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Dear Sir or Madam

The Licensing Sub-Committee – Thursday, 20 January 2022, 11.30 am (or on the rise of the preceding Standards Sub-committee meeting whichever is the later) – New Council Chamber - Town Hall

A meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee will take place as indicated above.

Please Note that any member of the press and public may listen in to proceedings at this meeting via the weblink below –

The agenda is set out overleaf.

Yours faithfully

Assistant Director Legal & Governance and Monitoring Officer

To: Members of the Licensing Sub-Committee

Councillors:

Andy Cole, Mike Solomon and James Tonkin.

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Agenda

- 1. Election of Chairman for the meeting**
- 2. Apologies for absence and notification of substitutes**
- 3. Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (Standing Order 37)**

A Member must declare any disclosable pecuniary interest where it relates to any matter being considered at the meeting. A declaration of a disclosable pecuniary interest should indicate the interest and the agenda item to which it relates. A Member is not permitted to participate in this agenda item by law and should immediately leave the meeting before the start of any debate.

If the Member leaves the Chamber in respect of a declaration, he or she should ensure that the Chairman is aware of this before he or she leaves to enable their exit from the meeting to be recorded in the minutes in accordance with Standing Order 37.

- 4. Adoption of hearing procedure (Pages 5 - 6)**
- 5. Licensing Act 2003 Application for Grant of Premises License - Bison Bar, 49 Oxford Street, Weston-s-Mare BS23 1TN (Pages 7 - 64)**

Report of the Director of Public Health (attached)

- 6. Urgent business permitted by the Local Government Act 1972**

For a matter to be considered as an urgent item, the following question must be addressed: "What harm to the public interest would flow from leaving it until the next meeting". If harm can be demonstrated, then it is open to the Chairman to rule that it be considered as urgent. Otherwise the matter cannot be considered urgent within the statutory provisions.

Exempt Items

Should the Licensing Sub-Committee wish to consider a matter as an Exempt Item, the following resolution should be passed -

“(1) That the press, public, and officers not required by the Members, the Chief Executive or the Director, to remain during the exempt session, be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business on the ground that its consideration will involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Section 100I of the Local Government Act 1972.”

Also, if appropriate, the following resolution should be passed –

“(2) That members of the Council who are not members of the Licensing Sub-Committee be invited to remain.”

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Do not use the lifts.

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Go to Assembly Point C – Outside the offices formerly occupied by Stephen & Co

Agenda Item 4

North Somerset Council

Licensing Sub-Committee

Procedure to be followed for meetings of the Licensing Sub-Committee when considering Licensing Act 2003 applications

The Chairman introduces the Members of the Sub-Committee and officers present, and explains the procedure to be followed:

- 1 The Chairman invites the Licensing Officer to outline the proposal. All parties may then ask questions for clarification only
- 2 The Chairman then invites persons who have made relevant representations to clarify the representations. All parties may then ask questions of those making representations or make comment, which will be at the discretion of the Chairman
- 3 The Chairman invites the applicant/applicant's representative to clarify the application and to address the representations made. All parties may then ask questions of the applicant or make comment at the discretion of the Chairman.
- 4 The parties are then invited to sum up
- 5 The Sub-Committee then withdraws to consider the submissions and to make its deliberations
- 6 On returning to the meeting with all parties present, the Chairman/Legal Adviser to the Sub-Committee will announce the decision

Please note:-

All persons who have written to the Licensing Authority in connection with any of the applications on the agenda will have been invited to attend the hearing.

The Chairman appointed for the meeting shall have absolute control of the Hearing and the ruling of the Chairman shall be final.

The Legal Advisor to the Sub-Committee can assist the Chairman during the Hearing and may interrupt proceedings when it is considered necessary to ensure that the Sub Committee is able to determine the application fairly.

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North Somerset Council

REPORT TO THE: LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

DATE OF MEETING: THURSDAY 20 JANUARY 2022

SUBJECT OF REPORT: APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PREMISES LICENCE AT BISON BAR, 49 OXFORD STREET, WESTON-SUPER-MARE

TOWN OR PARISH: WESTON SUPER MARE

OFFICER/MEMBER PRESENTING: DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

KEY DECISION: NO

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the sub committee determines the application for the grant of the Premises Licence.

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT

- 1.1 An application has been received for the grant of a Premises Licence for Bison Bar, 49 Oxford Street, Weston super Mare. Consultations have been carried out and objections have been received from Avon & Somerset Police and a local resident. The main concern raised is the suitability of the applicant and the adverse effect on the Licensing Objectives should this application be approved.

2. POLICY

- 2.1 The Council's statement of Licensing Policy applies to this application.
- 2.2 The Licensing Act 2003 requires licensing authorities to carry out their functions with a view to promoting the following four licensing objectives:
- The Prevention of Crime and Disorder.
 - Public Safety.
 - The Prevention of Public Nuisance, and
 - The Protection of Children from Harm.
- 2.3 The Licensing Authority should have regard to the Statutory Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003, and the provisions of the Licensing Act itself.

3. DETAILS

- 3.1 An initial application was received in March 2021 from A & C Venues Ltd for the grant of a Premises Licence under the Licensing Act 2003, in respect of Bison Bar, 49 Oxford Street, Weston super Mare. This was rejected due to missing information but the applicant did not follow up and the record was subsequently closed.
- 3.2 Mr Jon Lawrence contacted Licensing Officer Caz Horton to request a meeting to discuss the premises and an email was sent on 30 June 2021 to arrange this. However, Mr Lawrence did not reply.

- 3.3 On 3 August 2021 a phone call was received from Ashley Fennell who is the sole director of A & C Venues Ltd enquiring about the status of the application submitted in March 2021. It was explained that the application had been rejected.
- 3.4 A telephone enquiry was received from a Paul Bradnock on 12 November 2021, again to enquire about the premises. He said that he had taken on the venue and enquired about the status of the licence as was under the impression there was a licence in force. It was explained that this was not the case and an email was sent with details of how to apply.
- 3.5 A further telephone call was received from a Tim Bradnock on 16 November 2021, once again about Bison Bar. When questioned about the different names provided, he said that his father Paul had called previously but would no longer be involved in the premises or licence application. Once again a follow up email was sent but no further contact was received from either of the Mrs Bradnock.
- 3.6 A new application was then received on the 25 November 2021 from Mr Jon Lawrence for the grant of a Premises Licence under the Licensing Act 2003, in respect of Bison Bar, 49 Oxford Street, Weston super Mare. A copy of the application made is shown at **Appendix A**.
- 3.7 The premise is a three-storey building of which only the ground floor is subject to the Premises Licence.
- 3.8 Bison Bar has commercial and residential properties within 100 metres of the licensed premises.
- 3.9 A copy of a location plan of the premises is shown at **Appendix B**.
- 3.10 The licensable activities and opening times of the premises to members of the public being sought are as follows:

Licensable Activity	Hours Sought	Non –standard timings
Live music	Monday to Sunday 11:00 to 04:00*	N/A
Recorded music	Monday to Sunday 11:00 to 04:00*	N/A
Supply of alcohol	Monday to Sunday 11:00 to 04:00*	N/A
Hours premises will be open to the public	Monday to Sunday 11:00 to 04:00*	N/A

- 3.11 Following a visit to the premises with Avon & Somerset Police and North Somerset Council Environmental Health Officers on 14 December 2021 Mr Lawrence agreed to revise the proposed hours as follows:

Licensable Activity	Hours Sought	Non –standard timings
Live music	Sunday to Thursday 11:00 until 00:00 Friday and Saturday from 11:00 until 02:00*	Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve 11:00 until 02:00*

Recorded music	Sunday to Thursday 11:00 until 00:00 Friday and Saturday from 11:00 until 02:00*	Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve 11:00 until 02:00*
Supply of alcohol	Sunday to Thursday 11:00 until 00:00 Friday and Saturday from 11:00 until 02:00*	Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve 11:00 until 02:00*
Hours premises will be open to the public	Sunday to Thursday 11:00 until 00:00 Friday and Saturday from 11:00 until 02:00*	Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve 11:00 until 02:00*

3.12 Mr Lawrence also agreed to alter the wording of some conditions offered and add additional conditions to the application. A copy of these is shown at **Appendix C**.

4. Consultations

4.1 In accordance with the requirements of the Act the applicant has:

- Served copies of the application to the Responsible Authorities.
- Advertised the submission of the application in a local newspaper.
- Placed a notice at the property detailing the application made.

4.2 Two representations were received in relation to the application, one from Avon and Somerset Police and a second from a local resident.

Copies of the representations received are shown at **Appendix D**.

4.2 In relation to the four licensing objectives set out in the Licensing Act 2003, the following matters have been raised:

Licensing Objective	Responsible Authority	Interested Party
The Prevention of Crime and Disorder	The Police do not feel the applicant is suitable to hold a licence and are concerned that the premise being open under his supervision will contribute to the crime and disorder levels in the area.	A local resident has stated concerns that the applicant may have links to individuals involved in criminal activities and the opening of the premises may add to the antisocial behaviour and disorder in the area.
Public Safety	The Police have stated that the current CCTV system is inadequate and would undermine the staff ability to control entry and egress via the rear fire exit.	A local resident has raised concerns about the physical fire provisions at the premises and the capacity number suggested by the applicant.

Public Nuisance	The Police representation suggests that the opening of the premise would add to the general level of disorder in the area and without more robust conditions being applied would be a source of nuisance.	A local resident has raised concerns that the late opening of the premises and the noise and disturbance this may create is not acceptable in an area with a high number of residential properties.
The Protection of Children from Harm	No representations have been received.	No representations have been received.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Costs - None.

Funding - None.

