didsbury Sports Ground

## Reference: 286663/PWS

I would like to protest most strongly about the proposed 'event' at Didsbury Sports Ground in the summer. I feel that it is a most inappropriate place to hold what appears to be a miniature pop music festival on the edge of a quiet and peaceful housing estate. I notice their cynical claim that it for the 'local community'. But what do they mean by local community?

As far as the four licensing objectives we have been given to consider are concerned, the first is that I am concerned about is the 'prevention of crime and disorder' because I have had reports from people who lived close to similar events elsewhere of drunken youths rampaging round the neighbourhood after such concerts, and we once experienced this ourselves after a party at the Sports Ground, with people running into the back gardens of houses screaming and jumping on cars. The allotments opposite were also broken into and some vandalism took place. Local community? I think not.

I don't think there is much to complain about concerning public safety, except that the narrow access to the Sports Ground is often the cause of traffic chaos, even on Sunday mornings during their rugby coaching sessions,.

Parking is always a bit of a nightmare at any time around these narrow roads.

Prevention of public nuisance: I'm not clear about the exact difference between 'crime and disorder' and 'public nuisance', but I can tell you that on occasions when there has been deafening pop music blasted from speakers down on the Sports Ground field it has been heard all the way up Fordbank Road, even with all windows and doors shut.

I don't think anyone on this estate will be looking forward to three days of deafening pop music. Does this amount to public nuisance? If not, perhaps the reports of the occasional drunk peeing in neighbours' gardens might do so.

As far as children are concerned (how old are children?) I can't see why they should be in any particular danger, apart from the traffic congestion

which must occur where Ford Lane meets Fordbank Road – unless of course any drug dealers turn up.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Res 16

**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** 30 April 2023 15:51  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Objection to application

## REF: Didsbury Sports Ground

Application Type: Premises Licence variation

Reference: 286663/PW5

Premises: Didsbury Sports Ground, Ford Lane, Manchester, M20 2RU

Applicant: Didsbury Sports Ground Limited

Hi

I live on [REDACTED] next to Didsbury Sports Ground and I object to the size and timing of these events.

When the premises hold some events, even inside ones we are quite badly affected.

- the noise of the music from the event can often be heard ALL DAY constantly, inside with our windows shut and goes on passed ours and our children's bedtimes. Often accompanied by large crowd noises

-increase of traffic up our road and people park up our road quite in considerably blocking entrances to our house

- people are often drunk wandering home after the event up our street being very loud late on

- we've recently had younger men drunk after events urinating on our front wall and throwing things to each other across the road at midnight - shouting and waking us up.

If it was smaller quantity, with stricter noise rules, and an earlier finish it might make it better. The ground does wonderful community events but this is too big.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Res 17**

**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** 30 April 2023 16:17  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** 286663/PW5

Hi Manchester City Council

We are concern about the license application from Didsbury Sports Ground as this will impact us who are living nearby due to traffic and noise pollution. The event size is too big as there are no suitable car parking facilities.

Thanks

[REDACTED]



**Res 18**

**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** 30 April 2023 16:31  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Licence application 286663/PW5 Didsbury Sports Ground

[You don't often get email from [REDACTED]. Learn why this is important at <https://aka.ms/LearnAboutSenderIdentification> ]

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to express my concern and objections regarding the above licence application for a one day gathering for upto 5,000 people.

As a resident of [REDACTED] I am acutely aware of the traffic and parking problems that current events already cause along the residential roads around the sports ground and they are for much smaller gatherings. With the amount of traffic an event for upto 5,000 would inevitably bring and the small access that exists to the club house, I do not believe emergency vehicles would be able to access the Sports Ground if needed.

