

Agenda

Licensing & Gambling Acts Casework Sub-Committee

This licensing hearing will be held on:

Date: **Monday 30 September 2024**

Time: **6.00 pm**

Place: **Long Room - Oxford Town Hall**

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Councillors: Membership 3: Quorum 3

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Councillor Katherine Miles

Councillor Theodore Jupp

Councillor Simon Ottino

Councillor Mohammed Azad (Reserve)

Councillor Mary Clarkson (Reserve)

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General duty

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What is a disclosable pecuniary interest?

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Even if you do not have a disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter, the Members' Code of Conduct says that a member "must serve only the public interest and must never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person including yourself" and that "you must not place yourself in situations where your honesty and integrity may be questioned". The matter of interests must be viewed within the context of the Code as a whole and regard should continue to be paid to the perception of the public.

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LICENSING CASEWORK SUB-COMMITTEE PROCEDURES

Housekeeping Matters

- Mobiles must be switched off
- No smoking throughout the building
- Consumption of food is not permitted

The Meeting

1. The Licensing Casework Sub-Committee shall consist of three members of the Council (councilors). At the start of each Sub-Committee meeting a Chair shall be elected from among the three members. The Sub-Committee is responsible for reaching a decision upon the application being heard by the Sub-Committee, having received addresses and representations from all parties.

The Paperwork

2. Officers of the Licensing Authority (the City Council) will prepare the paperwork for the application that is to be heard by the Sub-Committee. The paperwork will include:-
 - A summary of the application, the representations received and of any other relevant material
 - The application and any other supporting material supplied by the applicant
 - Representations made by the responsible authorities
 - Representations made by interested parties

Introductions

3. The Chair will commence the hearing by introducing her or himself and the other two Sub-Committee members. The Chair will then ask all of the other parties present to introduce themselves and explain in what capacity they are attending.

Conduct of Proceedings

4. The role of the Chair is to control the proceedings. All questions must be put through the Chair.
5. The Chair will indicate that the members of the Sub-Committee have read and familiarised themselves with the papers and issues. The Chair will stress that the Sub-Committee does not therefore require points to be made or repeated at length.
6. The hearing shall take the form of a discussion. Formal cross-examination shall not be permitted unless the Chair considers that cross-examination in a particular circumstance would assist. In exercising this discretion to permit cross-examination, the Chair must have regard to the rules of natural justice and the right to a fair hearing.
7. Members of the Sub-Committee may ask questions to any party to elicit further information. The representative of the Licensing Authority may also ask questions of any party in order to clarify the evidence and any issues in the case.
8. The Sub-Committee will determine the application in accordance with the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy, the Licensing Act 2003 and Guidance and Regulations under the Act, taking into consideration the overriding need to promote the four Licensing Objectives.
9. In considering any representation or notice made by a party the Sub-Committee may take into account documentary or other information produced by a party in support of their application, representations or notice (as applicable) either before the hearing or, with the consent of all the other parties, at the hearing.
10. The Sub-Committee will generally not expect any of the parties to take more than 20 minutes to address it, to give further information or to call witnesses.
11. Where a person attending the hearing is acting in a manner that the Sub-Committee consider to be disruptive, the Sub-Committee may require that the person leave the hearing and may:
 - (a) refuse to permit that person to return; or
 - (b) permit him / her to return only on such conditions as the Authority may specify.

12. Before the end of the hearing any person who was required to leave the hearing under paragraph 11 may submit in writing any information which they would have been entitled to give orally had they not been required to leave.

Order of Proceedings

13. All parties have a right to attend the hearing and may be assisted or represented by any person whether or not that person is legally qualified.

The Licensing Authority

14. The representative of the Licensing Authority shall present the report relating to the application to be heard by the Sub-Committee. The representative shall say who the applicant is, what the application is for and explain the paperwork before the Sub-Committee.

Applicant case

15. The applicant must fully outline their application and address the licensing objectives, and then may call witnesses if desired.
16. Where a responsible authority or interested party seeks to cross-examine the applicant or any of their witnesses, he / she must seek the permission of the Chair who will exercise the discretion as to whether to allow such questioning.

Responsible Authorities case

17. Each responsible authority must fully outline the nature of their representation and address the licensing objectives, and then may call witnesses if desired.
18. Where the applicant or an interested party seeks to cross-examine the responsible authority or any of their witnesses, he / she must seek the permission of the Chair who will exercise the discretion as to whether to allow such questioning.

Interested parties case

19. Each interested party must fully outline the nature of their representation and address the licensing objectives, and then may call witnesses if desired.

20. Where there are a number of interested parties and the nature of the representations are similar, such parties may decide to appoint a spokesperson to represent the group.
21. Where a person is representing an interested party, the representative will be required to state the full name and address of the interested party.
22. Where the applicant or responsible authority seeks to cross-examine the interested party or any of their witnesses, he / she must seek the permission of the Chair who will exercise the discretion as to whether to allow such questioning.

Closing submissions

23. All parties will then be given the opportunity briefly to summarise their key points. The order shall be:-
 - Applicant
 - Responsible authorities
 - Interested parties
24. Interested parties may choose to appoint a spokesperson to briefly summarise the key points.