6. LEGAL POWERS AND IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The Licensing Authority recognises that its licensing function is only one means of securing the delivery of the service. The Licensing Authority will therefore continue to work in partnership with other stakeholders, such as the Police and Crime & Disorder Partnerships towards the promotion of any licensing objectives.
- 6.2 In undertaking this licensing function, the Licensing Authority has regard to the following legislation:
- Licensing Act 2003
 - Gambling Act 2005
 - Health Act 2006
 - The Smoke-free (Premises and Enforcement) Regulations
 - The Equality Act 2010
 - The European Convention on Human Rights, which is applied by the Human Rights Act 1998
- 6.3 The Licensing Authority also has regard to any other relevant legislation, strategies, policies and guidance in its decision-making.

7. CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no climate change or environmental implications noted in this report.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 8.1 Regularly reviewing licensing policies and practices and using a risk-rated approach to both proactive and reactive enforcement reduces the risk to the Authority. Ensuring MoU agreements are in place with external partner agencies will also help strengthen roles and responsibilities surrounding Licensing work.

9. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

None

10. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 If the application is refused or amended the applicant may appeal within 21 days of the notification of the Committee's decision to the Magistrate's Court. If the application is granted a person making a relevant representation may also appeal within 21 days of the notification to the Magistrates' Court.

11. OPTIONS CONSIDERED

The Committee may after hearing the application:

- Grant the application as applied for, or
- Grant the application with modifications to the dates or timing of licensable activities or conditions to be attached to the licence.
- Refuse the application.

For the purpose of sub section 8(b) above conditions are modified if any of them are altered or omitted or any new condition is added.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

Licensing Act 2003.

Guidance to the Licensing Act issued under section 182 of the 'Act'.

Statement of Licensing Policy for North Somerset Council.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A – Premises licence application

APPENDIX B – Premises location plan

APPENDIX C – Additional conditions and changes to application

APPENDIX D - Copies of representations



* required information

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

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

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

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Put "no" if you are applying on your own behalf or on behalf of a business you own or work for.

Applicant Details

* First name

* Family name

* E-mail

Main telephone number Include country code.

Other telephone number

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

Are you:

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

☐ Applying as an individual

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

Applicant Business

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

Is your business registered outside the UK? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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

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

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

Legal status

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Your position in the business

Home country

The country where the headquarters of your business is located.

Business Address

If you have one, this should be your official address - that is an address required of you by law for receiving communications.

Building number or name

Street

District

City or town

County or administrative area

Postcode

Country

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PREMISES DETAILS

I/we, as named in section 1, apply for a premises licence under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in section 2 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.

Premises Address

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

☒ Address ☐ OS map reference ☐ Description

Postal Address Of Premises

Building number or name

Street

District

City or town

County or administrative area

Postcode

Country

Further Details

Telephone number

Non-domestic rateable value of premises (£)

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APPLICATION DETAILS

In what capacity are you applying for the premises licence?

- ☒ An individual or individuals
- ☐ A limited company / limited liability partnership
- ☐ A partnership (other than limited liability)
- ☐ An unincorporated association
- ☐ Other (for example a statutory corporation)
- ☐ A recognised club
- ☐ A charity
- ☐ The proprietor of an educational establishment
- ☐ A health service body
- ☐ A person who is registered under part 2 of the Care Standards Act 2000 (c14) in respect of an independent hospital in Wales
- ☐ A person who is registered under Chapter 2 of Part 1 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 in respect of the carrying on of a regulated activity (within the meaning of that Part) in an independent hospital in England
- ☐ The chief officer of police of a police force in England and Wales

Confirm The Following

- ☒ I am carrying on or proposing to carry on a business which involves the use of the premises for licensable activities
- ☐ I am making the application pursuant to a statutory function
- ☐ I am making the application pursuant to a function discharged by virtue of Her Majesty's prerogative

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INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT DETAILS

Applicant Name

Is the name the same as (or similar to) the details given in section one?

- ☒ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is selected you can re-use the details from section one, or amend them as required. Select "No" to enter a completely new set of details.

First name

Jonathan

Family name

Lawrence

Is the applicant 18 years of age or older?

- ☒ Yes ☐ No

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Current Residential Address

Is the address the same as (or similar to) the address given in section one?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If "Yes" is selected you can re-use the details from section one, or amend them as required. Select "No" to enter a completely new set of details.

Building number or name	<input type="text" value="42"/>
Street	<input type="text" value="Alma Street"/>
District	<input type="text"/>
City or town	<input type="text" value="Weston-super-Mare"/>
County or administrative area	<input type="text" value="North Somerset"/>
Postcode	<input type="text" value="BS23 1RD"/>
Country	<input type="text" value="United Kingdom"/>

Applicant Contact Details

Are the contact details the same as (or similar to) those given in section one?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If "Yes" is selected you can re-use the details from section one, or amend them as required. Select "No" to enter a completely new set of details.

E-mail	<input type="text" value="jon.s.lawrence@gmail.com"/>										
Telephone number	<input type="text" value="+447771570400"/>										
Other telephone number	<input type="text"/>										
* Date of birth	<table><tr><td><input type="text" value="23"/></td><td>/</td><td><input type="text" value="09"/></td><td>/</td><td><input type="text" value="1969"/></td></tr><tr><td>dd</td><td></td><td>mm</td><td></td><td>yyyy</td></tr></table>	<input type="text" value="23"/>	/	<input type="text" value="09"/>	/	<input type="text" value="1969"/>	dd		mm		yyyy
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dd		mm		yyyy							
* Nationality	<input type="text" value="British"/>										
Right to work share code	<input type="text"/>										

Documents that demonstrate entitlement to work in the UK

Right to work share code if not submitting scanned documents

[Add another applicant](#)

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OPERATING SCHEDULE

When do you want the premises licence to start?

<input type="text" value="24"/>	/	<input type="text" value="12"/>	/	<input type="text" value="2021"/>
dd		mm		yyyy

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

<input type="text"/>	/	<input type="text"/>	/	<input type="text"/>
dd		mm		yyyy

Provide a general description of the premises

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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.

The premises is a two story building with commercial units to both the left and right which are open daytime only. The first floor contains 2 flats which have been deemed as uninhabitable by the council and as such can have no tenants. The main use of the ground floor is as a pub during the day and a nightclub after 21:00. The ground floor comprises a bar area and dance floor area along with other ancillary rooms (kitchen, toilets & storage).

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

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PROVISION OF PLAYS

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing plays?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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PROVISION OF FILMS

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing films?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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PROVISION OF INDOOR SPORTING EVENTS

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing indoor sporting events?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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PROVISION OF BOXING OR WRESTLING ENTERTAINMENTS

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing boxing or wrestling entertainments?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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PROVISION OF LIVE MUSIC

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing live music?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Standard Days And Timings

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MONDAY

Start

End

Start

End

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.

TUESDAY

Start

End

Start

End

WEDNESDAY

Start

End

Start

End

THURSDAY

Start

End

Start

End

FRIDAY

Start

End

Start

End

SATURDAY

Start

End

Start

End

SUNDAY

Start

End

Start

End

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

☒ Indoors ☐ Outdoors ☐ Both

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

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

Live music performances which may be both amplified or unamplified.

State any seasonal variations for the performance of live music

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

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

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

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PROVISION OF RECORDED MUSIC

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing recorded music?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Standard Days And Timings

MONDAY

Start

End

Start

End

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.

TUESDAY

Start

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WEDNESDAY

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THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

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SUNDAY

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End

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

☒ Indoors ☐ Outdoors ☐ Both

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

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

Playing recorded music which is amplified.

State any seasonal variations for playing recorded music

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

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

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

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PROVISION OF PERFORMANCES OF DANCE

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing performances of dance?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing anything similar to live music, recorded music or performances of dance?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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LATE NIGHT REFRESHMENT

Will you be providing late night refreshment?

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SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL

Will you be selling or supplying alcohol?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Standard Days And Timings

MONDAY

Start

End

Start

End

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.

TUESDAY

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WEDNESDAY

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THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

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End

SUNDAY

Start

End

Start

End

Will the sale of alcohol be for consumption:

☒ On the premises ☐ Off the premises ☐ Both

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

State any seasonal variations

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

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

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

State the name and details of the individual whom you wish to specify on the licence as premises supervisor

Name

First name

Family name

Date of birth / /
dd mm yyyy

Enter the contact's address

Building number or name

Street

District

City or town

County or administrative area

Postcode

Country

Personal Licence number (if known)

Issuing licensing authority (if known)

PROPOSED DESIGNATED PREMISES SUPERVISOR CONSENT

How will the consent form of the proposed designated premises supervisor be supplied to the authority?

- ☒ Electronically, by the proposed designated premises supervisor
- ☐ As an attachment to this application

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Reference number for consent form (if known)

If the consent form is already submitted, ask the proposed designated premises supervisor for its 'system reference' or 'your reference'.

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ADULT ENTERTAINMENT

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

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 etc gambling machines etc.

NONE

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HOURS PREMISES ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Standard Days And Timings

MONDAY

Start

End

Start

End

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.

TUESDAY

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WEDNESDAY

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THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

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End

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SUNDAY

Start 11:00

End 04:00

Start

End

State any seasonal variations

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

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

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

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LICENSING OBJECTIVES

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

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

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

Provision of SIA registered door supervisors from 21:00 onwards
Staff training on licensing issues
CCTV system to monitor public areas

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

Zero tolerance policy on drug use with notices throughout the venue.
Membership of the local pubwatch scheme.
Policies to search patrons on entry to the venue.
Use of the relevant town radio net.

c) Public safety

Provision of suitable emergency lighting.
Provision of adequate additional escape routes.
First aid trained persons on site.
Fire detection system in place.

d) The prevention of public nuisance

Music to be kept to a reasonable level.
Processes to control patrons congregating outside the venue.

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Notices reminding patrons to be considerate of neighbours on leaving the venue.

e) The protection of children from harm

Patrons under 18 to be clear of the venue by 21:00

Challenge 25 policy to be in use at the venue.

ID checks to be required for entry to the venue.

Bar staff to be aware of licensing issues and carry out ID checks as necessary to ensure no alcohol is served to under 18's.

