[Insert name and address of relevant licensing authority and its reference number (optional)]

Application for the review of a premises licence or club premises certificate 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.

Janice Gibbons on behalf of the L	icensing Authority				
(Insert name of applicant)					
apply for the review of a premises licence under section 51 / apply for the review of a club premises certificate under section 87 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below (delete as applicable)					
Part 1 – Premises or club premises details	5				
Postal address of premises or, if none, or description	dnance survey map reference or				
The Sekforde Public House 34 Sekforde Street					
Post town London	Post code (if known) EC1R 0HA				
Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known)					
David Lonsdale					
Number of premises licence or club premi	ises certificate (if known)				
LN/4223-190919					
Part 2 - Applicant details					
I am	Please tick ✓ yes				
1) an individual, body or business which is not a responsible authority (please read guidance note 1, and complete (A) or (B) below)					
2) a responsible authority (please complete (C) below)				

3) a member of the club to which this application relates (please complete (A) below)						
(A) DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT (fill in as applicable)						
Please tick ✓ yes	5					
Mr Mrs		Miss		Ms		Other title (for example, Rev)
Surname				Fi	rst names	
I am 18 years ol	d or ove	r				Please tick ✓ yes □
Current postal address if different from premises address						
Post town				Po	ost Code	
Daytime contact	t telepho	ne num	ber			
E-mail address (optional)						
(B) DETAILS OF OTHER APPLICANT						
Name and addre	SS					
Telephone number (if any)						
E-mail address (d	optional)					

(C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY APPLICANT

Name and address	
Janice Gibbons on behalf of the Licensing Authority 222 Upper Street London N1 1XR	
Telephone number (if any)	
020 7527 3233	
E-mail address (optional)	
terrie.lane@islington.gov.uk	
This application to review relates to the following	licensing objective(s)
 the prevention of crime and disorder public safety the prevention of public nuisance the protection of children from harm 	Please tick one or more boxes ✓ □ □ □ □ □

Please state the ground(s) for review (please read guidance note 2)

This review is being made under the Licensing Objective: the Prevention of Public Nuisance.

The Sekforde opened as a public house in 1829 and remained open as a pub until the current owner, David Lonsdale, closed it for re-development in 2015. The pub reopened just before Easter 2018. The property is located on the corner of Sekforde Street and Woodbridge Street and is structurally attached to residential neighbours on Sekforde Street. The premises is situated over three floors, the basement, ground floor and first floor.

The premises hold a premises licence for the ground and first floor, for the following licensable activities:

- Films, the performance of live music, the playing of recorded music and the performance of dance from 12:00 until 01:00 Friday and Saturday.
- Late night refreshment from 23:00 until 00:00 Sunday to Thursday and from 23:00 until 01:00 Friday and Saturday
- The On and Off sales of alcohol from 11:00 until 00:00 Sunday to Thursday and from 11:00 until 01:00 Friday and Saturday.

Sekforde Street is a quiet, residential street in the Clerkenwell Ward of Islington. The pub is surrounded by residential properties on Sekforde Street and Woodbridge Street. In 2018, following a high number of substantiated residential complaints about noise from amplified sound from the premises and noise from large numbers of people standing outside the pub on Sekforde Street, Woodbridge Street and the triangle of land directly opposite the entrance of the premises, Islington's Noise Team applied for the Review of the premises licence, requesting that conditions be placed on the licence to safeguard residential amenity.

Members of the Licensing Sub Committee attached several conditions. The decision was appealed by David Lonsdale. Following a four-day appeal hearing, the judge found in favour of the Council and amended conditions were placed on the licence.

Since this time, residents have continued to make complaints to Islington Council, citing breaches of the conditions of the premises licence from continued anti-social behaviour from customers at the premises, especially during the warmer spring and summer months. Licensing Officers have visited the premises on several occasions to check the premises for compliance.

The residents' complaints to Islington's ASB Team are attached to this application as Appendix 2.

Following a large number of complaints spanning the summer of 2023, David Lonsdale, as the premises licence holder, was invited to attend an Officer Panel on 15 August 2023. The Panel presented details of the complaints and breaches of licence conditions to Mr Lonsdale and invited him to implement an action plan to prevent recurrence.

One of the actions taken by Mr Lonsdale was to submit a Minor variation application in March 2024 vary the conditions however representations were received from interested parties and responsible authorities so the application was rejected and Mr Lonsdale was invited to submit a full variation application.

Breaches of the Premises Licence

On 09 August 2024, Licensing Officers monitored the premises for a period of half an hour, from 21:00 until 21:36. During this time, officers witnessed the premises in breach of the following conditions;

1. Officers witnessed the windows open on the first floor for the whole of the time they were monitoring.

This is in breach of Annex 3, Condition 1;

Except for access and egress all doors and windows to the premises shall be closed by 20.00 hours, save that one window on the Woodbridge Street side of the premises (and furthest from Sekforde Street) on each of the ground and first floor may be opened for the purposes of ventilation. If there is any event at any time using amplified sound, except for access and egress, doors and windows shall be closed in the room where the amplified sound is emitted, save that one window in that room on the Woodbridge Street side of the premises (and furthest from Sekforde Street) may be opened for the purposes of ventilation.

2. Officers witnessed the door to the Sekforde Street elevation wedged open and people continuing to use it for the whole time they were monitoring. This is in breach of; Annex 3, Condition 2;

The use of the door to the Sekforde Street elevation shall cease at 21:00 every night and notices shall be displayed to that effect.

3. Officers witnessed several people standing on Sekforde Street throughout the whole time they were monitoring, some drinking. Officers noticed that the door supervisor not take any action.

This is in breach of Annex 3, Condition 6;

There shall be no vertical drinking in Sekforde Street. Vertical drinking is permitted in Woodbridge Street on the pavement on the premises-side of the street in the area shaded in green on the same plan referred to in that condition. After 20.00 hours a maximum of 20 customers may be permitted to stand outside with drinks until 22.15 hours in a designated area in Woodbridge Street, within the area delineated in blue on the attached plan, such area to be clearly marked by the use of movable rope or similar barriers, during those hours. At all times, there must be sufficient room for pedestrians to be able to pass along the pavement on the premises-side of the street.

On Thursday 31 October 2024, Licensing Officers visited the premises and monitored it from 21:00 until 21:15 and witnessed the following breaches.

4. Officers witnessed a window open on Sekforde Street and a window open nearest to Woodbridge Street.

This is in breach of Annex 3, Condition 1;

Except for access and egress all doors and windows to the premises shall be closed by 20.00 hours, save that one window on the Woodbridge Street side of the premises (and furthest from Sekforde Street) on each of the ground and first floor may be opened for the purposes of ventilation. If there is any event at any time using amplified sound, except for access and egress, doors and windows shall be closed in the room where the amplified sound is emitted, save that one window in that room on the Woodbridge Street side of the premises (and furthest from Sekforde Street) may be opened for the purposes of ventilation.

5. Officers witnessed a number of people entering and exiting the door on the Sekforde Street elevation.

This is in breach of Annex 3, Condition 2

The use of the door to the Sekforde Street elevation shall cease at 21:00 every night and notices shall be displayed to that effect.

6. Officers witnessed approximately twelve people standing in Woodbridge Street, some standing in the road.

This is in breach of Annex 3, Condition 6:

There shall be no vertical drinking in Sekforde Street. Vertical drinking is permitted in Woodbridge Street on the pavement on the premises-side of the street in the area shaded in green on the same plan referred to in that condition. After 20.00 hours a maximum of 20 customers may be permitted to stand outside with drinks until 22.15 hours in a designated area in Woodbridge Street, within the area delineated in blue on the attached plan, such area to be clearly marked by the use of movable rope or similar barriers, during those hours. At all times, there must be sufficient room for pedestrians to be able to pass along the pavement on the premises-side of the street.

Recommendation

To promote the licensing objective of the prevention of public nuisance, the Licensing Authority would invite Members of the Licensing Sub Committee to:

- 1. Review the Management at the premises and
- 2. Make the following amendments to the premises licence conditions;

Amend Annex 3, Condition 1 to split it into two conditions

- 1. Except for access and egress all doors and windows to the premises shall be closed by 20.00 hours, save that one window on the Woodbridge Street side of the premises (and furthest from Sekforde Street) on each of the ground and first floor may be opened for the purposes of ventilation.
- 1.a If there is any event at any time using amplified sound, except for access and egress, doors and windows shall be closed in the room where the amplified sound is emitted, save that one window in that room on the Woodbridge Street

side of the premises (and furthest from Sekforde Street) may be opened for the purposes of ventilation.

Amend Annex 3, Condition 2 to

2. The use of the door to the Sekforde Street elevation shall cease at 21:00 every night and prominent notices shall be displayed on the door. An alarm shall be fitted to the door and activated at 21:00, to alert staff should customers use it.

No change to Annex 3, Condition 3

3. Prominent, clear and legible notices must be displayed at all exits requesting the public to respect the needs of local residents and to leave the premises and the area quietly.

No change to Annex 3, Condition 4

4. Any outside drinking area shall be closed and cleared of customers by 22:00.

No change to Annex 3, Condition 5

5. Outside furniture shall be disabled and taken out of use by 22:00 each night.

Amend Annex 3, Condition 6 to split into three conditions;

- 6. There shall be no vertical drinking outside the premises, either in Sekforde Street or Woodbridge Street. All people outside drinking shall be seated at tables and chairs. The positioning of the tables and chairs shall be set in line with any tables and chairs permits issued by Islington. At all times, there must be sufficient room on both Sekforde Street and Woodbridge Street for pedestrians to be able to pass on the pavement on the premises side of the street.
- 6a. The premises licence holder shall implement arrangements to limit drinking outside the premises to 20 seated customers until 22:00.
- 6b. After 22:15 no drinks can be taken outside the premises.

No change to Annex 3, Condition 7;

7. After 22:15 any customer who wishes to step outside to smoke shall be directed to Woodbridge Street. Numbers of smokers outside shall not exceed 10. They shall not obstruct the public highway. They shall not be permitted to take drinks outside with them.

Amend Annex 3, Condition 8 to;

8. An SIA registered door supervisor shall be present every Thursday and Friday evening and any other day/evening when an event may be held.
An event will include weddings, wakes, parties, gatherings, group bookings and any other organised event with a guest list, quiz and comedy nights, music and all amplified voice.

Amend Annex 3. Condition 9 to:

- 9. The dedicated registered door supervisor shall be present from 18.00 hours, or one hour before the event (clarification of an 'event' can be found in condition 8) until all customers have left the vicinity of the premises to
 - · patrol the outside area,

- · supervise the dispersal of patrons
- · control noise levels from customers outside the premises

No change to Annex 3, Condition 10;

10. Maximum levels of all amplified sound shall be agreed with the council an Officer or Officers of the Pollution Team and shall be controlled by the licensee. All amplified sound including amplified voice shall be restricted to ambient background levels of sound at all times. Volume control devices shall be contained in a lockable cupboard or other secure place under the control of the licensee and they shall not be made accessible to staff or customers at any time.

No change to Annex 3, Condition 11;

11. The structural condition of the premises shall be monitored, maintained and adapted as necessary to ensure that amplified sound played or other sound from within the premises is contained and does not cause nuisance or undue disturbance to occupiers of nearby premises.

No change to Annex 3, Condition 12;

12. In the event of noise nuisance from amplified sound being witnessed by authorised officers of the council, the licensee shall appoint a noise consultant registered with the Institute of Acoustics or Association of Noise Consultants to prepare a scheme of noise control measures, to prevent persons in the neighbourhood from being unreasonably disturbed by noise from the premises. The scheme should be submitted for approval by the council, and the approved scheme fully implemented to the satisfaction of the council and the licensee notified in writing accordingly.

No change to Annex 3, Condition 13;

13. The licensee shall adopt a 'Challenge 25' policy and promote it through prominent display.

No change to Annex 3, Condition 14;

14. The licensee shall put arrangements in place to ensure that before serving alcohol to persons they believe to be less than 25, staff ask to see accredited proof of age: that is, proof of age cards carrying the 'PASS' logo, a Passport or UK Driving Licence bearing the photograph and date of birth of the bearer.

