

CONSIDERATION OF AN APPLICATION TO VARY A PREMISES LICENCE

**Boom Battle Bar, 36 & 36a St Andrews Street,
Cambridge, CB2 3AR**

To: Licensing Sub-Committee:

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Wards affected: Market

INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 An application under section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003 to vary the Premises Licence issued in the respect of Boom Battle Bar, 36 & 36a St Andrews Street, Cambridge, CB2 3AR has been received from BBB UK Property Ltd. The application was served on Cambridge City Council (the Licensing Authority) on 2 June 2025. A copy of the application was also served on each responsible authority. The application and plans are attached to the report as Appendix 1 and Appendix 1a, 1b, 1c and 1d, respectively. Current Premises Licence is attached to the report as Appendix 2.

1.2 The applicant is seeking to extend the hours of licensable activities on Thursday, Friday and Saturday as follows:

- Exhibit films – 10:00 to 02:30
- Recorded Music – 10:00 to 03:00
- Indoor sporting events – 10 to 03:00
- Late Night refreshment – 23:00 to 03:00
- Supply of alcohol – 10:00 to 02:30

Opening hours – 08:00 to 03:00

1.3 The applicant is also seeking to add licensable activity of 'Indoor sporting Events'

- Sunday to Wednesday: 10:00 to 00:30
- Thursday to Saturday: 10:00 to 03:00

1.4 Furthermore, the applicant is applying to amend/remove the following conditions;

1. Removal of Condition 16: which states: "No person will be allowed to play the axe throwing or similar games if they have consumed alcohol or illegal drugs/substances prior to playing the game, and no person playing these games will be allowed to consume alcohol or take illegal drugs/substances whilst playing these games. Where staff or door staff are unsure if the person is under the influence of alcohol, then that person will be breathalysed, using a calibrated breathalyser."
2. Modification of condition 24 that currently requires "A minimum of two SIA registered door supervisors will be employed at the premises each day from 21.00hrs until close of business. On Fridays and Saturdays, all Sundays preceding a Bank Holiday, New Years' Eve, and Boxing night a further two SIA registered door supervisors will be employed from 21:00hrs until all customers have safely dispersed from the vicinity of the premises."

Amend to: "On Thursday, Fridays and Saturdays, all Sundays preceding a Bank Holiday, New Years' Eve and Boxing night a minimum of 4 SIA registered door supervisors will be employed from 21:00hrs until all customers have safely dispersed from the vicinity of the premises. At all times the Premises Licence Holder shall risk assess the requirement to employ additional door

supervisors in such numbers and at such times as deemed necessary. This risk assessment will take into consideration information and advice provided by the local Police. A copy of this risk assessment will be made available to the Police and Licensing Authority on request."

3. Amendment to Condition 18 that currently states: "Should beer pong be played in these premises then polycarbonate drinking vessels must be used, and non-alcohol drinks will only be used for the game. For clarification no alcohol will be used for this game."

Amend to: remove the prohibition on alcohol use in this activity, while maintaining the requirement for polycarbonate or metal drinking vessels.

4. Amendment to Condition 43: which currently states "After 21:00 hours persons under the age of 18 years of age will not be allowed on the premises"

Amend to: "After 21:00 hours persons under the age of 18 years of age will not be allowed in the part of the premises occupied and trading as Boom Battle Bar. After 21:00 hours persons under the age of 18 years of age will be allowed in the part of the premises occupied and trading as Escape Hunt (shown edged in blue the plan attached to the application) but only if supervised by a responsible adult."

- 1.5 The applicant has provided measures within the application form on how they intend to promote the four licensing objectives, with requested changes.
- 1.6 In accordance with the regulations of the Act, the application was advertised on the premises and in Cambridge Independent on 11 June 2025 to invite representations from responsible authorities and other persons. The last date for submitting representations was 30 June 2025.
- 1.7 Representations were received from 1 'Other Persons'. The representations are attached to the report at Appendix 3.

