### Agenda



# Licensing & Gambling Acts Casework Sub-Committee

Date: Tuesday 14 July 2015

Time: **5.00 pm** 

Place: Council Chamber, Town Hall

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#### Membership

Councillor Van Coulter
Councillor David Henwood
Councillor Mark Lygo

#### **AGENDA**

## 1 APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE FOR ELHAM'S 3 - 24 LEBANESE DELI, 3 LITTLE CLARENDON STREET, OXFORD, OX1

The Head of Community Services has submitted a report which details an application for a new premises licence for Elham's Lebanese Deli, 3 Little Clarendon Street, Oxford, OX1 2HP.

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To: Licensing & Gambling Acts Casework Sub-Committee

Date: 14 July 2015 Item No: 1

Report of: Head of Community Services

Title of Report: Sara Soujaa – Application for a New Premises Licence:

Elham's Lebanese Deli, 3 Little Clarendon Street,

Oxford, OX1 2HP.

Application Ref: 15/02423/PREM

#### **Summary and Recommendations**

**Purpose of report**: To inform the determination of Sara Soujaa's application for a New Premises Licence for Elham's Lebanese Deli, 3 Little Clarendon Street, Oxford, OX1 2HP.

**Report Approved by:** 

**Legal: Daniel Smith** 

Policy Framework: Statement of Licensing Policy

#### Recommendation(s):

Committee is requested to determine Sara Soujaa's application taking into account the details in this report and any representations made at this Sub-Committee meeting.

#### **Additional Papers**

Appendix One: Application for a New Premises Licence

**Appendix Two:** Representation from Interested Parties

**Appendix Three: Location Map** 

#### Introduction

 This report is made to the Licensing & Gambling Acts Casework Sub-Committee so it may determine in accordance with its powers and the Licensing Act 2003 whether to grant a New Premises Licence to Sara Soujaa.

#### **Application Summary**

2. An application for a New Premises Licence has been submitted by Sara Soujaa. A summary of the licensable activities applied for and the times proposed for these activities can be found detailed below.

#### Sale of Alcohol (on sales):

Sunday – Saturday	11:00	Until	20:00	
Sale of Alcohol (off sales):				
Sunday - Saturday	08:00	Until	20:00	

3. Both the application and the steps that the applicant intends to take to promote the licensing objectives (as set out in the Operating Schedule) can be found at **Appendix One**.

#### **Relevant Representations**

4. No representations have been received from any of the Responsible Authorities as detailed in the table below.

Responsible Authority	Response	Licensing Objective(s)
Thames Valley Police:	No Representation	-
Fire & Rescue Service:	No Representation	-
Environmental Health:	No Representation	-
Health and Safety:	No Representation	-
Planning:	No Representation	-
Trading Standards:	No Representation	-
Child Safeguarding:	No Representation	-
Licensing Authority:	No Representation	-

5. A valid representation has been received from four Interested Parties as detailed in the table below. Copies of these representations are attached at **Appendix Four**.

Name	Address	Licensing Objective(s)
Margaret Booth	St Johns Street Residents Association	Promotion of Public Safety; Prevention of Public Nuisance

#### Location

6. A map is attached at **Appendix Three** showing the general location of the applicant's premises, and the proximity to the premises of those who have raised objections to the application.

#### **Statement of Licensing Policy**

7. The Sub-Committee is referred to the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy\*. In particular, the following paragraphs have a bearing upon the application:

Relevant Policy Matters	Sections	Policy
Public Safety:	8.2.1 to 8.2.2	OS2 to OS3
	7.3.1 to 7.3.10	LA4 to LA6
Public Nuisance:	7.5.1 to 7.5.2	PP1
	7.5.20 to 7.5.21	PP12
Licensing Hours:	5.1.1	LH3
Licensing nours.	5.5.1 to 5.5.2	LH8

- 8. A number of changes have been made to the Licensing Act 2003 in recent times by the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, the Live Music Act 2012 and the Deregulation of Schedule 1 of the 2003 Act.
- 9. The Authority's Statement of Licensing Policy has not yet been revised following the introduction of these changes, the above sections from the current Policy do not reflect these changes which include removing the "vicinity test" for interested parties and amending the wording of the 2003 Act so that conditions imposed on licences must now be "appropriate to the promotion of the Licensing Objectives" rather than "necessary".
- 10. A copy of the Statement of Licensing Policy may be obtained from the Council Offices or found online at: www.oxford.gov.uk/licensing

