

Decisions taken by the Licensing Committee on Tuesday, 10 January 2023

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Part A – Items considered in public

<p>A3</p>	<p>16 Hatcham Park Road London, SE14 5QD</p>	<p align="center">DECISION NOTICE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dean Ekaragha (“the Applicant”) has applied for a premises licence for 16 Hatcham Park Road, London, SE14 5QD (“the Premises”). The application seeks authorisation for the sale by retail of alcohol 7 days per week between 19:00 and 03:00 and for late night refreshment between 23:00 and 03:00. 2. Relevant representations have been received from the Metropolitan Police and One Housing Group, the freehold owner of the Premises. 3. The Licensing Committee held a hearing on 10 January 2023 to consider the application. The Applicant did not attend the hearing but representatives of both objectors did attend. 4. In the application form, the Applicant explained that the Premises is a residential property. The Applicant intends to operate a business from the Premises selling alcohol and refreshments via online platforms such as Uber Eats. No customers will attend the Premises which will be used only to store and dispatch products sold to customers online. 5. One Housing Group, in their objection, explained that the Premises comprises a single room occupied by the Applicant under the terms of a licence agreement within a supported housing scheme which is “used to house those deemed vulnerable”. They explained that under the terms of the licence agreement, the Applicant does not have permission to operate a business from the Premises. In their oral representations, they pointed out that some of the occupiers of the supported housing scheme were recovering from alcohol and substance misuse and the presence of alcohol in the scheme could put their recovery at risk. 6. The police objected on grounds of public nuisance, pointing out that the noise caused by delivery drivers and vehicles coming and going from the Premises would be likely to cause a considerable amount of noise, resulting in nuisance, inconvenience and potentially anxiety and
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		<p>worry for the other occupants of the supported housing scheme, as well as other neighbouring occupiers. They also highlighted the late hours of the proposed operation. In their oral representations, the Police also pointed out that Hatcham Park Road is a narrow, one-way street and that traffic to and from the Premises would be likely to cause congestion and therefore further disturbance.</p> <p>7. The Committee noted that the Council's Safer Communities Service had agreed conditions with the Applicant and had not submitted an objection.</p> <p>8. Having considered the written and oral evidence and representations made by the parties, the Committee has decided to refuse the application. Its reasons are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Premises is a residential property in a residential area. If licensed, it will attract frequent traffic until 3am every night of the week which would clearly cause disturbance to occupiers of the sheltered housing scheme and other neighbouring properties, at a sensitive time of the night. • As well as being in a residential area, the Premises is part of a supported housing scheme. The Committee did not think that running an alcohol-focussed business in this environment would be appropriate, and could potentially put vulnerable adults at risk, contrary to the public safety licensing objective. <p>9. There is a right of appeal against this decision. Any appeal should be made to the magistrates' court within 21 days beginning with the day on which the appellant was notified of this decision.</p>
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