No change to Annex 3, Condition 15;

15. The licensee shall ensure that staff are trained about age restricted products and ensure that they sign to confirm that they have understood the training. The licensee shall keep records of training and instructions given to staff, detailing the areas covered, and make them available for inspection upon request by the licensing team, police or trading standards.

No change to Annex 3, Condition 16;

16. The licensee shall require staff to note any refusals to sell to young people in a refusals log. The refusals log shall be made available for inspection upon request by the licensing team, police or trading standards.

Additional Conditions to be added to licence;

- 17. CCTV shall be installed, operated, and maintained, to function all times that the premises is open for licensable activities. Said CCTV will comply with the following criteria:
 - (a) The licensee will ensure that the system is checked every two weeks to ensure that the system is working properly and that the date and time are correct.
 - (b) A record of these checks, showing the date and name of the person checking, will be kept and made available to the police or other authorised officer on request;
 - (c) The Police will be informed if the system will not be operating for longer than one day of business for any reason;
 - (d) One camera will show a close-up of the entrance to the premises, to capture a clear, full length image of anyone entering;
 - (e) The system will provide full coverage of the interior of the premises and any exterior part of the premises accessible to the public;
 - (f) The system will record in real time and recordings will be date and time stamped;
 - (g) At all times during operating hours, there will be at least 1 member of staff on the premises who can operate the system sufficiently to allow Police or authorised Council officers to view footage on request.
 - (h) Recordings will be kept for a minimum of 31 days and downloaded footage will be provided free of charge to the police or other authorised officers on request (subject to the Data Protection Act 2018) within 24 hours of any request.
 - (i) Signage stating that CCTV is in operation will be clearly and prominently displayed at the premises.
 - (j) The use of CCTV at the premises shall be registered with the Information Commissioners Office [ICO].
- 18. All staff responsible for selling alcohol shall receive regular training in the Licensing Act 2003 in terms of the licensing objectives, offences committed under the Act and conditions of the Premises Licence. Written records of staff training in the Licensing Act 2003 shall be retained and made available to police and authorised officers of the Licensing Authority on request. Staff shall receive refresher training in the Licensing Act 2003 at intervals of no more than 6 months. Signed and dated records shall be kept of all staff training and such records kept available for inspection at the premises for a period of at least one calendar year from the last date of entry.
- 19. The licensee shall develop a Noise Management and Dispersal Policy to control noise coming from the venue, including people noise, and to control noise from guests either congregating outside or leaving the area. The Noise Management and Dispersal Policy shall be agreed with the Council's Licensing Authority and be reviewed and revised periodically or after incidences to ensure that public nuisance is prevented from recurring.

Conclusion
The Licensing Authority has engaged with the premises licence holder and DPS to encourage compliance with the Premises Licence to ensure the premises is not a cause of nuisance or disturbance to residents however the Licensing Authority continues to receive complaints and evidence of non- compliance with licence conditions.
The Licensing Authority is of the opinion that amending the licence conditions is appropriate to promote the licensing objectives

Please provide as much information as possible to support the application (please read guidance note 3)
In support of my application, I attach the following documents;
Appendix 1 – The Existing Premises Licence;
Appendix 2 – Resident Noise Complaints made to Islington's ASB Team for the last 2 years
Appendix 3 – Licensing Officer visits to the premises since 2019;
Appendix 4 – Officer Panel invite and Notes from the meeting
Appendix 5 – Statements from Licensing Officer Carol Jones in relation to the visit to the premises on 09 August 2024 and 31 October 2024;
Appendix 6 – Amended conditions to replace the conditions on the licence.

	Please
tick ✓ yes Have you made an application for review relating to the premises before	
If yes please state the date of that application	Day Month Year
If you have made representations before relating to th they were and when you made them	e premises please state what
A representation was made in respect of the Review main 2018.	ade by Islington's Noise Team

tick √	yes	Please
•	I have sent copies of this form and enclosures to the responsible authorities and the premises licence holder or club holding the club premises certificate, as appropriate	
•	I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected	

IT IS AN OFFENCE, LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE UP TO LEVEL 5 ON THE STANDARD SCALE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION

Part 3 – Signatures (please read guidance note 4)

Signature of applicant or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent (please read guidance note 5). If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.

•	Janice Gibbons on behalf of the Licensing Authority
Date	20th November 2024
Capacity	Licensing Authority

Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 6)

Terrie Lane, Carol Jones Islington Council Islington Council 222 Upper Street 222 Upper Street

Post town	Post Code	
London	N1 1XR	
Telephone number (if any)		

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If you would prefer us to correspond with you using an e-mail address your e-mail address (optional) terrie.lane@islington.gov.uk carol.jones@islington.gov.uk

Notes for Guidance

- 1. A responsible authority includes the local police, fire and rescue authority and other statutory bodies which exercise specific functions in the local area.
- 2. The ground(s) for review must be based on one of the licensing objectives.
- 3. Please list any additional information or details for example dates of problems which are included in the grounds for review if available.
- 4. The application form must be signed.
- 5. An applicant's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
- 6. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.

PREMISES LICENCE LICENSING ACT 2003



Premises licence number

LN/4223-190919

Date of original grant*

24 November 2005

*An annual fee associated with this licence is to be paid on the anniversary of the original grant date.

Postal address of premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description

SEKFORDE ARMS 34 SEKFORDE STREET

Post town London Post code EC1R 0HA
Telephone number

Where the licence is time limited the dates Not Applicable

Licensable activities authorised by the licence

Ground and First Floors

- The provision of regulated entertainment by way of:
 The exhibition of films
 The performance of live music
 The playing of recorded music
- · The provision of late night refreshment
- The sale by retail of alcohol

The times the licence authorises the carrying out of licensable activities The provision of regulated entertainment for the exhibition of films: Friday 12.00 to 01.00 the following day Saturday 12.00 01.00 the following day to The provision of regulated entertainment for the performance of live music: Friday 12.00 to 01.00 the following day Saturday 12.00 to 01.00 the following day The provision of regulated entertainment for the playing of recorded music: Friday 12.00 01.00 to the following day to Saturday 12.00 01.00 the following day The provision of regulated entertainment for the performance of dance: Friday 12.00 01.00 the following day to Saturday 12.00 01.00 the following day to

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Friday	11.00	to	01.00	the following day
Saturday	11.00	to	01.00	the following day
Sunday	11.00	to	00.00	,

Except on:

New Year's Eve: 11.00 until the time authorised on the following day If there are no permitted hours on the following day, midnight on the 31st December

Non standard timings:

The above licensable activities are permitted to 01.00 on the day following New Year's Day, St Patrick's Day, St George's Day, Easter Sunday, Easter Monday and Sundays and Mondays of Bank Holiday Weekends.

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Sunday	11.00	to	00.30	the following day

Where the licence authorises supplies of alcohol whether these are on and/or off supplies On and off supplies

Name, (registered) address, telephone number and e-mail (where relevant) of holder of premises licence

Mr David Lonsdale

Registered number of holder, for example company number, charity number (where applicable)

Not applicable

Name, address and telephone number of designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises the supply of alcohol

Mr Harry Hugo Indiana Smith

Personal licence number and issuing authority of personal licence held by designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises the supply of alcohol

Islington Council
Public Protection Division
222 Upper Street
London
N1 1XR

T: 020 7527 3031

E: licensing@islington.gov.uk

Service Manager (Commercial)

Date of Issue

Annex 1 - Mandatory conditions

- No supply of alcohol may be made under the premises licence:
 - a) at a time when there is no designated premises supervisor in respect of the premises licence, or
 - b) at a time when the designated premises supervisor does not hold a personal licence or his personal licence is suspended.
- 2. Every supply of alcohol under the premises licence must be made or authorised by a person who holds a personal licence.
- All door supervisors shall be licensed by the Security Industry Authority.
- 4. The admission of children to the exhibition of a film shall be restricted in accordance with the recommendation of a film classification body as defined in the Video Recordings Act 1984 or Islington Council acting as the licensing authority where it has given notice in section 20(3) of the Licensing Act 2003.

There are further 'Mandatory conditions' applicable to licences authorising the supply of alcohol. A full list of the current mandatory conditions is available from the licensing pages on Islington's web site, www.islington.gov.uk. This list is subject to change by order of the Secretary of State and licensees and other responsible persons are advised to ensure they are aware of the latest conditions.

Annex 2 - Conditions consistent with the Operating Schedule

- Unless otherwise specified on this licence no regulated entertainment shall take place at the premises with the exception of pre-booked private events limited to the provision of music and dancing for pre-invited guests.
- 2. This licence is subject to such further conditions as are consistent with any restrictions imposed on the use of the premises for the existing licensable activities under the licence by virute of the enactments hereinafter set out:
 - Children and Young Persons Act 1933
 - Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol Etc) Act 1985
- Any customer suspected of possessing or using drugs on the premises will be immediately removed from the premises by the DPS, barred from entering the premises again and shall be reported to the Police.
- Noise and vibration will not be allowed to emanate from the premises do as to cause a nuisance to nearby properties.

Annex 3 - Conditions attached after a hearing by the licensing authority

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- The door supervisor will patrol the outside area and will supervise the dispersal of patrons and be present outside until all customers have left the vicinity.
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Annex 4 - Plans

Reference Number: YT-078(1) Dated: April 2005



Premises Licence Summary ISLINGTON

Premises licence number LN/4223-190919	Date of original grant* 24 November 2005	
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Licensing Act 2003

*An annual fee associated with this licence is to be paid on the anniversary of the original grant date.

Postal address of premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description

SEKFORDE ARMS 34 SEKFORDE STREET

Post town London Post code EC1R 0HA
Telephone number

Where the licence is time limited the dates Not Applicable

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	Saturday	12.00	to	01.00	the following day			
•	The provision	on of regulat	ed en	tertainmer	t for the performance of dance:			
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	Sunday	23.00	to	00.00							

The sale by retail of alcohol:

Monday	11.00	to	00.00	
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Thursday	11.00	to	00.00	
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Except on:

New Year's Eve: 11.00 until the time authorised on the following day

If there are no permitted hours on the following day, midnight on the 31st December

Non standard timings:

The above licensable activities are permitted to 01.00 on the day following New Year's Day, St Patrick's Day, St George's Day, Easter Sunday, Easter Monday and Sundays and Mondays of Bank Holiday Weekends.

The opening hours of the premises:

Monday	11.00	to	00.30	the following day
Tuesday	11.00	to	00.30	the following day
Wednesday	11.00	to	00.30	the following day
Thursday	11.00	to	00.30	the following day
Friday	11.00	to	01.30	the following day
Saturday	11.00	to	01.30	the following day
Sunday	11.00	to	00.30	the following day

Where the licence authorises supplies of alcohol whether these are on and/or off supplies

On and off supplies

Name, (registered) address of holder of premises licence
Mr David Lonsdale

Registered number of holder, for example company number, charity number (where applicable)

No applicable

Name of designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises the supply of alcohol

Mr Harry Hugo Indiana Smith

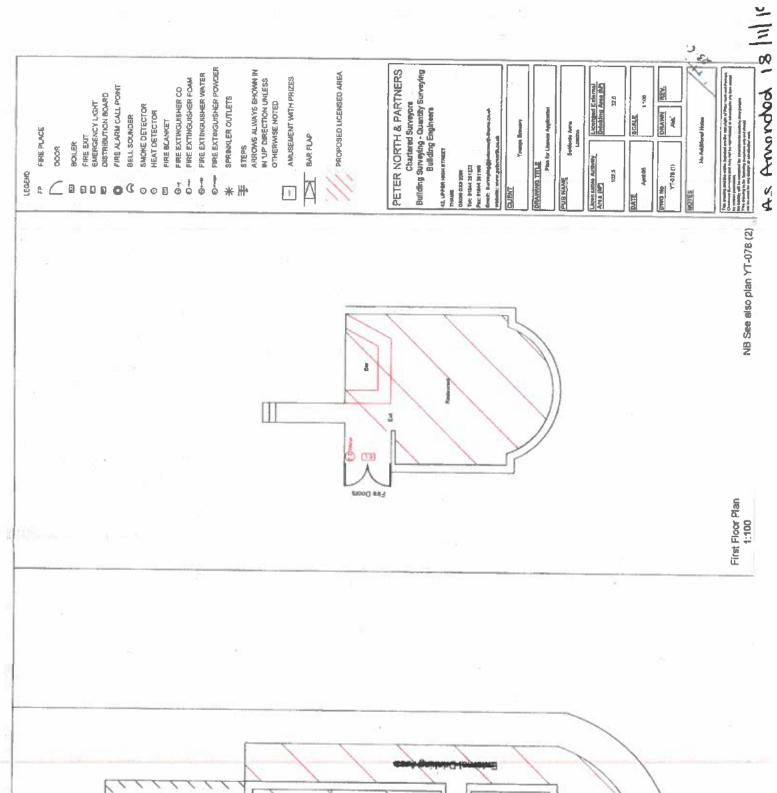
State whether access to the premises by children is restricted or prohibited

It is an offence to allow persons under the age of 16 to be on the premises whilst it is open exclusively or primarily for the supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises unless they are accompanied by a person aged 18 or over. No unaccompanied person under the age of 16 shall be permitted on the premises between 12 midnight and 5am if alcohol is supplied for consumption on the premises.

