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# Merton Council Licensing Sub-Committee

Membership

Councillors:

Agatha Mary Akyigyina OBE

Mary Curtin

Paul Kohler

A meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee will be held on:

Date: 1 July 2020

Time: 1.30 pm

Venue: This will be a virtual meeting and therefore will not take

place in a physical location, in accordance with s78 of

the Coronavirus Act 2020

## Agenda for this meeting

- 1 Appointment of Chair
- 2 Apologies for Absence
- 3 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest
- 4 Motor Fuel Limited, Rowan Road Service Station, 7 1 34 Rowan Road, Merton, London, SW16 5JF

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## Procedure to be followed at Licensing Hearing

- 1. The Chair will welcome all parties and all present will be introduced/introduce themselves
- 2. The Chair will confirm the sub-committee hearing procedures, a copy of which was included in the notice and agenda packs sent to all parties.
- 3. The Chair will ask the Legal Adviser to inform those present that the subcommittee had a briefing prior to the hearing to confirm the procedure and for clarification on any aspect of the application.
- 4. The Chair will ask Legal Adviser to confirm the process for questioning and whether there had been any requests for adjournments.
- 5. The Chair will ask the Licensing Officer if there are any technical issues they feel should be brought to their attention i.e. withdrawal of objector/agreed conditions (Note: If all objections are withdrawn then the Sub-Committee may go straight to point 14. If all conditions are agreed by all parties then the Sub-Committee may go straight to point 14)
- 6. The Applicant will present their case. Questions can then be asked of the Applicant by the Responsible Authorities, the interested parties and members of the Sub-Committee.
- 7. The Responsible Authorities will present their case. Questions can then be asked of the Responsible Authorities by the Applicant, the interested parties, and members of the Sub-Committee.
- 8. Presentation by any interested party. Questions can then be asked of the interested party by the Applicants, the Responsible Authorities and members of the Sub-Committee.
- 9. The Chair will ask the Licensing Officer for any comments/ clarifications
- 10. The Chair will ask the Legal Adviser for any comments/clarifications
- 11. The Chair will invite closing statements by the responsible authorities
- 12. The Chair will invite closing statements by the interested parties
- 13. The Chair will invite closing statements by the Applicant
- 14. The Chair will announce that the Sub-Committee are retiring for private session. The Legal Officer and Clerk will be invited to also retire. The Chair will inform those present that all parties should receive a written copy of the decision notice within 5 working days, and then close the Hearing.
- 15. In closed session the Sub-Committee will make their decision. They may ask the Legal Officer for advice during this session and this advice will be detailed in the decision notice.



## **Licensing Sub-Committee Report**

Subject of hearing: Motor Fuel Limited, Rowan Road Service Station, 7 Rowan Road, Merton, London, SW16 5JF

Date: 1 July 2020 Time: 1.30pm

Venue: Virtual Meeting

## Special Policy Area (premises licences and club certificates)

1.1 The premises are not in the special policy area.

## 2. Type of hearing and powers of the sub-committee

- 2.1 The sub-committee is required to determine the application by taking such of the steps set out below as it considers necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives.
- 2.2 In making their determination the sub-committee must have regard to the Licensing Act 2003, the licensing objectives, guidance issued by the Secretary of State and Merton's Licensing Policy.
- 2.3 New premises licence: s18
  - (i) To grant the licence subject to conditions
  - (ii) To exclude from the scope of the licence any of the licensable activities to which the application relates
  - (iii) To refuse to specify a person in the licence as the premises supervisor
  - (iv) To reject the application.

## 3. Hearing papers

The applications, notices and representations for determination by the subcommittee are contained in the hearing bundles together with any relevant existing licence. This includes any documents which must be sent to any of the parties to the hearing under Regulation 7(2) and Schedule 3 of The Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005. This bundle has been issued to all parties to the hearing.

## 4. Legal advice to the sub-committee

4.1 A legal officer appointed by the Assistant Director of Corporate Governance and Head of Legal Services will attend the hearing to advise the subcommittee on statutory provision and legal matters.

## 5. Licensing Officer comments

- This is an application for a new premises licence to sell alcohol for consumption off the premises 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and the provision of late night refreshment from 11pm until 5am the following morning.
- 5.2 Opening hours are 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- 5.3 The application described the premises as a petrol forecourt.

