



**CAMBRIDGE  
CITY COUNCIL**

**RECORD OF DECISION**

*To be completed and signed before Members return to open session to announce their decision.*

**RECORD OF DECISION: APPLICATION UNDER LICENSING ACT 2003**

Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee

Date: 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024

Members:

1. Cllr McPherson (Chair)
2. Cllr Blackburn-Horgan
3. Cllr Young

To consider the application of **The Alcademy** in regards to the premises **The Alcademy, 54 Chesterton Road, Cambridge, CB4 1EN** licence to **provide the following licensable activities:**

- Plays – Monday to Saturday 08:00 to 23:00; Sunday 08:00 to 22:30;
- Films – Monday to Saturday 08:00 to 23:00; Sunday 08:00 to 22:30;
- Live Music – Monday to Saturday 12:00 to 23:00; Sunday 12:00 to 22:30;
- Recorded Music – Monday to Saturday 08:00 to 23:00; Sunday 08:00 to 22:30;
- Supply of alcohol (both on and off the premises) – Monday to Saturday 11:00 to 23:00; Sunday 11:00 to 22:30;

We heard representations from Mathew Taylor, (The Applicant/Director) and the following persons from the Trafalgar Community Presentation:

Public Speakers also representing Katya Mohsen, Andreas Nymark, /Sue Rollings;

1. Alexis Mather
2. Liz Yarrow
3. Ben Rollings

**The reason you appeared before the Sub-Committee:**

For the Sub-Committee to consider an application under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 to apply for a Premises Licence for the sale by retail of alcohol with respect to The Alcademy, 54 Chesterton Road, Cambridge, CB4 1EN has been received from Othersyde Limited. The application was served on Cambridge City Council (the Licensing Authority) on 8th May 2024. A copy of the application was also served on each responsible authority. The application and plan is attached to the report at Appendix 1.

Representations were received from 21 members of the public objecting to the application and 3 members of the public in support of the application.

The Sub Committee had to decide whether to grant the application or refuse the application.

**In making our decision we considered the following:**

*List:*

*Statutory provisions (Licensing Act 2003)*

*Statutory Guidance*

*Cambridge City Council's Statement of Licensing Policy Reports*

*Cumulative Impact Assessment March 2024 and the Supt Adam Gallup's letter to the Licensing Committee in October 2023.*

*Advice from Legal Officer*

*Representations from the Applicant and members of the public*

We found the following facts:

1. The Premises is in a cumulative impact area.
2. The proposed community events will add value to the area.
3. The Premises is in a residential area.
4. There were 21 notified objections to the application and 3 representations in support of the application.
5. There is an unlit alleyway in close proximity to the premises.
6. The entrance to the front of the premises is very close to moving heavy traffic.
7. The premises is on the corner of a traffic junction.
8. There are 9 various licensed premises in the cumulative impact area with various opening and closing times.
9. The issues regarding the licensing objectives raised by the residents primarily relate to nighttime.

We did not consider the following matters to be relevant:

1. The previous premises ran by the Applicant are not relevant.

Our reasons for this are: **(give full and detailed reasons)**

1. Whilst previous experience with licensing is relevant, the areas are different.

Our decision is as follows:

To grant the licence with the following conditions:

1. No alcohol to be consumed outside the premises.

2. The following times shall apply to the sale and consumption of alcohol on the premises:

12:00 to 19:00 Monday-Sunday

Our reasons for reaching the decision are as follows:

1. We have considered other licences in the area and their opening and closing times. Two premises are far away from residential areas. The others are very different types of establishments; being Delicatessens, Restaurants and a shop. The remainder are cafes with earlier closing times. There is only one comparable bar close by with an extended closing time but the customers of that establishment are likely to avoid the residential streets, due to its location.
2. This premises is on a residential road and likely to have a greater impact on the nearby residential streets.
3. With reference to paragraph 3.2 of the Agenda, the onus is on the applicant to demonstrate why the granting of the licence would not add to the cumulative impact already being experienced within the area. We found that the reported issues primarily occur at night time. The Applicant has not fully demonstrated why granting the licence would not add to the cumulative impact of the area. We have therefore restricted the licensing hours.

Signed 

Dated: 1 July 2024

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, St Andrew's Street, Cambridge CB2 3BJ.