Added to this the noise and public nuisance that such a large gathering would cause way beyond 11pm as people left the venue, I urge you to consider the local residents and safety implications of such an event and refuse the application.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

**Res 19**

**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** 30 April 2023 16:51  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Didsbury sports ground

Hello

We live on [REDACTED] and if the application is successful for the sports ground, we as a family are concerned regarding the noise level, we hear the music now when it is played indoors and I don't think this will be acceptable for our neighbourhood. I'm also concerned regarding the parking of cars of the people attending the venue and the noise level as they leave after the events, the leaving of empty bottles on our garden walls, urinating on our property, the noise level from voices leaving. It's not what we want to be hearing and seeing from our home. We are against this application being successful.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Res 20**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 30 April 2023 17:08  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** 286663/PW5

Hi there,

With reference to the large event licensing for Didsbury Sports Ground. Although largely supportive of the activities of the business and really wishing them to succeed, it has brought quite several unintended consequences to the Fordbank Estate where I am a resident.

We've had incidents of anti-social behaviours and minor crimes committed in the area due to the Sports Ground being a draw for non-residents and youths into the area. This escalates during summer months, causing damage to cars and other property of residents in the area. Those that live closest to the Sports Ground particularly suffer with nuisance behaviour.

Largely my concerns are practical:

1. Car parking the area suffers since the changes in parking restrictions on Dene Road, spilling Didsbury visitors onto the other smaller streets of the Fordbank estate. Didsbury has become ever more popular in the last few years bringing in visitors all looking to park. Even a single night event could have cars left for a day or two by event goers. I'd suggest that a residents and visitors permit scheme is becoming a necessity.
2. Security of the wider estate – we have been a relatively unknown area until covid however that has increased and the crime levels also. We go through particular 'waves'. If an event was on, then a plan for ingress and egress of party goers in and out of the state, ensuring no damage to residents property would be incredibly important. If they spill out of an event straight into the estate unchecked, we can't be sure they leave the area onto transport or what anti-social behaviours will follow.
3. Security of the Didsbury Sports Ground itself – the site does not have an adequate perimeter fence and although the license is only to 4999 party goers, it would be very easy for un-ticketed event goers to join by jumping over the exiting walls or walking through hedges. It would be very unlikely without copious staff or improvements to the security of the site, they could contain any event. Which would undoubtedly cause further problems for the Fordbank residents. If the business intends to mitigate issues with security staff, this would conflict with my point above – the staff would be on the event and not lining the local streets preventing anti-social damage to residents property.
4. There have been known litter issues in the area since covid – overspilling bins, not enough bins and our streets have become much more dirty. There's not enough toilet facilities – residents have even had youths knocking on doors who had been drinking at the Sports Ground wanting to use the toilet! There would need to be resource to mitigate these issues and a plan from the organiser to provide private street cleaning of the Fordbank estate.
5. Noise pollution both from the event and those travelling to and from it.

I'd suggest the following provisions

1. Temporary (or permanent) residents parking scheme to prevent disruption to local residents and their visitors
2. Security or police to supervise the ingress and egress of revellers from event through the Estate and onto wider public transport with no loitering
3. Improved site fencing for the Sports Ground to prevent the event getting out of hand
4. Organisers contract private street cleaners post-event to clean up the local area
5. In conjunction with 2 and 3 being a good neighbour and ensuring no 'informal events' spring up after the main one, then claiming they had no responsibility

The application states the organisers are committed to engaging local residents and organisations – however, the license application is the first any of us have seen of this and could have largely gone un-noticed if it hadn't been picked up by a resident and the local councillors. It would suggest that the organisers do not act with the intent they communicate, so ensuring those provisions are met would be very important.

Kind regards,

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**Res 21**

**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** 30 April 2023 18:13  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Licence Application 286663/PW5

I wish to raise a very strong opposition to the application by the Didsbury Sports Ground  
Safety  
We face many problems with parking in the surrounding area and holding an event with 5000 people will create chaos .We have raised the issue of parking to police and councillors on many occasions  
Social Nuisance  
We have for years had problems with young people causing noise and distress to residents when they are leaving the club after events. The event planned will lead to crime and disruption.We have seen evidence of drug use and crime by young people and we would want to reduce events not allow a festival  
Regards [REDACTED] resident [REDACTED]