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NOTES ON DEMONSTRATING ENTITLEMENT TO WORK IN THE UK

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Entitlement to work/immigration status for individual applicants and applications from partnerships which are not limited liability partnerships:

A licence may not be held by an individual or an individual in a partnership who is resident in the UK who:

- does not have the right to live and work in the UK; or
- is subject to a condition preventing him or her from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.

Any premises licence issued in respect of an application made on or after 6 April 2017 will become invalid if the holder ceases to be entitled to work in the UK.

Applicants must demonstrate that they have an entitlement to work in the UK and are not subject to a condition preventing them from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity. They do this in one of two ways: 1) by providing with this application copies or scanned copies of the documents listed below (which do not need to be certified), or 2) by providing their 'share code' to enable the licensing authority to carry out a check using the Home Office online right to work checking service (see below).

Documents which demonstrate entitlement to work in the UK

- An expired or current passport showing the holder, or a person named in the passport as the child of the holder, is a British citizen or a citizen of the UK and Colonies having the right of abode in the UK [please see note below about which sections of the passport to copy].
 - An expired or current passport or national identity card showing the holder, or a person named in the passport as the child of the holder, is a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
 - A Registration Certificate or document certifying permanent residence issued by the Home Office to a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
 - A Permanent Residence Card issued by the Home Office to the family member of a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
 - A **current** Biometric Immigration Document (Biometric Residence Permit) issued by the Home Office to the holder indicating that the person named is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK, or has no time limit on their stay in the UK.
 - A **current** passport endorsed to show that the holder is exempt from immigration control, is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK, has the right of abode in the UK, or has no time limit on their stay in the UK.
 - A **current** Immigration Status Document issued by the Home Office to the holder with an endorsement indicating that the named person is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK or has no time limit on their stay in the UK, **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
 - A birth or adoption certificate issued in the UK, **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
 - A birth or adoption certificate issued in the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Ireland **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
 - A certificate of registration or naturalisation as a British citizen, **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
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- A **current** passport endorsed to show that the holder is allowed to stay in the UK and is currently allowed to work and is not subject to a condition preventing the holder from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.
- A **current** Biometric Immigration Document (Biometric Residence Permit) issued by the Home Office to the holder which indicates that the named person can currently stay in the UK and is allowed to work relation to the carrying on of a licensable activity.
- A **current** Residence Card issued by the Home Office to a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights or residence.
- A **current** Immigration Status Document containing a photograph issued by the Home Office to the holder with an endorsement indicating that the named person may stay in the UK, and is allowed to work and is not subject to a condition preventing the holder from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A Certificate of Application, **less than 6 months old**, issued by the Home Office under regulation 18(3) or 20(2) of the Immigration (European Economic Area) Regulations 2016, to a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights of residence.
- Reasonable evidence that the person has an outstanding application to vary their permission to be in the UK with the Home Office such as the Home Office acknowledgement letter or proof of postage evidence, or reasonable evidence that the person has an appeal or administrative review pending on an immigration decision, such as an appeal or administrative review reference number.
- Reasonable evidence that a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights of residence in exercising treaty rights in the UK including:-
 - evidence of the applicant's own identity – such as a passport,
 - evidence of their relationship with the European Economic Area family member – e.g. a marriage certificate, civil partnership certificate or birth certificate, and
 - evidence that the European Economic Area national has a right of permanent residence in the UK or is one of the following if they have been in the UK for more than 3 months:
 - (i) working e.g. employment contract, wage slips, letter from the employer,
 - (ii) self-employed e.g. contracts, invoices, or audited accounts with a bank,
 - (iii) studying e.g. letter from the school, college or university and evidence of sufficient funds; or
 - (iv) self-sufficient e.g. bank statements.

Family members of European Economic Area nationals who are studying or financially independent must also provide evidence that the European Economic Area national and any family members hold comprehensive sickness insurance in the UK. This can include a private medical insurance policy, an EHIC card or an S1, S2 or S3 form.

Original documents must not be sent to licensing authorities. If the document copied is a passport, a copy of the following pages should be provided:-

- (i) any page containing the holder's personal details including nationality;
- (ii) any page containing the holder's photograph;
- (iii) any page containing the holder's signature;
- (iv) any page containing the date of expiry; and
- (v) any page containing information indicating the holder has permission to enter or remain in the UK and is permitted to work.

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If the document is not a passport, a copy of the whole document should be provided.

Your right to work will be checked as part of your licensing application and this could involve us checking your immigration status with the Home Office. We may otherwise share information with the Home Office. Your licence application will not be determined until you have complied with this guidance.

Home Office online right to work checking service

As an alternative to providing a copy of the documents listed above, applicants may demonstrate their right to work by allowing the licensing authority to carry out a check with the Home Office online right to work checking service.

To demonstrate their right to work via the Home Office online right to work checking service, applicants should include in this application their 9-digit share code (provided to them upon accessing the service at <https://www.gov.uk/prove-right-to-work>) which, along with the applicant's date of birth (provided within this application), will allow the licensing authority to carry out the check.

In order to establish the applicant's right to work, the check will need to indicate that the applicant is allowed to work in the United Kingdom and is not subject to a condition preventing them from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.

An online check will not be possible in all circumstances because not all applicants will have an immigration status that can be checked online. The Home Office online right to work checking service sets out what information and/or documentation applicants will need in order to access the service. Applicants who are unable to obtain a share code from the service should submit copy documents as set out above.

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NOTES ON REGULATED ENTERTAINMENT

In terms of specific **regulated entertainments** please note that:

- Plays: no licence is required for performances between 08:00 and 23:00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - Films: no licence is required for 'not-for-profit' film exhibition held in community premises between 08:00 and 23:00 on any day provided that the audience does not exceed 500 and the organiser (a) gets consent to the screening from a person who is responsible for the premises; and (b) ensures that each such screening abides by age classification ratings.
 - Indoor sporting events: no licence is required for performances between 08:00 and 23:00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 1000.
 - Boxing or Wrestling Entertainment: no licence is required for a contest, exhibition or display of Greco-Roman wrestling, or freestyle wrestling between 08:00 and 23:00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 1000. Combined fighting sports – defined as a contest, exhibition or display which combines boxing or wrestling with one or more martial arts – are licensable as a boxing or wrestling entertainment rather than an indoor sporting event.
 - Live music: no licence permission is required for:
 - o a performance of unamplified live music between 08:00 and 23:00 on any day, on any premises.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08:00 and 23:00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08:00 and 23:00 on any day, in a workplace that is not licensed to sell alcohol on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08:00 and 23:00 on any day, in a church hall, village hall, community hall, or other similar community premises, that is not licensed by a premises licence to sell alcohol, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance from a person who is responsible for the premises.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08:00 and 23:00 on any day, at the non-residential premises of (i) a local authority, or (ii) a school, or (iii) a hospital, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance on the relevant premises from: (i) the local authority concerned, or (ii) the school or (iii) the health care provider for the hospital.
 - Recorded Music: no licence permission is required for:
 - o any playing of recorded music between 08:00 and 23:00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - o any playing of recorded music between 08:00 and 23:00 on any day, in a church hall, village hall, community hall, or other similar community premises, that is not licensed by a premises licence to sell alcohol, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance from a person who is responsible for the premises.
 - o any playing of recorded music between 08:00 and 23:00 on any day, at the non-residential premises of (i) a local authority, or (ii) a school, or (iii) a hospital, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance on the relevant premises from: (i) the local authority concerned, or (ii) the school proprietor or (iii) the health care provider for the hospital.
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- Dance: no licence is required for performances between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 500. However, a performance which amounts to adult entertainment remains licensable.
- Cross activity exemptions: no licence is required between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, with no limit on audience size for:
 - o any entertainment taking place on the premises of the local authority where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the local authority;
 - o any entertainment taking place on the hospital premises of the health care provider where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the health care provider;
 - o any entertainment taking place on the premises of the school where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the school proprietor; and
 - o any entertainment (excluding films and a boxing or wrestling entertainment) taking place at a travelling circus, provided that (a) it takes place within a moveable structure that accommodates the audience, and (b) that the travelling circus has not been located on the same site for more than 28 consecutive days.

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PAYMENT DETAILS

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

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

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

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

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

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

There is an exemption from the payment of fees in relation to the provision of regulated entertainment at church halls, chapel halls or premises of a similar nature, village halls, parish or community halls, or other premises of a similar nature. The cost

Schools and sixth form colleges are exempt from the fees associated with the authorisation of regulated entertainment where the entertainment is provided by and at the school or college and for the purposes of the school or college.

If you operate a large event you are subject to ADDITIONAL fees based upon the number in attendance at any one time

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

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* Fee amount (£)

190.00

DECLARATION

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

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

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

* Full name

Jonathan Stephen Lawrence

* Capacity

Owner

* Date

24 / 11 / 2021
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Add another signatory

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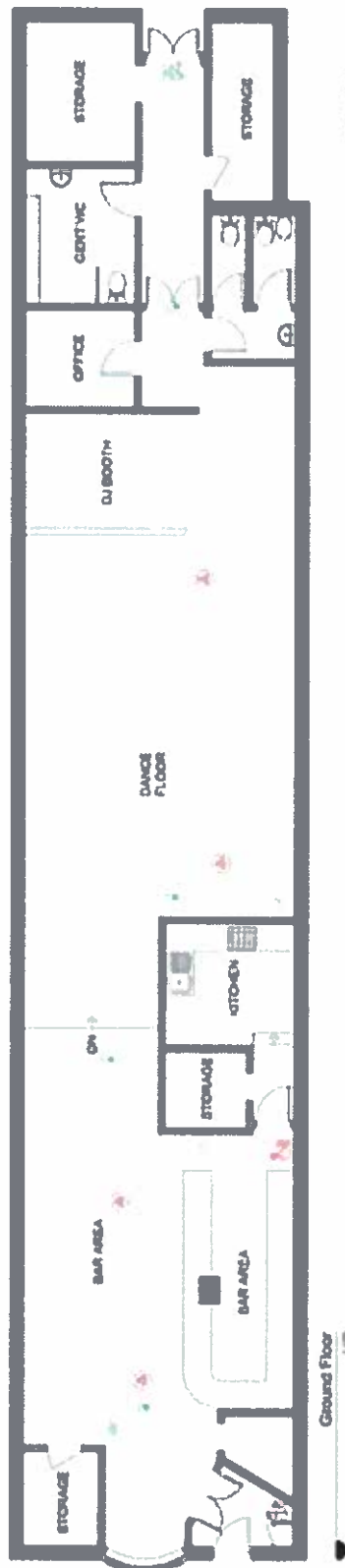
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Don't forget to make sure you have all your supporting documentation to hand.

