



Alcohol and Entertainment Licensing Sub-Committee

Thursday 23 June 2022 at 10.00am

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Membership:

Members

Councillors:

Ahmed (Chair)
Chohan
Ethapemi

Substitute Members

Councillors:

Bajwa, Chappell, Collymore, Georgiou, Long,
Mahmood, Rubin

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***Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:**

- (a) **Employment, etc.** - Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit gain.
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- (d) **Land** - Any beneficial interest in land which is within the council's area.
- (e) **Licences** - Any licence to occupy land in the council's area for a month or longer.
- (f) **Corporate tenancies** - Any tenancy between the council and a body in which the Councillor or their partner have a beneficial interest.
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****Personal Interests:**

The business relates to or affects:

- (a) Anybody of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management, and:
 - To which you are appointed by the council;
 - which exercises functions of a public nature;
 - which is directed is to charitable purposes;
 - whose principal purposes include the influence of public opinion or policy (including a political party or trade union).
- (b) The interests of a person from whom you have received gifts or hospitality of at least £50 as a member in the municipal year;

or

A decision in relation to that business might reasonably be regarded as affecting the well-being or financial position of:

- You yourself;
- a member of your family or your friend or any person with whom you have a close association or any person or body who is the subject of a registrable personal interest.

Agenda

Introductions, if appropriate.

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1	Apologies for absence and clarification of alternate members
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2	Declarations of Interests
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Members are invited to declare at this stage of the meeting, the nature and existence of any relevant disclosable pecuniary or personal interests in the items on this agenda and to specify the item(s) to which they relate.

3	Application for New Premises Licence by Mr Joseph Finn for the premises known as The Field, 249 Neasden Lane, NW10 1QG, pursuant to the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003	1 - 18
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LICENSING ACT 2003

Application for New Premises Licence

1. The Application

Name of Applicant:	Mr Joseph Finn
Name & Address of Premises:	The Field, 249 Neasden Lane, NW10 1QG
Applicants Agent:	Saunders Solicitors Ltd – Mr Callum Haddow

The application is for a new premises licence:

- 1 For the sale of alcohol and regulated entertainment from 10.00am to midnight Sunday to Wednesday, 1.00am Thursday and 2.00am Friday & Saturday. The premises wish to remain open from 10.00am to 00:30 Sunday to Wednesday, 1.30am Thursday and 2.30am Friday & Saturday.

2. Background

None

3. Promotion of the Licensing Objectives

See page 3 & 4 of the application

4. Relevant Representations

Representations are received from the Police and Licensing Officers.

5. Interested Parties

None

6. Policy Considerations

Policy 1 – Process for Applications

Conditions on the licence, additional to those voluntarily sought/agreed by the applicant, may be considered. Conditions will focus on matters which are within the control of individual licensee and which relate to the premises or areas being used for licensable activities, the potential impact of the resulting activities in the vicinity. If situations arise where the licensing objectives may be undermined but cannot be dealt with by the use of appropriate conditions the Licensing Authority will consider whether it is appropriate for a licence to be granted or continue to operate.

7. Determination of the Application

Members can take the following steps when determining a new premises licence application:

- grant the licence;
- exclude from the scope of the licence any of the licensable activities to which the application relates;
- refuse to specify a person in the licence as the premises supervisor;
- reject the application

8. Associated Papers

- A. Application Form & Plan
- B. Licensing Representation
- C. Police Representation
- D. OS Map



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TEL: 020 8937 5359
EMAIL: business.licence@brent.gov.uk
WEB: www.brent.gov.uk
Online Ref. No: 12645
Application No: 24726
Date: 09 May 2022

LICENSING ACT 2003
Licence: Premises Licence New Application
Application No: 24726

Dear Sir/Madam,

Applicant: Mr Joseph Finn

Date Received: 25 April 2022

An application was made to Brent Council under the Licensing Act 2003 by the above-named applicant. If you would like to make a representation please email business.licence@brent.gov.uk. Representations must specify in detail the grounds of opposition and must relate to the promotion of the licensing objectives.

In order that consideration of the application may not be delayed, it will be appreciated if a reply can be sent to us by **03 June 2022**.

Part 1 – Premises Details

Postal address of premises, or if none, ordinance survey map reference or description

The Field Bar Neasden
249 Neasden Lane, London, Brent, NW10 1QG

Telephone Number at premises (if any):

Non domestic rateable value:

Part 2 – Applicant Details

Proposed Licence Holder:
Mr Joseph Finn



Part 3 – Operating Schedule

When do you want the premises licence to start? 23-05-2022

If you wish the licence to be valid only for a limited period, when do you want it to end?