**Res 22**

**From:** webfeedback@manchester.gov.uk <webfeedback@manchester.gov.uk>

**Sent:** 30 April 2023 18:24

**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Make representation to a licensing or gambling application

Question	Response
<i>First name:</i>	[REDACTED]
<i>Last name:</i>	[REDACTED]
<i>Building number or name:</i>	[REDACTED]
<i>Street:</i>	[REDACTED]
<i>Area:</i>	[REDACTED]
<i>Postcode:</i>	[REDACTED]
<i>Email :</i>	[REDACTED]
<i>Application reference number:</i>	286663/PW5
<i>Premises name (if known) and full address this representation relates to:</i>	Didsbury Sports Ground
<i>Which of the licensing objectives are relevant to your comments on this application: :</i>	Public safety
<i>Please state your comments on this application :</i>	<p>I have several concerns but overriding all others is the fact that the access to the rugby club is down a narrow road which has high usage. it is not only the way to the rugby club but also used by walkers, dog walkers, cyclists, families, people with pushchairs, people going to their allotments opposite the rugby club. THERE IS NO FOOTPATH, so cars and pedestrians have to dodge each other. This happens on a normal day, so how anyone thinks it could be safe for several thousand people is</p>

**Question**

**Response**

beyond me.

**Res 23**

**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** 30 April 2023 21:01  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Licence application. Ref: 286663/PWS. Didsbury sports ground

To those with the responsibility for reviewing the above license.

I wish to register my absolute opposition to the granting of this license. My reason for my opposition is as follows.

The Didsbury Sports ground is situated in the Fordbank residential estate of Didsbury, with a single road access and exit through the estate. It currently has parking facilities for approximately 50 cars.

The thought of allowing anything from hundreds/thousands of people accessing the site from 11.00am in the morning to 11.00pm at night with the introduction of alcohol, music and dancing is a recipe for an antisocial disaster.

There has been clear evidence over the last 2 years of increased antisocial behaviour, groups of partygoers in peoples garden, damage to cars with vandals running over the top of the car roofs. Some children have been awakened due to disturbances outside of their houses.

The safety of the many elderly residents on the estate cannot be guaranteed with this volume of people attending an event fuelled by alcohol.

I put it to you that none of your licensing objectives can be met safely considering the location of this venue. And I sincerely ask you to consider the consequences this will have on the neighbourhood and wider community.

The only people it will benefit are those that are using this venue as a money making opportunity under the disguise of providing activities in the community.

Yours Sincerely

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] resident.



**Res 24****From:** [REDACTED] >**Sent:** 30 April 2023 21:23**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>**Subject:** Ref: 286663/PW5 objection to Premises Licence variation for Didsbury Sports Grounds, Ford Lane, Manchester, M20 2RU

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to express my objections to giving permission to Didsbury Sport Ground to run events for up to 4999 outside its premises over extended hours with the licence to sell alcohol.

The reasons for my objection are as follows

1. PAST: Over the last few years the residents of the residential area in the immediate proximity to the Didsbury Spots Gounds have experienced of numerous examples of unruly gatherings and acts of vandalism from visitors to the grounds. In spite of the fact that all of these gatherings took place in the Grounds recreational areas neither acknowledgement nor any actions were taken by the management of the club to address the issue. The residents had to involve local MP and police directly. This does not inspire any hope that in the future this will change and they will take a more responsible position with regards to the estate where they are based.

2. FUTURE: Didsbury Sport Grounds would like to bring up to 4999 people. This requires careful planning to avoid damage to existing infrastructure and disrupting life of the local residents even further.

2.1 Parking: As I have already mentioned the Grounds are located in the existing residential area. There are two single lanes that lead to the Grounds entrance, from Ford Lane and Stenner Lane, providing restricted access and very limited parking spaces. Neither of the access points nor Grounds themselves have anywhere near enough parking spaces to accommodate a vast number of visitors they are planning to attract;

2.2 Toilets: The Grounds do not have neither sufficient arrangements nor space for providing the required toilet facilities for up to 4999 people they are aiming at attracting. If such arrangements are not clearly planned and implemented this would lead to highly undesirable impact on the quality of life of local residents and River Mercy embankment.