- 5.4 The operating schedule lists some policies and procedures that could be converted into conditions on the licence should the committee decide to grant.
- 5.5 We have received one representation from the Metropolitan Police objecting to the grant.
- 5.6 The Police have raised Section 176 of the Licensing Act for your consideration which relates to the Prohibition of alcohol sales at service areas, garages etc.
- 5.7 To assist you the statutory section 182 guidance, part 5.22 to 5.24 on page 37 states:
  - 5.22 Section 176 of the 2003 Act prohibits the sale or supply of alcohol at motorway service areas (MSAs) and from premises which are used primarily as a garage, or are part of premises used primarily as a garage. Premises are used primarily as a garage if they are used for one or more of the following:
  - the retailing of petrol;
  - the retailing of derv (diesel);
  - the sale of motor vehicles; and
  - the maintenance of motor vehicles.
  - 5.23 It is for the licensing authority to decide, based on the licensing objectives, whether it is appropriate for that premises to be granted a licence, taking into account the documents and information listed in section 17(3) and (4) which must accompany the application.
  - 5.24 If a licence is granted in respect of a premises and the primary use of that premises subsequently changes (for example, the primary use becomes that of a garage rather than a shop) it would no longer be legal to sell alcohol on that premises. If a relevant representation is made, the licensing authority must decide whether or not the premises are used primarily as a garage. The licensing authority may ask the licence holder to provide further information to help establish what the primary use of the premises is.

## For enquiries about this hearing please contact

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# Parties to the hearing

This document forms part of the notice of hearing.

The following are parties to the hearing having submitted relevant applications, notices or representations under the statutory provisions indicated:

Applicant	
Motor Fuel Limited	
Statutory Authorities	
Metropolitan Police	
Interested Parties	

## Application for a premises licence to be granted under the Licensing Act 2003

#### PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form. If you are completing this form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary.

You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records. I/We Motor Fuel Limited (Insert name(s) of applicant) apply for a premises licence under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below (the premises) and I/we are making this application to you as the relevant licensing authority in accordance with section 12 of the Licensing Act 2003 Part 1 – Premises details Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description Rowan Road Service Station 7 Rowan Road Postcode **SW16 5JF** Post town Merton, London Telephone number at premises (if any) Non-domestic rateable value of premises £17,500 Part 2 - Applicant details Please state whether you are applying for a premises licence as Please tick as appropriate a) an individual or individuals \* please complete section (A) b) a person other than an individual \*  $\boxtimes$ as a limited company/limited liability please complete section (B) partnership as a partnership (other than limited please complete section (B) liability) as an unincorporated association or П please complete section (B) other (for example a statutory corporation) please complete section (B) c) a recognised club please complete section (B)

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d)

a charity

e)	the proprietor of a	n educational establi	shment		please comp	olete section (l	3)
f)	a health service bo	ody			please comp	olete section (I	3)
g)	a person who is registered under Part 2 of the Care Standards Act 2000 (c14) in respect of an independent hospital in Wales						3)
ga)	a person who is registered under Chapter 2 of Part 1 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (within the meaning of that Part) in an independent hospital in England					3)	
h)	the chief officer of England and Wale		police of a police force in   please complete section (B)				
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## ${\bf SECOND\ INDIVIDUAL\ APPLICANT\ (if\ applicable)}$

Mr  Mrs	Miss D	Ms 🗌	Other Title (for example, Rev)	
Surname		First na	mes	
Date of birth	I am 18 ye	ears old or	over Plea	se tick yes
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Current residential address if different fi premises address	rom			
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Daytime contact tel	ephone number			
E-mail address (optional)				
give any registered n	CANTS  and registered address of umber. In the case of a pase give the name and add	artnership	or other joint ve	enture (other than a
Name Motor Fuel Limited				
Address Gladstone Place 36-38 Upper Marlbo St Albans AL1 3UU	rough Road			
Registered number (* 05206547	where applicable)			
Description of applic Company	cant (for example, partnersl	nip, compa	ny, unincorporated	d association etc.)