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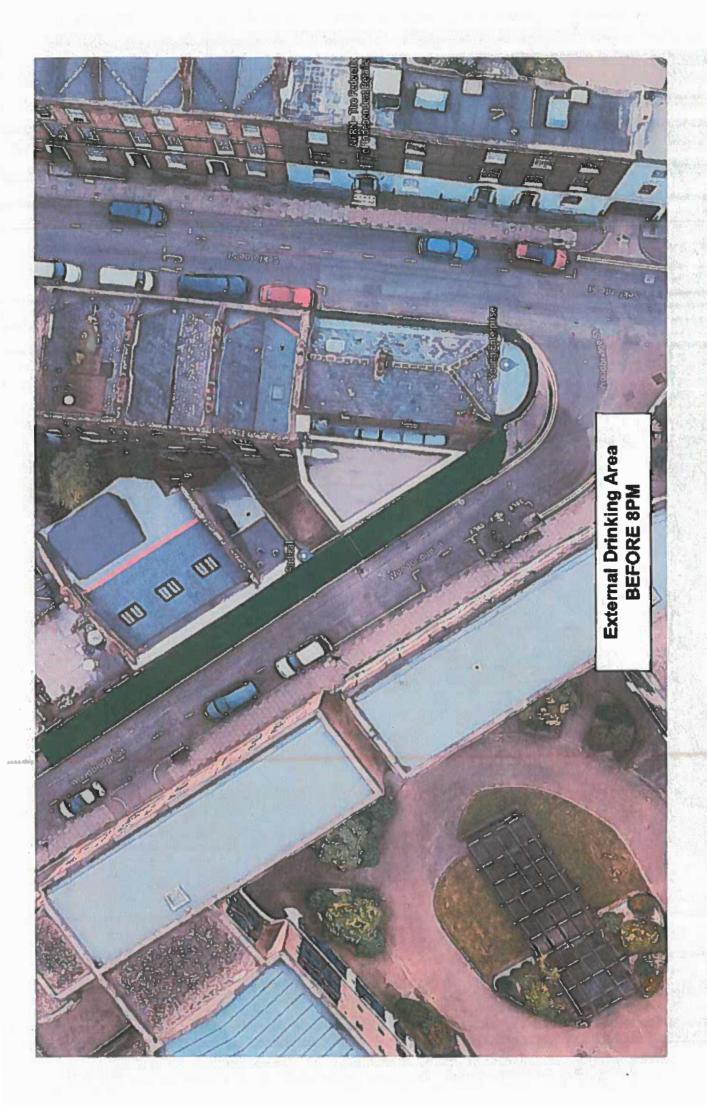
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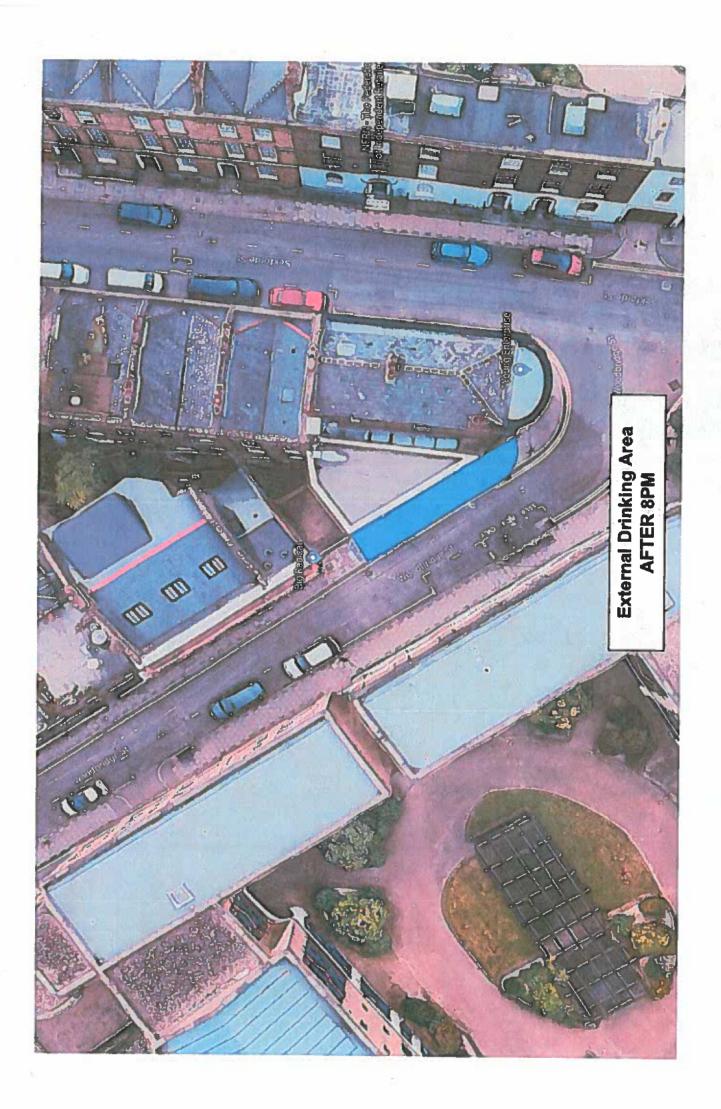


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Mr Lonsdale c/o Sekforde Arms 34 Sekforde Street London EC1R 0HA

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Date:

14th November 2019

Dear Mr Lonsdale

LICENSING ACT 2003

RE: SEKFORDE ARMS, 34 SEKFORDE STREET, ISLINGTON, LONDON, EC1R 0HA.

I refer to the application for the review of the premises licence made by Islington's Noise Service, and subsequent appeal to the Magistrates' Court. Please find attached a copy of the premises licence which encompasses the conditions the Magistrate imposed on it.

Your attention is drawn to the following requirements:

- The licence must be kept at the premises under the control of either the licence holder or an employee providing they have the written authorisation of the licence holder to do so.
- The summary of the licence must be prominently displayed on the premises, together with a notice specifying the position held of any employee authorised to keep the licence at the premises.
- An annual fee is payable in respect of the licence and must be paid to Islington each year on the anniversary of its original grant.
- The holder of the premises licence must notify the Licensing Authority if there is any change
 in the name or address of the licence holder, or where applicable, the name or address of
 the designated premises supervisor.

If you are considering making any changes to the premises you are advised to contact the Licensing Team in the first instance as the changes may require you to make a variation application. If you are considering making substantial changes to the premises you may need to make a new premises licence application.

You are advised that if you allow the premises to be used for licensable activities other than in accordance with this licence you may render yourself liable to prosecution. A person found guilty of such an offence is liable to an unlimited fine and or 6 months' imprisonment.

Should you have any queries on any of the above licensing matters than please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,

Carol Jones

Licensing Officer

Ref	Time	Date	Details
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WK/2200724E2	12.00	10/10/2024	Group of noisy people sitting at tables outside the pub but sounds like they are sitting in our living room. So loud every word of conversation can be heard
WK/2300/2453	13:00	19/10/2024	of conversation can be fleard
1111/12222222444	24.44	40/40/2024	Excessive noise coming from people sitting outside Sekforde drinking. Complete nuisance. So loud every word can be heard
WK/2300/2411	21:44	18/10/2024	inside nearby property. Pub failing to manage noise disturbance despite presence of door supervisor
			Extreme noise from customers outside The Sekforde pub sitting on benches outside on Sekforde Street. Screaming, shouting,
WK/230072386	17:13	18/10/2024	unnecessary loud laughing.
			Noise from customers outside the Sekforde including shrieking and screaming. Vertical drinkers seen on Sekforde St side, in
WK/230069032	19:12	18/09/2024	breach of license conditions. Video evidence attached
			Large group Vertical drinkers on Sekforde Street. No door supervisor / control by bar staff. Large dinner going on on first floor
WK/230068639	21:29	14/09/2024	- group appear to be from party. Talking at the top of their voices. Some shouting. Can be heard inside residential properties
			Women talking at the top of their voices and shrieking sitting at the illegal tables outside the pub on Sekforde Street - no
WK/230067472	21:19	03/09/2024	policing of the noise by the pub
			ASB team visited around 8pm and witnessed license breaches. Since then noise levels have escalated and the language and
			behaviour has deteriorated. The Pub is allowed only 20 customers on Woodbridge Street after 20:30 - it sound more like
WK/230066266	21:26	22/08/2024	50/60 people mak
			Noise from customers at the Sekforde, particularly on Woodbridge Street. Noise due to two license breaches: customers are
WK/230066260	19:12	22/08/2024	not standing in the required area on Woodbridge street. And windows / door open on upper and lower floors.
WK/230062914	21:53	27/07/2024	Open windows and amplified music in breach of license conditions - noisy music, shouting and cheering etc of partygoers.

			Noise from a party at the Sekforde pub. Upstairs windows are open in breach of license. Amplified music being played in
WK/230063609	22:36	20/07/2024	breach of license. Loading shouting and "happy birthday" singing briefly - now party noise and music.
WK/230061931	21:12	18/07/2024	Street drinking - with no action taken from bouncer of the pub - road blocage - loud noise
			Multiple license breaches and excessive noise at The Sekforde Pub Around 150 customers standing in road on Woodbridge
WK/230061929	20:57	18/07/2024	street. Windows open at pub.
			carrying out proactive visits over the next 2 days to check on the complaints received regarding noisy customers drinking
WK/230058532	17:00	19/06/2024	outside the Sekforde Arms, especially in Woodbridge Street
			: I made an asb report earlier this evening, but missed the call when your agent rang. They didn't visit. The noise is still
			ongoing. It's a wedding party at the pub. Customers have been making noise and vertically drinking in breach of license
WK/230057231	20:30	08/06/2024	conditions
			Too much noise from customers outside The Sekforde pub. Customer standing and drinking on Sekforde Street in breach of
			license conditions. Customer standing in Woodbridge Street in areas not designated by license - again a breach. Generally
WK/230057226	19:06	08/06/2024	very noisy.
			Vertical drinkers on Sekforde Street in breach of license conditions. Seated drinkers also making excessive noise and making
WK/230056471	16:34	01/06/2024	threatening and rude comments to residents.
WK/230056037	10:21	28/05/2024	Noise generated from music or people at the venue
WK/230055809	20:14	24/05/2024	Noise generated from music or people at the venue
			Noise from customers outside the Sekforde Pub. Vertical drinkers on Sekforde Street and Woodbridge Street in breach of
			license conditions. The pub is not controlling the number or location of customers. Door supervisor seems to be in place but
WK/230055808	20:13	24/05/2024	is not managing customers.