2.3 Cleaning: The next big issue is the necessity of organised cleaning of the Grounds, adjacent residential areas and River Mercy embankment for the events of such scale.

2.4 Security: Policing of the such events should be considered as one of the main aspects of managing large scale events in the areas that have already had numerous incidents of unruly behaviour.

2.5 Noise pollution: The Didsbury Sport Grounds are located in the quiet residential area. Noise pollution will have a significant impact on life of local residents.

2.6 Reinforcement of closing hours: Reinforcement of closing hours is extremely important. How a small club plan to undertake such reinforcement? It did not work in the past and police had to be involved.

Undertaking all of the above is an extremely important part of adhering to the set conditions of the licence and preventing a detrimental impact on life of local residents and River Mercy embankment.

I would appreciate if I could be informed on the progress of this application.

Kind regards,

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**Res25 (Withdrawn)**

**Res 26 (In Support of application)**

**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** 01 May 2023 10:05  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** 286663/PW5

To whom it may concern,  
I ( and my husband- cc'd) are supportive of the application. It helps keep DSG viable,  
which is a fantastic asset for Didsbury residents.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Res 27**

**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** 01 May 2023 10:36  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Extended licensing hours

This application would make a marked effect on neighbouring residential houses. It's noisy during the summer months without these extended hours. The cars park anywhere and because the surrounding roads are fairly narrow the cars park partly on the pavements hence causing an obstruction to not only pedestrians but prams etc. The noise is bad when people are coming away from the Sports Ground so I strongly object to the extended planning hours they are seeking.

**Res 28**

**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** 01 May 2023 12:32  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Re: Reference: 286663/PW5

Hi,

I am writing regarding the license application Reference: 286663/PW5 for Didsbury Sports Ground.

I am a local resident and have mayor concerns regarding this application. This premise is situated at the back of a quiet residential area with very limited access. I cannot imagine how it can possibly accommodate traffic for a 5000-visitors event. Not to mention the impact to the entire local traffic network. Ford Lane is narrow and is already full of visitors parking due to its proximity to the village. Overspill parking will affect the whole surrounding area.

I also noticed the application is for outdoor entertainment including the sale of alcohol until 2300. This will no doubt generate excessive amount of noise for those who live nearby as well as anti-social behaviours. This is deeply concerning and I must object in the strongest terms.

I sincerely hope this application will not be granted.

Regards

[REDACTED]

**Res 29**

**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** 01 May 2023 13:20  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Didsbury sports ground m20

I am aware that Didsbury Sports Ground wants to apply for a licence to hold one day events in May June and July 2024 that may involve up to 5,000 people. Licence Application 286663/PW5.

I live at [REDACTED] Didsbury, which is between Didsbury Village and the Didsbury Sports Ground. I want to object to this licence being approved.

The area I live in is a quiet residential neighbourhood. There is not enough parking at the didsbury sports ground. If in the region of 5,000 people come to my neighbourhood there will be a problem with cars parking and blocking my Road. There is only one narrow Road that accesses this site, has any thought been given if emergency services need to get to the site?

I am also concerned that if this number of people come into my neighbourhood, they are staying until 11.00 pm at night, alcohol is available at the site. Then drunken people are going to cause upset and a nuisance to my family and my neighbours. Who is going to Police this?

As a resident of the area I object to Didsbury Sports Grounds Application and I ask you to reject it.

Regards [REDACTED]

**Res 30**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 01 May 2023 13:49  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Application Licence 286663/PW5 - Didsbury Sports Ground

Dear Sirs

As a resident living at [REDACTED] Didsbury ,I strongly object to this application which will further impact on the local residents as there is insufficient parking to facilitate such an event.

Not only will the noise be detrimental but I am anxious about the control of such a number of people with access to alcohol.