If 5,000 or more people are expected to attend the premises at any one time, please state the number expected to attend:

Please give a general description of the premises:

The premises is a public house/bar on Neasden Lane. The premises has operated as a bar for many years but has recently lost its alcohol licence.

Mr Finn intends to hire staff to run the bar once a premises licence is granted. Mr Finn has previously owned bars in Ireland.

What licensable activities do you intend to carry on from the premises?

Section E: Live music

Section F: Recorded music

Section J: Sale of alcohol: On the premises

The times the licence authorises the carrying out of licensable activities

Section E: Live music: Indoors		
Day	Start Time	End Time
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday	19:00	01:00
Friday	19:00	01:00
Saturday	19:00	02:00
Sunday	19:00	00:00

To extend by one hour the standard finish time for any authorised period ending between 00.59 and 02.00 on which a period of summer time ends. To extend the standard finishing time by one hour for the authorised periods starting on Burns Night, Valentines Day, St David's Day, St Patrick's Day, Good Friday, Easter Saturday, Easter Sunday, St George's Day, Christmas Eve, Boxing Day, New Year's Eve and the Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding each Bank Holiday that falls on a Monday.

Section F: Recorded music: Indoors		
Day	Start Time	End Time
Monday	10:00	00:00
Tuesday	10:00	00:00
Wednesday	10:00	00:00
Thursday	10:00	01:00
Friday	10:00	02:00
Saturday	10:00	02:00
Sunday	10:00	00:00

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Christmas Eve, Boxing Day, New Year's Eve and the Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding each Bank Holiday that falls on a Monday.

Section J: Sale or Supply of Alcohol: On the premises		
Day	Start Time	End Time
Monday	10:00	00:00
Tuesday	10:00	00:00
Wednesday	10:00	00:00
Thursday	10:00	01:00
Friday	10:00	02:00
Saturday	10:00	02:00
Sunday	10:00	00:00

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State the name and details of the individual whom you wish to specify on the licence as designated premises supervisor:

Michael Geraghty - [REDACTED]

Concerns in respect of Children: None

The opening hours of the premises

Day	Start Time	End Time
Monday	10:00	00:30
Tuesday	10:00	00:30
Wednesday	10:00	00:30
Thursday	10:00	01:30
Friday	10:00	02:30
Saturday	10:00	02:30
Sunday	10:00	00:30

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a) General – all four licensing objectives (b, c, d, e): 1. CCTV shall be installed to Home Office Guidance standards and maintained in a good working condition and recordings shall be kept for 31 days and shall be made available to police and authorised Officers from Brent Council. This must comply with the Data Protection Act including signage. 2. The CCTV system shall display on any recordings, the correct date and time of the recording. 3. A CCTV camera shall be installed to cover the entrance and rear exit of the premises and a further camera to cover the entire servery counter and tills. 4. A member of staff trained in the use of the CCTV system shall be available at the premise at all times that the premises are open to the public. 5. The Licence holder /DPS/Manager shall inspect and test that the CCTV is operational and working correctly on a weekly basis. A signed and dated record of the CCTV examination and any findings shall be kept on the premises and made available to the police and authorised officers of the Local Authority on request. 6. A copy of the premises licence summary including the hours which licensable activities are permitted shall be visible from the outside of each entrance to the premises. 7. Notices shall be prominently displayed at all exits requesting patrons to respect needs of the local residents and businesses and leave the area quietly. 8. Customers shall not be permitted to take open glass containers outside the premises as defined on the plan submitted to and approved by the Licensing Authority. 9. The licensee shall ensure customers leave the premises in a quiet and orderly manner. 10. No noise or vibration shall be detectable at any neighbouring noise sensitive premises. 11. A sign stating u2018No proof of age, No saleu2019 shall be displayed at the point of sale. 12. The premises will operate a challenge 25 age verification policy with the only acceptable forms of photographic identification being a driving licence or passport. 13. Persons under 18 will not be permitted to remain

