

Decisions taken by the Licensing Committee on Tuesday, 10 August 2021

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Part A – Items considered in public

<p>A3</p>	<p>Merkur Slots 40 Deptford High Street London SE8 4AF</p>	<p>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE, THE COMMITTEE HAS CONSIDERED THE RELEVANT REPRESENTATIONS MADE.</p> <p>The Committee has made the following determination:</p> <p>With a view to ensuring the promotion of the licensing objectives, in accordance with the provisions of the statutory guidance and the principles of our licensing policy, the application for a premises licence was GRANTED subject to the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Premises opening hours: a. 09:00 to midnight Sunday to Thursday; and b. 09:00 to 02:00 the following morning on Friday and Saturday. 2. The venue shall install and maintain a comprehensive CCTV system at the premises which should cover, as a minimum: a. all entry and exit points to and from the premises enabling frontal identification of every person entering under any light conditions; b. the areas of the premises to which the public have access (excluding toilets); and c. gaming machines and the counter area; The CCTV system shall continually record whilst the venue is open for licensable activities and during all times when customers remain on the premises. All recordings shall be stored for a minimum period of thirty one days with date and time visible. Subject to data protection legislative requirements, recordings shall be made available to the Police or an authorised officer of the Licensing Authority upon request. 3. There shall be an external camera at the premises which will provide live images to staff in the service counter area. 4. Notices indicating that CCTV is in use at the premises shall be placed at or near the entrance to the premises. 5. The licence holder shall ensure that the outside areas of the premises are monitored so as to ensure there is no public nuisance or obstruction of the highway. 6. An incident log shall be kept at the premises and made available on request to an authorised officer of the Licensing Authority or the Police. Details to include: a. all crimes reported to the venue b. all ejections of patrons c. any complaints received concerning crime
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		<p>and disorder d. any incidents of disorder e. all seizures of drugs or offensive weapons f. any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service. g. any attempts by children and young persons to gain access to the premises to gamble h. any Think 25 Refusals.</p> <p>7. A Think 25 proof of age scheme shall be operated at the premises where the only acceptable forms of identification are recognised photographic identification cards, such as a driving licence, passport or proof of age card with the PASS Hologram.</p> <p>8. Prominent signage and notices advertising the Think 25 Policy will be displayed at the premises.</p> <p>9. Third party testing on age restricted sales systems shall be carried out on the premises at least 3 times a year and the results shall be provided to the Licensing Authority upon request.</p> <p>10. The licensee will ensure, through regular checks and intervention that customer's children are not left unsupervised outside the premises.</p> <p>11. A magnetic locking device, commonly referred to as a Maglock will be installed and maintained on the main entrance/exit to the premises which will be operable by the ground floor staff.</p> <p>12. The appropriate staffing levels will be assessed by way of risk assessment and cognisance will be taken of any police advice.</p> <p>13. There shall be no pre-planned single staffing after 20:00.</p> <p>14. If at any time (whether before or after the opening of the premises), the police or licensing authority supply to the premises names and/or photographs of individuals which it wishes to be banned from the premises, the licensee shall use all reasonable endeavours to implement the ban through staff training.</p> <p>15. The Licensee shall implement a policy of banning any customers who engage in crime, disorder or anti-social behaviour within or outside the premises.</p> <p>16. The licensee will refuse entry to customers who appear to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs.</p> <p>17. The licensee shall install and maintain an intruder alarm on the premises. 18. The Company's staff guard system or similar shall be installed and maintained at the premises,</p>