IT IS AN OFFENCE LIABLE TO SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE OF ANY AMOUNT UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION

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

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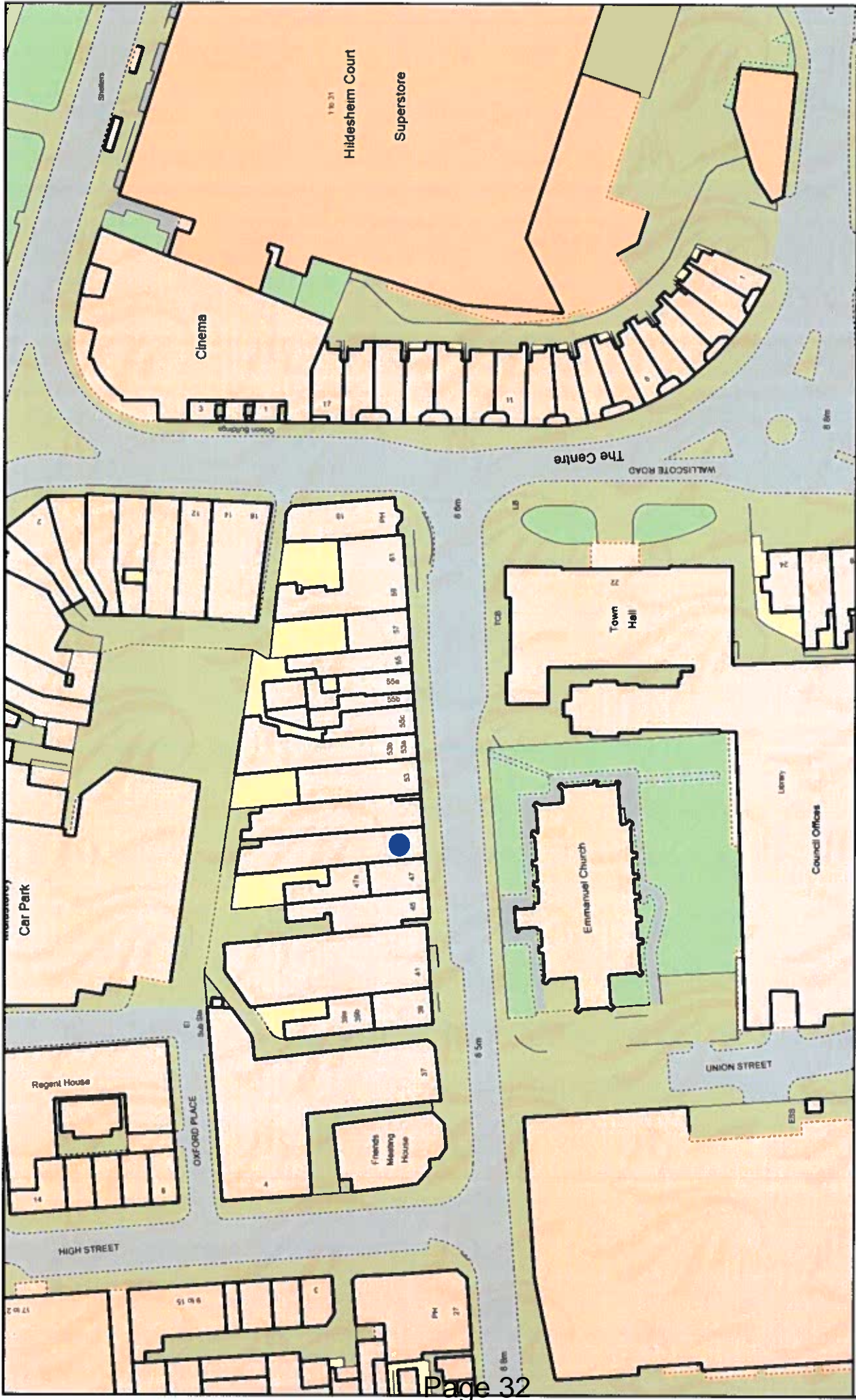
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49 OXFORD STREET,
WESTON SUPER MARE,
BS23 1TN**

01/05/2005

SCALE PLAN



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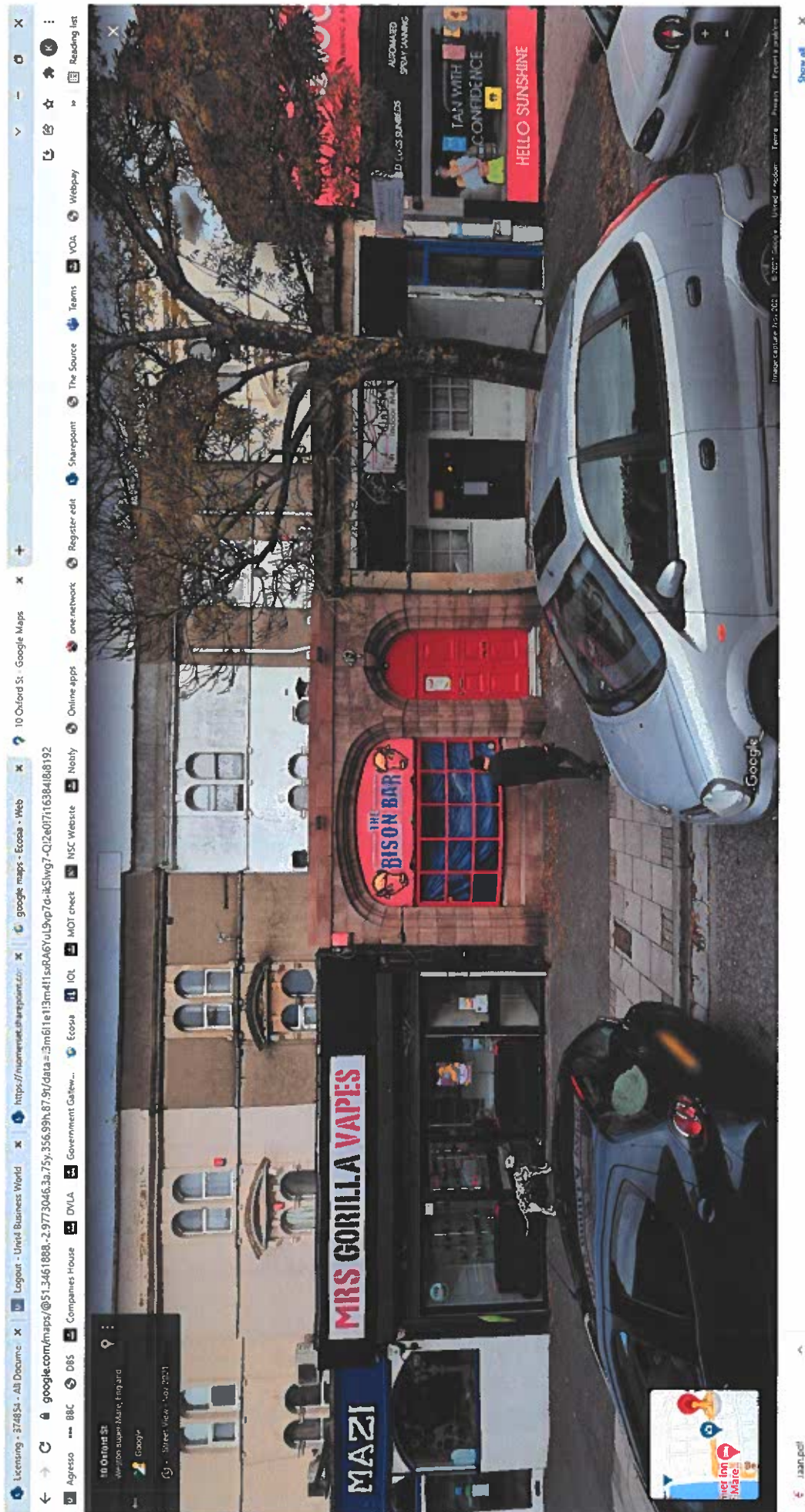
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Supply of Alcohol

Monday to Thursday from 11:00 until 00:00
 Friday and Saturday from 11:00 until 02:00
 Sunday from 11:00 until 00:00

Christmas Eve and New Years Eve 11:00 until 02:00

Live Music

Monday to Sunday from 11:00 until 23:00

Recorded Music

Monday to Thursday from 11:00 until 00:00
 Friday and Saturday from 11:00 until 02:00
 Sunday from 11:00 until 00:00

Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve 11:00 until 02:00

Hours premises are open to the public

Monday to Thursday from 11:00 until 00:00
 Friday and Saturday from 11:00 until 02:00
 Sunday from 11:00 until 00:00

Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve 11:00 until 02:00

The Prevention of Crime and Disorder

1. CCTV shall be installed to the satisfaction of the Police and Licensing Authority and maintained in good working order. All cameras shall record continuously during trading hours and for one hour afterwards. The time and date shall be displayed on the recordings. Recordings shall be maintained for a period of 31 days, and handed to the Police or the Licensing Authority for evidential purposes on request. If the CCTV equipment fails the Police and Licensing Authority must be informed as soon as possible and immediate steps shall be taken to put the equipment back into action. A notice shall be displayed at the entrance to the premise advising that CCTV is in operation.
2. CCTV shall comply with North Somerset CCTV Operational Standards Document Version 2-8 March 2012.
3. SIA door staff shall be employed at the ration of 1-100 or part thereof from 9pm until close on Friday and Saturday nights plus when using non-standard timings.
4. Door staff shall be equipped with body worn cameras capable of recording visual and audio. These shall be switched on when dealing with physical or verbally aggressive incidents. Images shall be retained for 31 days and made available to Police and Local Authority Officers on request
5. The Licensee shall maintain a register kept solely for this purpose showing the full name, full SIA badge number, time on duty and time off duty of each

Door Personnel member. This register shall be retained for 12 months and made available for inspection by the Police or Licensing Authority.