on the premises after 21:00 hours. 14. Any staff directly involved in selling alcohol for retail to consumers and staff who provide training including managers shall undergo regular training of the Licensing Act 2003 legislation (at least every 6 months). The training shall be documented and signed off by the DPS and the member of staff receiving the training. This training log shall be kept on the premises and made available for inspection by police and relevant authorities upon request. 15. Door supervisors of a sufficient number and gender mix, shall be employed from 21:00 hours on any day when the premises are open for the sale of alcohol past midnight. 16. SIA Security shall wear clothing that can be clearly and easily identified on CCTV. 17. A register/log containing the names, badge number, dates & times of duty of security staff and any incidents that occur shall be kept and made available to the Police and Licensing Authority. 18. No entry or re-entry shall be permitted after 23:00 hours till the premises close to the public. 19. Notices explaining the licensee's policy on admission and searching shall be placed at each entrance. 20. Toilets shall be checked every two (2) hours for the use of drugs and other illegal activities. 21. A toilet check list shall be displayed on the wall in all toilets. Staff shall use these checklists to record their name and certify the time of the check. Checklists are to be replaced daily and old checklists must be retained and made available for inspection by the Police and authorised officers from Brent Council. 22. A personal licence holder shall be present on the premises and supervise the sale of alcohol throughout the permitted hours for the sale of alcohol. 23. The designated smoking area (DSA) shall be located at the front of the premises facing Neasden Lane. 24. When the premises licence is in operation the DSA shall be limited to no more than four (4) people at any one time. 25. An incident log shall be kept at the premises, and made available for inspection on request to an authorised officer of Brent Council or the Police, which will record the following: (a) all crimes reported to the venue (b) all ejections of patrons (c) any complaints received (d) any incidents of disorder (e) all seizures of drugs or offensive weapons (f) any faults in the CCTV system or searching equipment or scanning equipment (h) any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service.

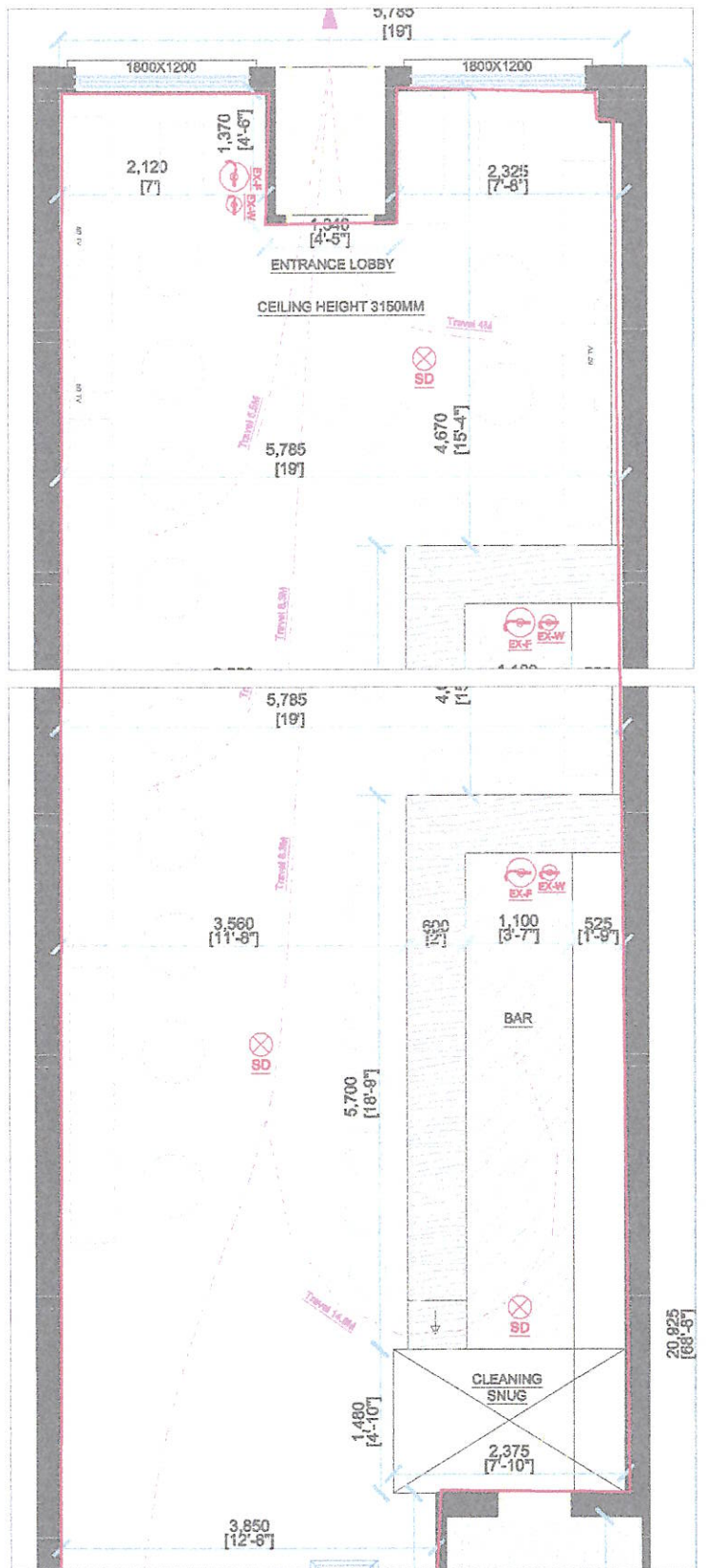
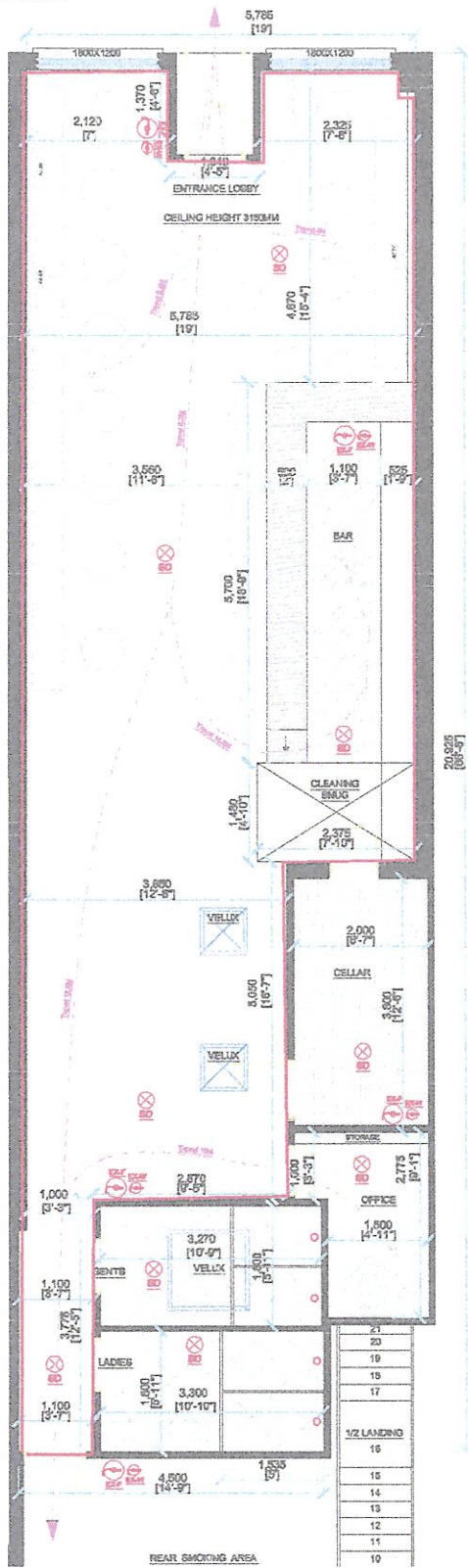
b) The prevention of crime and disorder: See a. above