#### **Home Office Statutory Guidance**

11. Members are also referred to the statutory guidance issued by the Home Office. Of particular relevance to this application are the following matters:

Relevant Sections	Relevant Paragraphs		
Public Safety:	2.6 to 2.13		
Public Nuisance:	2.14 to 2.20		

12. A copy of the Home Office Statutory Guidance may be found online at: www.gov.uk/government/publications/revised-guidance-issued-under-section-182-of-the-licensing-act-2003

#### Other Relevant Considerations

13. The Sub-Committee is reminded of its responsibilities under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (to co-operate in the reduction of crime and disorder in Oxford) and the Human Rights Act (which guarantees the right to a fair hearing for all parties in the determination of their civil rights, and also provides for the protection of property, which may include licences in existence, and the protection of private and family life) when considering the fair balance between the interests of the applicant and the rights of local

residents. Any decision taken by the Sub-Committee must be necessary and proportionate to the objectives being pursued.

- 14. Members are reminded that whenever they make a decision under the Licensing Act 2003, they have a duty to act with a view to promoting the licensing objectives.
- 15. When considering any representations, only those issues relating to the four licensing objectives should be considered and appropriate weight given to the importance and relevance of each representation.
- 16. In making its decision, Members must also have regard to the Home Office statutory guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 and the Council's own Statement of Licensing Policy.
- 17. The Sub-Committee must take such of the following steps as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives:
  - a) Grant the licence in accordance with the application.
  - b) Modify the conditions of the operating schedule by altering or omitting or adding to them.
  - c) Exclude or restrict from the scope of the licence any of the licensable activities to which the application relates.
  - d) Reject the whole of the application.

The Sub-Committee may also grant the licence subject to different conditions for different parts of the premises or the different licensable activities.

- 18. Members are asked to note that they may not modify the conditions or reject whole or part of the application merely because they consider it desirable to do so. It must be appropriate to do so in order to promote the licensing objectives. Any such step must relate to a relevant representation made.
- 19. If Members grant the application, the details of the operating schedule will be incorporated into the licence as conditions. The licence will also be subject to certain mandatory conditions.
- 20. Members should note that the applicant or persons making representations have the right of appeal against the decision made by the Sub-Committee.

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#### **APPENDIX ONE**



Oxford
Application for a premises licence
Licensing Act 2003

For help contact elms@oxford.gov.uk Telephone: 01865 252565

\* required information

You can save the form at any time and resume it later. You do not need to be logged in when you resume.				
Not Currently In Use	This is the unique reference for this application generated by the system.			
	You can put what you want here to help you track applications if you make lots of them. It is passed to the authority.			
	Put "no" if you are applying on your own behalf or on behalf of a business you own or work for.			
	Workford			
Sara				
Soujaa				
	Include country code.			
cant would prefer not to be contacted by telep	hone			
<ul> <li>Applying as a business or organisation, including as a sole trader</li> <li>A sole trader is a business or</li> </ul>				
I	person without any special legal structure. Applying as an individual means the applicant is applying so the applicant can be employed, or for some other personal reason, such as following a hobby.			
	Not Currently In Use  half of the applicant?  Sara  Soujaa  cant would prefer not to be contacted by telep			

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Address		
* Building number or name	27	
* Street	Falford Road	
District	Old Marston	
* City or town	Oxford	
County or administrative area		
* Postcode	OX3 0RY	
* Country	United Kingdom	
Agent Details		
* First name	Paul	
* Family name	Jones	
* E-mail		
Main telephone number		Include country code.
Other telephone number		
☐ Indicate here if you wou	ld prefer not to be contacted by telephone	
Are you:		
<ul> <li>An agent that is a busine</li> </ul>	ess or organisation, including a sole trader	A sole trader is a business owned by one person without any special legal structure.
A private individual actir	ng as an agent	person without any special legal structure.
Your Address		Address official correspondence should be
* Building number or name	226	sent to.
* Street	York Road	
District		
* City or town	Southend on Sea	
County or administrative area		
* Postcode	SS1 2RX	
* Country	United Kingdom	
Section 2 of 19		
PREMISES DETAILS		