Telephone number (if any)	
E-mail address (optional)	
Part 3 Operating Schedule	
When do you want the premises licence to start? $\frac{DD}{1   3 }$	MM YYYY 0 6 2 0 2 0
If you wish the licence to be valid only for a limited period, when do you want it to end?	MM YYYY
<u></u>	
Please give a general description of the premises (please read guidance no	te 1)
A petrol forecourt store located at 7 Rowan Road, Merton, London, SW16	5JF.
If 5,000 or more people are expected to attend the premises at any one time, please state the number expected to attend.	
What licensable activities do you intend to carry on from the premises?	
(please see sections 1 and 14 and Schedules 1 and 2 to the Licensing Act 20	03)
Provision of regulated entertainment (please read guidance note 2)	Please tick all that apply
a) plays (if ticking yes, fill in box A)	
b) films (if ticking yes, fill in box B)	
c) indoor sporting events (if ticking yes, fill in box C)	
d) boxing or wrestling entertainment (if ticking yes, fill in box D)	
e) live music (if ticking yes, fill in box E)	
f) recorded music (if ticking yes, fill in box F)	
g) performances of dance (if ticking yes, fill in box G)	
h) anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) (if ticking yes, fill in box H)	
<u>Provision of late night refreshment</u> (if ticking yes, fill in box I)	$\boxtimes$
Supply of alcohol (if ticking yes, fill in box J)	

In all cases complete boxes K, L and M

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Plays Standard days and timings (please read			Will the performance of a play take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	
guidance note 7)			(preuse read guidance note 3)	Outdoors	
Day	Start	Finish		Both	
Mon			Please give further details here (please read gui	dance note 4)	
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Films Standard days and timings (please read			Will the exhibition of films take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	
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Indoor sporting events Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)		nd read	Please give further details (please read guidance note 4)
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Thur			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for indoor sporting events at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 6)
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Boxing or wrestling entertainments Standard days and timings (please read			Will the boxing or wrestling entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors		
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Day	Start	Finish		Both	
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Day	Start	Finish		Both	
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Fri			Non standard timings. Where you intend to us for the playing of recorded music at different the listed in the column on the left, please list (please)	imes to those	
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Performances of dance Standard days and		-	Will the performance of dance take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	
timing	timings (please read guidance note 7)		(preuse roug gurannos nete s)	Outdoors	
Day	Start	Finish		Both	
Mon			Please give further details here (please read gui	dance note 4)	
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Wed			State any seasonal variations for the performance of dance (please read guidance note 5)		
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Fri			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use for the performance of dance at different times the column on the left, please list (please read g	s to those liste	d in
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Anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Please give a description of the type of entertainm providing	nent you will b	e
Day	Start	Finish	Will this entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read	Indoors	
Mon			guidance note 3)	Outdoors	
				Both	
Tue			Please give further details here (please read guidance note 4)		
Wed					
Thur			State any seasonal variations for entertainmen description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) guidance note 5)		
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Late n refresl Standa		nd	Will the provision of late night refreshment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	
timing	s (please ce note 7	read	<b>F</b> (F S)	Outdoors	
Day	Start	Finish		Both	
Mon	23:00	05:00	Please give further details here (please read gui	dance note 4)	
			The provision will take place inside the premises	but customers	may
Tue	23:00	05:00	leave the premises with items purchased.		
Wed	23:00	05:00	State any seasonal variations for the provision refreshment (please read guidance note 5)	of late night	
			(please read guidance note 3)		
Thur	23:00	05:00			
Fri	23:00	05:00	Non standard timings. Where you intend to use for the provision of late night refreshment at d		
			those listed in the column on the left, please lis		, 10
Sat	23:00	05:00	guidance note 6)		
Sun	23:00	05:00			

Standa	y <b>of alcoh</b> rd days a s (please i	nd	Will the supply of alcohol be for consumption – please tick (please read guidance note 8)	On the premises	
_	ce note 7		gardance note o)	Off the premises	$\boxtimes$
Day	Start	Finish		Both	
Mon	00:00	24:00	State any seasonal variations for the supply of read guidance note 5)	alcohol (pleas	e
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Sat	00:00	24:00			
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State the name and details of the individual whom you wish to specify on the licence as designated premises supervisor (Please see declaration about the entitlement to work in the checklist at the end of the form):

Name Natchimuthu Rajah
Date of birth
Address
Postcode
Personal licence number (if known)
Issuing licensing authority (if known) London Borough of Croydon

Please highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, other enterta	inment or
matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in r	espect of
<b>children</b> (please read guidance note 9).	