c) Public safety: see a. above

d) The prevention of public nuisance: See a. above

e) The protection of children from harm: See a. above

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 - a) Verify all dimensions on site and immediately report to the Architect any discrepancies between the drawings or divergences between the drawings or before putting the work concerned in hand, fabricating the work or preparing shop drawings.
 - b) Work to figured dimensions only except where full size details are provided.
 - c) Not vary any work shown on the drawings without obtaining prior approval from the architect.
 - d) Be responsible for requesting from the Architect, any additional information required.
 - e) Supply to the Architect all shop drawings, illustrations, specifications, etc. of all specialist work to be incorporated in the main contract work.
 - f) Immediately inform the Architect if any work shown on the drawings is not in accordance with the relevant codes of practice recognised throughout the industry and also the relevant Building Regulations.
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 SD smoke detector
 EXF extinguisher foam
 EXW extinguisher water
 Area for licensable activities

Client: Sally's Bar
 Project: LICENSING LAYOUT
 Drawing Title: LICENSING LAYOUT

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Mr Callum Haddow
Saunders Solicitors Ltd
6 Snow Hill
EC1A 2AY

1st June 2022

Reference: 24726

Dear Mr Haddow,

Re: Licensing Representation to the Application for the New Premises Licence at The Field Bar Neasden, 249 Neasden Lane, NW10 1QG

I certify that I have considered the above new application and I wish to make representations.

Officer: Esther Chan – Licensing Inspector

An officer of the Licensing Authority, in whose area the premises are situated, who is authorised for the purposes of exercising its statutory function as a 'Responsible Authority' under the Licensing Act 2003.

The application has been made for a new premises licence under section 17 of the Act.

The Licensing Authority representations are primarily concerned with the four licensing objectives;

- the prevention of crime and disorder;
- public safety;
- the prevention of public nuisance; and
- the protection of children from harm.

Background

Neasden town centre consists of a medium sized parade of shops that run along Neasden Lane which is just off the North Circular Road. The town centre is in an area of medium to high levels of deprivation. Neasden Town Centre is a hotspot for alcohol flagged calls to the Police and attracts anti social behaviour ranging from street drinking to drug dealing.