6. The Licensee shall maintain an incident book in which all incidents of crime and disorder and any ejections by door supervisors shall be recorded.

7. No entry or re-entry to the premise after midnight except persons allowed outside for the sole purpose of smoking. A hand stamp system shall be used to clearly identify customers.

8. A Personal Licence holder shall be on duty from 9pm until close on Friday and Saturday nights plus when using non-standard timings.

9. The Licensee shall become members of the radio system currently in operation between licensees and North Somerset Council and shall agree to abide by any contractual agreements made in connection with this facility.

10. The Licensee shall become members of Pubwatch, abide by the banning list and shall attend meetings regularly.

11. Adam Clarke and Jason Scott-Libby shall have no active part in the management of the premises, or any business operating from the premises and are excluded from these premises.

Public Safety

1. Adequate and appropriate first aid equipment and materials shall be available on the premises and a suitably trained first aider shall be on duty when the public are present on the licensed premises

2. Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks shall be served in either plastic or toughened safety glasses at all times.

The Prevention of Public Nuisance

1. A noise limitation system shall be provided and maintained. The systems shall be operated at all times when music is being played and set to levels agreed by a North Somerset Council Environmental Health Officer.

2. Prominent, clear and legible notices shall be displayed at all exits requesting patrons to respect the needs of local residents and to leave the premises quietly.

3. All external doors and windows within the licensed premises shall be kept closed for the duration of events subject to the licence, except for access and egress from the premises.

4. While live or recorded music is being played at the premises, a responsible person should periodically patrol the neighbourhood and listen to the music outside neighbouring residential properties and take appropriate action to lower the volume of the music as necessary.

5. The placing of empty bottles into receptacles outside the premises shall only be permitted during the following times: 09:00 to 21:00.

6. Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks shall not be permitted outside.

7. Persons wishing to smoke shall have use of the outside area at the front of the premises only.

8. In conjunction with advice given by North Somerset Council's Environmental Protection Team and the Police, the rear fire door shall be fitted with an alarm to prevent patrons gaining access to the rear of the premises.

The Protection of children from harm

1. All staff shall be trained and regularly refreshed in age challenge procedures e.g. 'Think 21/25' Policy. Staff shall be trained to look at the customer and 'Think 21/25' when selling alcohol to members of the public.
2. No children under the age of 18 shall be allowed on the premises after 9pm.
3. All children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times.

Representations Licensing Act 2003.



Your Name	Insp 3696 Graeme HALL
Job Title	Neighbourhood Police Inspector for Weston-Super-Mare.
Postal and email address	North Somerset Police Centre, Weston Gateway, Filiars Way, WSM, BS24 7JP.
Contact telephone number	01278 648235

Name and address of the premises you are making representations about.	Bison Bar, 49 Oxford Street, Weston-Super-Mare, Weston-Super-Mare, North Somerset, BS23 1TN.
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Which of the four licensing Objectives does your representation relate to? Please state yes or no.		
The Prevention of harm to children		
To prevent Public Nuisance	X	
To prevent crime and disorder	X	
Public Safety	X	
Would this be suitable for resolution without a hearing if all parties agree?		No

Suggested conditions that could be added to the licence to remedy your representation or other suggestions you would like the Licensing Sub Committee to take	
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into account. Please use separate sheets where necessary and refer to checklist.

The Avon and Somerset Constabulary as a responsible authority wish to make formal representations in relation to the recent Premises Licence application for Bison Bar located at 49 Oxford Street, Weston-Super-Mare, North Somerset. BS23 1TN.

The information contained within this report has been prepared for myself (Inspector 3696 Hall) by licencing officers Andrew Jones and Andrew Manhire.

The application is for a Bar style operation with opening hours and alcohol sales applied for from 1100 to 0400 hours seven days a week.

The premise consists of a long narrow ground floor, with the front entrance on Oxford Street and the fire exit coming out onto the rough parking area at the rear of the NCP carpark in Union Street.

The Premise was open for a short period as a Licensed Premise called District 23 in 2017 but following issues and Police concerns was closed within weeks of opening.

Prior to this it was part of a nightclub along with the current mini market next door called DB's.

This area of Oxford Street consists of commercial premises on the ground floor with a mixture of commercial and residential premises on the upper floors.

The centre of Weston-Super-Mare including Oxford Street where this premise is located has been designated within the Councils current Licensing Policy as a Cumulative Impact area due to the historic high levels of crime and disorder and Public Nuisance within the area which is associated with the night time economy.

Point 70 in your Statement of Licensing Policy states,

"THE ADOPTION OF A CUMULATIVE IMPACT POLICY CREATES

A REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION THAT APPLICATIONS FOR A NEW PREMISE LICENCES, CLUB PREMISES CERTIFICATE OR VARIATION TO EXISTING LICENCES AND CERTIFICATES WITHIN THE CUMULATIVE IMPACT AREA WILL BE REFUSED IF RELEVANT REPRESENTATIONS ARE RECEIVED. IN ORDER TO REBUT THE PRESUMPTION, APPLICANTS MUST DEMONSTRATE THAT THE OPERATION OF THE PREMISE WILL NOT ADD TO THE CUMULATIVE IMPACT ALREADY BEING EXPERIENCED.”

You will see from the application paperwork that the applicant does not acknowledge that the Premise falls within a Cumulative Impact Area and in our view has not sufficiently demonstrated how it will not add to the cumulative impact already being experienced.

Our position is that this is of particular relevance at this time as the town centre of Weston-Super-Mare is experiencing high levels of night time economy related crime and disorder which the Police and partnership agencies are attempting to address through both a problem solving and enforcement based approach. As such, any additional late night venues where police have concerns around the proposal have significant potential to contribute towards this problem and as a consequence impact upon the safety of the public and crime and disorder in the local area.

On receipt of the application a joint Council and Police meeting was arranged with the applicant Jonathan LAWRENCE at the premise on the Tuesday 14th December 2021.

The police representative at this meeting was Police Liquor Licensing Officer Andrew Manhire who deals with Liquor Licensing applications within North Somerset along with his colleague Andrew Jones on behalf of The Chief Constable.

On arrival at the Premise it was apparent that the Bar was fully stocked ready for opening. On looking around the Premise it quickly

became apparent that the CCTV system installed was not fit for purpose and there were several areas within the proposed Licensed area that were not covered by cameras. Most worrying was that the rear corridor leading to the toilets and rear fire exit which has can be seen from the plan provided is completely out of view from the main bar area and had no CCTV coverage at all .In addition the rear fire exit which is operated by a push bar was not alarmed. Not only is such an area high risk for disorder occurring but access in and out of the venue for customers and illegal items such as drugs and offensive weapons would be totally uncontrolled.

When this was raised to Mr Lawrence he stated he needed to add additional cameras.

A discussion then took place around the application paperwork and what the proposed type of operation Mr Lawrence was looking for. He indicated that he intended to run it has a sports bar during the day and a late bar at weekends with a capacity of 230. He was than asked by Carl Smallwood from the Council Noise Team about the proposed opening hours until 4 am 7 days a week which he felt was excessive. He indicated that he had just applied for a blanket 4 am but would be happy to pull his times back to midnight Sunday through to Thursday and 2am on Friday and Saturday.

Andrew Manhire pointed out to the applicant that he considered the conditions offered to be very poor on the application particularly around the fact that he would have expected any application within a Cumulative Impact area for in effect a "wet sales only" operation with a capacity of 230 and a termination hour of 0400 hours to contain a far more robust operating schedule, as such operations are clearly in the Police's view "high risk".

Various conditions were then discussed that the Police would expect to see on such an application all of which he verbally agreed he would be willing to offer.

It was then put to Mr Lawrence that the Police had been informed that the person behind the premise and operation was an Adam CLARKE and his associates, a convicted Class A drug supplier to which he replied that he used to be but he bumped into Adam CLARKE about 3 weeks ago in Town and that he offered to take the premise on which Mr Clarke agreed to and that he would be the sole owner. (See statement of PC LEWIS) in which he states that on the 28th June 2021 Adam CLARKE was seen driving a BMW car registered to Adam TYNAN at The Bison Bar, 49 Oxford Street, Weston-Super-Mare which is the surname of Clarke's mother. The officer had also seen him entering the premise.

In addition, on the 12th December 2021 Adam Clarke has been seen driving a white Mercedes C220 motor car index number GX65 ODG, which was shown on the Police National computer to be registered to Jonathan LAWRENCE of 49 Oxford Street, Weston-Super-Mare from the 8th December 2021. In addition, your Councils Civil Enforcement Parking attendants have told the officer that on the 11th December 2021 they had dealings with the same vehicle and Adam CLARKE.

The Police therefore suspect that Jonathan LAWRENCE will not be the sole owner/operator of the business, but that Adam CLARKE and his associates remain involved.

The applicant Johnathan Lawrence is well known to Police Licensing as he was the co-owner of the Red Shadow Lap dancing club and has been the Designated Premise Supervisor at the premise and in effect at one stage use to run the establishment.

During this time a serious allegation was made against him by one of the dancers at the premise on the 26th October 2018.