The Sports Ground currently facilitate a number of corporate and private functions and have never taken a responsible role in controlling both the noise and behaviour. I have in the past had to go and see the Manager because whilst I am at the furthest point along Ford Lane (from the Sports Ground) have struggled to hear my TV such was the level. I notified the Manager who really didn't want to know who paid me lip service and said he would deal with it turning down the sound until I had left the ground then reverted to the former levels which are not acceptable.

After such events the road is usually left with litter and little chrome cylinders which I understand are laughing gas cylinders used for getting high!

I live directly opposite the green where youths meet in numbers and use it as a toilet as indeed was my neighbours garden and then given abuse.

We have on a number of occasions had to call the Police to move on the drunken abusive individuals( who are also reluctant to attend as they have insufficient numbers to control these crowds which congregate) this has happened so many times when the weather is better that one neighbour has just moved away as a direct result of this situation.

The Sports Ground Managers are not interested in any form of control other than commercial interest and have been a big disappointment to all and sundry who live in the immediate vicinity.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**Res 31**

**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** 01 May 2023 16:47  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** John Leech <cllr.john.leech@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Licence application 286663/PW5 - Didsbury Sports Ground

I write further to the letter regarding Didsbury sportsground application to vary their premium license to allow for one annual outdoor public event to be held on their playing fields. What about the effect this will have on our neighbourhood locally with people, urinating in gardens, littering and antisocial behaviour plus blocking driveways. How will emergency services get through.

An event for up to 5000 people is asking for trouble. These people will be buying drinks and food in shops and littering everywhere with no regard for the mess they leave. we saw in lockdown green spaces were severely damaged by people using them for barbecues, leaving lit, fires and causing significant damage

I am deeply concerned about our home, which will be on the main thoroughfare to the venue and possible vandalism that may be caused. As an elderly person living on my own, this is already causing me stress and anxiety. I am also concerned that this event goes ahead it will open the doors for more frequent regular events at this venue

I am against this application

[REDACTED] Didsbury

**Res 32**

**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** 01 May 2023 18:37  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Planning application 286663/PW5

I wish to object to proposed event at Didsbury Sports Ground on  
2 May 2023.  
5000 people coming will create horrendous parking problems on the  
Fordbank estate.  
A live music event so close to this residential area is bound to be a further  
nuisance.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Res 33**

**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** 01 May 2023 18:53  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Didsbury sports ground application

Dear Sir/ madam ,

I'm writing to you regarding my deep concerns about the didsbury sports ground licence application 286663/PW5.

As a resident of Ford Lane I'm alarmed of this application. I believe the residential area will be harm if such event on this capacity takes place.

The sports ground has extended its services and programmes including big day events plus bars/ cafe / food already since lockdown which already impacts on us there are increasing footfall of people and cars , (especially cars) which bring disturbance , litter , erosion of grass verges while heaps of debris and quite frankly making the area a lot more shabby than what it was even from 2yrs ago and this simply is because of the mass of people.

So the new proposal of 5,000 is just simply unfair and wrong the noise , light pollution, litter debris is extremely concerning.

One example of we use to have a tawny owl up and down Ford Lane that I use to monitor and I can directly tell you it no longer is with us due to the extra disturbances from the sports ground events.

We still luckily have bats and woodpeckers but I'm a concerned of the natural environment and our residents welfare with this new proposals, so am completely against it .

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Res 34**

**From:** [REDACTED] >

**Sent:** 01 May 2023 19:50

**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Didsbury sports ground

Hi,

I'm against the festival application due to noise, times and parking issues.

Regards

[REDACTED]

**Res 35**

**From:** [REDACTED] >

**Sent:** 01 May 2023 20:58

**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>;

the.mayor@greatermanchesterca.gov.uk <the.mayor@greatermanchesterca.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Fwd: Proposed Licensing

Dear Sir / Madam

This is regards the application for 154908 Didsbury Sports ground, Ford lane, Didsbury, M20 2RU.