The Field, formally known as Sal's Bar has been trading as a public house for a number of years. The premise licence has been revoked on three occasions instigated by reviews of the premise licence from responsible authorities in 2017, 2018 and 2021 for undermining the licensing objectives connected to public safety, crime and disorder.

Consultation Meeting

On Monday 30th May 2022 at 11:00hours, I conducted a visit with my colleague, Licensing Officer, John McGann to meet the applicant at the premises to discuss the application for a new premise licence in name of Joseph Finn.

Upon entry, I discovered that the name on the blue public notice revealed a different name to what was on the application form, which stated 'Patrick Joseph Finn'.

**LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT
LICENSING ACT 2003
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LICENCES**

NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT (a) PATRICK JOSEPH FINN
Date: 10/05/2022

(b) Name & address of premises: trading at (c) THE FIELD BAR NEASDEN
249 NEASDEN LANE, LONDON, NW10 1BQ

(c) A new premise licence or a variation to the existing licence for the following licensable activities: has applied to Brent Council for (d) A NEW PREMISES LICENCE

as stated below:

Licensable Activities	Mon		Tues		Wed		Thur		Fri		Sat		Sun	
	Start	Finish	Start	Finish	Start	Finish	Start	Finish	Start	Finish	Start	Finish	Start	Finish
SALE OF ALCOHOL	10.00	03.00	10.00	03.00	10.00	03.00	10.00	03.00	10.00	03.00	10.00	03.00	10.00	03.00
LIVE MUSIC	10.00	03.00	10.00	03.00	10.00	03.00	10.00	03.00	10.00	03.00	10.00	03.00	10.00	03.00
RECORDED MUSIC	10.00	03.00	10.00	03.00	10.00	03.00	10.00	03.00	10.00	03.00	10.00	03.00	10.00	03.00

Anyone wishing to oppose the application must give notice in writing to:
ALCOHOL LICENSING, REGULATORY SERVICES, BRENT CIVIC CENTRE, ENGINEERS WAY, WEMBLEY, HA9 0FJ or by visiting the authority's website: www.brent.gov.uk/business/licences/licensing-registers WITHIN 28 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE specifying the grounds of opposition. Email: business.licence@brent.gov.uk TEL: (020) 8937 6369

Persons objecting to the grant of licences must be prepared to attend in person at a hearing before a committee of the Council.
NOTE: Your objection will form part of the committee report and forwarded to the applicant. Please let us know if you have a valid reason for your personal details to be removed.

IT IS AN OFFENCE TO KNOWINGLY OR RECKLESSLY MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH AN APPLICATION. THE MAXIMUM FINE FOR WHICH A PERSON IS LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION FOR THE OFFENCE IS £5000.

This notice must be completed and on the same day on which the application is made must be exhibited on a conspicuous part of the premises where it can easily be seen and read by persons in the street. The notice must be kept exhibited for not less than 28 days.

At the time of my meeting I asked Mr Finn to confirm his full name, which he stated 'Patrick Joseph Finn' and presented his Irish Driving Licence as proof of identity. It was pointed out to Mr Finn, that the name of the application form did not have his full name, which would affect the application process.

Mr Finn was asked the following questions about the application:

1. Esther Chan - Did you complete the application?

Mr Finn: My agent completed the application

2. Esther Chan - Who is your agent?

Checks Phone

Mr Finn: Callum Haddow from Saunders.

3. Esther Chan - Have you seen the application and happy with the content?

Mr Finn: Yes, I am happy with the content.

4. Esther Chan - What do you know about the pub?

Mr Finn:

- History – I lived in Neasden from 2013 to 2018. The Pub was called Sals Bar. I visited the pub as a patron occasionally.
- Reviews – I am not aware of any reviews of the premises licence.

5. Esther Chan - Do you know Tim Sheahan?

Mr Finn: Yes, he had Greenes pub, I am aware of him.

6. Esther Chan - Have you had any engagement with the previous licensee Mark Counihan?

Mr Finn: No.

7. Esther Chan - How did you find out the premises was for sale?

Mr Finn: I heard it through a conversation with the landlord.

8. Esther Chan - How much did you pay?

Mr Finn: £16k.

9. Esther Chan - Have you signed the lease?

Mr Finn: Yes

10. Esther Chan - What is the length on the lease?

Mr Finn: Two years. The lease is in my name only. I have an Opt Out Clause. I can give the premise back to the landlord.

11. Esther Chan - Have you got the keys?

Mr Finn: Yes.

12. Esther Chan - Who is paying the business rates?

Mr Finn: No. I will not pay until I have premise licence.

13. Esther Chan - Do you have experience running pubs?

Mr Finn: I run a pub in Ireland since 2004. My wife is looking after the pub.

