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# AGENDA

# LICENSING COMMITTEE

## Date: FRIDAY, 25 AUGUST 2023 at 11.30 am

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#### **MEMBERS**

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#### **Councillors:**

Councillor Susan Wise (Chair) Councillor Yemisi Anifowose (Vice-Chair) Councillor Bill Brown Councillor Coral Howard Councillor Stephen Hayes Councillor Edison Huynh Councillor Mark Jackson Councillor Eva Kestner Councillor Liam Shrivastava Councillor Luke Warner

Members are summoned to attend this meeting

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Jeremy Chambers Monitoring Officer Laurence House Catford London SE6 4RU Date: 22 August 2023

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# Agenda Item 1



## **Licensing Committee**

## **Declarations of Interest**

Date: 25 August 2023

Class: Part 1

Ward(s) affected: All

Contributors: Head of Governance and Committee Services

## Outline and recommendations

Members are asked to declare any personal interest they have in any item on the agenda.

#### 1. Summary

- 1.1. Members must declare any personal interest they have in any item on the agenda. There are three types of personal interest referred to in the Council's Member Code of Conduct:
  - (1) Disclosable pecuniary interests
  - (2) Other registerable interests
  - (3) Non-registerable interests.
- 1.2. Further information on these is provided in the body of this report.

#### 2. Recommendation

2.1. Members are asked to declare any personal interest they have in any item on the agenda.

## 3. Disclosable pecuniary interests

- 3.1 These are defined by regulation as:
  - (a) <u>Employment</u>, trade, profession or vocation of a relevant person\* for profit or gain
  - (b) <u>Sponsorship</u> –payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than by the Council) within the 12 months prior to giving notice for inclusion in the register in respect of expenses incurred by you in carrying out duties as a member or towards your election expenses (including payment or financial benefit from a Trade Union).
  - (c) <u>Undischarged contracts</u> between a relevant person\* (or a firm in which they are a partner or a body corporate in which they are a director, or in the securities of which they have a beneficial interest) and the Council for goods, services or works.
  - (d) <u>Beneficial interests in land</u> in the borough.
  - (e) <u>Licence to occupy land</u> in the borough for one month or more.
  - (f) <u>Corporate tenancies</u> any tenancy, where to the member's knowledge, the Council is landlord and the tenant is a firm in which the relevant person\* is a partner, a body corporate in which they are a director, or in the securities of which they have a beneficial interest.
  - (g) <u>Beneficial interest in securities</u> of a body where:
    - (a) that body to the member's knowledge has a place of business or land in the borough; and
    - (b) either:

(i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or 1/100 of the total issued share capital of that body; or

(ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the relevant person\* has a beneficial interest exceeds 1/100 of the total issued share capital of that class.

\*A relevant person is the member, their spouse or civil partner, or a person with whom they live as spouse or civil partner.

### 4. Other registerable interests

- 4.1 The Lewisham Member Code of Conduct requires members also to register the following interests:
  - (a) Membership or position of control or management in a body to which you were appointed or nominated by the Council
  - (b) Any body exercising functions of a public nature or directed to charitable purposes, or whose principal purposes include the influence of public opinion or policy, including any political party
  - (c) Any person from whom you have received a gift or hospitality with an estimated value of at least £25.

## 5. Non registerable interests

5.1. Occasions may arise when a matter under consideration would or would be likely to affect the wellbeing of a member, their family, friend or close associate more than it would affect the wellbeing of those in the local area generally, but which is not required to be registered in the Register of Members' Interests (for example a matter concerning the closure of a school at which a Member's child attends).

