

# GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE - REPRESENTATION

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## About the Premises

Application Reference No.	<b>LPA 256576</b>
Name of the Premises	<b>Basement Bar</b>
Address of the premises including postcode	<b>18-22 Lloyd Street, Manchester M2 5WA</b>

## 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 application in relation to the above premises on the grounds of the Prevention of Crime and Disorder, the Prevention of Public Nuisance and Public Safety.

The applicant has applied for a premises licence which seeks to allow the sale of alcohol and regulated entertainment until 0600hrs each day with a closing time of 0630hrs.

The premises are situated next to another licensed premise which closes its doors at 6am and, because of the reduced staffing numbers after 0600hrs GMP are concerned that by allowing this premises to remain open 30 minutes later will potentially leave the location exposed to crime and disorder and anti-social behaviour when police numbers are much lower.

At the same time GMP wouldn't be happy with both premises closing at the same time as this could lead to a mass exodus of intoxicated customers at the same time from both premises. Therefore we would ask that the hours for these premises were pulled back so that it closes earlier than the existing one. We would also ask that a last entry time was attached to the licence so that it doesn't become an end of night destination venue for inebriated customers leaving other premises.

Within the operating schedule the applicant has offered a condition that SIA door staff will be provided on a risk assessed basis but GMP believe that a more robust and specific conditions are required to ensure that the licensing objectives are not undermined.

With the lateness of the hours and the nightclub style of operation GMP would also wish to see a condition on the premises licence in relation to Clubscan or similar. It has been shown that the use of such systems actively assists with the prevention of crime and also assists with the apprehension of offenders. These systems often act as a deterrent to persons who might be predisposed to causing trouble in licensed premises.

As with the majority of late night premises within the city centre GMP would expect to see a condition relating to the use of the NiteNet radio system. This is an invaluable system in the prevention and avoidance of crime and anti-social behaviour.

It is not clear from the application whether or not the applicant intends to run events at the premises using external promoters but clearly this would be an option if the premises licence is granted. History has shown that often outside promoters put profit above operating procedures and can attract an unruly element to premises, so GMP would seek to have a condition attached regarding external promoters.

Finally GMP would ask that after 2300hrs each day all drinks are decanted into plastic/polycarbonate vessels and no glass is handed to customers unless they are seated in an area with table service and those areas have a member of SIA security positioned there at all times. Other similar late night premises within the city centre operate a system like this and GMP has seen a reduction in glass related assaults so we are keen that this trend continues.

Therefore if this Premises licence was granted GMP would ask that the hours are pulled back to 0500hrs for alcohol sales and regulated entertainment with a closing time of 0530hrs on a Friday and Saturday and earlier still during the rest of the week.

We ask that the following conditions are attached to the premises licence:

SIA registered door staff shall be provided at a ratio of 1:50 from 2200hrs until 30 minutes after closing to assist with the orderly dispersal of customers.

There should be at least 3 members of SIA door staff positioned at the entrance to the premises.

At least one member of SIA door staff positioned at the entrance shall wear and operate a body cam, The body cam shall be used to capture all incidents of crime and/or disorder and footage shall be stored for a minimum of 28 days and made available to Police and relevant authorities upon request.

SIA door staff shall actively monitor the smoking area and queues.

From 2300hrs each day all drinks must be decanted into plastic/polycarbonate vessels and no glassware should be handed to customers. Only areas that are purely table service only will be permitted to use glassware after this time.