The premises sells alcohol and other age restricted products.

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Day	Start	Finish	
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Tue	00:00	24:00	
Wed	00:00	24:00	Non standard timings. Where you intend the premises to be
Thur	00:00	24:00	open to the public at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 6)
Fri	00:00	24:00	
Sat	00:00	24:00	
Sun	00:00	24:00	

## M

Describe the steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives:

a) General – all four licensing objectives (b, c, d and e) (please read guidance note 10)

#### b) The prevention of crime and disorder

- 1. A digital CCTV system will be installed, or the existing system maintained, such system to be fit for the purpose.
- 2. The CCTV system shall be capable of producing immediate copies on site. Copies of recordings will either be recorded digitally on to CD/DVD or other equivalent medium.
- 3. Any recording will be retained and stored in a suitable and secure manner for a minimum of 31 days and shall be made available, subject to compliance with Data Protection legislation, to the police for inspection on request.
- 4. The precise positions of the camera may be agreed, subject to compliance with Data Protection legislation, with the police from time to time.
- 5. The system will display, on any recording, the correct time and date of the recording.
- 6. The CCTV system will be maintained and fully operational throughout the hours that the premises are open for any licensable activity.

## c) Public safety

There will at all times be adequate levels of staff maintained at the premises. Such staff levels will be disclosed, on request, to the licensing authority and police.

#### d) The prevention of public nuisance

Adequate waste receptacles for use by customers shall be provided in and immediately outside the premises.

## e) The protection of children from harm

- 1. The premises licence holder will ensure that an age verification policy will apply to the premises whereby all cashiers will be trained to ask any customer attempting to purchase alcohol, who appears to be under the age of 25 years (or older if the licence holder so elects) to produce, before being sold alcohol, identification being a passport or photocard driving licence bearing a holographic mark or other form of identification that complies with any mandatory condition that may apply to this
- 2. Signage informing customers of the age verification policy adopted at the premises will be prominently displayed.

#### **Checklist:**

## Please tick to indicate agreement

•	I have made or enclosed payment of the fee.	$\boxtimes$
•	I have enclosed the plan of the premises.	$\boxtimes$
•	I have sent copies of this application and the plan to responsible authorities and others where applicable.	
•	I have enclosed the consent form completed by the individual I wish to be designated premises supervisor, if applicable.	
•	I understand that I must now advertise my application.	
•	I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected.	$\boxtimes$
•	[Applicable to all individual applicants, including those in a partnership which is not a limited liability partnership, but not companies or limited liability partnerships] I have included documents demonstrating my entitlement to work in the United Kingdom or my share code issued by the Home Office online right to work	
	checking service (please read note 15).	

IT IS AN OFFENCE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION. THOSE WHO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT MAY BE LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE OF ANY AMOUNT.

IT IS AN OFFENCE UNDER SECTION 24B OF THE IMMIGRATION ACT 1971 FOR A PERSON TO WORK WHEN THEY KNOW, OR HAVE REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE, THAT THEY ARE DISQUALIFIED FROM DOING SO BY REASON OF THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS. THOSE WHO EMPLOY AN ADULT WITHOUT LEAVE OR WHO IS SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS AS TO EMPLOYMENT WILL BE LIABLE TO A CIVIL PENALTY UNDER SECTION 15 OF THE IMMIGRATION, ASYLUM AND NATIONALITY ACT 2006 AND PURSUANT TO SECTION 21 OF THE SAME ACT, WILL BE COMMITTING AN OFFENCE WHERE THEY DO SO IN THE KNOWLEDGE, OR WITH REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE, THAT THE EMPLOYEE IS DISQUALIFIED.

Part 4 – Signatures (please read guidance note 11)

Signature of applicant or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent (see guidance note 12). If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity.