			Noise from customers outside the sekforde pub. Customer exiting the pub have been screaming, singing, clapping and shouting for since 11pm. Groups of 6/8 people; extremely loud and poor behaviour. Looks to be some sort of party. No sign
WK/230055066	23:34	18/05/2024	of door supervisor
WK/230053969	21:34	09/05/2024	Excessive noise from customers outside the Sekforde pub. Prior to 8.30pm, around 60+ customers were standing across the entire roadway on Woodbridge Street outside of the licensed area. Presently, there is a large number of on customers on Woodbridge Street
WK/230051571	19:30	18/04/2024	Noise from customers outside The Sekforde pub on Sekforde Street side. Very loud screaming and laughing from large groups, particularly one loud table of poorly behaved customers.
WK/230048590	19:52	22/03/2024	Watching a movie and we're being constantly disturbed by customers at the Sekforde shouting and screaming. Literally screaming. Noise has been loud and escalating all evening.
WK/230044150	20:50	10/02/2024	The Sekforde uncontrolled drinkers outside the Sekforde. Breach of licence with windows open on first floor. Loud noise no doorman.
WK/230041054	23:12	12/01/2024	Loud music no doorman at the Sekforde.
WK/230041047	21:23	12/01/2024	Noise from customer outside The Sekforde pub on Sekforde Street. Particularly loud from 9pm onwards. Multiple groups of vertical drinkers and smokers, in breach of license conditions. No sign of door supervisor or staff. Very loud shouting / laughter from customers
WK/230040347	21:58	06/01/2024	Noise from customers outside the Sekforde pub on Sekforde Street. Intermittent all evening. A large group of smokers have been emerging every half hour or so making a huge amount of noise and vertically drinking on Sekforde St in breach of the license con
WK/230038824	21:22	18/12/2023	Loud amplified music in breach of license conditions requiring a limiter to be in place. Loud whooping and screaming
WK/230038823	20:18	18/12/2023	The pub has music blaring out - it sounds like a nightclub in my bedroom. The music is supposed to be limited to ambient background noise but there is a blatant

WK/230038590	23:20	15/12/2023	Loud amplified music from pub, in breach of license conditions requiring use of a limiter. Very noisy customers outside since 8/9pm. No sign of any door supervisor as required in license conditions.
WK/230038594	22:00	15/12/2023	Music being broadcast to the whole street, no doorman controlling loud noisy customers in middle of road. Please can you please visit.
WK/230038260	20:11		Christmas party ongoing. Loud amplified music, sounds like karaoke, in breach of license. Outdoor customers making a lot of noise - shouting, screaming, laughing. No door supervisor as specified in license
WK/230038259	19:28	12/12/2023	The Sekforde loud music vibrating the road please help.
WK/230037919	18:12		Excessive noise from customers seated on Sekforde Street outside the Sekforde pub. Screaming, shouting, unnecessary noise. No sign of any staff or intervention by staff.
WK/230037746	22:21	06/12/2023	Loud music and no doorman to control party goers
WK/230037531	21:06	04/12/2023	Amplified music, screaming and shouting from inside the pub. Sounds like live music.
WK/230035227	21:44		Noise from first floor of The Sekforde. Amplified music and open windows, in breach of license conditions. Noise from music, screaming and shouting is disturbing our home REDACTED, and our sleep.
WK/230035226	21:39		Noise at the Sekforde. Loud music, unruly behaviour. Shouting and no apparent actions to control noise by any staff. As usual total lack of consideration that it is a residential street
WK/230033905	19:27		Noise from The Sekforde since around 5.30pm. Shouting, cheering and loud behaviour from inside and outside the pub. Vertical drinking on Sekforde Street in breach of license. Particularly noisy from customers outdoors on Woodbridge Street. No door supervisor on duty, as per their licence conditions.

WK/230033907	19:26	28/10/2023	The Sekforde. No apparent doorman on duty vertical drinking on Sekforde Street. Both breaches of licence conditions. Very noisy
WK/230029837	17:55	23/09/2023	The Sekfordeloud noisy wedding party. Pavements blocked. Standing in road. licence breach of windows open first floor. No qualified SIA doorman displaying. Another licence breach. Management doing nothing to control the party.
WK/230029834	17:46	23/09/2023	Wedding party at The Sekforde. Customers standing and drinking on Sekforde Street, in the road and on Woodbridge Street in breach of license conditions. Noise, shouting, screaming and various license breaches since 1330. No SIA door supervisor on duty.
WK/230028112	21:35	09/09/2023	There has been a wedding party going on all day at The Sekforde. There has been a huge amount of noise, which has just been added to by amplified music. The Sekforde's license allows only 20 people outside in . There are far more than that right now on Woodbridge Street
WK/230027530	19:10	05/09/2023	Screaming, singing and shouting from customers outside the Sekforde. I believe the pub is hosting a planned event today, a funeral wake. I spoke with staff at 5pm about noise and unlicensed vertical drinking, but the noise level continues to be too high.
WK/230024495	20:50	10/08/2023	Very noisy outside The Sekforde. Large group sitting on benches at front making a lot of noise. Can be heard loudly at my home. No sign of SIA Door Supervisor as required by license conditions
WK/230024362	06:04	10/08/2023	This is part of ongoing complaints about the owner of The Sekforde pub. Throughout the summer months the level of people drinking ion Sekforde Street and Woodbridge Street is making life very unhappy for residents. The pub is not an external drinking venue
WK/230021602	19:45	16/07/2023	Disturbance from customers on Sekforde Street outside the Sekforde pub since early afternoon. Loud talking and shouting. Numerous vertical drinkers on Sekforde Street in breach of license conditions.
WK/230019721	19:09	29/06/2023	Noise from large crowd of customers outside The Sekforde pub on the Woodbridge Street side. 60-80 customers vertically drinking blocking the entire roadway and pavement. The noise level in my home is extraordinary. We have noise entering from both the fr
WK/230019447	20:36	27/06/2023	Very noisy customers outside the Sekforde Pub on Sekforde Street. Seven vertical drinkers standing outside number 35 in breach of license conditions stating no vertical drinking on Sekforde Street. No door manager on

			Noise from customers outside the Sekforde pub. It's now 20:55 and there are more than 60/70 people standing in the road
NAW /22004 004 2	20.50	22/05/2022	and pavement on the corner of Sekforde Street and Woodbridge street. The license allows only 20 people after 8pm, and in
WK/230018812	20:58	22/06/2023	specific part on Woodbridge Street
			Woodbridge Street - over 100 at a guess. The license restricts them to 20 people after 8pm. This is far in excess of that limit. I
WK/2200181E8	22.00	10/00/2022	spoke to the DPS, Michael, who refused to acknowledge the license condition and said he was 'doing his best'. That was an
WK/230018158	22:09	10/00/2023	hour ago, and there are still far more people outside than allowed, in breach of the license condition
			The pub at Sekforde Arms continually causes significant issues to street residents. They allow and encourage customers to
			block the pavement, the noise is excessive, they allow customers to dump rubbish in our doorway and bins directly opposite
			and now my rubbish is not collected as they contaminate the recycling with cigarette butts and customers cross the road to
			hang out in front of my living room with mobile phones. Islington have been constantly rallied to do something by neighbours
			but take little effective action. The landlord continues to profit at our expense whilst we pay increased council tax and receive
WK/220014261	07.26	14/05/2022	no support. We will as residents continue to complain and raise this with our MP. Please sort this out and also collect my rubbish if you won't protect me from their customers contaminating my waste.
WK/230014301	07.30	14/03/2023	Tubbish if you won't protect the from their customers contaminating my waste.
WK/230014288	20:19	13/05/2023	Sekforde Arms pub. Blocking pavement and very loud music and noise
			Music and noise from a party at the Sekforde pub. I contacted the manager earlier, who turned the music down, but the
			volume has been turned up again. Their license requires a limiter on their sound system, which is clearly not being used.
			There is also nclearly not being used. There is also noise from customers outside and no SIA door staff as required by the
WK/230014276	19:28	13/05/2023	license. The noise started around 1730 and has been steadily rising
WK/230014275	19:24	13/05/2023	Party in full swing 1st floor of The Sekforde. Loud noisy music at high volume. Participants singing loudly
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WK/230012780	17:56	29/04/2023	LOTS OF PEOPLE FROM THE PUB SPILLING OUT AND MAKING A LOT OF NOISE.
			Loud amplified music from first floor in breach of licence condition prohibiting amplified noise without a volume limiter in
		10/00/555	place. Music can be heard across the neighbourhood, and can be heard clearly in my home. Also noise from groups of loud,
WK/230005021	17:07	18/02/2023	rowdy customers

			Loud amplified music being played on first floor of The Sekforde pub in breach of license that requires a volume limiter to be
WK/230005022	16:44	18/02/2023	in place. Noise can be heard up and down the street and can be heard clearly in my home, REDACTED along.

Appendix 3

2019

Licensing visits - 19 January 2019 - NF and CJ

22:28 - Sekforde Arms, 34 Sekforde Street

The premises was open. There were a couple of people inside the premises and no one outside. No antisocial behaviour at the time of our visit.

Licensing Visits - 22 February 2019 - TL and CJ

The Sekforde, 34 Sekforde Street

20:20 – Parked outside the premises and noted 24 people standing outside the premises. They majority of these people were standing on the Sekforde Street side of the premises. The windows of the first floor of the premises were covered in condensation and the room appeared to be in use. There was a badged SIA man outside the premises patrolling. The four benches outside the premises on Sekforde Street were in use. We noted Lisa in and out of the premises. There were three people standing right outside the entrance of the premises and two people standing in Woodbridge Street. We left the premises with the intention of returning later.

21:17 – Parked outside the premises and noted the benches had been rendered unuseable. The DS was still outside. There were five people outside the premises smoking. We spoke to the DS, who advised that the benches were made unusable at 21:00. The doors and windows at the premises were closed. The side entrance of the premises was locked shut and there were no fire exit signs at the premises. We spoke to Harry Smith, who was not working at the premises, but was having he school reunion on the first floor, but when he heard we were at the premises came to speak to us. The basement of the premises was being used for drinking, but not sales of alcohol. HS spoke to us about the complaint from the previous week. He said there had been a private party, he had been off and two members of staff had called in sick. They had used agency staff.

CJ advised re the fire exit signs and that they should not have the side exit locked, as it would greatly reduce the capacity of the premises. HS advised that the LFEPA officer who came to do the FRA seemed to think this was fine. CJ advised re the DPS variation application.

Licensing Enforcement visits 7 June 2019 - CJ and DW

The Sekforde, 34 Sekforde Street

18:57 – There were approximately 50 people standing outside the premises, 30 of them in Woodbridge Street the remainder seated on Sekforde Street. There was a DS on duty. No music was audible at the time of the visit and no ASB.

Licensing Enforcement visits 28 June 2019 NO and CJ

Sekforde Arms, 34 Sekforde Street

18:40 – Drove by the premises, could see people standing outside in Sekforde Street and approx. 30 people standing outside the pub in Woodbridge Street. There were a number of

people standing in the road on Woodbridge Street as well as across the pavement on both Woodbridge Street and Sekforde Street. We had to wait for them to get out of the road before we could drive past.

Licensing Visit - 03 May 2019 - NF and DW

20:50 - Sekforde Arms – 34 Sekforde Street

3 x persons outside the venue at time of visit. No issues.

Licensing Visits - 10 May 2019 - NO and TL

21:45 – Sekforde, 34 Sekforde Street

Drove by the premises and then pulled up across the street. The benches were not in use - were turned upright. There was approx. 16 people standing outside. there was one SIA door supervisor outside. No music noise was audible from outside.

21:49- Drove round the block and then pulled up and parked across the street. There were 2 small windows open at the front of the premises, could hear the faint thump of music, Premises didn't look particularly busy inside and the first floor area looked empty.

Licensing Visits - 31 May 2019

18:57 - Sekforde Arms - 34 Sekforde Street

Approx 50 persons outside the premises. We noted that there was 1xSIA managing the outside area. All customers are on the pavement and the SIA appears to be doing a good job. The majority of the patrons are on the Woodforde Street side of the premises. No music outbreak from the venue noted.