14. Esther Chan - What do you know about the area (number of pubs nearby, crime, and cumulative impact zone)?

Mr Finn: Katies Bar and Greenes Pub are nearby. There is plenty of crime everywhere but not a big issue. I don't not what a Cumulative Impact Zone is.

15. Esther Chan - Do you have another job?

Mr Finn: Yes, I run a pub and own a construction company with another partner.

16. Esther Chan - How often do you intend to be at the premises?

Mr Finn: Regular basis, Fridays to Sundays

17. Esther Chan - Who is the nominated DPS?

Mr Finn: Michael Geraghty.

18. Esther Chan - What is his background in licensing?

Mr Finn: He is currently working in a butcher's shop located in Willesden. He will be a long term staff and will be at the premises three to four times a week in the evenings.

19. Esther Chan - How long has Michael Geraghty had his personal licence?

Mr Finn: I don't know how long he has had his personal licence.

20. Esther Chan - How did you know Michael Geraghty?

Mr Finn: I know him through work and socially.

21. Esther Chan - Does Michael Geraghty live with you?

Mr Finn: I have given him the permission to use my address.

22. Esther Chan - Do you know where Michael Geraghty live and can you provide his contact number?

Mr Finn: I don't know where he lives and I don't have his number on me.

23. Esther Chan - How many staff will you employ?

Mr Finn: I have somebody in mind. I don't know her name. She's an English girl, runs a pub down the road. She has a personal licence.

There will be one staff managing the premises for five days. I need a feel of the business to decide if I need more staff.

24. Esther Chan - Who will be responsible for the training of staff?

Mr Finn: It will be me and the girl.

25. Esther Chan - Will you provide entertainment?

Mr Finn: Live music including Irish, Country and Rock music on Fridays and Saturdays from 10pm. I do intend to have poker or quiz nights. No gaming machines will be on site.

26. Esther Chan - Will you be providing food?

Mr Finn: Not straight away. I need to run the pub first and see how it goes.

27. Esther Chan - Will you renovate the premises?

Mr Finn: Yes, renovation in progress. It should be completed by this weekend.

28. Esther Chan - How many cameras do you have and can you operate the CCTV?

Mr Finn: Yes I can operate the CCTV. 30 days rollover. I think there is 12 cameras. Checks system behind the bar and confirms the driver is missing.

I will upgrade the CCTV.

29. Esther Chan - Will you employ SIA staff everyday?

Mr Finn: Only on Friday and Saturday from 9:30pm. I haven't look into the company.

30. Esther Chan - Will keep the same trading name?

Mr Finn: Yes.

31. Esther Chan - What sort of clientele are you looking for?

Mr Finn: Local English and Irish Community.

32. Esther Chan - Where would your customers smoke?

Mr Finn: At the back.

33. Esther Chan - Do you know who lives around the premises?

Mr Finn: I have no clue who is living above the premises.

34. Esther Chan - Do you have a written procedure and policy on drugs, crime and disorder?

Mr Finn: I will call the Police.

35. Esther Chan - Can you explain your age verification policy?

Mr Finn: We not serve to anyone under 18. We will adopt Challenge 21.

I have serious concerns with the applicant's business plan for this premises and his understanding of the previous history, which may have a detrimental effect on promoting the licensing objectives.

It is questionable whether Mr Finn will have much involvement in the business and his answers to my questions contradict to the information on application form.

Following our meeting, Mr Finn sent an email confirming that Aleta Dollin will have involvement in the running of the business.

Our records indicate that both the Aleta Dollin and Michael Geraghty were involved with the business under the previous premise licences, when issues had occurred.

The Licensing Authority do not have confidence that Mr Finn and the DPS will be in a position to manage the premise in a responsible manner.

Furthermore, the plan submitted with the application is not up to date. Various doors were missing from the plan and the struture of both the female and male toilets have altered.

I feel the applicant would not be in a position to promote the licensing objectives and therefore, request the application to be refused.

Yours sincerely,



Esther Chan
Licensing Inspector
Regulatory Services

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From: Callum Haddow
Sent: 31 May 2022 16:05
To: Business Licence <business.licence@brent.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: New Application - The Field Bar, Neasden, NW10 1QG - 24726

Dear Sirs

Thank you for your email.

I understand that Mr Finn met with members of the Licensing Team at the premises yesterday so it is strange that the Licensing Officer has not been able to contact him.

Mr Finn can be contacted on

Regards

Callum Haddow
Solicitor & Director



From: Business Licence [<mailto:business.licence@brent.gov.uk>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2022 15:09
To: Callum Haddow
Subject: FW: New Application - The Field Bar, Neasden, NW10 1QG - 24726

Good afternoon,

Please see email below.