During the Police investigation it was established that he himself took cocaine in the premise one night after closing and allowed the premise to be used for taking class A drugs which he admitted the dancer also had a "couple of lines of cocaine" in the venue.

During the investigation it was established that the CCTV system had been up graded between the time of the offence and the Police trying to obtain the relevant recordings. When questioned about the whereabouts of the old recoding device he was vague and unhelpful. Clearly therefore the truthfulness of the allegation could not be proved or disproved so the crime had to be filed.

Mr Lawrence also has two previous convictions for driving with excess alcohol which are relevant offences under The Liquor Licensing Act, the last being on the 11th February 2020 when he was disqualified for 12 months.

On the 31st August 2021 Mr Lawrence was involved in a Road Traffic Accident in Red Road, Berrow, provided a positive roadside breath test and was arrested. He was then conveyed to Bridgwater Custody where after being booked in he provided an evidential breath test the lower reading of which was 37.

The legal limit for drink driving is 35mg per 100 ml breath however persons are not charged if the lower reading falls between 35 and 40 therefore he was released without charge.

The Police propose that these incidents demonstrate a pattern of behaviour which is not consistent with the requirements for a Premise License Holder to promote the Licensing objectives particularly around (1) Crime and Disorder and (2) Public Safety.

The Police therefore request that the Committee refuse this application and have concerns that additional or amended conditions will not be sufficient to restore confidence that the granting of this License will not lead to additional Cumulative Impact.

Signed: Inspector 3696 Hall

Date: 17/12/21

This form must be returned within the Statutory Period. (With supporting evidence).

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[REDACTED]

21/12/21

Subject: liscencing objection nsc 058965

To whom it may concern,

I wish to register my objection to the licence application no nsc/058965 - at bison bar 49 Oxford street, I do wish due to the objection and the details I shall give below that my name and address be redacted from the published papers and those given to the applicant due to fear of retribution from parties involved in the premises, not the person who is applying for the licence the people who are funding it all. I feel there is a credible and real belief that these objections could lead to potential violence against myself and other parties and the details below would add weight to the concerns.

So wish my name and address to be redacted from the information, As I believe I am entitled to.

The people behind the applicant funding the premises are :

Adam Clarke & Jason Libby (Scott)

Both of which have concerning criminal history.

Now I know the committee may disregard this but these are the beneficial owners and investors in the bar so would have a controlling interest in the premises despite the application itself.

Details that are publicly available are as follows :

<https://www.thewestonmercury.co.uk/news/crime/in-the-dock-4416836>

2012

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2018

<https://www.somersetlive.co.uk/news/somerset-news/not-approach-wanted-convict-gun-2084951>

where by Adam Clarke absconded from prison.

Jason Libby (Scott)

oct 2018

<https://www.bristolpost.co.uk/news/bristol-news/street-turned-battlefield-after-shocking-2124427>

gbh outside a bar after comments made in a bar annoyed him.

2017

<https://www.wiltshiretimes.co.uk/news/17370904.two-sentenced-conspiracy-black-mail-case/>

conspiracy to blackmail

2014

<https://www.thewestonmercury.co.uk/news/crime/in-the-dock-4442194>

theft

2011

mugging

<https://www.dailyecho.co.uk/news/9165391.jason-libbys-mugging-victim-lost-baby-after-her-ordeal/>

THE Proposed licensed premises is owned by Adam Clarke, who with Jason Libby (Scott), have been offering large amounts of money to anyone that could get a licence through for the premises to operate it under them the question would be raised as to what purpose.. Which is why multiple people have made enquiries as to applications over the last year but none followed it through.

These two people have long links to criminality within the area and beyond, ranging from GBH OUTSIDE A LICESCEND PREMISES , theft to drug supply, over a long protracted period.

One of the individuals is still banned from most of the premises in Weston. So to permit the individuals to open their own premises through the management of the applicant would be to invite a den of inequity the likes of which town hasn't seen since hot shot days.

Regardless of the whatever control measures are put in place, it would be owned and operated by criminality.

The property used to be a nightclub many years ago, however since that closed around the area has been developed with offices being turned into residential premises. to permit the licence would lead to noise from the premises directly affecting those residents and leave them unable to quietly enjoy their property as they have been.

As such now the closest resident is directly above the premises, with two flats and accommodation less than 20ft away. There are now 15 residential properties within 20 meters of the property, As the property is directly connected to the premises, along with additional noise coming and going from the premises alongside smokers this would have a direct impact on myself and other residents

capacity concerns.

disallowing corridors for fire exits and, wash rooms & toilets as they aren't to be treated as occupiable rooms under fire regulation capacity guidance

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SO allowing for these items - would drop the capacity within the front bar area to 40 people. for an area of 2 meters by 10, working on a ratio of .5 per sqm

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This would indicate a capacity of 136 people. based on the space available.

Although the fire exit remaining once you discounted the widest exit would stand evacuating 230 people in two and half minutes, the guidance is to take the lesser amount when calculating capacities, or else you could have a room 5 meters by 5 meters with a fire exit each end, which would give a capacity of 230 people if only working on fire exits alone, where as the safe capacity under the guidance would be 50 people.

the guidance used is <https://www.gov.uk/workplace-fire-safety-yourresponsibilities/fire-safety-advice-documents>)

So under the guidance they state that you should take the lower number, to ensure over crowding at the venue I ask that maximum capacity be detailed in the event that the licence is granted in the conditions that provide a restriction to the maximum safe capacity that it can operate under.

Representations -

The prevention of crime and disorder. This relates to any crime, disorder or anti-social behaviour at the premises or related to the management of the premises.

For the Prevention of crime and disorder this application should not be granted due to the people behind the application, as opposed to the applicant. If the applicant has to list a condition stating the owners will be barred from the premises, given that one resides above the property then it would easily be concluded that they will have control over the premises and over the applicant and it would further crime and disorder in the area. The very fact that banning the owners from the property as a licensing condition would give you the idea of how real the threats of criminality would be if permitted to open.

As the property the application is for is within the cumulative impact area, it is seen that any additional licensed premises within the area would lead to an increase in anti social behaviour and crime. as such the application should be

refused as I don't feel the application shows enough control measures to minimise the impact on the area if the licence was granted.

The property does not bring anything substantially different from any other premises in the town and as such should be refused under the cumulative impact policy as although this is in consultation it is still currently in force and should be followed.

The premises will be linked to criminality as the owners and investors in the property are well known to the police and public in less than favourable terms. This property in my belief would be akin to Mos Eisley, if granted.

public safety -

Fire safety - the property currently comprises of 2 flats above a business premises. These flats have been prohibited from use due inadequate fire exits, the property its self is still connected and attached to 51, via internal doors.

Yet are still occupied.

There is a dumb waiter, that leads from the bar in a chimney up towards the 1st floor, into accommodation in the event of a fire either way this would provide a chimney to travel beyond whatever fire measures are in place, circumventing them.

building safety - above the dance floor at the rear of the property the roof supporting beams are suffering from wet rot & dry rot. This I believe have been covered over with fresh plaster board and a new roof on the top, where as the supporting structure its self hasn't been remedied, this would present a risk to the premises being open to the public without this being taken care of prior to opening to the public and suitable surveys done to show that this no longer presents a risk to the public.

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Public safety of people attending the premises given the links the owners have to violence and drugs, it would indicate that there would be a risk of someone saying the wrong thing and this would result in the go to reaction of violence, or it turning into a discrete place for drugs given the history, thus increasing the problems and risk to peoples safety.

Prevention of public nuisance.

I wish to object to the hours that have been applied for as I don't feel that any hours granted at that premises would prevent the public nuisance that the premises shall encourage.

I understand the application has been drawn back to 2am on Friday and sat, However given the disturbance that i would get from the property being allowed to operate at this time i wish to object in its entirety.

There should no longer be a late night premises at that location, given the residential developments in the area, we have gone from 1 flat in the locality to now 15 flats, all of which have been introduced since that premises has closed so to approve the application would lead to causing a nuisance to noise sensitive premises in the area.

I understand that an offer of a noise limiter is being offered, however this would need to be hard wired into the main power system and not just the link to the stage, as they can be turned off via a fuse, or an extension cable can be ran from an additional power source that is not in the cut off system, so this wouldn't offer the protection that it first appears to offer.

These steps would be necessary to ensure nearby noise sensitive premises are protected from excessive noise and disturbance and would also need to be demonstrated through an acoustic report showing levels of noise containment within the premises and what would be necessary to prevent disturbance to surrounding prop-

erties and these works carried out prior to opening.

I request if you grant the licence that the following condition be placed upon it as well as a condition :

Any noise from the premises shall not be audible inside any nearby or adjoining noise sensitive property nor at the facade, or at the facade of the premises back or front.

This premises should not be permitted to be granted a licence, There are safety concerns, crime and disorder concerns, noise. Criminality.

There are no conditions that could be imposed on the premises that would enable it to prevent falling foul of the cumulative impact policy nor the four licensing objectives and that any licence no matter how tightly controlled would still fail to promote the objectives.

I along with many other residents would be directly effected if the licence was granted and sadly as much consideration as been given to the application and conditions offered. The sad reality is that by granting the licence it would lead to an increase in problems in the area and an effect on the residents. So I cannot support the application.

I refer to :

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998

Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places the sub-committee under a duty to

exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those

functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in its area

cumulative impact policy -

Applications for new licences/variations to existing premises licences for premises within Cumulative Impact Areas will be subject to different policy considerations than the norm and will need to show why the grant of a new premises licence or variation application will not add to cumulative impact.

Thankyou for your time.

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Eleven people from Weston sentenced for drugs supply

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Saturday 5 November 2016, 12:06pm



Sentences totalling 28 years were handed out by His Honour Judge Patrick
Credit: Avon & Somerset Police

11 people from Weston-super-Mare have been jailed for for their involvement in the illegal supply of drugs.

Sentences totalling just over 28 years were handed out by His Honour Judge Patrick for what he referred to as the "peddling of misery".