Licensing Enforcement visits 03 August 2019 CJ and TL

The Sekforde PH, 34 Sekforde Street

22:42 – No one outside the premises. The tables and chairs had been made unuseable.

2020

Licensing visits on 1January 2020 - NO and AB

18:00 Sekforde Arms, 34 Sekforde Street

Drove by premises, there appeared to be one door supervisor patrolling outside the premises, few people sat outside. To return later to check premises and outside area.

Licensing Visits - 11th July 2020 - DW

19:46 - Sekforde Arms, 34 Sekforde Street

Responding to noise complaint. No significant issues witnessed. Reasonable level speech outside venue, no music audible outside. Socially Distanced groups outside at tables, one

table did have seven persons on it. Advised manager who moved the extra chair the group were utilising and the group split.

Licensing Visits - 21 August 2020 - TL and TL

20.25 SEKFORDE ARMS, SEKFORDE STREET EC1 no obvious ASB or noise issues. Tables out on both sides of premises. No SD issues.

Licensing Visit - 30 October 2020 - TL and AP

Sekforde, 34 Sekforde Street

21:53 – There were no customers outside the premises. There was one heater, on and under a wooden bench.

22:30 - Premises closed.

2021

Licensing Visits - 19 April 2021 - CJ and PL

18:03 – The Sekforde – There were 6 people standing in Woodbridge Street and 22 people seated on benches on Sekforde Street. They appeared to be providing table service. The DPS Harry Smith was seen outside the premises.

Licensing visits - 03 June 2021 - CJ and PL

19:00 – The Sekforde, 34 Sekforde Street

Walked up to the premises and noted tables and chairs on both Sekforde Street and Woodbridge Street. All customers outside were seated at the time we arrived, but noted some customers arrive, go in to order and then stand outside waiting for their order outside. These customers paid for their drinks outside. We also noted a customer walk inside the premises, order a pint, pay and be given the pint and then walk to the park along Sekforde Street. We spoke to Harry Smith, as earlier that week, CJ had emailed him with information about what they could and couldn't do. HS argued that off sales could be purchased inside. CJ and PL tried to point out that the spirit of the legislation was such that the Government was trying to stop the crowding of customers around a bar area and the continuous in and out and passing of people, that purchasing their drinks at a bar causes. HS kept pointing out the legislation. CJ advised they look at the guidance with accompanied the legislation. HS was not happy and refuted the reports of the Parkguard officers from the week before. CJ advised that if he thought the reports were incorrect he should respond to the email and CJ would go back to the officers. HS accused LBI officers of interpreting the legislation the way we wanted, so that we could continue to find things wrong with the bar.

As we walked up Sekforde Street away from the premises, we were stopped by a resident who had moved into the street during one of the lockdowns. He said he was fully aware of the situation and had seen the review papers. He said he was continually disturbed by the customers of the premises and that he and other residents had complained about the tables and chairs. CJ advised him to contact the ASB team when he was being disturbed.

Licensing Visits 16 June 2021 – CJ and AP

18:45 – The Sekforde, 34 Sekforde Street

The premises were not showing the football at the time of the visit. No one was on the first floor. There were some customers on the ground floor. The outside was busy, with tables on Sekforde Street and Woodbridge Street. All tables were taken, all customers were seated.

Licensing Visits - 19 June 2021 - CJ and KL

21:50 - The Sekforde, 34 Sekforde Street

The England match had just finished. There were a few people seated outside the premises. The premises had been showing the match on the first floor, as the TV was on the pundits talking about the game and people were starting to leave the first floor area.

Licensing Visits - 17 June 2021 - TL and PL

19.50 – Sekforde ph, Pouring with rain, about 10 people sitting outside at seats in Sekforde St, on the curve and on the street behind pub. No standing in pub or with drinks, no-one at the bar.

Visits - 22 June 2021 - CJ and PL

21:22 - The Sekforde, 34 Sekforde Street

The England football game was on in the first floor, people could be seen seated inside the premises. There were six people seated on Sekforde Street on the benches, but no one in Woodbridge Street. No issues at the time of the visit.

Licensing Visits - 24 July 2021 - NF and CJ

19:55 - The Sekforde, 34 Sekforde Street

The premises were open, people were seated on Sekforde Street and standing on Woodbridge Street. No issues.

Licensing Visits - 24 September 2021 – TL and CJ

21:40 - The Sekforde, 34 Sekforde Street

Walked up to the premise and noted all of the tables and chairs on Sekforde Street were occupied. There was one woman who was laughing quite loud, but the others were quite sedate. We noted one man walk out of the side door on Sekforde Street. Walking around onto Woodbrige Street, we noted the windows on the first floor were open. Similarly, the front door of the premises were open. There were approx. 45 people standing on the pavement and in the road on Woodbridge Street. Entered the premises and noted Harry Smith the DPS was serving behind the bar. We motioned to him and when he had finished his sale, he came to speak to us outside. We did not see a DS on duty at the premises.

We advised HS that he was in breach of the premises licence and pointed out the following;

- There were approx. 45 people standing on Woodbridge Street (20 allowed after 20:00)
- A man had exited the premises on Sekforde Street (licence condition states this door should not be used after 21:00)
- There was no DS controlling outside the premises.
- The windows on the first floor were open.

HS said that the conditions were dumb and what was he supposed to do about all the people outside the premises, as if he were to bring them in, the pub would then be overcrowded. TL advised that if he could not accommodate them all inside the premises he would need to ask them to leave and that it was no excuse for having them outside in breach of the premises licence.

HS asked all of the people outside the premises to go inside. He also went upstairs and closed the windows. We advised that he didn't need to get all of the customers inside as he was allowed 20 outside after 20:00. HS said he had asked them all to go in, as he could not control the numbers outside, for example if 21 people were outside. The pub did not appear to be overcrowded once all of the customers were inside. HS came back out and asked about covid regs, we advised that he should still follow the guidelines, but not breach his licence. If there were too many people inside the premises and he did not think it was covid safe, he needed to ask people to leave.

HS attitude was atrocious. He did not swear directly at us, but was using profanity the whole time he was talking to us. He had no interest in abiding by the conditions of the licence.

Licensing Visits 22 October 2021 - NO and CJ

20:38 - Sekforde Arms, 34 Sekforde Street

Drove up towards the premises and could see about 10 people sitting on the benches o/s on the Sekforde Street side of the pub and they were not particularly noisy, however driving past we could then see large number of people standing outside the front door of the pub and in Woodbridge Street.

Parked up the car beyond the premises and walked back to check venue. The crowd appeared to have thinned by the time we walked back and we could see the DPS, Harry Smith outside the premises. A condition on the premises licence allows for twenty customers to stand outside the venue in a designated area on Woodbridge Street. There were 20 people standing in that area. However, there were another three on the steps of the offices behind the pub and a large group of 12 people on the corner of Woodbridge Street. There were a few people seated on the benches on Sekforde Street, and a large group of 12 people seated on the corner of Sekforde Street and another 4 people standing. Harry Smith who is the DPS seen outside the premises. CJ spoke with him re the numbers of people in Woodbridge Street and reminded him of the condition that only allows for 20 and the area they needed to stand in. CJ advised that he can not have the people standing on the corner of Woodbridge Street. Harry Smith made a half hearted attempt to move them, but they still remained. There were windows open on the first floor, which should have been closed, CJ told Harry to get them closed. There was no loud music playing but the customers talking and one in particular starting to shout would be clearly heard by the nearby residents.

Licensing Visits - 05 November 2021 - NF and CJ

18:05 - The Sekforde, 34 Sekforde Street

The premises did not appear to be very busy. There were a few people seated at the tables outside the premises. We noted a DS on duty.

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Licensing Visits - 25 March 2022 - TL and CJ

21:00 - The Sekforde, 34 Sekforde Street

Parked across from the premises and noted nine people seated outside the premises on Sekforde Street. There was a window open on the first floor, Sekforde side and the windows were open on the ground floor, all the way around the pub. We entered the pub and found it busy. There appeared to be one bar person. All three floors of the premises were in use, with a wedding party on the first floor. As we were waiting to speak to the bar person, we noted the side door of the premises being used for people exiting the premises and people coming in from the outside tables to drink. We spoke to the DPS, Harry Smith and pointed out the open windows. HS suggested that the owner David Lonsdale called the windows on the ground floor vent, and as such did not need to be closed! CJ advised that complaints had been received and that they needed to close the windows. HS apologised and stated they would close the windows.

CJ advised they had received complaints from local residents. HS complained about the conditions and the residents. HS introduced us to the new manager, Michael Morgan.

Licensing Visits - 28 April 2022 - DW and NF

20:25 - Sekforde PH, Sekforde Street

12 Persons outside all that one sat at picnic benches well controlled not noisy no music outbreak from premises no issues. We noted glasses being cleared as we were at the premises. He was also clearing up and tidying tables and chairs.

Licensing Visits - 16 September 2022 - CJ and NO

18:45 - The Sekforde, 34 Sekforde Street

We drove past the premises and around into Woodbridge Street. In Woodbridge Street we saw about 25 people standing outside drinking and at the front of the premises in Sekforde Street there were about 10 customers seated on the tables and benches. There is a condition on the licence that after 20:00 hrs only 20 people are allowed in Woodbridge Street. No apparent issues at time of visit.

Licensing Visits - 21 October 2022 - NF and TL

22:10 - The Sekforde, 34 Sekford Street

The premises was open, but did not look busy. The tables and chairs on Sekforde Street were all unusable. There were no customers standing on Woodbridge Street, One DS was seen sitting on Woodbridge Street. No issues at the time of the visit.

Licensing Visit Notes: 5 May 2023 - TL, PL and DE

20.30 - Sekforde Arms, 34 Sekforde St -

DPS Michael on premises. All seated customers on Sekforde St, 4 standing on corner by door and 12 standing in Woodbridge St. No excessive noise. Michael said he had 1 SIA, but we didn't see him. Re Complaint of noisy party for 60 people the week before, Michael said he was on holiday, and they were short staffed. Harry had come to help out. There was an SIA on the premises. They used the ground and first floors, not second as that is residential. He said sometimes they use the basement but do not have a bar down there. I advised basement not on licence although people could eat down there and take their drinks there from the ground floor bar. If they wanted to include basement, they would have to make a variation to licence. Michael said he was in contact with residents by a WhatsApp group and had a mostly good relationship. Reminded him of the licence conditions and need to keep smokers and standing customers in Woodbridge St.

Licensing Visits Friday 12th May 2023 - NF and CJ

22:23 - The Sekforde, 34 Sekforde Street

No one was standing outside the premises at the time of our visit, on either Sekforde or Woodbridge Streets. The doors and windows were closed and no noise could be heard emanating from withing. The benches on Sekforde Street were all upended, so they could not be used.

Licensing Visits - 26 May 2023 - CJ and NF

18:10 – The Sekforde, 34 Sekforde Street

We monitored the premises for approx. five minutes. There were two people standing outside the Sekforde on Sekforde Street. While we were watching, Mohammed came out of the pub to collect glasses and asked them to sit down. There were four people seated on the pavement on Woodbridge Street. We spoke to Mohammed and he advised he had been trying to follow the licence conditions. He showed me a video on his phone and stated he was noting problems outside which were not caused by Sekforde customers. He moved the people sitting on the pavement and went back inside the premises. Mohammed confirmed he had an SIA registration and that he had advised Michael of the conditions of the licence.

Licensing Visit on 13 July 2023, with CJ and AP

18:40 – The Sekforde, 34 Sekforde Street

Visit to the premises with PC Adam Peace. Visit following complaints of licence breaches at the premises.

Walked up to the premises and noted approx. 40 persons standing outside the premises on Woodbridge Street, in breach of the premises licence, as they were standing in the road and outside the main entrance of the pub. No one standing on Sekforde Street, however, the people on Woodbridge Street were standing in the road outside the main entrance.

We spoke to Michael and he advised there was no door supervisor at the premises, as Mohammed was on holiday. Note: premises licence Condition 8 stipulates 1 x Door Supervisor Thursday and Friday, from 18:00 until close.