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described in section 2 below (t	I/we, as named in section 1, apply for a premises licence under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in section 2 below (the premises) and I/we are making this application to you as the relevant licensing authority in accordance with section 12 of the Licensing Act 2003.			
Premises Address				
Are you able to provide a post	al address, OS map reference or description of the premises?			
Address	p reference			
Postal Address Of Premises				
Building number or name	3			
Street	Little Clarendon Street			
District				
City or town	Oxford			
County or administrative area				
Postcode	OX1 2HP			
Country	United Kingdom			
Further Details				
Telephone number				
Non-domestic rateable value of premises (£)	23,000			

Secti	on 3 of 19			
APPL	LICATION DETAILS			
In wh	nat capacity are you apply	ng for the premises licence?		
$\boxtimes$	An individual or individu	als		
	A limited company			
	A partnership			
	An unincorporated associ	iation		
	A recognised club			
	A charity			
	The proprietor of an edu	cational establishment		
	A health service body			
		ed under part 2 of the Care Standards Act n independent hospital in Wales		
	A person who is registered under Chapter 2 of Part 1 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 in respect of the carrying on of a regulated activity (within the meaning of that Part) in an independent hospital in England			
	The chief officer of police of a police force in England and Wales			
	Other (for example a statutory corporation)			
Conf	firm The Following			
$\boxtimes$	I am carrying on or proporthe use of the premises f	osing to carry on a business which involves or licensable activities		
	I am making the applicat	ion pursuant to a statutory function		
	I am making the applicat virtue of Her Majesty's pr	ion pursuant to a function discharged by erogative		
Secti	ion 4 of 19			
INDI	VIDUAL APPLICANT DET	AILS		
	<b>licant Name</b> e name the same as (or sin	nilar to) the details given in section one?	If "Yes" is selected you can re-use the details	
•	Yes	○ No	from section one, or amend them as required. Select "No" to enter a completely new set of details.	
First	name	Sara		
Fami	ily name	Soujaa		
Is the	e applicant 18 years of age	e or older?		
•	Yes	○ No		

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<b>Applicant Postal Address</b>				
Is the address the same as (or s	similar to) the address given in section one?	If "Yes" is selected you can re-use the details		
<ul><li>Yes</li></ul>	○ No	from section one, or amend them as required. Select "No" to enter a completely new set of details.		
Building number or name	27			
Street	Falford Road			
District	Old Marston			
City or town	Oxford			
County or administrative area				
Postcode	OX3 0RY			
Country	United Kingdom			
<b>Applicant Contact Details</b>				
Are the contact details the sam	ne as (or similar to) those given in section one?	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
<ul><li>Yes</li></ul>	○ No	from section one, or amend them as required. Select "No" to enter a completely new set of details.		
E-mail				
Telephone number				
Other telephone number				
	Add another applicant			
Section 5 of 19				
OPERATING SCHEDULE				
When do you want the premises licence to start?	dd mm yyyy			
If you wish the licence to be valid only for a limited period,				
Provide a general description of the premises				
For example the type of premises, its general situation and layout and any other information which could be relevant to the licensing objectives. Where your application includes off-supplies of alcohol and you intend to provide a place for consumption of these off- supplies you must include a description of where the place will be and its proximity to the premises.				
I I	ving hot and cold food mainly to take away. The ill be served light meals with wine/beer accomp	•		

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If 5,000 or more people are		
expected to attend the premises at any one time,		
state the number expected to		
attend		
Section 6 of 19		
PROVISION OF PLAYS		
Will you be providing plays?		
○ Yes	•	No
Section 7 of 19		
PROVISION OF FILMS		
Will you be providing films?		
○ Yes	•	No
Section 8 of 19		
PROVISION OF INDOOR SPOI	RTII	NG EVENTS
Will you be providing indoor s	por	ting events?
○ Yes	•	No
Section 9 of 19		
PROVISION OF BOXING OR W	/RE	STLING ENTERTAINMENTS
Will you be providing boxing o	or w	restling entertainments?
○ Yes	•	No
Section 10 of 19		
PROVISION OF LIVE MUSIC		
Will you be providing live mus	ic?	
○ Yes	•	No
Section 11 of 19		
PROVISION OF RECORDED M	USI	С
Will you be providing recorded	d m	usic?
○ Yes	•	No
Section 12 of 19		
PROVISION OF PERFORMANC	CES	OF DANCE
Will you be providing perform	anc	es of dance?
○ Yes	•	No
Section 13 of 19		
PROVISION OF ANYTHING OID ANCE	<b>A</b>	SIMILAR DESCRIPTION TO LIVE MUSIC, RECORDED MUSIC OR PERFORMANCES OF
Will you be providing anything performances of dance?	g sir	milar to live music, recorded music or
○ Yes	•	No 12