Regards,

Licensing Team
Regulatory Services
Brent Council

From: Paul.Scott9@met.police.uk <Paul.Scott9@met.police.uk>
Sent: 31 May 2022 15:02
To: Business Licence <business.licence@brent.gov.uk>; Legister, Linda <Linda.Legister@brent.gov.uk>
Cc:
Subject: New Application - The Field Bar, Neasden, NW10 1QG - 24726

Dear all,

The consultation period for the new premises licence for 'The Field', 249 Neasden Lane, NW10 1QG is on Friday 3rd June 2022.

I have attempted to contact the applicant, Mr Joseph Finn without success.

As I have been unable to communicate successfully to ascertain Mr Finn's plans for the venue, I am not in a position to proceed with this application.

I therefore respectfully ask that a holding representation be submitted by the police until such time as I have been able to speak with Mr Finn in order to clarify his application.

Kind regards,

Paul Scott – Brent Licensing officer.



Paul Scott
Police Constable 3302NW – Brent Licensing
Officer

Mobile: 07500 993 897

Harrow Police Station, 74, Northolt Road,
Harrow, HA2 0DN

Web: www.met.police.uk Email:

Paul.Scott9@met.police.uk



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TERRITORIAL POLICING

Brent Police Licensing Unit

*Brent Civic Centre
Engineers Way
Wembley
Middlesex
HA9 0FJ*

Your ref: 24726

Our ref: 01QK/256/22/3302

Brent Borough Licensing NW CU

*South Harrow Police Station
74, Northolt Road
South Harrow
HA2 0DN*

Tel: 020 8733 5008

Email: paul.scott9@met.police.uk

Web: www.met.police.uk

Date: 10th June 2022

Police representations to the application for a new premises licence application for the 'The Filed Bar', 249, Neasden Lane, Neasden, Brent, NW10 1QG.

I certify that I have considered the application shown above and I **wish to make representations** that the likely effect of the grant of the application is detrimental to the Council's Licensing Objectives for the reasons indicated below.

**Police Officer: Paul Scott
Licensing Constable PC 3302NW**

An officer of the Metropolitan Police, in whose area the premises are situated, who is authorised for the purposes of exercising its statutory function as a 'Responsible Authority' under the Licensing Act 2003.

The application has been made for a premises licence under section 17 of the act.

The Police representations are primarily concerned with all four of the licensing objectives.

On 9th May 2022, police received an application for a new premises licence at The Field Bar, 249, Neasden Lane, Neasden, London, Brent, NW10 1QG. The shopping area of Neasden consists of a small number of other public houses, several off-licences, fast food establishments and a number of bookmakers/adult gaming centres. . Many of these premises are open until late at night. The area has high levels of crime, many of which are related to both alcohol and drugs. This in turns leads to many calls of anti-social behaviour. Neasden circle also has a number of residential flats above the properties in this area. The application can be summarised as follows;

The Field Bar is a public house and was previously called 'Sal's Bar'. The premises licence for this venue has been revoked on three previous occasions – in 2017, 2018 and 2021. There were issues surrounding the premises when they were trading during the pandemic and several visits were conducted by the local authority and police.

It is recognised that this was not the fault of the current applicant, but does demonstrate that the premises has previously not traded appropriately within the law. Police have concerns that this will continue to be the case as shall be summarised further below.

The application is predominantly to serve alcohol and requests a late licence until 2.30am on Friday and Saturday. Until 12.30am from Sunday through to Wednesday and 1.30am on Thursday.

Police did make attempts to contact the applicant, Mr Finn without success and the end of the consultation period was missed. However, this was not the fault of the applicant as police had been trying to contact Mr Finn on the wrong telephone number. Contact with Mr Finn was eventually made by police and below is a summary of that conversation.

1. PC Scott - Did you complete the application?

Mr Finn: Yes I am happy with it so far. I would like a late licence to compete with another bar in Neasden, Katie's bar. If I cannot get a late licence, I will lose money.

2. PC Scott – Are you aware of the issues with the pub previously?

Mr Finn: I wasn't aware of the issues, but after speaking with representatives from Brent Council, I am aware that there had been issues with the venue.

3. PC Scott - What were the issues?

Mr Finn: I think that they were opening beyond their hours and people were in there drinking during the lockdown. I used to live in Neasden and used to drink in there occasionally.

4. PC Scott – Have you got any previous experience of running a pub or other licensed premises?

Mr Finn: I have a pub in Ireland that my wife currently runs. So I do have experience of running a pub.

5. PC Scott - Are you aware of the levels of crime in and around Neasden and the level of street drinking?

Mr Finn: When I used to live in Neasden it was not a bad place. I am not sure what it is like now.

6. PC Scott - Do you own and/or run another business?

Mr Finn: I have a pub in Ireland and a roofing company.