## 6. Declaration and impact of interest on members' participation

- 6.1. Where a member has any registerable interest in a matter and they are present at a meeting at which that matter is to be discussed, they must declare the nature of the interest at the earliest opportunity and in any event before the matter is considered. The declaration will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting. If the matter is a disclosable pecuniary interest the member must take not part in consideration of the matter and withdraw from the room before it is considered. They must not seek improperly to influence the decision in any way. Failure to declare such an interest which has not already been entered in the Register of Members' Interests, or participation where such an interest exists, is liable to prosecution and on conviction carries a fine of up to £5000
- 6.2. Where a member has a registerable interest which falls short of a disclosable pecuniary interest they must still declare the nature of the interest to the meeting at the earliest opportunity and in any event before the matter is considered, but they may stay in the room, participate in consideration of the matter and vote on it unless paragraph 6.3 below applies.
- 6.3. Where a member has a registerable interest which falls short of a disclosable pecuniary interest, the member must consider whether a reasonable member of the public in possession of the facts would think that their interest is so significant that it would be likely to impair the member's judgement of the public interest. If so, the member must withdraw and take no part in consideration of the matter nor seek to influence the outcome improperly.
- 6.4. If a non-registerable interest arises which affects the wellbeing of a member, their, family, friend or close associate more than it would affect those in the local area generally, then the provisions relating to the declarations of interest and withdrawal apply as if it were a registerable interest.
- 6.5. Decisions relating to declarations of interests are for the member's personal judgement, though in cases of doubt they may wish to seek the advice of the Monitoring Officer.

## 7. Sensitive information

7.1. There are special provisions relating to sensitive interests. These are interests the disclosure of which would be likely to expose the member to risk of violence or intimidation where the Monitoring Officer has agreed that such interest need not be registered. Members with such an interest are referred to the Code and advised to seek advice from the Monitoring Officer in advance.

## 8. Exempt categories

- 8.1. There are exemptions to these provisions allowing members to participate in decisions notwithstanding interests that would otherwise prevent them doing so. These include:-
  - (a) Housing holding a tenancy or lease with the Council unless the matter relates to your particular tenancy or lease; (subject to arrears exception)
  - (b) School meals, school transport and travelling expenses; if you are a parent or

guardian of a child in full time education, or a school governor unless the matter relates particularly to the school your child attends or of which you are a governor

- (c) Statutory sick pay; if you are in receipt
- (d) Allowances, payment or indemnity for members
- (e) Ceremonial honours for members
- (f) Setting Council Tax or precept (subject to arrears exception).



## Licensing Committee

# Report title: Land adjacent the Albany theatre, Deptford Market Square, Douglas Way, London, SE8 4AG

Date: 25th August 2023

Key decision: No.

Class: Part 1

Ward(s) affected:

Contributors: Safer Communities Service

#### Outline and recommendations

Determination of Temporary Event Notice Application - After having regard to all the representations heard, Members must take such steps as they consider appropriate to promote the Licensing Objectives.

### Timeline of engagement and decision-making

To consider the application for a Temporary Event Notice. The options open to members of the Committee are set out in paragraph 4 below.

Proposal: Temporary Event Notice (TEN)

Legislation: Licensing Act 2003

<u>Premises</u>: Land adjacent the Albany theatre, Deptford Market Square, Douglas Way, London, SE8 4AG

Applicant: Owen George Baker

The notice was served in accordance with section 100 of the Licensing Act 2003.

#### 1. Notice Content & Objection

- 1.1 The Temporary Event Notice is for the following activities to take place at the premises from 11:00 23:00hrs on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023.
- 1.2 The sale by retail of alcohol for consumption on the premises and the provision

of regulated entertainment in the form of Music and DJ performances for up to 400 people.

- 1.3 The notice was served on responsible authorities on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023. An objection was received from the Metropolitan Police on 18<sup>th</sup> August, within the specified time limit in accordance with section 104 of the Licensing Act 2003.
- 1.4 The objection was received in relation to the prevention of Public Nuisance, Public Safety and the Prevention of Crime and Disorder .
- 1.5 The premises is not currently licenced.

#### 2. Legal and Human Rights Implications

- 2.1 Where an objection notice is received following a Temporary Event Notice a licensing authority is required to hold a hearing. In this case the Licensing Authority is required to consider whether the proposed temporary event will promote the public nuisance licensing objective.
- 2.2 The licensing authority is a public authority under the Human Rights Act 1998. Therefore the Licensing Authority is under a duty to act compatibly with Convention Rights in the exercise of their function. Article 6 (1) of the Convention provides that everyone is entitled to a fair and public hearing within a reasonable time by an independent and impartial hearing established by law.
- 2.3 The right to give a Temporary Event Notice falls within the scope of civil rights and obligations in Article 6 (1) as it relates, in this case, to a Premises Licence holder's right to pursue commercial activity. This right is a qualified right therefore it may be interfered with if it is appropriate to protect the general interest of the community.