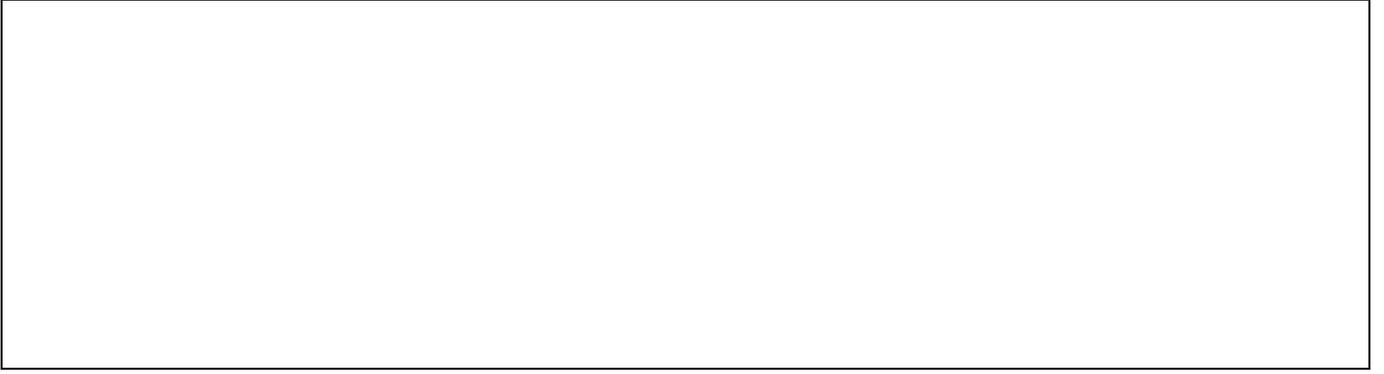
From 2300hrs each day member of SIA door staff shall be positioned in any area where glassware is still permitted.

The NiteNet radio system shall be operated at the premises from 2100hrs each day. The management of the premises will ensure that the radio is switched on and working each day.

There shall be a last entry time of 0400hrs with no re-admittance except for customers using the smoking area.

A Clubscan or similar system shall be operated at the premises. All persons entering the premises must produce photographic identification which must be recorded on the system. There will be no exceptions to this condition.

At least 28 days' notice will be given to Greater Manchester Police of any externally promoted events that are taking place at the premises. This will include the contact details of the promoter that it running the event.





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

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**Premise Details**

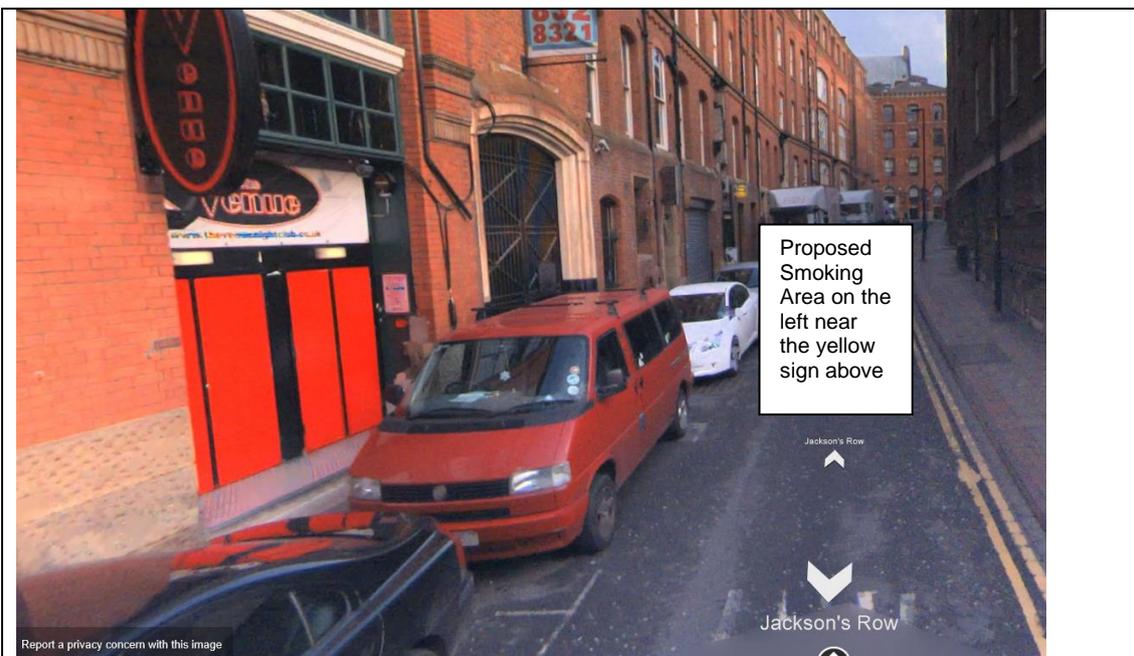
Application Ref No	<b>REF 256576</b>
Name of Premises	Basement bar (name TBC)
Address	18-22 Lloyd Street, Manchester, M2 5WA