Declaration	• [Applicable to individual applicants only, including those in a partnership which is not a limited liability partnership] I understand I am not entitled to be issued with a licence if I do not have the entitlement to live and work in the UK (or if I am subject to a condition preventing me from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity) and that my licence will become invalid if I cease to be entitled to live and work in the UK (please read guidance note 15).
	The DPS named in this application form is entitled to work in the UK (and is not subject to conditions preventing him or her from doing work relating to a licensable activity) and I have seen a copy of his or

	her proof of entitlement to work, or have conducted an online right to work check using the Home Office online right to work checking service which confirmed their right to work (please see note 15)
Signature	
Date	15 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
Capacity	Agent

For joint applications, signature of 2<sup>nd</sup> applicant or 2<sup>nd</sup> applicant's solicitor or other authorised agent (please read guidance note 13). If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity.

Signature	
Date	
Capacity	

Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 14)

AGS/39096/323/AGS

Minerva House

5 Montague Close

Post town	London		Postcode	SE1 9BB
Telephone n	umber (if any)	0207 593 0250		
If you would	prefer us to corresp	ond with you by e-mail, your e	-mail address	(optional)

If you would prefer us to correspond with you by e-mail, your e-mail address (optional) asanders@wslaw.co.uk

#### **Notes for Guidance**

- Describe the premises, for example the type of premises, its general situation and layout
  and any other information which could be relevant to the licensing objectives. Where
  your application includes off-supplies of alcohol and you intend to provide a place for
  consumption of these off-supplies, you must include a description of where the place will
  be and its proximity to the premises.
- 2. In terms of specific regulated entertainments please note that:
  - Plays: no licence is required for performances between 08:00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
  - Films: no licence is required for 'not-for-profit' film exhibition held in community premises between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day provided that the audience does not exceed 500 and the organiser (a) gets consent to the screening from a person who is responsible for the premises; and (b) ensures that each such screening abides by age classification ratings.
  - Indoor sporting events: no licence is required for performances between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 1000.
  - Boxing or Wrestling Entertainment: no licence is required for a contest, exhibition or display of Greco-Roman wrestling, or freestyle wrestling between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 1000. Combined fighting sports defined as a contest, exhibition or display which combines boxing or wrestling with one or more martial arts are licensable as a boxing or wrestling entertainment rather than an indoor sporting event.
  - Live music: no licence permission is required for:
    - o a performance of unamplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, on any premises.
    - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
    - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a workplace that is not licensed to sell alcohol on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
    - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a church hall, village hall, community hall, or other similar community premises, that is not licensed by a premises licence to sell alcohol, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance from a person who is responsible for the premises.
    - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, at the non-residential premises of (i) a local authority, or (ii) a school, or (iii) a hospital, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance on the relevant premises from: (i) the local authority concerned, or (ii) the school or (iii) the health care provider for the hospital.
  - Recorded Music: no licence permission is required for:
    - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
    - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a church hall, village hall, community hall, or other similar community premises, that is not licensed by a premises licence to sell alcohol, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance from a person who is responsible for the premises.
    - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, at the non-residential premises of (i) a local authority, or (ii) a school, or (iii) a hospital, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and

- (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance on the relevant premises from: (i) the local authority concerned, or (ii) the school proprietor or (iii) the health care provider for the hospital.
- Dance: no licence is required for performances between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 500. However, a performance which amounts to adult entertainment remains licensable.
- Cross activity exemptions: no licence is required between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, with no limit on audience size for:
  - o any entertainment taking place on the premises of the local authority where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the local authority;
  - o any entertainment taking place on the hospital premises of the health care provider where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the health care provider;
  - o any entertainment taking place on the premises of the school where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the school proprietor; and
  - o any entertainment (excluding films and a boxing or wrestling entertainment) taking place at a travelling circus, provided that (a) it takes place within a moveable structure that accommodates the audience, and (b) that the travelling circus has not been located on the same site for more than 28 consecutive days.
- 3. Where taking place in a building or other structure please tick as appropriate (indoors may include a tent).
- 4. For example the type of activity to be authorised, if not already stated, and give relevant further details, for example (but not exclusively) whether or not music will be amplified or unamplified.
- 5. For example (but not exclusively), where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.
- 6. For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.
- 7. Please give timings in 24 hour clock (e.g. 16.00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.
- 8. If you wish people to be able to consume alcohol on the premises, please tick 'on the premises'. If you wish people to be able to purchase alcohol to consume away from the premises, please tick 'off the premises'. If you wish people to be able to do both, please tick 'both'.
- 9. Please give information about anything intended to occur at the premises or ancillary to the use of the premises which may give rise to concern in respect of children, regardless of whether you intend children to have access to the premises, for example (but not exclusively) nudity or semi-nudity, films for restricted age groups or the presence of gaming machines.
- 10. Please list here steps you will take to promote all four licensing objectives together.
- 11. The application form must be signed.
- 12. An applicant's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
- 13. Where there is more than one applicant, each of the applicants or their respective agent must sign the application form.
- 14. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.

