

Decisions taken by the Licensing Committee on Wednesday, 8 May 2024

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Part A – Items considered in public

A3	Zhulin Hidden Village, 2nd Floor 100-104 Lewisham High Street, London, SE13 5JH.	<p style="text-align: center;">DECISION NOTICE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Zhulin Hidden Village, 2nd Floor, 10-104 Lewisham High Street, SE13 5JH has applied for the grant of a new Premises Licence (“the Premises”). 2. The application was for the grant of a premises licence to allow for the retail sale of alcohol Fridays to Sundays from 08:00-04:00 and for the provision of live music, recorded music and late night refreshments Fridays to Sundays from 23:00 to 04:00 hours, The application also requested seasonal variations for New Year’s Eve into New Year Day, the Thursday before Good Friday running into Good Friday, Christmas Eve running into Christmas Day and Christmas Day running into Boxing Day. 3. Relevant representations were received from the Licensing Authority and the Police Licensing Authority and from 11 local residents including a local business on the grounds that granting the application would not meet the objective of upholding three of licensing objectives – public nuisance, the prevention of crime and disorder and public safety. 4. The Licensing Authority and Police withdrew their representations following agreement with the applicant to accept conditions on the Premises Licence if granted by the
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		<p>committee.</p> <p>5. The Licensing Committee held a hearing on 8 May 2024 to consider the application. A solicitor spoke on behalf of the Applicant. Two residents and a local business operator attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.</p> <p>6. In making its decision the Committee has considered all of the papers contained in the report pack together with the submissions and evidence presented by all parties at the hearing. The committee has also taken into account the Council’s own Statement of Licensing Policy and the Home Office’s Statutory Guidance.</p> <p>7. The Committee’s decision is to grant the application subject to the conditions agreed with the Licensing Authority and Police, attached as Appendix A which include revised terminal hours of 03:00 hours on Fridays and Saturdays and 01:00 hours on Sundays. In addition a terminal hour of 03:00 hours for days which precede a bank holiday. Its reasons are as follows:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. The Committee noted that the Applicant had agreed the conditions with the Licensing Authority and Police and the Committee has determined that the</p>

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		<p>additional conditions recommended by the Licensing Authority support the promotion of the licensing objectives and address a number of the representations made by the local residents, in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. They reduce the number of events the Premises can hold to one day each week and only for ticketed or invite only events; ii. The terminal hour is reduced from 04:00 hours to 03:00 hours on Fridays and Saturdays and 01:00 hours on Sundays, except for the days preceding a Bank Holiday where the terminal hour will be 03:00 hours iii. A Personal Licence Holder to be on duty at all times that the premises sells alcohol – this is not a legal requirement. iv. The use of SIA approved door staff. v. A dispersal policy which will be agreed with the Licensing Authority and Police <p>b. The Committee was not persuaded by the representations made by the operator of Alpha Lounge on the grounds of public safety and nuisance. The Committee heard from the Licensing Officer, who had visited the Premises, he did not share the concerns raised by Alpha Lounge regarding the dynamics of the staircase</p>

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		<p style="text-align: center;">servicing both the Premises and the challenges that would present to the operation.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">c. The Committee did have concerns about the application, and the representations raised by the local residents, but they put weight on the fact that the Applicant had agreed extensive conditions with the Licensing Authority and the Police.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8. 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 the decision.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">15 May 2024</p> <p><u>Appendix A</u></p> <p>- <u>Zhulin Hidden Village –Conditions agreed with the Licensing Authority</u></p> <p>-</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1. The licensable activity permitted by this licence shall only cover events for one day per week on either the Friday, Saturday or Sunday. Other than ticketed or 'invite only' events, the premises will not open for licensable activity.</p>

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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Any event which includes licensable activity covered by this licence shall be ticketed or by invitation only. Patrons having to purchase tickets must do so prior to the commencement of the event, or in person from the premises within the first hour of the event commencing. 3. Any licensable activity for events that begin on a Friday or Saturday shall cease at 3am. Any licensable activity for events that begin on a Sunday, shall cease at 1am except for those days which precede a Bank Holiday, in which case they will cease at 3am. 4. The premises must maintain a comprehensive CCTV system. All entry and exit points will be covered enabling facial identification of every person entering in any light condition. The CCTV system shall continually record whilst the premises is open for licensable activities. All recordings shall be stored for a minimum period of 31 days with date and time stamping. Recordings shall be made available immediately upon the request of Local Authority or Police Officer throughout the preceding 31 day period. 5. A staff member from the premises who is conversant with the operation of the CCTV system shall be on the premises at all times when the premises are carrying out licensable activity. This staff member must be able to show a Local Authority or Police Officer recent data or footage when requested. 6. There shall be a personal licence holder on duty on the premises at all times