Licensing Visits - 28 July 2023 - NO and CJ

20:30 - The Sekforde, 34 Sekforde Street

Not too busy, all people either inside, or seated on Sekforde and Woodbridge Streets. DS sporting a badge seen standing in the road outside, but very much monitoring the outside area, rather than half monitoring and half working withing the premises.

Licensing Visits with TL and CJ

23:00 - The Sekforde, 34 Sekforde Street

The tables and chairs on Sekforde Street were rendered unusable. No one was standing on Sekforde Street.

Licensing Visits - 11 August 2023 - TL and DE

20:30 - The Sekforde, 34 Sekforde St

No SIA on site, Sekforde St door open, No standing in Sekforde ST, 8 sitting. Barman said Michael had left. He went downstairs and Mohammed appeared he had SIA badge in his pocket and SIA officers checked it, ok but needs to update his address. Windows were closed. Five people standing in Woodbridge St. He said Michael also has SIA badge.

Licensing Visits - 06 October 2023 - NF and CJ

19:10 – The Sekforde, 34 Sekforde Street

There were 30 people standing on Woodbridge Street. Everyone was seated on the Sekforde Street side. There were two windows open on the first floor. No noise or ASB witnessed at the time of the visit.

Licensing Visits – 17 November 2023 – NF and NO

21:15 - Sekforde, 34 Sekforde Street

15 Customers seated on the tables/benches in Sekforde Street, no drinkers in Woodbridge Street. SIA on duty.

Petros spoke to Manager re an incident that occurred the previous Saturday – the manager stated that a group of people had been walking up from Farringdon Station and subsequently took refuge in the pub as kids between about 7 yrs and 14yrs had followed them and were throwing bottles, objects at them. The CCTV was viewed, and the manager said the timings was at 19.35-19.52.

The premises signed as a safe haven, so they believed this was part of the commitment to this scheme. He mentioned being a safe haven a few times.

One of the kids had thrown a glass at the pub which had smashed which possibly was witnessed by the resident. The kids causing problems were not customers at the pub.

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Licensing OOH - 15 March 2024 - DW and NO

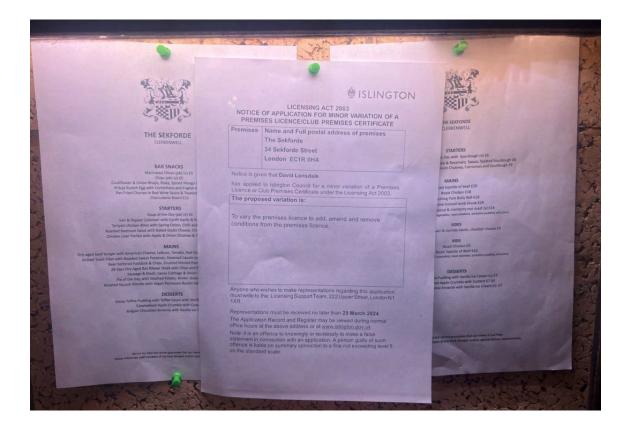
23:50 – The Sekforde, 34 Sekforde Street

There was no minor variation notice seen on display at the premises.

Licensing OOH - 22 March - NF and DE

23:32 Sekforde Arms, 46 Sekforde Street

Sekforde Street Public Notice in display, LDR Still 29 March 2024.



Licensing Visits - 16th May 2024 - CJ and NO

18:30 - The Sekforde, 34 Sekforde Street

Drove past the premises and noted approximately 20 people seated on tables and chairs outside the premises on Sekforde Street. There were also approximately 50 people standing on the pavement and in the road on Woodbridge Street.

The tables and chairs were placed right up to the corner of Sekforde Street and Woodbrigde Street. We noticed a member of staff asking people to get out of the road.

20:09 - The Sekforde, 34 Sekforde Street

We parked along from the premises and noted 17 people seated on Sekforde Street and 30 people standing on Woodbridge Street, some of them just off the kerb, in the road. The pavement was blocked with people.

- 20:10 Two men came out of the premises with pints, people were talking quite loudly to each other.
- 20:23 Two people came out of the pub with drinks and stand on Woodbridge Street.
- 20:27 Three people came out of the pub with drinks and stood on Woodbridge Street.
- 20:28 Eight people moved away from the outside area. To either go home or on elsewhere.
- 20:32 Two people came out of the premises and sat on the opposite pavement. A woman came out of the pub and asked them to move across the road to the area on Woodbridge Street.
- 20:33 Three people left the premises.

- 20:30 A group of people left the outside area and away from the premises .
- 20:35 Two people left the premises.
- 20:36 A staff member came out to place bottles in the premises bins on Woodbridge Street.
- 20:38 There were still 16 people seated on Sekforde Street and 24 people standing on Woodbridge Street.

As we drove away from the premises, we noted there was only one window open on the first floor and what appeared to be someone monitoring the customers outside.

Licensing OOH - 23 May 2024 - DW and CJ

17:10 The Sekforde Arms People standing on opposite side of the road. Table on the corner outside the pub is blocking the pavement. Doors open but music noise outbreak is minimal at this time. Noise from people outside the pub. Monitored for approx. 15 minutes, no one came out to ask customers to come in.





7 June 2024 Licensing Visits - TL and NO

18:55 - Sekforde, 34 Sekforde Street

Drove by premises, noted David Lonsdale crossing road and heading to the pub. The tables, chairs outside the pub on Sekforde Street were all occupied with customers.

In Woodbridge Street, noted approx. 20 people standing on the pavement outside the pub, with 4 people stood in the road. The premises had a TEN in place to allow people to stand unrestricted in Woodbridge Street until 10pm.

Licensing Visits - 20 June 2024 - CJ and FS

18:00 - The Sekforde, 34 Sekforde Street

Walked up to the premises via Woodbridge Street. There were two people seated on the chairs on Woodbridge Street and a couple of people standing on the Triangle in the sun. As we walked up, a door supervisor walked over to the people on the Triangle and asked them to move over the road.

We walked around onto Sekforde Street and monitored half way up. Note, we noted two people standing on Sekforde Street and noted the DS go over to them and ask them to sit down.

The premises were using the first floor of the premises to show the football. All the windows were open and people noise could be heard. FS deemed the sound to be annoying, but not a nuisance.

18:20 – We walked down Sekforde Street and along to Woodbridge Street. There were more people outside at that point. Plus some standing on the Triangle. Approx one to two minutes later, the DS came over and asked them to move. He also collected some glasses left by patrons.

Licensing Visits - 21 June 2024 - CJ and NF

18:00 – The Sekforde, 34 Sekforde Street

Walked up to the Sekforde and could not see anyone outside, either on Woodbridge Street or Sekforde Street. Went to walk away and was seen by Harry Smith, who advised they had a Wedding reception on that evening and he was off to get Davids old Bentley for the photographs.

21:05 – The Sekforde, 34 Sekforde Street

There were two people standing on Woodbridge Street, no one outside on Sekforde Street, the premises looked very much like there was no one there.

Licensing Visits on 09 August 2024 with Terrie Lane and Carol Jones

21:00 – The Sekforde, 34 Sekforde Street

We parked along from the premises on Sekforde and noted all the benches outside the pub were full. We also noted there were two people standing on Sekforde Street, talking to the people seated at the benches. We noted one of the people standing, had a drink in his hands. The other man, sat down approx. 30 seconds after we parked and the man with the drink and another man walked inside the premises, using the side door on Sekforde Street. The level of people talking was quite loud.

21:05 – A man enters the side door on Sekforde Street. We drove around the premises, noting that all the windows on the first floor were open to the widest they could be and that the side door on Sekforde Street was propped open. There were two people standing on Woodbridge Street. No door supervisor was seen outside the premises.

Note, the conditions on the licence state the windows and doors need to be closed from 20:00 and that the door on Sekforde Street can not be used after 21:00.

- 21:10 We parked back where we had been and continued to monitor the premises.
- 21:13 We noted three people standing on Sekforde Street not drinking.
- 21:15 This increased to seven people, and we noted they were drinking.
- 21:21 We could hear very loud talking and laughing on Sekforde Street.
- 21:23 There were nine people standing drinking on Sekforde Street.
- 21:25 There were eleven people standing drinking on Sekforde Street.

All the while we were monitoring, people were using the side door on Sekforde Street to come in and out of.

21:26 – We got out of the car and walked towards the premises. At this stage, the door supervisor appeared and started to ask the customers to sit down or to go and drink in Woodbridge Street. A couple of people continued to stand, while one of them knelt by a full table. CJ advised he needed to ensure all the customers were seated. The door supervisor rolled his eyes and gave us some attitude about the man kneeling was sitting down. We

showed him our Authority passes and he started to take us seriously and did go and move the people.

21:36 – We entered the premises and noted a woman serving behind the bar, a few people seated around, five people standing waiting to get serve5 by the bar and another member of staff routing through a first aid box. We spoke to the man with the first aid kit (note, it was not well stocked and did not contain plasters) he had cut himself. CJ offered help. We introduced ourselves and asked to speak to the manager. We spoke to the lady serving behind the bar, she stated her name was Lakeisha (spelling?) We advised that there were conditions on the licence, which stated that all but one of the windows on the first floor and the side door onto Sekforde Street, should be closed after 20:00. Similarly, we advised her that the side door should be shut from 20:00 and not used as an entrance/exit after 21:00.

LaKeisha advised that they only had two members of staff on duty and that Harry Smith was not there. TL advised that the managers should have given staff training in the terms and conditions of the premises licence, so that the residents were not disturbed by people at the premises.

As we left the premises, there were two people standing on Sekforde Street and the door supervisor was standing at the front door, not paying attention to what was going on in Sekforde Street. We noted that Lakeisha had shut the side door and was in the process of closing the windows on the first floor.

Notes of shift 17 August not football fans or Emirates Stadium inspection related Niall Forde and Natasha O'Donoghue

17:25 - The Sekforde, 34 Sekforde Street

Approximately 20 people sat outside, no noise or issues see picture below.



Licensing Visits with Dan Whitton and Carol Jones on 23 August 2024

21:30 – The Sekforde, 34 Sekforde Street

All windows on the first floor were open, the side door on Sekforde Street was closed. Five people were seated on the benches on Sekforde Street. Two people were standing on Woodbridge Street. No noise or ASB at the time of the visit.

Licensing Visits with Natasha O'Donoghue and Carol Jones on 07 September 2024

20:00 - The Sekforde, 34 Sekforde Street

Drove past the premises and noted the windows and side door closed. There were eight people seated on Sekforde Street and three people seated on Woodbride Street. We did not see a DS at the time of the visit. Note: As we drove down Woodbridge Street, we could not pass due to a large, badly parked land-rover type car.

Licensing Visits with Terrie Lane and Niall Forde on 13 September 2024

23:50 – The Sekforde, 34 Sekforde Street

6 people smoking in Woodbridge Street. SIA on front door. Upstairs windows shut, people could be seen upstairs, side door closed, no issues.

Licensing Visits with Terrie Lane and Carol Jones on 31 October 2024.

21:02 – The Sekforde, 34 Sekforde Street

As we parked outside the premises, we noticed three people standing outside on Sekforde Street. They were not drinking and a minute or so later, a cab drove up and they got in. All other people on Sekforde Street were seated. We noted a window open on the first floor of Sekforde Street facing the residents on Sekforde Street and another window was open on the first floor on the corner of Sekforde Street and Woodbridge Street.

- 21:07 Three people got up from the tables on Sekforde Street and went into the premises via the side door, which should not be used after 21:00. Another man closely followed them through the side door.
- 21:10 The three people came back through the side door onto Sekforde Street and walked away from the premises. There was someone who was quite loud outside, and although we noted a door supervisor on duty, he did not remind the woman they were in a residential area and ask her to keep her voice down.
- 21:15 As we left, we noticed approx. 12 people standing on Woodbridge Street. They were strewn across the pavement and in the road. There is a condition on the licence, which details the area the people on Woodbridge Street can stand. Again the DS did nothing to intervene with this.