"Class A drugs cause misery to those that use them, their families and the community. They cause further criminality and acquisitive crime. If you peddle misery you can expect long prison sentences."

HH Judge Patrick

The eight men and three women were originally arrested following an investigation by officers from the Bournville and Old Mixon One Team in 2014. Their work revealed a local crime group conspiring to supply class A and B drugs.

"Officers spent 18 months analysing and securing evidence. Through their determination, diligence and professionalism they unearthed an organised drug crime hierarchy responsible for the supply of cocaine and cannabis into local estates."

Sergeant Colin Batchelor, Bournville One Team

Christopher Sheppard, 26, from Sunnyside Road was given five years for his part in the drug supply conspiracy and 12 months for breaching conditions of a previous conviction, these will run consecutively.

For his involvement in "heavily funding drugs supply in Weston", HH Judge Patrick sentenced 36 year-old Adam Clarke from White Cross View, to six years in prison.

- Duane Long, 28, from Fullens Close was given a three year custodial sentence.
- Ashley Cook, 28, from The Bury, was given 22 months in prison.
- 30 year-old Stuart Clelland from Westfield Road, Banwell, was given three years and four months.
- Dean Cowell, 31, from Windemere Avenue, was given two and a half years plus nine months for breaching a suspended sentence which will run consecutively.
- Carl Myers also from Westfield Road in Banwell was given two and a half years.
- Laura and Patrick Sheppard from Bloomfield, Old Mixon, were given 18 months and two and half years respectively.
- 24 year-old Eleanor Sheppard, from Perrymead in Weston, was given a 12 month Community Order and ordered to do 18 hours of unpaid work for the benefit of her community.
- Charlene Miles, 33, from Midford Road was given a two year suspended sentence and ordered to do 18 hours of unpaid work for the community and a mandatory 30 day rehabilitation requirement

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Eleven Weston-super-Mare drug dealers sentenced

by Sam Frost



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Bristol Crown Court. - Credit: Sub

More drug dealers have been taken off the streets of Weston-super-Mare after 11 people were sentenced for their involvement in a drug supply conspiracy

The dealers, of Weston, Banwell and Oldmixon, received sentences totalling more than 28 years for their 'peddling of misery'

Nine were jailed by His Honour Judge Patrick at Bristol Crown Court yesterday (Friday), while one received a suspended sentence and the other was slapped with a community order.

All of the eight men and three women pleaded guilty to the charges

In his remarks during sentencing, Judge Patrick said: "Class A drugs cause misery to those that use them, their families and the community. They cause further criminality and acquisitive crime.



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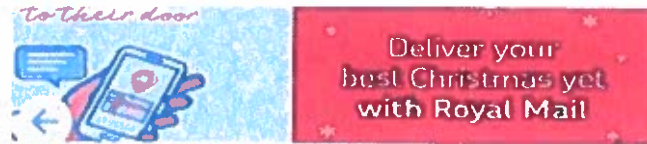
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The sentencing follows an investigation by officers from the Bourville and Oldmixon One Team in 2014.

They found an organised crime network which was involved in the supply of class A and class B drugs.

Sergeant Colin Batchelor, of Bourville One Team, said: "Officers spent 18 months analysing and securing evidence. Through their determination, diligence and professionalism they unearthed an organised drug crime hierarchy responsible for the supply of cocaine and cannabis into local estates.

"They presented a highly-detailed and evidentially solid case and as a result, 11 offenders pleaded guilty to various drug supply offences from possession to conspiracy to supply.

"We were also able to show how significantly particular individuals were involved to ensure they received appropriate sentences."

"I would like to thank the community of Weston for supplying us with information and playing their part to help stop drug dealing on our streets."



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"Residents in the Bourneville and Oldmixon areas have told us they don't want drug dealing on their door step.

"We do listen. We do take action. I hope the sentencing today goes some way to reassure people that the process does work and we will continue to tackle the issues that our communities sight as their priorities."

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In The Dock



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The following cases were completed at North Somerset Courthouse between November 15-28:

* Kim Flynn (53), of Milton Brow, Weston. Assault: Fined £145 plus £85 costs and £20 victim surcharge.

* Reece Green (20), of Longridge Way, Weston. Using violence to secure entry: Sent to prison for eight weeks. Harassment: 13 weeks in prison (concurrent). Breach of restraining order: 13 weeks in prison (consecutive), five-year restraining order. Assault: No separate penalty.

* James Davies (21), of Drove Road, Weston. Possession of class B drug: 12-month community order with requirement to carry out 240 hours' unpaid community work. Supplying a class B drug: Ordered to pay £85 costs.

* Martin Gamham (52), of The Orchard Close, Locking. Harassment: 12-month conditional discharge, ordered to pay £85.



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* Timothy Hrachovec (20), of West Street, Banwell. Drink-driving: Fined £150 plus £85 costs and £15 victim surcharge, banned from driving for 12 months.

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* Billy Key (24), of Blackthorn Gardens, Worle. Assaulting a police officer: 12-month community order with 12-week curfew, ordered to pay £125 compensation plus £85 costs. Threatening behaviour: No separate penalty.

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* Andrew Stone (40), of Devonshire Road, Weston. Drink-driving: Fined £110 plus £85 costs and £15 victim surcharge, banned from driving for 20 months

* Connor Baker (18), of Argyle Avenue, Weston. Assault: 15-month community order with eight-week curfew, ordered to pay £100 compensation. Breach of community order: No separate penalty.



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* Carl Marshall (27), of Coleridge Road, Weston. Assault: 12-month conditional discharge, ordered to pay £250 compensation plus £85 costs.

* Liam Davis (30), of St Austell Road, Weston. Failure to obey police dispersal order: Fined £37 plus £85 costs and £15 victim surcharge. Production of class B drug: 12-month community order.

* Charlene Miles (29), of Dunster Crescent, Weston. Two counts of fraud: 12 weeks in prison suspended for 18 months, four-month curfew, ordered to pay £5,000 compensation.

* Michael Knight (60), of Locking Road, Weston. Threatening behaviour: One day's detention, fined £50 plus £15 victim surcharge.

* Daniel Box (21), of Longton Grove Road, Weston. Criminal damage: 18-month conditional discharge, ordered to pay £300 compensation.

* Adam Dymock (25), of Balldon Crescent, Weston. Theft: Four-month community order with curfew, ordered to pay £300 compensation, £60 victim surcharge and £85 costs. Possession of class B drug: No separate penalty.

* Rachel Ford (41), of Windermere Avenue, Weston. Theft: Six-month community order with four-month curfew, ordered to pay £15 compensation plus £85 costs.

* Laura-Louise King (20), of Atholl Close, Weston. Drink-driving: Fined £110 plus £85 costs and £15 victim surcharge, banned from driving for 17 months.

* Danielle Thompson (27), of Summerlands Road, Weston. Three counts of theft: 12-month community order with four-week curfew, ordered to pay £95 compensation. Two counts of failure to surrender: No separate penalty.

* Bryan Vowles (41), of Cribb House Lane, Clewer. Drink-driving: Banned from driving for four years. Driving while disqualified: Nine weeks in prison suspended for 18 months, ordered to pay £600 costs. Driving without insurance: No separate penalty.

* Rodney Drinkwater (34), of Wemberham Crescent, Yatton. Failure to provide a breath specimen: Sent to prison for eight weeks, banned from driving for 52 months.

* Adam Clarke (29), of Whitecross View, Weston. Modified imitation firearm to resemble real firearm: 12 weeks in prison suspended for six months, 10-week curfew, ordered to pay £85 costs.

* Fraser Birks (23), of Osborne Avenue, Weston. Theft: Six-week community order with curfew, ordered to pay £79.99 compensation.

* Tamara Ellis (32), of Newland Road, Weston. Threatening behaviour: Two-year conditional discharge with restraining order, ordered to pay £775 costs.

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1. Calculating Occupancy in Places of Assembly

The following information has been extracted from the CLG guide for Fire Safety Risk Assessment in Small and Medium Places of Assembly under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 (this guide is available to download free from <https://www.gov.uk/workplace-fire-safety-your-responsibilities/fire-safety-advice-documents>) and Building Regulations Approved Document B (ADB).

The information is provided as simple methodology to assist Responsible Persons and Licensing Authorities arrive at a safe occupancy level for a premises. It should be noted that there are alternative methods; however these generally require a greater understanding of fire engineering practices and guidance.

As escape routes need to be adequate for the number of people likely to use them, you will first need to consider the largest number of people, including staff, public and outside contractors that may be present at any one time. For some events the maximum numbers of people likely to be present will be known, e.g. where the event is ticketed or limited by seating. If occupant numbers are not known or a suitable limit is required for your fire risk assessment or Licensing application, then this simple calculation method can be used.

The occupancy figure for any building is based on the lesser of the two following calculations;

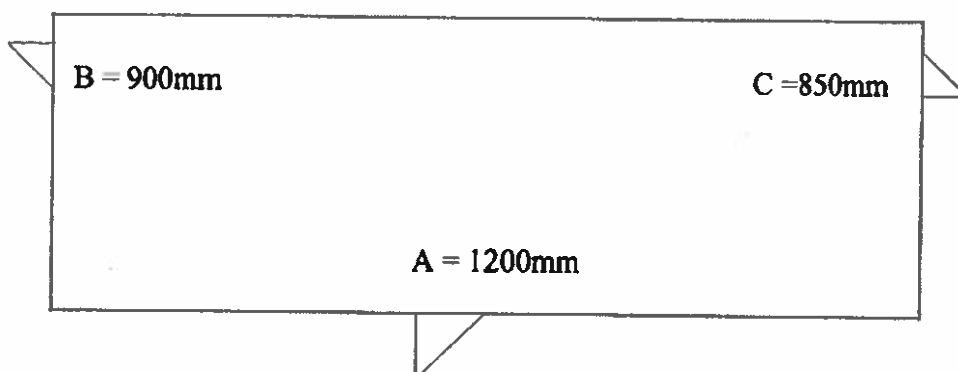
1. The number of persons who can safely reside in the premises. Using the floor space factor below will assist in working this out. Number of people = Floor area (m²) / Occupant density
2. The width and capacity of the exit routes to allow people to escape safely. (See 3. Escape route capacity)

Floor Space Factor	
Occupied Area Type	Typical Occupant Density m ² /person
Standing spectator/audience area or *bar area	0.3
Assembly area, public house, dance floor or hall etc	0.5
Dining area or restaurant	1.0
Sports area	2.0
Shop sales area	2.0
Display, production or workshop area	5.0
Office	6.0
Shop (bulky goods) sales area	7.0

**Note - Bar area is usually within 2m of a serving point. Further from the bar the occupancy for the main use of the room should be used eg assembly area.*

Floor areas should consider useable space i.e. spaces where persons reside. Toilets, corridors and stairways do not count as useable space.