# 15. Entitlement to work/immigration status for individual applicants and applications from partnerships which are not limited liability partnerships:

A licence may not be held by an individual or an individual in a partnership who is resident in the UK who:

- does not have the right to live and work in the UK; or
- is subject to a condition preventing him or her from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.

Any premises licence issued in respect of an application made on or after 6 April 2017 will become invalid if the holder ceases to be entitled to work in the UK.

Applicants must demonstrate that they have an entitlement to work in the UK and are not subject to a condition preventing them from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity. They do this in one of two ways: 1) by providing with this application copies or scanned copies of the documents listed below (which do not need to be certified), or 2) by providing their 'share code' to enable the licensing authority to carry out a check using the Home Office online right to work checking service (see below).

## Documents which demonstrate entitlement to work in the UK

- An expired or current passport showing the holder, or a person named in the passport as the child of the holder, is a British citizen or a citizen of the UK and Colonies having the right of abode in the UK [please see note below about which sections of the passport to copy].
- An expired or current passport or national identity card showing the holder, or a
  person named in the passport as the child of the holder, is a national of a European
  Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A Registration Certificate or document certifying permanent residence issued by the Home Office to a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A Permanent Residence Card issued by the Home Office to the family member of a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A **current** Biometric Immigration Document (Biometric Residence Permit) issued by the Home Office to the holder indicating that the person named is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK, or has no time limit on their stay in the UK.
- A **current** passport endorsed to show that the holder is exempt from immigration control, is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK, has the right of abode in the UK, or has no time limit on their stay in the UK.
- A current Immigration Status Document issued by the Home Office to the holder
  with an endorsement indicating that the named person is allowed to stay indefinitely
  in the UK or has no time limit on their stay in the UK, when produced in
  combination with an official document giving the person's permanent National
  Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous
  employer.
- A birth or adoption certificate issued in the UK, when produced in combination with an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A birth or adoption certificate issued in the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Ireland when produced in combination with an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.

- A certificate of registration or naturalisation as a British citizen, when produced in combination with an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A **current** passport endorsed to show that the holder is allowed to stay in the UK and is currently allowed to work and is not subject to a condition preventing the holder from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.
- A current Biometric Immigration Document (Biometric Residence Permit) issued by the Home Office to the holder which indicates that the named person can currently stay in the UK and is allowed to work relation to the carrying on of a licensable activity.
- A current Residence Card issued by the Home Office to a person who is not a
  national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family
  member of such a national or who has derivative rights or residence.
- A current Immigration Status Document containing a photograph issued by the
  Home Office to the holder with an endorsement indicating that the named person may
  stay in the UK, and is allowed to work and is not subject to a condition preventing the
  holder from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity when
  produced in combination with an official document giving the person's permanent
  National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a
  previous employer.
- A Certificate of Application, less than 6 months old, issued by the Home Office
  under regulation 18(3) or 20(2) of the Immigration (European Economic Area)
  Regulations 2016, to a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state
  or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative
  rights of residence.
- Reasonable evidence that the person has an outstanding application to vary their
  permission to be in the UK with the Home Office such as the Home Office
  acknowledgement letter or proof of postage evidence, or reasonable evidence that the
  person has an appeal or administrative review pending on an immigration decision,
  such as an appeal or administrative review reference number.
- Reasonable evidence that a person who is not a national of a European Economic
   Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has
   derivative rights of residence in exercising treaty rights in the UK including:
  - o evidence of the applicant's own identity such as a passport,
  - evidence of their relationship with the European Economic Area family member – e.g. a marriage certificate, civil partnership certificate or birth certificate, and
  - evidence that the European Economic Area national has a right of permanent residence in the UK or is one of the following if they have been in the UK for more than 3 months:
    - (i) working e.g. employment contract, wage slips, letter from the employer,

- (ii) self-employed e.g. contracts, invoices, or audited accounts with a bank,
- (iii) studying e.g. letter from the school, college or university and evidence of sufficient funds; or
- (iv) self-sufficient e.g. bank statements.