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Section 14 of 19				
LATE NIGHT REFRESHMEN	NT			
Will you be providing late	night refreshmen	t?		
○ Yes	<ul><li>No</li></ul>			
Section 15 of 19				
SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL				
Will you be selling or supp	lying alcohol?			
<ul><li>Yes</li></ul>	○ No			
Standard Days And Timir	ngs			
MONDAY				6
St	tart 08:00	End	20:00	Give timings in 24 hour clock. (e.g., 16:00) and only give details for the days
	tart 11:00	End	20:00	of the week when you intend the premises
	tart 11.00	Eliu	20.00	to be used for the activity.
TUESDAY				
St	tart 08:00	End	20:00	
St	tart 11:00	End	20:00	
WEDNESDAY				
St	tart 08:00	End	20:00	
St	tart 11:00	End	20:00	
THURSDAY				
	tart 08:00	End	20:00	
	tart 11:00	End	20:00	
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FRIDAY				
St	tart 08:00	End	20:00	
St	tart 11:00	End	20:00	
SATURDAY				
St	tart 08:00	End	20:00	
St	tart 11:00	End	20:00	
SUNDAY				
	tart 08:00	End	20:00	
St	tart 11:00	End	20:00	

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Will the sale of alcohol be for consumption:				If the sale of alcohol is for consumption on	
On the premises	Off the premises	•	Both	the premises select on, if the sale of alcohol is for consumption away from the premises select off. If the sale of alcohol is for consumption on the premises and away from the premises select both.	
State any seasonal variations					
For example (but not exclusive	ely) where the activity wi	ill occ	cur on additional	days during the summer months.	
NB The hours listed above are on supplies	for off- and on supplies;	the u	upper daily times	are the off supplies while the lower times are	
column on the left, list below	•			ohol at different times from those listed in the	
For example (but not exclusive	eiy), where you wish the	activi	/ity to go on longe	er on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.	
State the name and details of licence as premises supervisor	· ·	ı wish	h to specify on th	e	
Name					
First name	Sara				
Family name	Soujaa				
Enter the contact's address					
Building number or name	27				
Street	Falford Road				
District	Old Marston				
City or town	Oxford				
County or administrative area					
Postcode	OX3 0RY				
Country	United Kingdom				
Personal Licence number (if known)					
Issuing licensing authority (if known)			14		

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PROPOSED DESIGNATI	ED PRE	MISES SUPE	RVISOR CONSENT		
How will the consent fo be supplied to the auth		he proposed	designated premises	supervisor	
<ul><li>Electronically, by t</li></ul>	the pro	posed desig	nated premises supervi	isor	
<ul><li>As an attachment</li></ul>	to this	application			
Reference number for c form (if known)	onsent				If the consent form is already submitted, ask the proposed designated premises supervisor for its 'system reference' or 'your reference'.
Section 16 of 19					
ADULT ENTERTAINMEI	NT				
Highlight any adult ento premises that may give				entertainmen	nt or matters ancillary to the use of the
	ct of ch	ildren, regar	dless of whether you ir	ntend childre	to the use of the premises which may give n to have access to the premises, for example gambling machines etc.
None					, 3
Section 17 of 19					
HOURS PREMISES ARE	OPEN	TO THE PUB	BLIC		
Standard Days And Ti	mings				
MONDAY					Cive tierie er in 24 haardele
	Start	08:00	End		Give timings in 24 hour clock. (e.g., 16:00) and only give details for the days
	Start		End	20:00	of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.
TUESDAY			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		to be used for the activity.
TOLSDAT	Start	08:00	End		
		08.00		20.00	
	Start		End	20:00	
WEDNESDAY			ı		
	Start	08:00	End		
	Start		End	20:00	
THURSDAY					
	Start	08:00	End		
	Start		End	20:00	
FRIDAY					
	Start	08:00	End		
	Start		15 <sup>End</sup>	20:00	
			15-14		

