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RECORD OF DECISION: APPLICATION UNDER LICENSING ACT 2003

Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee
Date: 29th September 2025

Members:

1. Cllr Bick
2. Cllr McPherson (Chair)
3. Cllr Iva Divkovic

To consider the application of **Morresi Hairstylist** dated 11th July 2025 in regards to the premises **20 King Street, Cambridge, CB1 1LN** for a licence to provide the following licensable activities:

Supply of Alcohol (for consumption on the premises)

- Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 09:00 to 19:00
- Thursday 09:00 to 21:00

We heard representations from the following persons:

Representation and Legal Advice

A representation was received from Ms Wendy Boddy, a local resident, during the statutory consultation period. Ms Boddy indicated that while she did not wish to object outright, she had concerns regarding the availability of alcohol from 09:00 hours, the possibility of staff partaking in alcohol during working hours, and the potential for associated noise or nuisance (e.g. loud music or disturbance from staff breaks outside the premises). Although Ms Boddy has stated she cannot attend the hearing and would have preferred to submit her comments on a “neutral” basis, she has confirmed that her representation should stand as a formal objection.

In making our decision we considered the following:

We had regard to:

The application (11 July 2025) and operating schedule.
Licensing Officer's report and appendices.
Written representation from Ms Wendy Boddy (resident, Malcolm Place).
Agreed conditions with Environmental Health.
Correspondence with Cambridgeshire Constabulary.
Cambridge City Council's Statement of Licensing Policy 2021–2026 (sections 2, 4, 5, 6, 8) .
Section 182 Guidance (Dec 2023 revision), including paras 1.9–1.10, 1.17–1.18, 10.5, 10.10–10.11, 12.1–12.4, 14.11, 14.20, 14.24–14.28, 14.40, 14.44.

Findings of Fact

The premises is a hair/beauty salon seeking to supply limited alcoholic drinks ancillary to treatments.

The premises is located in a Cumulative Impact Zone (CIZ).

No Responsible Authority made a representation; Environmental Health agreed conditions with the applicant.

One resident submitted a representation raising concerns of:

- Early morning alcohol availability (09:00 start).
- Staff potentially drinking on duty.
- Noise/disturbance from music or outdoor breaks.
- The resident clarified she regarded her stance as “neutral” but confirmed the representation should stand. She had previously confirmed that she would not be attending the hearing.

Legal & Policy Context

Each case must be considered on its own merits (Guidance para 1.17). Representations must relate to the four licensing objectives (s.4 Licensing Act 2003).

Cumulative impact is a policy tool: there is a rebuttable presumption of refusal within a CIZ (Guidance paras 14.24–14.40). However, this must not be applied inflexibly (Guidance para 14.11, 14.44).

Conditions must be proportionate, appropriate and tailored (Guidance paras 10.5, 10.10).

Consideration of Representation

We find Ms Boddy's concerns are validly linked to the licensing objective of prevention of public nuisance, but are generalised and carry limited evidential weight. Members did however recognise and agree that alcohol consumption should not commence before 12 noon.

We note the absence of objections from Responsible Authorities.

Decision

Grant with Modified Hours and Conditions

The Sub-Committee grants the licence but modifies the permitted hours to begin 12:00 daily to address resident concern about early alcohol availability.

Conditions:

The Members imposed Conditions offered by the Applicant in her email dated 26 September 2025 and which are annexed and incorporated into this Record of Decision. The Members particularly highlighted that alcohol sales should not start before 12:00 noon on any day.

Reasons:

This modification proportionately addresses nuisance risk linked to early hours.

Concerns are met while preserving the applicant's core business model. The applicant has rebutted the presumption that the applicant would add to the cumulative impact or undermine the licensing objectives.

The applicant commits to being a considerate neighbour and there is no contrary evidence that undermines this from the history of the business to date. This is relevant to concerns over noise nuisance

Decision accords with SLP sections 2, 4, 5, 6, 8 and Guidance paras 1.17, 14.11, 14.44.

Signed

Cllr McPherson

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Cllr Divkovic

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Cllr Bick

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Dated 3 October 2025

The applicant or those who made a relevant representation has the right of appeal to a Magistrates Court within 21 days from the date of this decision notice by contacting:

Cambridgeshire Magistrates Court, The Court House, Bridge Street, Peterborough, PE1 1ED.

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Appendix A – Conditions

Members determined the following conditions are appropriate and proportionate to promote the licensing objectives in light of the representation received.

1. Alcohol ancillary to services

Alcohol shall only be supplied to customers receiving hairdressing or other salon services on the premises. Each client is limited to a single complimentary drink while seated for their appointment.

2. Limitation on morning sales

No alcohol shall be supplied before 12:00 midday and only during our normal hours to clients with appointments.

3. Restriction on staff consumption

Staff shall not consume alcohol on the premises during working hours.

4. No off sales of alcohol

5. Noise management

(a) Doors and windows shall remain closed (save for access and egress) whenever amplified music is played.

(b) Staff shall take reasonable steps to prevent noise or disturbance to neighbours during breaks taken outside the premises.

6. Training

All existing staff involved in the sale of alcohol shall receive training on age verification and the responsible sale of alcohol and the promotion of the licensing objectives, prior to commencement of alcohol sales.

7. The Applicant will operate Challenge 25, maintain refusals and incident logs, refuse service to anyone who appears intoxicated, and provide staff training on age verification. Records of such training and refusal logs shall be kept and made available for inspection by an authorised officer of the Licensing Authority or Police.

8. Community liaison: The Applicant will display a notice with management contact details and will respond promptly to any concerns from neighbours.

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