**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.

The Licensing and Out of Hours (LOOH) team have assessed the likely impact of granting the new licence to Basement Bar (TBC), taking into account a number of factors, and the licensing objectives, having particular regard to the prevention of public nuisance.

The premises address is Lloyd House, Lloyd Street. The entrance is on Jacksons Row, next door to The Venue nightclub. The premises is currently a car park under Lloyd House, but will be converted to a nightclub. Planning Permission has not yet been applied for. The entrance and exit to the premises are opposite the proposed development at Bootle Street which includes a hotel.



The Applicant has described the concept behind the premises as the same as one currently operating in London called Beat, where people go to a vibrant dining area then move onto a nightclub. The premises will have music, possibly pyrotechnics, booths and a private lounge. The proposed Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) is Lenny Cunningham, who is the current DPS at Cirque Le Soir. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The premises has a capacity of 200-250, but a further Fire Risk Assessment will be carried out prior to the premises opening.

The Venue nightclub has a premises licence permitting them to open to the public until 06:00. Basement Bar (TBC) has requested that they are open to the public until 06:30. LOOH have concerns about the premises remaining open until 06:30 as there is the potential for customers leaving the premises under the influence of alcohol and people in the vicinity going to work. Allowing Basement Bar (TBC) to remain open to the public until 05:30 on a Friday and Saturday night would result in having a staggered closing time between the two premises, therefore preventing public nuisance.

In the application, the proposed smoking area for Basement Bar (TBC) is outside The Venue. Following discussions with the applicant [REDACTED] it is now proposed that the queue will be to the right of the entrance (when facing it), and the smoking area will be outside Pro Balance, which is part of Lloyd House. The owner of Lloyd House has given verbal permission to allow the smoking area to be outside Pro balance. Jackson's Row is a one way street with a narrow footpath and has parking meters on the pavement. To prevent a public nuisance and having regard to public safety, LOOH feel it is necessary to put in additional measures for the smoking area, which will be some distance from the actual venue, such as a maximum number of patrons allowed in the smoking area at any one time and additional security measures.

The LOOH team have concerns that the granting of this licence in its current form could lead to issues of public nuisance due to the hours it has requested to be open to the public and a lack of detail in relation to SIA approved door supervisors.

LOOH has given additional consideration to the following paragraphs in The Statement of Licensing Policy 2016-2021:

2.23 Terror attacks have previously been targeted at bars, pubs and nightclubs in the UK. All premises are expected to have regard to the National Counter Terrorism Security Office (NaCTSO) publication 'Counter Terrorism Protective Security Advice for Bars, Pubs and Nightclubs'.

7.30 Applicants are strongly encouraged only to apply for hours that they realistically intend to operate, as later hours are typically more likely to attract objections.

8. Manchester's Standards to promote the Licensing Objectives.

The Applicant has requested supply of alcohol from 12:00-06:00, Monday to Sunday and the premises are open to the public 12:00-06:30 Monday to Sunday. In discussion with the applicant (██████████) he confirmed that he would not use the hours requested on Sunday-Thursday. The applicant has offered to supply alcohol until 04:00 and the premises open to the public until 04:30 Sunday-Thursday, but remain open to the public until 06:30 Friday and Saturday. As detailed above, LOOH would have concerns about the premises remaining open until 06.30, and ask that the premises are open to the public no later than 05.30 Friday and Saturday.