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		<p>when the premises are authorised to sell alcohol.</p> <p>7. Whilst carrying out licensable activity, the premises shall prominently display signage at all entrances informing customers:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All persons entering this premises are liable to be searched. Agreement to search is a condition of entry. If persons do not consent entry will be refused • Police may be called if drugs or weapons are found. • CCTV is in operation throughout these premises and is made available to the police. • Any person found carrying weapons or illegal drugs will be permanently excluded and the police will be informed. • Management reserve the right to refuse entry. <p>8. A minimum of 2 SIA registered door staff shall be employed on the premises when the premises are holding an event carrying out licensable activity after midnight (with the exception of wedding parties), unless prior written consent is obtained from Licensing Police or the Licensing Authority to less. SIA Door staff be present until all patrons have left the premises and must be employed by an Accredited Contractor Scheme (ACS) registered company.</p> <p>9. When the premises is hosting wedding parties, cordons will be in place over the entrance stating that it is a private event. A member of staff will carry out twice hourly checks on the entrance to the building as well as any smoking area to</p>

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		<p align="center">ensure that guests are managed.</p> <p>10. A register of security personnel employed on the premises shall be maintained in a legible format and made available to police upon reasonable request. The register should be completed by the DPS/ duty manager/ nominated staff member at the commencement of work by each member of security staff and details recorded should include; full name, SIA badge number, time of commencement and completion of duties. The security operative should then sign their name.</p> <p>11. When SIA staff are on duty, all persons entering or re-entering the premises shall be searched by an SIA trained member of staff and monitored by the premises CCTV system.</p> <p>12. SIA licensed door supervisors shall be on duty and clearly visible outside the entrance of the premises from commencement of an applicable event.</p> <p>13. All staff engaged outside the entrance to the premises, or supervising or controlling queues shall wear high visibility yellow jackets or vests.</p> <p>14. A register of security personnel employed on the premises shall be maintained in a legible format and made available to Police or Local Authority Officers on request. The register should be completed by the DPS/Duty Manager at the</p>

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		<p>commencement of work by each member of security staff and details recorded should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full name • Badge number • Time of commencement of duties • Security Operative to sign their name against these details <p>15. At the commencement of work, security personnel should ensure that they are recorded on the CCTV system and that a clear head and shoulders image showing their face clear of any hat, glasses or other obstruction is recorded.</p> <p>16. Any designated queuing area shall be enclosed within appropriate barriers to ensure that the footway is kept clear.</p> <p>17. Notices shall be prominently displayed at all exits requesting patrons to respect the needs of local residents and businesses and leave the area quietly.</p> <p>18. Patrons permitted to temporarily leave and then re-enter the premises e.g to smoke shall not be permitted to take drinks or drink containers with them.</p>

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		<p>19. Notices shall be displayed in an area used for smoking requesting patrons to respect the needs of local residents and use the area quietly.</p> <p>20. A direct telephone number for the manager at the premises shall be publicly available at all times the premises is open for licensable activity.</p> <p>21. There shall be no admittance or re-admittance to the premises after 02:00, apart from temporarily entering a designated smoking area outside the premises.</p> <p>22. An incident log shall be kept at the premises, and made available on request to an authorised Local Authority or Police Officer, which will record the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) all crimes reported to the venue b) All ejections of patrons c) any complaints received d) any incidents of disorder e) All seizure of drugs or offensive weapons f) any faults in the CCTV system, searching or scanning equipment g) any refusal of the sale of alcohol h) any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service <p>22. Polycarbonate/plastic/toughened glass drink ware is to be used by all persons. All alcoholic and soft drinks are to be decanted by premises staff into such drink ware at the point of sale.</p> <p>23. The premises shall have a written dispersal policy All staff shall be</p>

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		<p>knowledgeable of this policy and able to enforce it.</p> <p>24. The Licence holder shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that any customers loitering outside the premises disperse quickly and do not congregate.</p> <p>25. The premises Licence Holder and/or Designated Premises Supervisor shall keep up to date policies and staff training records in relation to the following: Requirements of the challenge 25 scheme, drugs, identification & recognition of drunks, identification recognition and responsibilities of dealing with vulnerable persons. Staff must be trained in the correct procedures to be followed when refusing service and safety initiatives such as 'Ask Angela' Regular training must be provided to all staff at least every six months, and a record of the training will be maintained for at least twelve months.</p>