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SATURDAY		
	Start 08:00	End
	Start	End 20:00
SUNDAY		
	Start 08:00	End
	Start	End 20:00
State any seasonal varia	ations	
·		cur on additional days during the summer months.
		<u> </u>
	Where you intend to use the premise mn on the left, list below	es to be open to the members and guests at different times from
For example (but not e	xclusively), where you wish the activi	ity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.
Section 18 of 19		
LICENSING OBJECTIVE	:S	
Describe the steps you	intend to take to promote the four li	censing objectives:
a) General – all four lice	ensing objectives (b,c,d,e)	
List here steps you will	take to promote all four licensing ob	jectives together.
	· ·	the premises. The training shall be written into a programme, ilable to a relevant responsible authority when called upon.
2. Alcohol for consump	tion on the premises shall be supplie	ed ancillary to a table meal only.
3. Alcohol for consump	tion on the premises shall be provide	ed by waiter/waitress service only to seated diners.
b) The prevention of cr	ime and disorder	
incorporate a camera c		nall be installed, operated and maintained. The system shall nd be capable of providing an image which is regarded as any the premises.
5. The CCTV system shall incorporate a recording facility and all recordings shall be securely stored for a minimum of 31 days. A system shall be in place to maintain the quality of the recorded image and a complete audit trail maintained. The system shall comply with other essential legislation and all signs as required shall be clearly displayed. The system shall be maintained and fully operational throughout the hours that the premises is open for any licensable activity.		

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- 6. A staff member from the premises who can operate the CCTV system shall be on the premises at all times when the premises is open to the public. This staff member shall be able to show Police recent data or footage with the absolute minimum of delay when requested.
- 7. Signage indicating that a CCTV recording system is in operation shall be displayed prominently in the premises.
- 8. Persons shall not be permitted to leave the premises with alcohol in an opened container.
- 9. A premises daily register shall be kept at the premises. This register shall be maintained and kept for a rolling period of 12 months. The register shall record the name of the person responsible for the premises on each given day. The register shall record all incidents which may have occurred which are relevant to the supply of alcohol and the promotion of the licensing objectives. Such incidents shall include complaints made to the premises alleging nuisance or anti-social behaviour by persons attending or leaving the premises. The register shall also record all refusals to sell alcohol. The register shall be readily available for inspection by an authorised person upon reasonable request.
- 10. A range of non-alcoholic beverages shall be available for consumption on the premises.

#### c) Public safety

- 11. No person shall be allowed to leave the premises whilst in the possession of any glass drinking vessel or open glass bottle, whether empty or containing any beverage.
- 12. The premises' seated capacity shall be 16 people.
- 13. The premises licence holder shall ensure that a suitable fire risk assessment and emergency plan is in place at all times.
- 14. The premises licence holder shall ensure that an electrical compliance check is made at least once a year.
- 15. Fire drills shall be undertaken regularly.
- 16. An adequate and appropriate supply of first aid equipment and materials shall be available on the premises.
- d) The prevention of public nuisance
- 17. Signage shall be displayed at each exit requesting patrons to consider the neighbours when entering and exiting the premises.
- 18. The premises' frontage shall be regularly monitored to keep it clean and clear of litter.
- e) The protection of children from harm
- 19. Challenge 25 shall be operated as the proof of age policy. Signage shall be prominently displayed advising that Challenge 25 is in operation at the premises and that customers may be required to produce evidence of their age if seeking to purchase alcohol.
- 20. The only acceptable forms of identification must include a photograph of the bearer and shall be restricted to a passport, a driving licence or a Proof of Age card carrying a 'PASS' logo.
- 21. All occasions when persons have been refused service shall be recorded in the premises daily register.

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#### **PAYMENT DETAILS**

This fee must be paid to the authority. If you complete the application online, you must pay it by debit or credit card.

Premises Licence Fees are determined by the non domestic rateable value of the premises.

To find out a premises non domestic rateable value go to the Valuation Office Agency site at http://www.voa.gov.uk/business\_rates/index.htm

Band A - No RV to £4300	£100.00
Band B - £4301 to £33000	£190.00
Band C - £33001 to £8700	£315.00
Band D - £87001 to £12500	£450.00*
Band E - £125001 and over	£635.00*

\*If the premises rateable value is in Bands D or E and the premises is primarily used for the consumption of alcohol on the premises then your are required to pay a higher fee

Band D - £87001 to £12500 £900.00 Band E - £125001 and over £1,905.00

There is an exemption from the payment of fees in relation to the provision of regulated entertainment at church halls, chapel halls or premises of a similar nature, village halls, parish or community halls, or other premises of a similar nature. The costs associated with these licences will be met by central Government. If, however, the licence also authorises the use of the premises for the supply of alcohol or the provision of late night refreshment, a fee will be required.