The LOOH team propose the following conditions:

1. There shall be no admittance or re-admittance to the premises after 02:30 Sunday-Thursday other than from the smoking area.
2. There shall be no admittance or re-admittance to the premises after 04:00 Friday and Saturday other than from the smoking area.
3. The designated queuing area shall be enclosed within appropriate barriers to ensure that the footway is kept clear.
4. Any queue to enter the premises that forms outside the premises shall be kept orderly and supervised by licensed door supervisors at all times to ensure that there is no public nuisance or obstruction to the public highway.
5. A clubscan/IDScan or similar system shall be operated at the premises. All persons entering the premises must provide verifiable ID and record their details on the system.
6. All staff engaged outside the entrance to the premises, or supervising or controlling queues, shall wear high-visibility jackets or vests.
7. A minimum of 3 door Security Industry Authority SIA licensed door supervisors shall be on duty at the entrance to the premises. An additional 1 door Security Industry Authority SIA licensed door supervisor shall be on duty to manage the smoking area at all times while it is open for business, and until all patrons have dispersed.
8. SIA licensed door supervisors shall be on duty in the basement of the premises whilst the premises is open to the public at a ratio of 1:50.
9. All door supervisors shall be briefed on their responsibilities and relevant company operating procedures before they commence duty.

10. 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.
11. The premises licence holder and/or DPS 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.
12. The Nitenet radio link shall be operated from at all times the premises are open to the public. The radio shall be kept in good working order, operated by a responsible member of staff and used to report incidents of crime and disorder to the CCTV control room and other radio users.
13. 28 days notice shall be given to Greater Manchester Police of any events held that are organised by an external promoter, including full details of the nature of the event and of the promoter.
14. All staff shall be trained in recognising signs of drunkenness, how to refuse service and the premises duty of care. Documented records of training shall be kept for each member of staff. Training shall be regularly refreshed and at no greater than 6 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. A log shall be kept detailing all refused sales of alcohol. The log should include the date and time of the refused sale and the name of the member of staff who refused the sale. The log shall be available for inspection at the premises by the Police or an authorised Officer of Manchester City Council at all times.
16. 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, private lounges and the street environment will be covered, enabling facial identification of every person entering.
17. Alcohol is to be served in polycarbonate, plastic or shatter-proof glasses except in areas where there is waiter service and SIA door staff are present at a ratio agreed with Greater Manchester Police.
18. Staff training shall include procedures to deal effectively with emergency incidents, including: i) reporting an emergency to the relevant emergency service; ii) safe evacuation of customers and iii) dealing with terrorist threats or incidents.
19. The Designated Premises Supervisor shall ensure that tables are cleared of all bottles and glasses on a regular basis during trading hours to avoid an accumulation of glassware.
20. A fire risk assessment shall be provided for the use of pyrotechnics.
21. There shall be a maximum of 6 patrons in the smoking area at any one time.

Recommendation: Approve with Conditions (Outlined Above)

**From:** Robert Mason [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 20 April 2021 23:09

**To:** P [REDACTED]

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**Subject:** Fw: Representation for Basement Bar (TBC)

Dear all

In addition to the representation from LOOH, the applicant should be made aware that the area which they are proposing to use for their queueing area (the right hand side from front) is a licensed premises known as 'Speak in Code' with a current licence until 04:30 at weekends. The area to the right of 'Speak in Code' requires 24hr access meaning that the only area available to 'Speak in Code' for their queueing/smoking customers is the area which is being proposed for use by the current applicant.

Therefore, both the immediate left and immediate right of the premises are likely to be in use by these neighbouring premises during the night time economy leaving customers of 'The Basement' without anywhere to queue. (see pic)

In the interests of fairness, I wanted to bring this up now before any investment in the site is made. The LOOH team would obviously come across any queueing/parking/congestion issues once the premises is up and running and would seek to ensure compliance. This could potentially lead to operational difficulties for the venue *if* an alternative area or solution cannot be found. It should also be clear from the outset that the road cannot be used for queueing, and this would be strictly enforced, unless of course, a Highway closure order was obtained.

Happy to discuss further if needed.

Regards

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