E.g.



- Exit A (1200mm wide) = $200 + 30 (150\text{mm over } 1050\text{mm}) = 230$ persons,
- Exit B (900mm wide) = 100 persons
- Exit C (850mm wide) = 100 persons
- Maximum exit capacity, $A+B+C = 430$ persons
- Discount the largest Exit (A) 230 persons
- **Total safe exit capacity is Exit B + Exit C = 200 persons**

3. Seating & Gangways

Seating should be arranged to allow free and ready access direct to the exits. In fixed seating there should be a clear space of at least 305mm between rows. Gangways should be adequate for the number of seats served (see previous escape route capacity) and at least 1,050 mm wide. In general, no seat should be more than seven seats away from a gangway. If temporary seating is provided these should be secured in lengths of not fewer than four seats and not more than twelve.

Further Help & Advice

The Government has produced the following guides that further explain the risk assessment process and give some advice on what arrangements may be suitable to protect your premises.

Small & Medium Places of Assembly: This guide is intended for premises where the main use of the building or part of the building is as a small (i.e. premises accommodating up to 60 people) or a medium (i.e. premises accommodating up to 300 people) place of assembly. These usually include public houses.

Large Places of Assembly: This guide is intended for premises accommodating more than 300 people.

Both guides can be downloaded for free from:

<https://www.gov.uk/workplace-fire-safety-your-responsibilities/fire-safety-advice-documents>

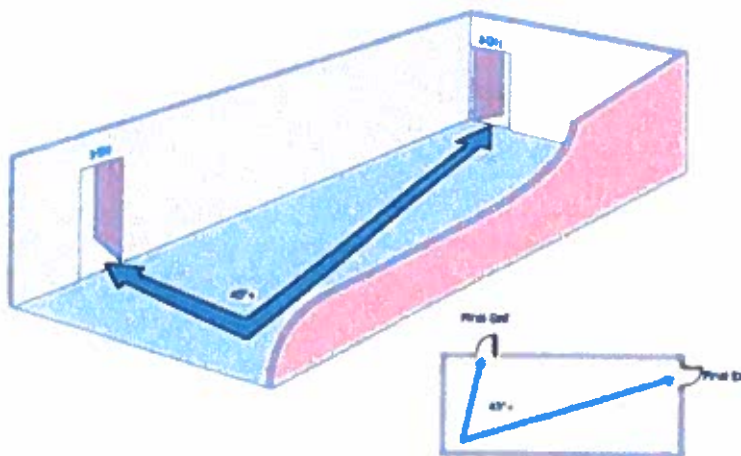
These guides have been written to provide guidance for a responsible person, to help them to carry out a fire risk assessment in less complex premises. If you read the guide and decide that you are unable to apply the guidance, then you should seek expert advice from a competent person. More complex premises will probably need to be assessed by a person who has comprehensive training or experience in fire risk assessment.

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Alternative Escape Routes

For a normal risk premises if **more than 60 people** are present, or an exit cannot be reached in 18m from anywhere in the room, then a **minimum of two separate exits** are required. For two exits from a room to be considered alternative they should be located **at least 45° apart**. This prevents having to walk directly towards a fire when there are large numbers of people present or long escape routes.



NB. Ideally all doors on escape routes should open in the direction of escape; this is particularly important if more than 60 people are intended to use them. A single inward opening door would limit capacity to 60 persons.

2. Calculating Escape Route Capacity

Once you have calculated the occupancy for the size of the premises you must check that this is below the maximum numbers the escape routes can accommodate. Reasonable escape times are 2½ minutes for normal risk premises. Most places of assembly fall into this normal risk category. The following can be used to determine the general capacities of escape routes within this time:

A clear width of at least 750mm can accommodate up to 100 people in normal risk premises.

In most places of assembly the minimum width of an escape route should ideally be 1050mm but in any case not less than 750mm (unless it is for use by less than five people in a separate part of your premises).

A width of at least 1050mm can accommodate up to 200 people in normal risk premises. Thereafter an additional 75mm is required for each additional 15 persons (or part of 15).

NB Where wheelchair users are present then the minimum width should not be less than 900mm.

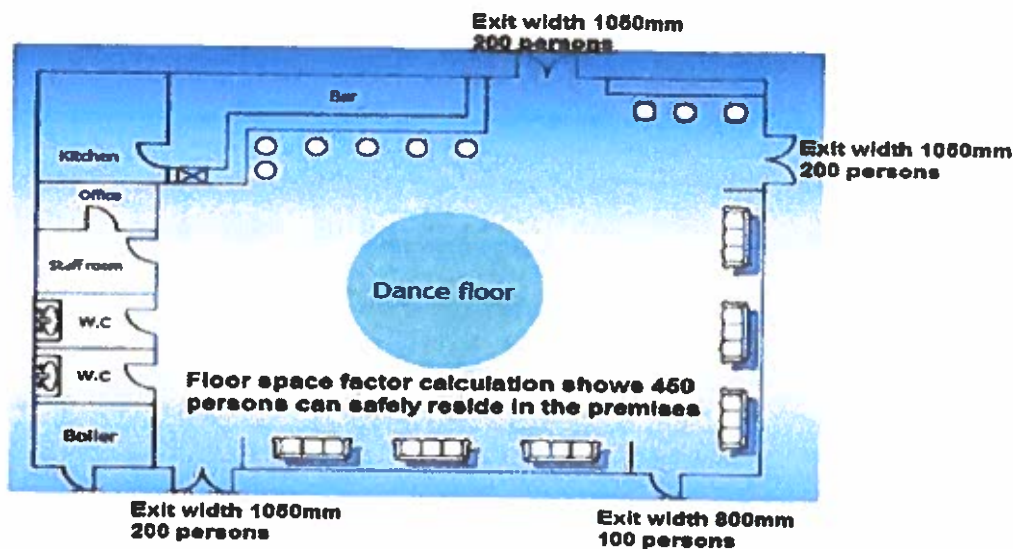
As a general rule stairways should be at least 1,050mm wide and their capacity should be sufficient to accommodate the number of people on the floors using them. For existing premises the width and number of staircases may limit the safe numbers of upper floors regardless of the calculations for available floor space and exit width for that floor, all exit routes are governed by their narrowest part.

When calculating the overall available escape route capacity for premises that have more than one way out you should assume that the widest exit is not available, because it has been compromised by fire. The maximum occupancy should then be limited to that accommodated by the aggregate width of the remaining escape routes. The exit capacity must be greater than or the same as the number of occupants.

Hot

Fire

Worked Example



Floor space calculation

Bar area - $2m \times 15m / 0.3 = 100$

Assembly area - $166m^2 / 0.5 = 332$

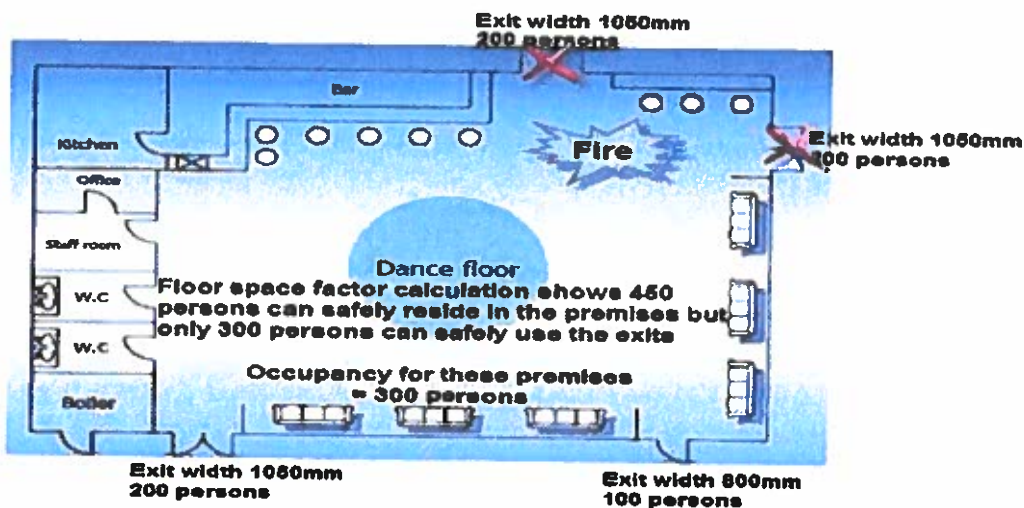
Seating - 18

Total = 450 people

Escape route capacity

Using the exit width calculations (without discounting an exit) exit capacity is 700.

Always assume the worst case for the discount of exit(s), lost due to fire.



Calculate the total exit capacity after discounting the largest exit (or exits in the case of ones that are close together) in this case 2 exits for 200 persons each are close together so their total is discounted $700 - 400 = \underline{300 \text{ persons total exit capacity}}$.

The lowest figure from the 2 calculations, 300 is the safe occupancy of the premises in this case therefore the fire risk assessment should indicate this, particularly for Licensed premises.