Family members of European Economic Area nationals who are studying or financially independent must also provide evidence that the European Economic Area national and any family members hold comprehensive sickness insurance in the UK. This can include a private medical insurance policy, an EHIC card or an S1, S2 or S3 form.

**Original documents must not be sent to licensing authorities.** If the document copied is a passport, a copy of the following pages should be provided:

- (i) any page containing the holder's personal details including nationality;
- (ii) any page containing the holder's photograph;
- (iii) any page containing the holder's signature;
- (iv) any page containing the date of expiry; and
- (v) any page containing information indicating the holder has permission to enter or remain in the UK and is permitted to work.

If the document is not a passport, a copy of the whole document should be provided.

Your right to work will be checked as part of your licensing application and this could involve us checking your immigration status with the Home Office. We may otherwise share information with the Home Office. Your licence application will not be determined until you have complied with this guidance.

## Home Office online right to work checking service

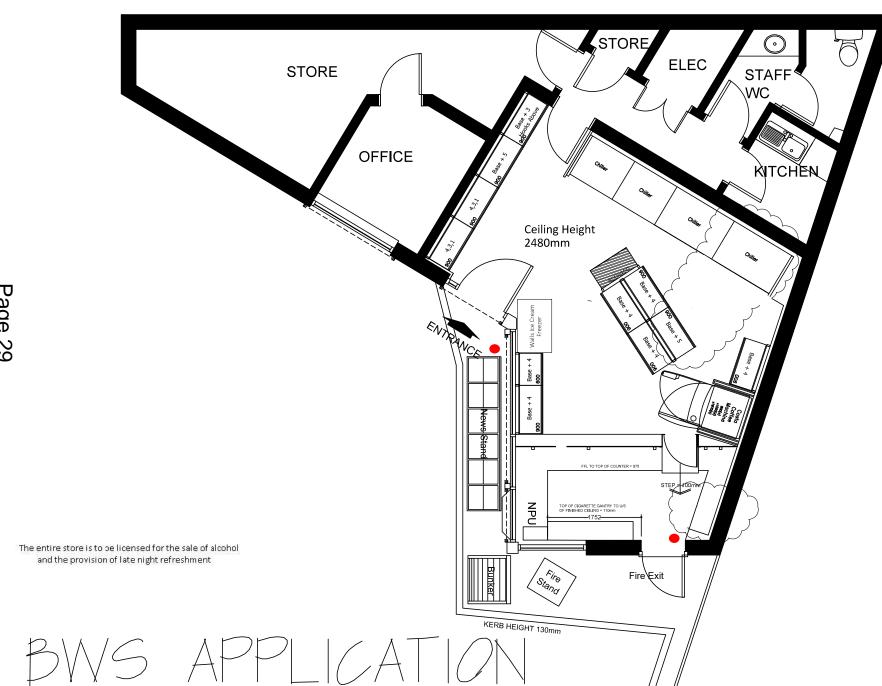
As an alternative to providing a copy of the documents listed above, applicants may demonstrate their right to work by allowing the licensing authority to carry out a check with the Home Office online right to work checking service.

To demonstrate their right to work via the Home Office online right to work checking service, applicants should include in this application their 9-digit share code (provided to them upon accessing the service at <a href="https://www.gov.uk/prove-right-to-work">https://www.gov.uk/prove-right-to-work</a>) which, along with the applicant's date of birth (provided within this application), will allow the licensing authority to carry out the check.

In order to establish the applicant's right to work, the check will need to indicate that the applicant is allowed to work in the United Kingdom and is not subject to a condition preventing them from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.

An online check will not be possible in all circumstances because not all applicants will have an immigration status that can be checked online. The Home Office online right to work checking service sets out what information and/or documentation applicants will need in order to access the service. Applicants who are unable to obtain a share code from the service should submit copy documents as set out above.







