

**CONSIDERATION OF AN APPLICATION TO VARY A
PREMISES LICENCE**

The Artyst, 54 - 56 Chesterton Road, Cambridge, CB4 1EN

To: Licensing Sub-Committee:

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Wards affected: West Chesterton

INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 An application under section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003 to vary the Premises Licence issued in the respect The Artyst, 54 - 56 Chesterton Road, Cambridge, CB4 1EN has been received from Othersyde Limited. The application was served on Cambridge City Council (the Licensing Authority) on 15 January 2026. A copy of the application was also served on each responsible authority. The application and plans are attached to the report as Appendix 1a and Appendix 1b 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 as follows:
 - Supply of alcohol (For consumption on the premises)
 - o Monday to Saturday - 12:00 to 23:00
 - o Sunday - 12:00 to 22:30
- 1.3 The applicant has provided measures within the application form on how they intend to promote the four licensing objectives, with requested changes.
- 1.4 In accordance with the regulations of the Act, the application was advertised on the premises and in Cambridge Independent on 21 January 2026 to invite representations from responsible authorities and other persons. The last date for submitting representations was 13 February 2026.
- 1.5 Representations were received from 13 'Other Persons'. The representations are attached to the report at Appendix 3.
- 1.6 No representations were received from the Responsible Authorities.
- 1.7 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 current Premises licence application was submitted on 8 May 2024.

- 3.4 Following the receipt of representations, a Licensing Sub-Committee hearing took place on 1 July 2024. The Record of Decision is provided at Appendix 4 of this report.
- 3.5 The Premises previously operated under the name Alcademy, and subsequently changed its name to The Artyst in October 2025.
- 3.6 There are two complaints regarding the premises held on file.
- 3.7 The first complaint was received on 31st October 2025 regarding the Temporary Event Notice held at the premises on 30th October 2025. Photo's provided showed a person with what appeared to be an alcoholic drink outside the premises. An email was sent to the holder of the TEN and informed that drinks should have remained in the premises and not been taken outside and what would be put in place to prevent this from happening at future events.
- 3.8 The premises provided the following measures: To ensure there is no recurrence of this issue, we will be introducing further measures, including:
- Installing clear "No drinks outside" signage near all exits.
 - Briefing staff before each event to remind customers that drinks must remain inside.
 - Assigning a staff member to monitor the entrance at busier events.
 - Including a note in event communications to remind guests that drinks may not be taken outside.
 - Making polite verbal reminders to customers if needed.
- 3.9 The second complaint was received on the 8th December 2025 and alleged that the premises did not have CCTV working for an unknown period of time. The premises were contacted and confirmed that CCTV was not working from September until the end of November as they were waiting for the broadband to be connected.
- 3.10 The CCTV was now functioning. An email was sent to the Premises Licence Holder informing them that it was a breach of their premises licence to be open without CCTV and that if CCTV was not working in future, licensable activities should not be taking place. The premises were also informed that the complaint would remain on file and further enforcement action could be taken if similar breaches were identified.

3.11 Appendix 5 details a map, showing premises with licences for the Supply of Alcohol, within the surrounding area.

3.12 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 1b – Plan

Appendix 2 – Current Premises Licence

Appendix 3 – Other Persons Representations

Appendix 4 – Current licence Record of Decision 1 July 2024

Appendix 5 - Map of premises licences with Supply/Sale of alcohol in surrounding area

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

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