I oppose the this application for licensing due to the following :-

1. Loud music and noise created by the event.
2. Create of Anti social behaviour around the surrounding neighbourhood.
3. previous events have caused a large number of youths gathering on Ford lane / Fordbank and creating litter in people's gardens, and jumping on cars. All this has been mentioned to police to had to come out to sort out the situation. Police will have all the crime reference nos.
4. People have been found sleeping in people's front garden again reported to police. I have recording to prove this, 6am in the morning.
5. parking issues will be created as where will 4999 people park.

Finally this will create alot of nuisance and disturbance for a nice, friendly neighbourhood.

We do not want these problems on our doorstep.

I will oppose this to the highest level and I have cc. the labour councillors on this.

Please take this seriously as all the neighbours on [REDACTED] are complaining and not happy.

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regards

[REDACTED]

**Res 36 (In support of application)**

**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** 01 May 2023 22:49  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: 286663/PW5

To Whom it may concern at the Licensing department.

I am also supportive of the views of [REDACTED] in that DSG should be allowed the special events licence on an annual basis.

Being a local resident I am acutely aware of the benefits to the community that DSG provides. It's desperately needed in the area and events such as this allow it to survive financially.

It's not too much to ask of the neighbourhood for this 'one off' event to take place on an annual basis. We cope with the Didsbury Festival spread over a weekend period without any major issues.

The DSG events pails into insignificance compared to the Didsbury festival in terms of numbers attending and is deserving of our community support.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

> On 1 May 2023, at 10:05, [REDACTED]:  
>  
> To whom it may concern,  
> I ( and my husband- cc'd) are supportive of the application. It helps keep DSG viable, which is a fantastic asset for Didsbury residents.  
> [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Res 37**

**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** 02 May 2023 10:29  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Ref: 286663/PW5

Hi,

I live on [REDACTED] and am shocked that such a huge gathering is being considered for Didsbury Sports Ground. Whilst smaller events work well (local residents accept that cars will be parked all over the estate at these times)- this is far too big. During lockdown, when there were gatherings on the field, there was a huge upsurge in anti social behaviour- noise, litter, drunken behaviour- this type of gathering would be a bigger version of this.

I am aware that the majority of the Ford Bank Estate feel similarly. However there has been an issue with the council letter coinciding with election leaflets and so many people have been unaware of it (as they put the letter straight into recycling).

Please take these comments into account.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

**Res 38**

**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** 02 May 2023 11:15  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** ref 286663/PW5

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to object to this application from Didsbury Sports Ground for an event to accommodate up to allowing up to 4999 people to attend.

I am happy to see the ground used for sports (especially children) and occasional social events.

This application oversteps the mark and will cause serious noise, parking and traffic problems as well as intrusions into a residential area.

I am a local [REDACTED] resident whose house overlooks the ground. We have had previous problems with late night drunkenness and noise and can attest to previous events that have been noisy and intrusive.

I object most strongly to an event of this scale and would urge the committee to reject it.

With thanks

[REDACTED]



**From:** webfeedback@manchester.gov.uk <webfeedback@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 02 May 2023 12:05  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Make representation to a licensing or gambling application

<b>Question</b>	<b>Response</b>
<i>First name:</i>	██████████
<i>Last name:</i>	████████████████████
<i>Building number or name:</i>	
<i>Street:</i>	██████████
<i>Area:</i>	██████████
<i>Postcode:</i>	██████████
<i>Email :</i>	██
<i>Application reference number:</i>	286663/PW5
<i>Premises name (if known) and full address this representation relates to:</i>	Didsbury Sports Ground, Ford Lane, Didsbury, M20
<i>Which of the licensing objectives are relevant to your comments on this application: :</i>	The prevention of crime and disorder
<i>Which of the licensing objectives are relevant to your comments on this application: :</i>	The prevention of public nuisance
<i>Please state your</i>	As residents living close to the sports ground and on