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11th June 2020

## Re:- Application for Premises Licence at Rowan Road Service Station, SW16 5JF.

Dear Sir/Madam,

On 21<sup>st</sup> May 2020, an application was received from Motor Fuel Limited for a new Premises Licence under Section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003.

The application can be summarised as follows:-

A "Petrol Forecourt Store" seeking authorisation to sell alcohol 24hrs a day, every day. The application also seeks authorisation for Late Night Refreshment from 2300hrs to 0500hrs, daily.

Police make objections to this application with regard to all four of the licensing objectives namely:

The Prevention of Crime and Disorder The Prevention of Public Nuisance Public Safety The Protection of Children from Harm It must be first noted that the applicant has made no attempt to participate in any consultation regarding this application, either prior to submission as per Government Guidelines Sec 182 Licensing Act 2003, or during the 28 consultation period.

I emailed the applicant's solicitor on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2020 with a list of concerns and questions, and I have spoken to the solicitor on the telephone, but I am yet to receive any response. I have visited the premises in a further attempt to discuss the application, I left my business card with the sole member of staff on duty, he had no knowledge of the proposals. I have not been contacted since my visit.

The Rowan Road Service Station is a self-service petrol/diesel forecourt with 8 fuel pumps and a very small forecourt shop. Situated on a main road through a large residential area between Streatham and Mitcham.

Section 176 of the Licensing Act 2003 prohibits the sale of alcohol from a premises primarily used as a garage. The Rowan Road Service Station has one of the smallest forecourt shops of any petrol station I have been in, yet has a reasonable number of fuel pumps. I find it hard to imagine that fuel sales at this venue can be of less value than sales of the basic selection of essentials and cigarettes currently sold in the shop. The plan submitted in the application does not suggest any intention to increase the size of the shop. The primary use of Rowan Road Service Station appears clearly to be that of a garage. I have asked the applicant for more information in this respect for the subcommittee to form an opinion.

The application does not state how the operator intends to manage the safe sale of alcohol. It is not known if the shop will be open to the public through the night, or if service will be via a night hatch. The application mentions that there will be "adequate levels of staff" but does not give any numbers. Given the size of the shop, it would be difficult to accommodate more than two members of staff at any time. Staff must have the confidence to refuse sales to drunks.

Due to the layout of the shop floor, all displays are close to the entrance, making it easy for an opportunist thief to take items from display without fear of being prevented by the cashier. I would like to know what measures the operator will have in place to prevent thefts of alcohol.

I would like to know the intended percentage of display that will be given over to alcohol and from where it will be sold. I would advise limiting the size of alcohol displays to prevent alcohol sales becoming the perceived primary focus of the premises and an attractive destination for thieves.

There are additional risks associated with the sale of alcohol after 11pm at night. To prevent thefts and violent crime, I would strongly advise against the shop being open to the public after 11pm.

I also have concerns about alcohol being available to purchase late at night and through the early hours of the morning. The premises is opposite Rowan Road Recreation Ground, and this could become a desirable area for late night social drinking as street drinkers gravitate towards their source of supply.

Anti-Social Behaviour from street drinkers is an ongoing problem in many residential areas of Mitcham. It is noted that super strength beer and cider is the drink of choice of many street drinkers. If the sub-committee are minded to grant a Premises Licence, I would advise attaching a condition to prohibit the sale or display of beer and cider over 5.5 %abv.

There is no mention on the application of how the operator will train staff in the safe and responsible sale of alcohol, nor is there any mention of refusal processes.

The application does mention for what the Late Night Refreshment authorisation is required.

I do not have confidence in the operator's ability to prevent thefts. Reporting of Thefts of fuel (Drive Outs) has been inconsistent, with periods of several thefts per week reported to Police and other periods of several months with no crime at all. I would like clarity of the operator's current reporting procedures, and also a commitment to record all thefts of alcohol if the licence is granted. It is also important to record all refusals and other incidents in a log book made available to Police.

Due to insufficient information on the application form, and the absence of engagement during the consultation period, I have been unable to properly assess the risk. Therefore, I can only advise the sub-committee to reject the application.

Yours Faithfully

Russ Stevens PC 3852SW 191701

**Licensing Officer** 

