

Mr John Belmonte
16 High Road
London
NW10 2QG

24 October 2025

Our Ref: 36293

Dear Mr Belmonte,

Licensing Representation to the Initial Application for the Premises Licence at Spoon & Rice, 16 High Road, London, NW10 2QG

I certify that I have considered the application shown above and I wish to make a representation that the likely effect of the grant of the application is detrimental to the Licensing Objectives for the reasons indicated below.

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.

The Licensing Authority require the following points to be included in the operating schedule or added as conditions on the premises licence:

1. The premises shall operate and maintain a digital colour CCTV system. The CCTV system shall continually record whilst the premises are open for licensable activities, and all recordings shall be kept for 31 days.
 2. A CCTV camera shall be installed at the premises covering the entrance, the external area and all internal areas.
 3. The CCTV system shall be capable of obtaining clear facial recognition images and a clear head and shoulder image of every person entering or leaving the premises.
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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. This member of staff shall be able to view, download and make copies of any CCTV requests made by the Police or Authorised Officer(s).
5. CCTV footage shall be provided within 24 hours upon request by Police and any authorised Officers from Brent Council, in a readily accessible format on removable media (I.e., USB, hard drive, CD etc..) or via digital transfer.
6. The CCTV system shall display the correct date and time on any footage.
7. A "Challenge 25" policy shall be adopted and adhered to. Acceptable proof of age shall include identification bearing the customer's photograph, date of birth and integral holographic mark or security measure. Suitable means of identification would include PASS approved proof of age card, photo-card driving licence and passport.
8. No children shall be permitted on the premises unless accompanied by a responsible adult.
9. A sign stating "No proof of age -- No sale" shall be displayed at the point of sale.
10. A notice asking customers to leave quietly shall be conspicuously displayed at all exits.
11. All deliveries (to the premises) shall take place during the normal working day (i.e. 09:00 to 18:00 daily).
12. Any staff directly involved in selling alcohol for retail to consumers, staff who provide training and all managers will undergo regular training (every 12 months) of Licensing Act 2003 legislation. This will be documented and signed for 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.

The training records shall detail:-

- a) Staff member's name
- b) Staff member's signature
- c) Name of person providing the training
- d) Date of training
- e) Training on the licensing objectives
- f) Training on use of the incident log
- g) Training on refusal of sale
- h) Training on challenge 25 policy
- i) Training on the use and downloading (providing copies) of the CCTV system

This training shall be kept at the venue and made available immediately upon request to the police or authorised officers from Brent Council.

13. 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
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- d) any faults in the CCTV system
- e) any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service

Any entries into the log shall be made within 24 hours of any incident and shall contain the time/date of the incident, the nature of the incident, a description of the people involved, the action taken and details of the person responsible for the management of the premises at the time of the incident.

14. A refusal book detailing date and time of the refused sale, the name of the person refusing the sale and a description of the person attempting to purchase alcohol, shall be kept and maintained and made available for inspection at the premises.

Any entries into the log shall be made within 24 hours of any incident and shall contain the time/date of the incident, the nature of the incident, a description of the people involved, the action taken and details of the person responsible for the management of the premises at the time of the incident.

15. No high strength beers, lagers, and ciders above 6.0% ABV shall be stocked or sold at the premises.

16. The supply/sale of alcohol shall be by waiter or waitress service.

17. Alcohol shall only be provided as an accompaniment to a main meal in the restaurant area as defined on the plan submitted to and approved by the Licensing Authority.

Plan

As the application does not include "off sales" you will not be permitted to use the external alfresco area. You are therefore required to modify the plan to remove the red border within the alfresco area. If you wish to provide licensable activities including the consumption of alcohol in this area, you may apply for a retrospective variation application.

Change of hours

The area is surrounded by commercial premises and residential dwellings. The Licensing Authority propose the reduction of the following hours for the sale/supply of alcohol to 30 minutes of 'drinking up' time. The Licensing Authority propose the following:

Supply of Alcohol (Changed)

Monday to Friday – 11:00hrs to 21:30hrs

Hours Premises is Open to the Public (Unchanged)

Monday to Friday – 11:00hrs to 22:00hrs

In order for the Licensing Authority to withdraw this representation, it will be necessary for you to confirm in writing that you are willing to accept the above conditions and provide an up to date plan by **Friday 7 November 2025**.

Yours faithfully



Esther Chan
Licensing Inspector
Regulatory Services