Question	Response
<i>comments on this application :</i>	<p>the roads leading to it, we (people, cars and properties) have suffered several times in the past by vehicles and people making their way to events and drunken and rowdy behaviour from people returning from events at the sports ground late at night.</p> <p>Vehicles have been damaged/vandalised, gardens used as toilets, rubbish and empty bottles thrown on the road and in gardens, eggs thrown at houses and pranks with doorbells have been a significant nuisance. It is more than enough to have to smell the weed being smoked by several people going to and returning from the sports ground at night. With an event of the magnitude proposed, it will be close to unthinkable what we will have to go through.</p> <p>This is a very quiet residential area and access to the sports ground is mostly through a narrow lane (Ford Lane) where excessive parking and blocking of driveways (on surrounding roads too) results from events at the sports ground. It is fine for people to have a green space to play sport during the day but this has never been designed to be and is not an entertainment venue.</p> <p>I am speaking on behalf of several neighbours and I urge you to reject this application.</p>

**Res 40**

**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** 02 May 2023 22:43  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Ref: 286663/PW5

Hi,

I am a resident on [REDACTED] and am concerned that such a huge gathering is being considered for Didsbury Sports Ground. The Sports Ground is located within a highly populated residential area and an event of the size mooted would clearly create problems. There has been absolutely no engagement from the club with the wider community to discuss their plans and I know a lot of people are worried as to the trouble this may bring. During lockdown, when there were gatherings on the field, there was a huge upsurge in anti social behaviour- noise, litter, drunken behaviour, including smashed wing mirrors and dents from people running over cars. There a lot of elderly residents in our neighbourhood and I think that an event of this size would be particularly distressing for them.

I am aware that there is a lot of concern about these proposals on the Ford Bank Estate. However there has been an issue with the council letter coinciding with election leaflets and so many people have been unaware of it (as they put the letter straight into recycling).

Please take these comments into account when considering this application.

All the best,

[REDACTED]

**Res 41****From:** [REDACTED] >**Sent:** 02 May 2023 23:15**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>**Cc:** Debbie Hilal <cllr.debbie.hilal@manchester.gov.uk>; John Leech

&lt;cllr.john.leech@manchester.gov.uk&gt;; Greg Stanton &lt;cllr.greg.stanton@manchester.gov.uk&gt;

**Subject:** Reference: 286663/PW5 Didsbury Sports Ground Application for Premises Licence variation

RE: Didsbury Sports Ground

Application Type: Premises Licence variation

Reference: 286663/PW5

Premises: Didsbury Sports Ground, Ford Lane, Manchester, M20 2RU

Applicant: Didsbury Sports Ground Limited

Dear Sir or Madam

as local residents to the Didsbury Sports Ground (DSG), we have serious concerns about the proposed change to the premises licence and the way it will affect us as local residents.

With regards to the following points:

1. The prevention of crime and disorder- a crowd as large as is being applied for is highly likely to spill out onto the surrounding roads and paths and we have concerns regarding how the crowds would arrive during the morning and early afternoon and disperse late at night, with a high likelihood of drunk and disorderly behaviour as people walk through our neighborhood, and concerns about damage to vehicles, front gardens and littering.
2. Public safety- We have concerns about the access road not being suitable to cope with large numbers of vehicles (eg taxis) and people arriving and leaving which will lead to people congregating in the roads of the neighbourhood. In addition, there isn't really room for two way traffic or for vehicles to turn round when they arrive at the ground. When rugby matches are happening on a weekend we have noticed that the attendees park without any regard for the residents and some drive at speed. In addition, they often park on the pavement, obliterating one side for pedestrians. This is a particular problem on Ford Lane where it approaches Dean Road, so you have to walk on the road. If there is a situation of large numbers of vehicles requiring 2 way traffic on Ford Lane, we have concerns about the safety of pedestrians walking to the village and Didsbury Park.
3. The prevention of public nuisance- We are concerned about noise from the event being heard in our garden and house and disturbing our peace at home. In terms of antisocial behaviour, especially considering the times applied for, which would allow for the crowds to have access to alcohol for more than 10 hours, we are worried as to the way the crowds would behave as they pass through our neighbourhood. We consider that 10.30 pm is too late for this sort of activity in a

residential area, especially as, at that time of year, the windows are open in our houses. In addition, the statement that the license would allow events to last until 1am on certain days is wholly inappropriate. As the events would take place outside the clubhouse, it would not be possible for organisers to confine the music to the DSG.