#### 3. Equalities Implications

- 3.1 The Equality Act 2010 includes a new public sector equality duty (the equality duty or duties) the duty covers the following nine protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnerships, pregnancy and maternity, race or religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.
- 3.2 In summary the Council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to-

-eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act

-advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not

-foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

3.3 As with the case with the original separate duties, the new duty continues to be a "have regard duty" and the weight to attach to it is a matter for the committee bearing in mind the relevance and proportionality. It is not an absolute requirement to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity or foster good relations.

#### 4. Determination of objection notice

- 4.1 After having regard to all the representations heard, Members must take such steps as they consider appropriate to promote the licensing objectives. Therefore the Licensing Committee may;
  - 1. Decide no action is appropriate to promote the licensing objectives therefore the temporary event may go ahead.
  - 2. Impose one or more conditions on the standard temporary event notice if
    - a. the authority considers it appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives to do so, AND if
    - b. the conditions are also imposed on a premises licence or club premises certificate that has effect in respect of the same premises, or any part of the same premises, as the standard temporary event notice, and
    - c. the conditions would not be inconsistent with the carrying of licensable activities under the standard temporary event notice
  - 3. Issue a counter notice if it considers it is appropriate to promote the licensing objectives, therefore the temporary event may not go ahead.
- 4.2 There is a right of appeal to the Magistrates Court against a decision either to give a counter notice or to allow the temporary event to go ahead.

	Background Papers	
<u>Short Title of</u>	Date	<u>Appendix</u>
Document		
Temporary Event Notice		
Notification rec'd	11/08/2023	
Plan of proposed event	15/08/2023	
Metropolitan Police Objection		
Objection rec'd	18/08/2023	
Chould you require only further in	formation on this report place	a contact Dichard

Should you require any further information on this report please contact Richard Lockett of the Safer Communities Service via Richard.lockett@lewisham.gov.uk.

App ref: 1407691 Cap ref: T79825 Submission: 11-8-23 10:50



Lewisham Temporary Event Notice Licensing Act 2003 For help contact licensing@lewisham.gov.uk Telephone: 020 8314 7237

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E-mail						
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Section 3 of 9						
THE PREMISES						
activity at the premises describ Give the address of the premis	es where you intend to carry on the licensable a	activities or if it has no address give a detailed				
	nance Survey references). (See also guidance o	n completing the form, note 2)				
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Location Details						
Give an Ordance Survey (OS) map reference (if a full address? nas not been given)						
* Provide further details about	the location of the event					
Market Square, Douglas Way, Deptford, London						
	f the premises at this address or intend to restri (see also guidance on completing the form, not					
Want to host a street party in I	Market Square, Douglas Way - address details at	oove,				
Describe the nature of the premises below (see also guidance on completing the form, note 4)						
Open area outside the Albany within the Market Square.						
Describe the nature of the event below (see also guidance on completing the form, note 5)						
Carnival theme music event						
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LICENSABLE ACTIVITIES						
State the licensable activities that you intend to carry on at the premises (see also guidance on completing the form, note 6):						
The sale by retail of alcohol						
The supply of alcohol by or on behalf of a club to, or to the order of, a member of the club						
The provision of regulated entertainment	(See also guidance on completing the form, note 7).					
The provision of late night refreshment						
∑ The giving of a late temporary event notice	Late notices can be given no later than 5 working days but no earlier than 9 working days before the event. <u>(See also guidance on completing the form,</u> note 8).					

#### **Event Dates**

There must be a period of at least 10 working days between the date you submit this form and the date of the earliest event when you will be using these premises for licensable activities.

State the dates on which you intend to use these premises for licensable activities

(see also guidance on completing the form, note 9)

Event start date	27 / 08 / 2023 dd mm yyyy	The maximum period for using premises for licensable activities under the authority of a temporary event notice is 168 hours or seven days.
Event end date	27 <b>/</b> 08 <b>/</b> 2023 dd mm yyyy	
State the times during the event period that you propose to carry on licensable activities (give times in 24 hour clock) (see also guidance on completing the form, note 10)	11am - 11pm	]
State the maximum number of people at any one time that you intend to allow to be present at the premises during the times when you intend to carry on licensable activities, including any staff, organisers or performers (see also guidance on completing the form, note 11)	400	Note that the maximum number of people cannot exceed 499.