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		<p>which allows direct communication with a central monitoring station permitting audio and CCTV communication.</p> <p>19. The licensee will ensure that customer toilets are checked hourly and access is permitted by interaction with staff members</p> <p>20. Prominent GamCare documentation will be displayed at the premises.</p> <p>21. The Licensee shall train staff on specific issues related to the local area and shall conduct periodic refresher training. Participation in the training shall be formally recorded and the records produced to the police or licensing authority upon request.</p> <p>22. The licensee will contact Bench Outreach and local charities identified by the Licensee as working with people with mental health issues and gambling addiction issues to work in partnership and identify local concerns.</p> <p>23. The licensee shall take all reasonable steps to prevent street drinking of alcohol directly outside the premises and to ban from the premises those who do so.</p> <p>24. The licensee shall place a notice visible from the exterior of the premises stating that customers drinking alcohol outside the premises is not permitted and those who do so will be banned from the premises.</p> <p>25. Full cash collections will not be completed by lone staff members.</p> <p>26. Upon request, the licensee shall provide the Licensing Authority with their compliance/operating manual which sets out all of the premises policies to meet the regulatory requirements under the Gambling Act 2005 and shall provide a copy of any update or revision as soon as practicable following the implementation of that change.</p> <p>27. The licensee shall participate in a local Betwatch or similar scheme, where available.</p> <p>28. The Licensee will provide a contact number for local residents to contact the premises</p> <p>29. Any ATM made available for use on the premises shall be located in a place that requires any customer who wishes to use it to cease gambling at any gaming machine in order to do so.</p> <p>In coming to a determination the Committee considered the following matters;</p>

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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Committee noted the representation made by the representative of the Deptford Society and the ward Councillor. Deptford's unique character derives from its mixed community of commercial and residential users, but there should be a balance between the needs of businesses and local residents. Deptford has high levels of social deprivation and another gambling establishment would increase the cumulative impact of gambling on existing deprivation in Deptford. 2. The Committee noted there were already four gambling businesses in Deptford High Street with a further four more in adjoining streets. There were so many vulnerable adults in the area that there were eleven charities in the immediate vicinity of the High Street aimed at supporting these people. 3. It was claimed that Deptford High Street was already saturated with gambling establishments and were a source of anti-social behaviour, including street drinking, open drug dealing, and public urination. 4. The Committee further noted that representations had been received from professionals supporting children and vulnerable adults. Nearly half of children in Tidemill School were in receipt of premium grant. Some of the mothers looked to gambling as a means to supplement their income. A support worker from the charity Bench Outreach, in their representation stated that there was a well-known link between homelessness, poor mental health, substance abuse and poverty. 5. The Committee noted the representation made on behalf of the applicant. A decision must be based on whether the application would uphold the four licensing objectives not the saturation of gambling establishments in the area.

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		<p>6. Members of the Committee noted the applicant's claims that the licensing objectives would be upheld because there were detailed statements of operations and compliance witnesses had been provided. The applicant had never had an application for a premises licence refused or licence reviewed. Merkur had traded successfully in Lewisham with 24 hour licences.</p> <p>7. The applicant said that clients were not allowed to loiter outside the premises; children could not see into the premises but if they attempted to enter they would be refused.</p> <p>8. Representation had not been received from any of the relevant authorities. It was agreed that by granting the application the four licensing objectives would be upheld.</p>
A4	Jiffy Grocery Unit 23-25 Parkside Business Estate	<p>IN THE MATTER OF THIS APPLICATION FOR THE VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE, 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>With a view to ensuring the promotion of the licensing objectives, in accordance with the provisions of the statutory guidance and the principles of our licensing policy, the application was GRANTED as applied for.</p> <p>In coming to a determination the Committee considered the following matters:</p> <p>1 Members of the Committee noted the representations made by artists working in close</p>

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		<p>proximity to the Jiffy Grocery. The neighbourhood had changed in recent years. There were more residential neighbours and there was a cultural quarter. The proposed application would affect a large number of people.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The Committee also noted claims that delivery riders did not stay inside Jiffy Grocery, preferring to stand outside close to the Acme building to socialise. The noise created disturbed artists working in Acme which had caused stress for some people. If the application was approved residents and businesses would be disturbed by food smells and ventilation fans all hours of the day and night. 3. The Committee considered the representations made by the Applicant's agent. There would not be any changes to the inward delivery schedules, the only change would be that delivery riders would be able to supply grocery products through the night. Annex 2 condition would also be removed. 4. It was further noted that the applicant considered that the objectors' concerns should not be addressed by licensing policy but the landlord or planning officers. The premises is not in the cumulative impact zone, the need for the variation did not have to be proved and there was a legal presumption to grant the application. The several conditions that already existed on the premises licence met the risks to the licensing objectives. 5. The Committee noted that no objections had been received from responsible authorities. In addition there had not been any objection from residents. 6. Members of the Committee agreed that the granting of the variation of the premises licence would ensure that the four licensing objectives were upheld.

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