- 1.8 No representations were received from the Responsible Authorities. However, conditions were agreed with Cambridgeshire Constabulary detailed within Appendix 4.
- 1.9 The applicant attended a meeting with Cambridgeshire Constabulary and Environmental Health during the representation period and it was noted that opening times did not match up with activities. This was an error and applicant did redo the form for the ease of responsible authorities reading. This is attached within the report as Appendix 1a.
- 1.10 The application needs to be determined.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That Members determine the application on its individual merits having reference to the statutory licensing objectives and Cambridge City Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and the Cumulative Impact Assessment.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The proposed premises is located within a Cumulative Impact Area (CIA) and is therefore subject to the Cumulative Impact Assessment.
- 3.2 The onus is on the applicant to demonstrate why the requested variations to license would not add to the cumulative impact already being experienced within the area.
- 3.3 The premises license was granted on 3rd January 2024, and was previously All Bar One, restaurant and bar.
- 3.4 In carrying out its licensing functions, the Licensing Authority must have regard to its Statement of Licensing Policy, the Cumulative Impact Assessment and additionally the statutory guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003. The relevant sections from the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy are:
- Objectives, section 2
 - Fundamental principles, section 4
 - Cumulative Impact, section 5

- Licensing Hours, section 6
- Licence Conditions, section 8

4. CONSULTATIONS

- 4.1 The Licensing Act 2003 requires applications made under section 34 of the Act to be served on the Responsible Authorities and also advertised on the premises and in a local newspaper circulating within the vicinity of the premises. During the consultation period, Responsible Authorities and Other Persons (any individual, body or business entitled to make representations to licensing authorities) may make a representation in respect of the application.
- 4.2 Statutory consultation has therefore taken place with Responsible Authorities and interested parties in accordance with the procedures set out in the Licensing Act 2003 and associated regulations made under the Act.

5. OPTIONS

- 5.1 Whilst having reference to the information provided by the applicant, the information raised in the representations and also Cambridge City Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and Cumulative Impact Assessment, the Sub-Committee's decision must be made with a view to promoting one or more of the four licensing objectives, namely:
- (a) the prevention of crime and disorder;
 - (b) public safety;
 - (c) the prevention of public nuisance; and
 - (d) the protection of children from harm.
- 5.2 Members should take such steps that they consider are necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives. The Sub-Committee may resolve:
- (a) to grant the variation as applied for;
 - (b) to modify the conditions of the licence
 - (c) to reject the whole or part of the application.
- 5.3 Members must give reasons for their decision.

6. CONCLUSIONS

- 6.1 The Licensing Authority has a duty under the Licensing Act 2003 to promote the Licensing Objectives. Each objective has equal importance. In carrying out its licensing functions, the Licensing Authority must also have regard to its Statement of Licensing Policy, the Cumulative Impact Assessment and the Statutory Guidance under the Licensing Act 2003, and it is bound by the Human Rights Act 1998. The Council must also fulfill its obligations under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to do all that it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in Cambridge.

7. IMPLICATIONS

(a) Financial Implications

Cambridge City Council (the Licensing Authority) has a statutory duty to determine applications made under the Licensing Act 2003. The application fees associated with such applications are set by Central Government and are intended to cover the cost of administering the licensing regime.

There are no specific financial implications associated with this report.

(b) Staffing Implications

There are no staffing implications associated with this report.

(c) Equal Opportunities Implications

No Equality Impact Assessment has been conducted as the only consideration in reaching a decision is whether the granting of the application will undermine the statutory licensing objectives.

(d) Environmental Implications

Any environmental implications that need to be considered must specifically relate to the promotion of the statutory licensing objectives and will be contained in the representations made by the responsible authorities or interested parties.

(e) Community Safety

Cambridge Constabulary, Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service, Cambridge City Council's Environmental Health Team, Cambridge City Council's Planning Service, Cambridgeshire County Council's Child Protection & Review Unit, Cambridgeshire County Council's Trading Standards Department and the Public Health Director were consulted as part of the application process and could have made representation if it was considered that the granting of the application would undermine one or more of the statutory licensing objectives.

Those making representations would have raised any relevant community safety implications.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS: The following are the background papers that were used in the preparation of this report:

- [Licensing Act 2003](#)
- [The Licensing Act 2003 \(Premises licences and club premises certificates\) Regulations 2005](#)
- [Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003](#)
- [Cambridge City Council's Statement of Licensing Policy](#)
- [Cambridge City Council's Cumulative Impact Assessment](#)

Appendix 1 – Application Form

Appendix 1a – Amended application form

Appendix 1b – Plan – Ground Floor

Appendix 1c – Plan – First Floor

Appendix 1d – Plan - Second Floor

Appendix 2 – Current Licence

Appendix 3 - Representations

Appendix 4 – Cambridgeshire Constabulary agreed conditions

To inspect these documents either view the above hyperlinks or contact the Commercial & Licensing Team at taxi@cambridge.gov.uk.

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