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If the licensable activities will include the supply of alcohol, state whether the supplies will be for consumption on or off the premises, or both					
(see also guidance on completing the form, note 12):					
On the premises only					
<ul> <li>Off the premises only</li> </ul>					
∩ Both					
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RELEVANT ENTERTAINMENT	<u>(S</u>	ee also gu	lidance on col	npleting the form	n, note 1 <u>3)</u>
State if the licensable activities period that you propose to pro				relevant entertain	ment. If so, state the times during the event
DJ and sound system					
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PERSONAL LICENCE HOLDER	S (S	ee also gu	idance on co	npleting the form	n, note 14)
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Do you currently hold a valid	$\cap$	Yes		No	
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PREVIOUS TEMPORARY EVEN	NT ING		ee also guida	nce on completir	ig the form, note (5)
Have you previously given a					
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calendar year as the event for					
which you are now giving this temporary event notice?					
comportary event notices					
Have you already given a					
temporary event notice for					
the same premises in which the event period:					
a) Ends 24 hours or	$\cap$	Yes		No	
less before; or					
b) Begins 24 hours or less					
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ASSOCIATES AND BUSINESS	COLI	EAGUES	(see also gui	<u>aance on comple</u>	ting the form, hole 16)

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	Has any associate of yours given a temporary event						
11111 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11	notice for an event in the same calendar year as the event for which you are now giving a temporary event notice?	C	Yes	•	No		
	Has any associate of yours already given a temporary event notice for the same premises in which the event						
	period: a) Ends 24 hours or less before; or b) Begins 24 hours or less after the event period proposed in this notice?	C	Yes	C	No		
	Has any person with whom you are in business carrying on licensable activities given a temporary event notice for an event in the same calendar year as the event for which you are now giving a temporary event notice?		Yes	۲	No		
	Has any person with whom you are in business carrying on licensable activities already given a temporary event notice for the same premises in which the event period:	C	Yes	٩	No		
	a) Ends 24 hours or less before; or b) Begins 24 hours or less after the event period proposed in this notice?						
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-	CONDITION (See also guidan	ice o	n completing the fo	rm,	note <u>18)</u>	 	

It is a condition of this temporary event notice that where the relevant licensable activities described in Sections 4 and 5 above include the supply of alcohol that all such supplies are made by or under the authority of the premises user. **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.

This formality requires a fixed fee of £21

**DECLARATION** (See also guidance on completing the form, note 19)

The information contained in this form is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that it is an offence: (i) to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with this temporary event notice and (ii) to permit an

	Continued from previous page * unauthorised licensable activity to be carried on at any place and that a person is liable on conviction for any such offence					
to a fine not exceeding £20,000, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, or to both.						
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						
* Capacity						
* Date	11     /     08     /     2023       dd     mm     yyyy					
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Once you're finished you need to do the following: 1. Save this form to your computer by clicking file/save as 2. Go back to <u>https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-a-licence/temporary-event-notice/lewisham/apply-1</u> to upload this file and continue with your application. Don't forget to make sure you have all your supporting documentation to hand.						
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#### TEMPORARY EVENT NOTICE

To: Owen Baker

Of:

The Council of the London Borough of Lewisham have acknowledged the event as follows:

- Premises: Deptford Market Square Douglas Way Deptford London SE8
- Date: 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Times: 11:00 – 23:00

- Permited ALC, REG ENT Activities:
- Capacity: 400

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Proper Officer for Licensing London Borough of Lewisham

Directorate for Community Services Licensing Authority Holbeach Office 9 Holbeach Rd Catford SE6 4TW

SHOULD A COUNTER NOTICE BE ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 105 OR 107 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 THIS EVENT WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.

#### A TEN DOES NOT RELIEVE THE PREMISES USER FROM ANY REQUIREMENTS UNDER PLANNING LAW FOR APPROPRIATE PLANNING PERMISSION WHERE IT IS REQUIRED.



Working together for a safer London

#### PL - Lewisham Borough

9 Holbeach Road, Catford. SE6 4TW

Telephone: 07795 801039 Email: Simon.Butler@met.police.uk www.met.police.uk

Your ref: Our ref: 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Dear Licensing Team,

I have received a Temporary Events Notice on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023 for an event to be held on the 27h August 2023 at Deptford Market Square outside The Albany, Douglas Way SE8.