From: <u>Lane, Terrie</u>

Bcc: Jones, Carol

Subject: RE: Licensing Officer Panel 15/8/2023 at 1pm The Sekforde 34 Sekforde Street

Date: 04 August 2023 12:03:00

Attachments: <u>image001.png</u>

Dear Mr Lonsdale,

To:

Thank you for your email.

As you are aware the conditions of the licence must be complied with, even though the pub is popular and you have a lot of support from residents and customers, who all think the conditions unreasonable. They were imposed by the Court, therefore we cannot ignore the conditions or complaints received from neighbours and reports from officers.

The building is indeed beautiful and it is a shame that you feel you have to give up on it after all these years.

The Officer Panel will take place at 222 Upper Street and we look forward to seeing you. Hopefully we will have a record of all complaints this year by early next week.

Kind regards,

Terrie

From:

Sent: 04 August 2023 07:29

To: Lane, Terrie <Teresa.Lane@islington.gov.uk>; Sekforde London <info@thesekforde.com>;

Subject: Re: Licensing Officer Panel 15/8/2023 at 1pm The Sekforde 34 Sekforde Street

[External]

Dear Ms Lane,

Thank you and I look forward to receiving as much information as possible. We will come to the meeting you propose. May I suggest you all come to the Sekforde. It would be much easier for us to make observations.

It has become quite impossible for me and my staff to stem the tide of complaints that you received from a small number of residents. We believe the pub is extremely well run. It is very popular with the great majority of residents who visit us regularly. They are as bewildered as we are that people who have chosen to live in close proximity to a pub complain as much as they do. It is all very unreasonable and malicious. One of the neighbours who has been very supportive lives right next door to the pub in

old house.

I think the council tends always to support this small group of people who have never wanted a pub on the street.

We have two other pubs now. The Marian Anderson in Clerkenwell and the Duchy in Kennington. None attract any complaints at all. The Duchy has a large garden in an entirely residential street.

As a result of these complaints, I have decided to sell the Sekforde and transfer the licence to the new buyer. The sale will be at public auction in January 2024. I very much doubt it will ever re-open as a pub.

I am myself moving next week in anticipation of the sale. I shall be living above my other pub the Marian Anderson.

I have owned the Sekforde in one form or other for 20 years. When I took possession of it in 2014 it was a failing business and the building was in an awful condition. I worked hard to restore it and then, with enormous help from Harry Smith and then Michael Morgan, and huge support from all but a few of our neighbours, we created one of the loveliest pubs in Islington - serving our community as it had since 1829.

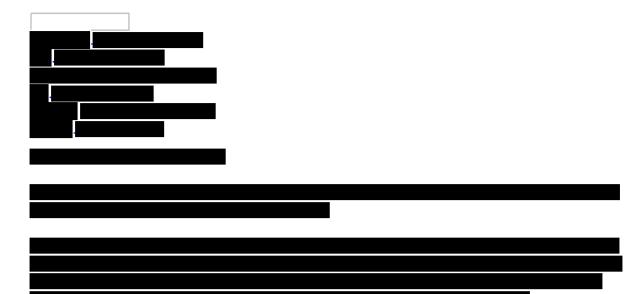
I am very sad indeed by what has happened.

Many of the licence conditions imposed on us by the council are harsh and difficult to fully implement. We will of course continue to do all we can to stop people standing in Sekforde Street and to keep them standing in designated areas in Woodbridge street. Michael Morgan has been doing his training to be a SIA qualified doorman. This will mean we will have someone to cover for Mohammed when he is not able to come in on Thursdays and Fridays. Hiring agency staff is worse than useless.

I am hopeful that in the knowledge that they have achieved their objective of forcing the closure of my pub and me to leave my home and have caused the loss of 12 good jobs, our detractors will be appeased and allow us to trade peacefully until Christmas. I shall however never forgive them. Many feel the same way.

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Barrister



From: Lane, Terrie < Teresa. Lane@islington.gov.uk >

Sent: 02 August 2023 16:09

To:

Subject: RE: Licensing Officer Panel 15/8/2023 at 1pm The Sekforde 34 Sekforde Street

Dear Mr Lonsdale,

I have requested a report regarding complaints for this year from our out of hours service, but due to annual leave, I may not get the results until next week, so please bear with me.

Thank you,

Terrie

From:

Sent: 31 July 2023 20:48

To: Lane, Terrie < Teresa.Lane@islington.gov.uk; Sekforde London < info@thesekforde.com;

Subject: Re: Licensing Officer Panel 15/8/2023 at 1pm The Sekforde 34 Sekforde Street

[External]

Dear Ms Lane,

Thank you for your email.

Would you provide me with all the reports and any photographs you may have? Who was

dismissive? Can you give me a name or description?

I need to discuss this with Michael Morgan and Harry Smith.

Yours

David Lonsdale



From: Lane, Terrie < <u>Teresa.Lane@islington.gov.uk</u>>

Sent: 31 July 2023 17:39

To:

Subject: Licensing Officer Panel 15/8/2023 at 1pm The Sekforde 34 Sekforde Street

Dear Mr Lonsdale.

I am writing to invite you as Licensee of the Sekforde to an Officer Panel, at these offices, 222 Upper Street N1 2RX.

The Panel will consist of Janice Gibbons, Head of Service, Sergeant Neil Fraser, Licensing Police, Carol Jones and myself.

The purpose of the Panel is to speak with you regarding recent complaints and visits by officers where it has been noted that excessive numbers of customers have been allowed to stand drinking in the street in Sekforde Street and not in the locations that are on the premises licence. An SIA door supervisor has not been in evidence controlling the outside, it seems the pub has been short staffed, and the manager may have taken on that responsibility.

Most recent complaints to ASB/Noise service are:

16/6/23 22.06 Up to 100 standing drinking on Woodbridge St in road and pavements and excessive noise. Resident complaint.

22/6/23 20.58 60-70 people outside drinking, standing in road and pavement. Resident complaint.

27/6/23 20.15 and at 21.06 Vertical drinkers outside homes on Sekforde St and no doorman. Noisy customers. ASB visit 21.06 – six standing drinking on Sekforde St, passers-by had to use the road. Manager not available.

29/6/23 19.09 ASB witnessed large group blocking vehicle and pedestrian access and drinking in the street.

16/7/23 19.53 Numerous drinkers standing on Sekforde Street from the afternoon – resident complaint.

There were a further six complaints this year in the same vein. Complainants and ASB officers have also reported that staff have been dismissive when spoken to and manager not always available.

Please can you attend with your managers Michael and Mohammad in order for these issues to be discussed fully.

On arrival at our reception, please call me on the numbers below and we will collect you.

Kind regards,

Terrie Lane

Licensing Manager Regulatory Services Islington Council 222 Upper Street London N1 1RX

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Licensing Officer Panel 15/8/23

Panel: Janice Gibbons, Head of Service, Sgt Neil Fraser, Islington Licensing Police, Terrie Lane, Licensing Manager and notes and Carol Jones, Licensing Officer.

Attending for The Sekforde, 34 Sekforde Street:

David Lonsdale, Licensee, Harry Smith DPS, Tom Raffe, Michael Morgan, and Mohammed Managers.

JG – Made introductions and explained the Officer Panel and reasons for calling meeting.

CJ – Gave summary of the issues. She had met with Michael and Mohammed recently and had gone through licence conditions.

On 13/7/23 there was no SIA present. Customers have not been standing in designated areas and numbers have been exceeded. Several resident complaints to her have shown photographic evidence that numbers have been exceeded and customers have been standing drinking in Sekforde Street.

DL – on 13/7/23 Mohammed was on holiday and Michael should have got an agency SIA. There are problems with using agency staff as they say "Don't tell me how to do my job" and do not interact with customers. Mohammed has been with us 2 years. Michael will also get an SIA badge. All we can do is ask people to sit down. We have a big sign saying they cannot stand on Sekforde St.

Only one person is involved and has joined the anti-pub group. We do not ignore complaints. For the video of Woodbridge Street, it was not like that for very long, that's not shown in the photos. It happens on hot days, the pub is dark and hot, the pub produces a lot of heat.

There has been a big change in that there is no through road at Clerkenwell Green, Woodbridge Street sees almost no traffic, only residents parking. In effect it is pedestrianised.

All windows and doors need to be open, we propose making a change to the conditions, as they do not work.

CJ – I am still getting photos from residents and some new complainants, if the pub is too hot and not everyone can fit inside, it is not fit for purpose.

DL – Residents next to pub have left. We want to give out Harry and Michaels phone numbers to residents, but not to Puneeta or Victor.

JG – A minor variation application would have to be made to change any licence conditions. Is there the ability to go further down Woodbridge St?

DL – People come to the pub who live in the road. We want to propose a sensible variation.

NFr – When is outside space no longer manageable? Do you have a policy in place for hot weather?

DL – We want to keep two windows open on first floor and the vents.

HS – We have zero problems from Parkguard. 8pm is time to move people in, busy time is 6pm to 9pm when people outside. Yoeman office space complex have their customers on the triangle sometimes.

TL – Parkguard do not start on borough until 9pm.

JG – You need to move to having less people on the street and need a plan and conditions for hot weather and fans for cooling pub. We need to come to an agreement and have a good framework going forward. You need to do more work on complying, you have to navigate through this. We would prefer residents not to have ammunition.

DL – Can residents send complaints to pub email. Mohammed and Michael were in WhatsApp group for residents to contact. Communication is the key. Subtle changes need to be made.

Agreed:

DL will make a Minor Variation application with a plan for hot weather and alternative conditions for management of customers on Woodbridge Street, meanwhile complying with current conditions.

It was suggested that a draft of the conditions for the minor variation application be submitted to Licensing for comment.

(Criminal Procedure Rules, r.27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9, Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s. 5B)

STATEMENT OF Carol Jones

Age of witness (if over 18 enter "over 18") Over 18

Occupation of witness Licensing Officer

This statement, consisting of **four** pages signed by me, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 04 November 2024

Signed

My name is Carol Jones I have been employed as the Licensing Officer with the London Borough of Islington ("LBI") since June 2015. My duties include enforcement of licensing legislation, processing applications, producing Committee Reports for Licensing Committee hearings, attending hearings and attending court for appeals and prosecutions.

This is a witness statement in relation to a visit to the premises known as Sekforde Arms, 34 Sekforde Street, London, EC1R 0HA.

I was working as part of our scheduled programme of visits, with Terrie Lane on Friday 09 August 2024. At approximately 21:00, we visited The Sekforde Pub at 34 Sekforde Street, London EC1R 0HA in order to monitor the premises for compliance with the Premises Licence in place under the Licensing Act 2003.

At the time of the visit, we parked along from the premises on Sekforde and noted all the benches outside the pub were full. We also noted there were two people standing on Sekforde Street, talking to the people seated at the benches. We noted one of the people standing, had a drink in his hands. The other man, sat down approx. 30 seconds after we parked and the man

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with the drink and another man walked inside the premises, using the side door on Sekforde Street. The level of people talking was quite loud.

21:05 – A man enters the side door on Sekforde Street. We drove around the premises, noting that all the windows on the first floor were open to the widest they could be and that the side door on Sekforde Street was propped open. There were two people standing on Woodbridge Street. No door supervisor was seen outside the premises.

- 21:10 We parked back where we had been and continued to monitor the premises.
- 21:13 We noted three people standing on Sekforde Street not drinking.
- 21:15 This increased to seven people, and we noted they were drinking.
- 21:21 We could hear very loud talking and laughing on Sekforde Street.
- 21:23 There were nine people standing drinking on Sekforde Street.
- 21:25 There were eleven people standing drinking on Sekforde Street.

All the while we were monitoring, people were using the side door on Sekforde Street to come in and out of.