7. PC Scott – When will you be working at the premises?

Mr Finn: On the busiest days, so Saturday and Sunday.

8. PC Scott - Who will be the DPS?

Mr Finn: A lady called Leigh. I am not sure of her name, but I can find out. She used to run another pub and knows what she is doing.

9. PC Scott - How many staff will you employ?

Mr Finn: Maybe three on busy nights. When there are more staff, they can get in each other's way. On slower nights, probably just one.

10. PC Scott - Who will be responsible for the training of staff?

Mr Finn: The lady I know called Leigh.

11. PC Scott - Will you be looking to serve food?

Mr Finn: Yes, probably a hot drink and maybe soup, something like that. I shall see how it goes, but not a lot to start with.

12. PC Scott - How many cameras do you have and can you operate the CCTV?

Mr Finn: There are 12 cameras. I will be setting up the cameras so that I can watch what is going on by using my 'phone if I am not there. If there are any issues, I can telephone the pub and ask them what is happening and to try and sort it out.

13. PC Scott – Are you going to have SIA?

Mr Finn: Only on Friday and Saturday from 9:30pm. I can always act as the SIA as I am qualified in Ireland, but not over here. SIA are quite expensive if you want good staff, so probably just one on a Friday and Saturday.

14. PC Scott – What type of customers are you looking to attract?

Mr Finn: Just local regulars and those from the Irish community.

15. PC Scott - Where would be your smoking area?

Mr Finn: At the rear. I don't want to have people smoking at the front. I would put signs up. There are however people living at the back and I will need to sort something out there. I don't want my customers getting into any bother with them. I will maybe have to speak with the council.

16. PC Scott – Where at the back?

Mr Finn: Homeless people I think, in sheds

Police wish to make representations to this application on all four of the licensing objectives with the following grounds:

As stated earlier, the below highlighted crimes are not attributable to the applicant Mr. Finn. Indeed during my telephone call with him, he did sound enthusiastic and was keen to get started with this new venture. However, I do have concerns regarding his understanding and knowledge of how the venue has been run before and the previous crime and disorder that have taken place there. This, I reasonably believe will have an impact on the way that the business will run in the future.

I am unsure as to how much time Mr Finn will actually spend at the venue. He did mention that he would be there on the busy times on a Friday and Saturday, but the venue wishes to open until 12.30am during the week and 1.30am on Thursdays. There was also mention of another public house within the Neasden area, close to The Field who already have a late licence and he would require a late licence in order to compete with them.

As can be seen below, there have been a number of crimes reported to police over the last few months and it is strongly felt that should this venue be given a licence that these type of crimes will continue as before. I have yet to be convinced that anything will change.

The Field is a small local pub that will attract the same type of clientele who will expect that the venue will be run as before. I am unsure as to what changes Mr Finn could bring to this premises that would uphold the licensing objectives.

As a snapshot, from the 19th June 2021, I can confirm that each of these incidents listed have been recorded as use of the 999 network. I have redacted characters from those crime numbers. This is not an exhaustive list but relevant to demonstrate that this premises has reported incidents of crime and disorder associated with alcohol. It can be further shown that crimes within this venue happen throughout the day and not just in the late evening;

19/06/2021 22.00hrs – Public Order 19**199/21
31/07/2022 22.00hrs – Assault (Common Assault) 19**259/21
17/10/2021 21.00hrs – Assault (ABH) 19***95/21
08/01/2022 14.40hrs – Burglary 19***46/22
12/02/2022 00.30hrs – Public Order 19***44/22
10/05/2022 13.00hrs – Theft 19***19/22

From the 24th September 2021, I can further confirm that each of these incidents listed have been recorded as use of the 999 network. Again, this is not an exhaustive list but relevant to demonstrate that this premises is linked to crime and disorder, namely alcohol and drugs throughout their operating times;

14/09/2021 00.30hrs – Drunk male refusing to leave, police called.
25/09/2021 17.57hrs – Drug taking inside the venue.
26/09/2021 20.34hrs – Drug dealing inside the venue.
02/10/2021 21.19hrs – Drug taking inside the venue.
17/10/2021 18.30hrs – Drunk couple in charge of a baby, dancing and shouting inside the venue.
17/10/2021 22.36hrs – Threats made with a bottle.
05/02/2022 20.58hrs – Assault.
12/02/2022 00.53hrs – Drunk female making threats to kill.

In the interests of upholding all four of the licensing objectives;

- 1) The Prevention of Crime & Disorder.
- 2) Public Safety.
- 3) The Prevention of Public Nuisance.
- 4) The Protection of Children from harm.

Police respectively ask that this application be refused.

Yours sincerely

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