This Ten is asking for Alcohol and Regulated Entertainment for 400 persons for a community event to take place between 1100hrs and 2300hrs on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

Police wish to object to this TEN on the grounds of

Prevention of Crime and Disorder

Preserve Public Safety

Prevention of Public Nuisance

This event is planned for Sunday August Bank holiday weekend when Police resources on London boroughs will be at its minimum due to Policing the Notting Hill Carnival. This is the biggest street Carnival in the capital and requires a considerable police presence, meaning that policing numbers on local boroughs will be at its worst levels during a year.

This event planned in the application makes no reference to any Land owner granting permission for the event on the intended site where the festivities are to be held. The application makes no reference to Highways, Council departments or any private Land owner granting use of the land for the festivities to take place.

On 18<sup>th</sup> August at lunchtime a call was made to speak to the events organiser, Mr Owen George Baker to ask who owns the land and he replied the council, yet having spoken to the processing officer they didn't believe that Council owned this piece of land intended to be used. This makes this matter very difficult to support this application as it currently stands.

The application also makes no reference to how numbers are going to be controlled and any possible stewarding for such a crowd of 400 that may attend. Police point out that this area in Deptford is an extremely popular walk through from housing estates to all the business's and shops in Deptford High street and it is also unknown if the market will be operating at the times this function will be operating.

Due to the market squares openness and position it is unclear how numbers would be controlled with No reference to stewards, SIA or written in the application of fencing that will be used to cordon off for the event. It is a concern for Police that numbers could swell to exceed the 400 planned and even over the permitted maximum of 499 for a Temporary Events Notice to be legally authorised.

Again a phone call was made to Mr Baker asking him about stewards and he stated that he thought 12 stewards would be in attendance. The application does nothing to support that any control will be in place, no mention of SIA security and training that any stewards may have. This being the case and with concerns around safety with numbers and people attending and adequate control over exact numbers and security in place this application cannot be supported by Police at this time. This event in its location requires better planning and security/stewarding and some kind of invite system or ticket selling that appears to have not taken place.

It appears to be depending on people randomly turning up and into a location that would be causing concern and increase the noise levels that again have not been stated will be controlled.

Although police wish to support what has been described as a cultural event, for the community and celebration of music, this timing and location would appear to be unsuitable with a lack of planning for safety taken into consideration. Events already being held over this weekend in Notting Hill itself.

As with any event police have concerns over pushing crowds and gangs of people wishing to join in without proper forms of safety for the numbers being introduced.

An increase in Ant-social behaviour permitting 400 to drink Alcohol in a confined area with possible inadequate toilet facilities or even first aid being mentioned at all.

Market Square and Douglas Way have always been a problematic area for street drinkers, beggers, drug dealing and police believe this event will do nothing to assist with the issues this area already have, over a weekend when police numbers will be woefully low. In the event of any problems starting with fights it would leave a lack of policing resources to put into this event when the eyes will be on policing Notting Hill street festival, and with no exact numbers of adequate stewards or SIA being put into this application there is no evidence that this event has been planned sufficiently to be supported by police at this time.

Police believe it will increase calls to authorities in noise nuisance complaints, increase alcohol consumption with no controls into an area suffering very badly with these issues already. Permitting this event to run alongside all the licenced premises over a Bank holiday weekend is asking for a situation that could easily get out of control.

One situation that had occurred to Police licensing that within a 2-3 minute walk Market yard itself is licenced with controls already in its licensing conditions could have been considered.

Although the times stated are not deemed to be the biggest of concerns, control and formal planning for such an event that involves the possible Closure of Douglas Way and access for residents to its high street with large crowds is not a good idea, without any Confirmation of permission from Land owner or Highways would impact the local community massively.

While speaking to Mr Baker he has suggested that he has worked with Police in times gone by with events he has arranged in the community. He stated he has worked with Sgt Jim Abbot when he was Police Licensing. However, I have to take the application on its face value and deem this too much of a risk a lack of information in order to support this event on many grounds. Sgt Abbott was Police Licensing Officer some 9-10 years ago and I have no records for any previous work that Mr Baker may have done to support such events.

In the current climate with the application with too many issues that concern public safety, noise nuisance and the increase in possible crime and disorder at this stage Police have to put these concerns above history in previous events going back over a decade.

As Police have to draw a balance of what is considered safe and the application has many points highlighted in this Objection that raise concerns police that committee members need to consider.

For your consideration

Regards Simon Butler Police Licensing Officer for Lewisham Borough 9 Holbeach Road, Catford SE6 4TW