21:26 – We got out of the car and walked towards the premises. At this stage, the door supervisor appeared and started to ask the customers to sit down or to go and drink in Woodbridge Street. A couple of people continued to stand, while one of them knelt by a full table. CJ advised he needed to ensure all the customers were seated. The door supervisor rolled his eyes and gave us some attitude about the man kneeling was sitting down. We showed him our Authority passes and he started to take us seriously and did go and move the people. 21:36 – We entered the premises and noted a woman serving behind the bar, a few people seated around, five people standing waiting to get serve5 by the bar and another member of staff routing through a first aid box. We spoke to the man with the first aid kit (note, it was not well stocked and did not contain plasters) he had cut himself. CJ offered help. We introduced ourselves and asked to speak to the manager. We spoke to the lady serving behind the bar,

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she stated her name was Lakeisha (spelling?) We advised that there were conditions on the licence, which stated that all but one of the windows on the first floor and the side door onto Sekforde Street, should be closed after 20:00. Similarly, we advised her that the side door should be shut from 20:00 and not used as an entrance/exit after 21:00.

LaKeisha advised that they only had two members of staff on duty and that Harry Smith was not there. TL advised that the managers should have given staff training in the terms and conditions of the premises licence, so that the residents were not disturbed by people at the premises.

As we left the premises, there were two people standing on Sekforde Street and the door supervisor was standing at the front door, not paying attention to what was going on in Sekforde Street. We noted that Lakeisha had shut the side door and was in the process of closing the windows on the first floor.

The breaches of the premises licence found during the visit are as follows;

Annex 3, Condition 1;

Except for access and egress all doors and windows to the premises shall be closed by 20.00 hours, save that one window on the Woodbridge Street side of the premises (and furthest from Sekforde Street) on each of the ground and first floor may be opened for the purposes of ventilation. If there is any event at any time using amplified sound, except for access and egress, doors and windows shall be closed in the room where the amplified sound is emitted, save that one window in that room on the Woodbridge Street side of the premises (and furthest from Sekforde Street) may be opened for the purposes of ventilation.

Annex 3, Condition 2

The use of the door to the Sekforde Street elevation shall cease at 21:00 every night and notices shall be displayed to that effect.

Annex 3, Condition 6

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There shall be no vertical drinking in Sekforde Street. Vertical drinking is permitted in Woodbridge Street on the pavement on the premises-side of the street in the area shaded in green on the same plan referred to in that condition. After 20.00 hours a maximum of 20 customers may be permitted to stand outside with drinks until 22.15 hours in a designated area in Woodbridge Street, within the area delineated in blue on the attached plan, such area to be clearly marked by the use of movable rope or similar barriers, during those hours. At all times, there must be sufficient room for pedestrians to be able to pass along the pavement on the premises-side of the street.

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Age of witness (if over 18 enter "over 18") Over 18

Occupation of witness Licensing Officer

This statement, consisting of **two** pages signed by me, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 04 November 2024

Signed

My name is Carol Jones I have been employed as the Licensing Officer with the London Borough of Islington ("LBI") since June 2015. My duties include enforcement of licensing legislation, processing applications, producing Committee Reports for Licensing Committee hearings, attending hearings and attending court for appeals and prosecutions.

This is a witness statement in relation to a visit to the premises known as Sekforde Arms, 34 Sekforde Street, London, EC1R 0HA.

I was working as part of our scheduled programme of visits, with Terrie Lane on Thursday 31 October 2024. At approximately 21:02, we visited The Sekforde Pub at 34 Sekforde Street, London EC1R 0HA in order to monitor the premises for compliance with the Premises Licence in place under the Licensing Act 2003.

At the time of the visit, we parked outside the premises, we noticed three people standing outside on Sekforde Street. They were not drinking and a minute or so later, a cab drove up and they got in. All other people on Sekforde Street were seated. We noted a window open on the first floor of Sekforde Street facing the residents on Sekforde Street and another window was open on the first floor on the corner of Sekforde Street and Woodbridge Street.

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21:07 – Three people got up from the tables on Sekforde Street and went into the premises via the side door, which should not be used after 21:00. Another man closely followed them through the side door.

21:10 – The three people came back through the side door onto Sekforde Street and walked away from the premises. There was someone who was quite loud outside, and although we noted a door supervisor on duty, he did not remind the woman they were in a residential area and ask her to keep her voice down.

21:15 – As we left, we noticed approx. 12 people standing on Woodbridge Street. They were strewn across the pavement and in the road. There is a condition on the licence, which details the area the people on Woodbridge Street can stand. Again the DS did nothing to intervene with this.

The breaches of the premises licence witnessed during the visit are as follows;

Annex 3, Condition 1;

Except for access and egress all doors and windows to the premises shall be closed by 20.00 hours, save that one window on the Woodbridge Street side of the premises (and furthest from Sekforde Street) on each of the ground and first floor may be opened for the purposes of ventilation. If there is any event at any time using amplified sound, except for access and egress, doors and windows shall be closed in the room where the amplified sound is emitted, save that one window in that room on the Woodbridge Street side of the premises (and furthest from Sekforde Street) may be opened for the purposes of ventilation.

Annex 3, Condition 2

The use of the door to the Sekforde Street elevation shall cease at 21:00 every night and notices shall be displayed to that effect.

Annex 3, Condition 6

There shall be no vertical drinking in Sekforde Street. Vertical drinking is permitted in

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Woodbridge Street on the pavement on the premises-side of the street in the area shaded in green on the same plan referred to in that condition. After 20.00 hours a maximum of 20 customers may be permitted to stand outside with drinks until 22.15 hours in a designated area in Woodbridge Street, within the area delineated in blue on the attached plan, such area to be clearly marked by the use of movable rope or similar barriers, during those hours. At all times, there must be sufficient room for pedestrians to be able to pass along the pavement on the premises-side of the street.

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Amended Conditions

Amend Annex 3, Condition 1 to split it into two conditions

- 1. Except for access and egress all doors and windows to the premises shall be closed by 20.00 hours, save that one window on the Woodbridge Street side of the premises (and furthest from Sekforde Street) on each of the ground and first floor may be opened for the purposes of ventilation.
- 1.a If there is any event at any time using amplified sound, except for access and egress, doors and windows shall be closed in the room where the amplified sound is emitted, save that one window in that room on the Woodbridge Street side of the premises (and furthest from Sekforde Street) may be opened for the purposes of ventilation.

Amend Annex 3, Condition 2

2. The use of the door to the Sekforde Street elevation shall cease at 21:00 every night and prominent notices shall be displayed on the door. An alarm shall be fitted to the door and activated at 21:00, to alert staff should customers use it.

No change to Annex 3, Condition 3

3. Prominent, clear and legible notices must be displayed at all exits requesting the public to respect the needs of local residents and to leave the premises and the area quietly.

No change to Annex 3, Condition 4

4. Any outside drinking area shall be closed and cleared of customers by 22:00.

No change to Annex 3, Condition 5

5. Outside furniture shall be disabled and taken out of use by 22:00 each night.

Amend Annex 3, Condition 6 to split into three conditions;

- 6. There shall be no vertical drinking outside the premises, either in Sekforde Street or Woodbridge Street. All people outside drinking shall be seated at tables and chairs. The positioning of the tables and chairs shall be set in line with any tables and chairs permits issued by Islington. At all times, there must be sufficient room on both Sekforde Street and Woodbridge Street for pedestrians to be able to pass on the pavement on the premises side of the street.
- 6a. The premises licence holder shall implement arrangements to limit drinking outside the premises to 20 seated customers until 22:15.

6b. After 22:15 no drinks can be taken outside the premises.

No change to Annex 3, Condition 7;

7. After 22:15 any customer who wishes to step outside to smoke shall be directed to Woodbridge Street. Numbers of smokers outside shall not exceed 10. They shall not obstruct the public highway. They shall not be permitted to take drinks outside with them.

Amend Annex 3, Condition 8;

8. An SIA registered door supervisor shall be present every Thursday and Friday evening and any other day/evening when an event may be held.

An event will include weddings, wakes, parties, gatherings, group bookings and any other organised event with a guest list, quiz and comedy nights, music and all amplified voice.

Amend Annex 3, Condition 9;

- 9. The dedicated registered door supervisor shall be present from 18.00 hours, or one hour before the event (clarification of an 'event' can be found in condition 8) until all customers have left the vicinity of the premises to
 - · patrol the outside area,
 - · supervise the dispersal of patrons
 - · control noise levels from customers outside the premises

No change to Annex 3, Condition 10;

10. Maximum levels of all amplified sound shall be agreed with the council an Officer or Officers of the Pollution Team and shall be controlled by the licensee. All amplified sound including amplified voice shall be restricted to ambient background levels of sound at all times. Volume control devices shall be contained in a lockable cupboard or other secure place under the control of the licensee and they shall not be made accessible to staff or customers at any time.

No change to Annex 3, Condition 11;

11. The structural condition of the premises shall be monitored, maintained and adapted as necessary to ensure that amplified sound played or other sound from within the premises is contained and does not cause nuisance or undue disturbance to occupiers of nearby premises.

No change to Annex 3, Condition 12;

12. In the event of noise nuisance from amplified sound being witnessed by authorised officers of the council, the licensee shall appoint a noise consultant registered with the Institute of Acoustics or Association of Noise Consultants to

prepare a scheme of noise control measures, to prevent persons in the neighbourhood from being unreasonably disturbed by noise from the premises. The scheme should be submitted for approval by the council, and the approved scheme fully implemented to the satisfaction of the council and the licensee notified in writing accordingly.

No change to Annex 3, Condition 13;

13. The licensee shall adopt a 'Challenge 25' policy and promote it through prominent display.

No change to Annex 3, Condition 14;

14. The licensee shall put arrangements in place to ensure that before serving alcohol to persons they believe to be less than 25, staff ask to see accredited proof of age: that is, proof of age cards carrying the 'PASS' logo, a Passport or UK Driving Licence bearing the photograph and date of birth of the bearer.

No change to Annex 3, Condition 15;

15. The licensee shall ensure that staff are trained about age restricted products and ensure that they sign to confirm that they have understood the training. The licensee shall keep records of training and instructions given to staff, detailing the areas covered, and make them available for inspection upon request by the licensing team, police or trading standards.

No change to Annex 3, Condition 16;

16. The licensee shall require staff to note any refusals to sell to young people in a refusals log. The refusals log shall be made available for inspection upon request by the licensing team, police or trading standards.

Additional Conditions;

- 17. CCTV shall be installed, operated, and maintained, to function all times that the premises is open for licensable activities. Said CCTV will comply with the following criteria:
 - (a) The licensee will ensure that the system is checked every two weeks to ensure that the system is working properly and that the date and time are correct.
 - (b) A record of these checks, showing the date and name of the person checking, will be kept and made available to the police or other authorised officer on request;
 - (c) The Police will be informed if the system will not be operating for longer than one day of business for any reason;
 - (d) One camera will show a close-up of the entrance to the premises, to capture a clear, full length image of anyone entering;
 - (e) The system will provide full coverage of the interior of the premises and any exterior part of the premises accessible to the public;

- (f) The system will record in real time and recordings will be date and time stamped;
- (g) At all times during operating hours, there will be at least 1 member of staff on the premises who can operate the system sufficiently to allow Police or authorised Council officers to view footage on request.
- (h) Recordings will be kept for a minimum of 31 days and downloaded footage will be provided free of charge to the police or other authorised officers on request (subject to the Data Protection Act 2018) within 24 hours of any request.
- (i) Signage stating that CCTV is in operation will be clearly and prominently displayed at the premises.
- (j) The use of CCTV at the premises shall be registered with the Information Commissioners Office [ICO].
- 18. All staff responsible for selling alcohol shall receive regular training in the Licensing Act 2003 in terms of the licensing objectives, offences committed under the Act and conditions of the Premises Licence. Written records of staff training in the Licensing Act 2003 shall be retained and made available to police and authorised officers of the Licensing Authority on request. Staff shall receive refresher training in the Licensing Act 2003 at intervals of no more than 6 months. Signed and dated records shall be kept of all staff training and such records kept available for inspection at the premises for a period of at least one calendar year from the last date of entry.
- 19. The licensee shall develop a Noise Management and Dispersal Policy to control noise coming from the venue, including people noise, and to control noise from guests either congregating outside or leaving the area. The Noise Management and Dispersal Policy shall be agreed with the Council's Licensing Authority and be reviewed and revised periodically or after incidences to ensure that public nuisance is prevented from recurring.