Schools and sixth form colleges are exempt from the fees associated with the authorisation of regulated entertainment where the entertainment is provided by and at the school or college and for the purposes of the school or college.

If you operate a large event you are subject to ADDITIONAL fees based upon the number in attendance at any one time

Capacity 5000-9999	£1,000.00
Capacity 10000 -14999	£2,000.00
Capacity 15000-19999	£4,000.00
Capacity 20000-29999	£8,000.00
Capacity 30000-39000	£16,000.00
Capacity 40000-49999	£24,000.00
Capacity 50000-59999	£32,000.00
Capacity 60000-69999	£40,000.00
Capacity 70000-79999	£48,000.00
Capacity 80000-89999	£56,000.00
Capacity 90000 and over	£64,000.00
* Fee amount (£)	190.00

#### **DECLARATION**

- I/we understand 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.
  - $oxed{\boxtimes}$  Ticking this box indicates you have read and understood the above declaration

This section should be completed by the applicant, unless you appeared "Yes" to the question "Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?"

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* Full name	Paul Jones
* Capacity	Authorised Agent
* Date	02 / 06 / 2015
	dd mm yyyy
	Add another signatory
your application.	
_	N SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING LEVEL 5 ON THE STANDARD OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION
OFFICE USE ONLY	
Applicant reference number	
Fee paid	
Payment provider reference	
ELMS Payment Reference	
Payment status	
Payment authorisation code	
Payment authorisation date	
Date and time submitted	
Approval deadline	
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Ground Floor Plan

BASEMENT PLAN

#### **APPENDIX TWO**

Licensing Application 15/02423/PREM: 3 Little Clarendon Street Oxford

Representations on behalf of the St John Street Area Residents' Association

This Association represents the interests of the residents of Wellington Square, St John Street, Beaumont Buildings, Pusey Lane, Beaumont Street and Gloucester Green. Some of our members therefore live close to the premises which are the subject of this application.

We wish to make representations against this application on the grounds of the promotion of public safety and prevention of public nuisance. As these overlap they are covered together below.

Little Clarendon Street is a small and short street. There is already a block of five licensed premises close to and on the same side as that which is the subject of this application, a further one is immediately adjacent to 3 Little Clarendon Street and another is immediately across the road. There is a problem of drinkers spilling out from the existing licensed premises on to the pavement and the road which both causes a noise nuisance and forces passing pedestrians off the pavement and into the road. The addition of yet another licensed property would add to both these problems. A particular problem of public safety is caused because there is a contra-flow cycle lane adjacent to the rather narrow pavement outside these premises and the nearby six premises already licensed. Pedestrians on the road force cyclists into the path of oncoming vehicles and obscure the view of cyclists from drivers.

The proposal to have "off" sales of alcohol from 8am in the morning seven days a week is particularly concerning as is the fact that there is no suggestion that alcohol sales would be allowed only with the purchase of food at any time. These premises could thus effectively become an "off licence". The only people likely to want to buy alcohol in the first part of the morning are those who are dependent on alcohol or others who have been drinking through the night. They are likely to take their purchases to the nearby open spaces – St Giles churchyard, which is a major pedestrian through route, or Wellington Square and cause public nuisance. This could be particularly distressing for people arriving for services at St Giles church on Sunday mornings.

We note that Section 5 of the application refers to there being 5 tables in this establishment and section 18 c to a seated capacity of 16. In fact this recently opened business currently has 7 tables and 17 seats, with scope for more. It seems unlikely that the numbers of tables and seats would be reduced to those given in the application. Whilst these errors may not be material, they must throw doubt on the reliability of the other information and assurances given in the application.

One would expect few purchasers of food to take away from a genuine "deli" to wish to purchase alcohol. The same applies to consumers of light meals on the premises. It should be noted that these premises have planning permission for retail use only, or at least no application has been made for a change from the existing very long-term use. Extensive use for dining would be likely to involve a breach of planning rules.

Please note that the notice of this application in the window of these premises state that representations have to be made by **30 June** thus misleading the public if they have to be made by 29 June as stated on this website.

#### **APPENDIX THREE**



