

Decisions taken by the Licensing Committee on Thursday, 20 June 2019

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Part A – Items considered in public

A5	Oregano Leaf	<p>Representation in respect of the application made by Lisa Spall, Crime, Enforcement & Regulation Service for a Review of the Premises Licence, for Oregano Leaf 98 New Cross Road SE14 5BA.</p> <p>IN THE MATTER OF THIS PREMISES LICENCE REVIEW, THE COMMITTEE HAS CONSIDERED ALL THE RELEVANT REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY ALL PARTIES.</p> <p>The Committee has made the following determination with a view to ensuring the promotion of the licensing objectives in accordance with the provisions of the secretary of state’s guidance and the principles of our licensing policy:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The premises licence is REVOKED.</p> <p>In coming to a determination, the following factors were taken into account;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Members of the Committee noted that Oregano Leaf has a long history of non-compliance. In 2017, it was discovered that they were opening 3-4 hours after their licenced hours. There were 472 licensing offences, which means that they were open 472 times after their licensable hours. A report on Oregano Leaf has been submitted to this Licensing Committee on four occasions. 2. Licensing officers have, in the past, educated the premises licence holder in licensing matters rather than revoke the licence. They have met with management on several occasions to explain their responsibilities of having a premises licence. 3. The Premises Licence holder shows a total disregard for the four licensing objectives. Licensing officers discovered that the business has been sold but officers had not been advised about this sale.
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		<p>4. Members of the Committee noted that the premises licence holder nor a representative was present at the meeting.</p> <p>5. Members of the Committee noted that the premises is in the Cumulative Impact Zone. The existence of a CIZ encapsulates the emergence of licenced premises within a small geographical area which has hindered the safeguarding of key licensing objectives. Therefore, new and existing licensed premises within a CIZ have a greater expectation and responsibility to exhaust all possible measures to trade responsibly within the scope of their premises licences.</p> <p>6. Members of the Committee, therefore, agreed that it was both appropriate and proportionate for the premises licence to be revoked, as this would address the licensing objectives of the prevention of crime and disorder and public nuisance.</p>