4. The protection of children from harm- Our children walk down to the park to meet their friends at weekends and we are concerned that crowds of this size would put them at risk, especially if they met a large group who had already been drinking, and I think this would be very intimidating for them. In addition our neighbourhood has many very young children walking, on scooters and bicycles and we believe an increase in traffic would put them at risk. Families also walk through our neighbourhood to visit the river and Fletcher Moss park and this is not the sort of area you expect to encounter such events.

Crowds of this size who have access to alcohol for such a long period of time tend to shout loudly and not consider if their language or subject is suitable for all listeners or intimidating for vulnerable people. As the parents of a [REDACTED] year old girl, we do not think that we should have to take extraordinary measures to protect her in our own house and garden or if she wishes to walk to a friend's house in a neighbouring street. In addition we have concerns of what she might see or hear from crowds who are disinhibited during and after attending such events.

We note that the organisers have stated that they are committed to engaging local residents, neighbouring organisations and ensuring that events are professionally operated, safe and well-managed however there is no mention of how the area will be cleaned up after the event and what measures are being taken to ensure local wildlife such as the bat boxes on Stenner Lane will not be unduly disturbed either by the noise or directly by members of the crowd. We feel it is important to share with you that we have not been informed by the organisers that they were making this application, and there is no evidence for us, as local residents, that any efforts have been made to engage us. Historically the rugby club did engage with the local neighbourhood and would inform us if there was going to be an event, but we have noticed that this has not happened for a substantial number of years, and can confirm that we have not been informed of any of the events that have been hosted there in the last 12 months.

Yours Faithfully

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## Schedule of Licence Conditions

Conditions consistent with the operating schedule	Agreed	Proposed by
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Instruction of professional event management companies in the delivery of proposed events, subject to comprehensive Event Management Plan documentation, covering all aspects of the delivery.</li> <li>2. Consultation with the local community, business, local authority agencies and interested parties.</li> <li>3. Events subject to consultation, review and ultimate sign-off from SAG.</li> <li>4. Development of effective crowd management and security strategies, using experienced industry contractors with expertise in delivery of similar events.</li> <li>5. Coverage exceeding minimum requirements of staffing at all times. Overnight security and CCTV monitoring where required, liaison with local Police force.</li> <li>6. Prevention of Crime and Disorder Plan to include counter-terrorism measures.</li> <li>7. Delivery of co-ordinated operation of supply chain and Project Management board, in liaison with the license holder.</li> <li>8. Preventative communications strategy pre-event.</li> <li>9. Effective gate bag search, detection, amnesty measures for ingress.</li> <li>10. Perimeter monitoring by roving security details.</li> <li>11. Dot plan for security details on-site, effective communications between EMT.</li> <li>12. Egress plans supported by re-deployment of management personnel and team leaders. Ask Angela processes in place for female guest safeguarding.</li> <li>13. Steward supported egress plan, deployment of welfare facilities at gate for use on exit.</li> <li>14. Cleansing strategy for cleaning of site and surrounding areas.</li> <li>15. Deployment of waste bins at the gate, for use on exit.</li> <li>16. Traffic Management Plan and physical measures deployed where appropriate.</li> <li>17. Resident letter drop with direct dedicated on-site contact for noise complaints, to address issues as they arise during delivery.</li> <li>18. Sufficient site and street lighting for egress period after sunset.</li> <li>19. Safeguarding Policy in place, with co-ordination between the EMT and suppliers such as security and stewarding teams, medical teams.</li> </ol>	N/A	Applicant

## Schedule of Licence Conditions

<p>20. Lost child/vulnerable person strategy in place as reactive measures.</p> <p>21. Challenge 25 on all bars, and at the gate. ID check for 18+.</p> <p>22. Underage children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.</p> <p>23. DBS checks on all staff expected to come into contact with unaccompanied children.</p>		
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