Determinations

25. At the end of a hearing, the Chair will announce that the hearing is adjourned while the Sub-Committee retires to deliberate in private.
26. The Sub-Committee must make its determination at the conclusion of the hearing in the following cases:
 - application for a variation and conversion of an “existing licence” (“existing licence” defined at paragraph 1 of Schedule 8);
 - application for variation and conversion of an existing club premises certificate;
 - counter notice following police objection to temporary event notice;
 - review of a premises licence following closure order;
 - determination of application for conversion of existing licence;
 - determination of application for conversion of existing club premises certificate;
 - determination of application by holder of a justices’ licence for grant of a personal licence.

27. In other cases (not mentioned in paragraph 26), excluding where a hearing has been dispensed with, the Sub-Committee must make its determination within the period of five working days beginning with the day or the last day on which the hearing was held.
28. A written decision outlining the reasons for the decision will be sent to the parties forthwith on making its determinations.

Closed hearing

29. The hearing shall take place in public. However, the Sub-Committee may exclude the public from all or part of a hearing where it considers that the public interest in so doing outweighs the public interest in the hearing, or that part of the hearing, taking place in public.

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To: Licensing and Gambling Acts Sub-Committee
Date: 30th September 2024
Report of: Executive Director for Communities and People
Title of Report: Oxford Leisure Limited – Application to vary a Premises Licence – The Bridge, 6 - 9 Hythe Bridge Street, Oxford, OX1 2EW
Application Ref: 24/03047/PREM

Summary and recommendations	
Purpose of report:	To inform the determination of Oxford Leisure Limited's application to vary a Premises Licence
Corporate Priorities:	Strong, fair economy & Thriving communities
Recommendation(s): That the Licensing and Gambling Acts Sub-Committee resolves to:	
1. determine Oxford Leisure Limited's application taking into account the details in this report and any representations made at this Sub-Committee meeting.	

Appendices	
Appendix 1	Application to vary a Premises Licence
Appendix 2	Existing Premises Licence - 10/01196/RVPREM
Appendix 3	Representation from Thames Valley Police
Appendix 4	Representations from Interested Parties (Other Persons)
Appendix 5	Location Plan

Introduction and background

1. 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 variation to the Premises Licence to Oxford Leisure Limited.

Application Summary

2. An application to vary a Premises Licence has been submitted by Oxford Leisure Limited. A summary of the variation, including the licensable activities varied or

applied for and the timings proposed for these activities can be found detailed below:

Supply of Alcohol (On Sales), Live Music and Recorded Music:

Sunday to Saturday 12:00 until 03:00

Existing timings:

Sunday to Wednesday 19:00 until 02:00

Thursday to Saturday 19:00 until 03:00

Late Night Refreshment:

Sunday to Saturday 23:00 until 03:00

Existing timings:

Sunday 23:00 until 00:30

Monday to Wednesday 23:00 until 02:00

Thursday to Saturday 23:00 until 03:00

Performance of Dance:

Sunday to Saturday 12:00 until 03:00

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**.
4. In order to assist all parties to this Hearing, the current Premises licence for The Bridge, reference 10/01196/RVPREM, is attached at **Appendix Two**.

Relevant Representations

5. A valid representation has been received from a Responsible Authority, Thames Valley Police, as detailed in the table below. A copy of the representation can be found at **Appendix Three**.

Responsible Authority	Response	Licensing Objective(s)
Thames Valley Police	Objection	Crime & Disorder, Public Nuisance
Fire and Rescue Service	No Objection	
Environmental Health	No Representation	
Health and Safety	No Representation	
Planning	No Representation	
Trading Standards	No Representation	
Child Safeguarding	No Representation	
Licensing Authority	No Representation	

6. Valid representations has been received from Interested Parties (other persons) as detailed in the table below. Copies of these representations are attached at **Appendix Four**.

Name	Address	Licensing Objective(s)
N Belshaw	Hythe Bridge Street, Oxford	Crime & Disorder, Public Nuisance
K P Cheung	Hythe Bridge Street, Oxford	Crime & Disorder, Public Nuisance
J Gillson	Upper Fisher Row, Oxford	Crime & Disorder, Public Nuisance
K Landazabal	Upper Fisher Row, Oxford	Crime & Disorder, Public Nuisance
A Lu and H Wu	Hythe Bridge Street, Oxford	Crime & Disorder, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
K Mariat	Hythe Bridge Street, Oxford	Crime & Disorder, Public Nuisance
B Mercer	Upper Fisher Row, Oxford	Public Nuisance
S Pressel	Rawlinson Road, Oxford	Crime & Disorder, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
A Storey	Hythe Bridge Street, Oxford	Crime & Disorder, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
J Young	Upper Fisher Row, Oxford	Crime & Disorder, Public Nuisance

Location

7. A map is attached at **Appendix Five** 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

8. 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	Section	Policy
Cumulative Impact	3.1.1 to 3.1.3	GN16 to GN18
Special Saturation Policy	3.2.1 to 3.2.8	GN19
Live Music, Dancing and Theatre	4.2.1 to 4.2.3	GN23
Licensing Hours	5.1.1	LH1 to LH3

Dispersal Procedures	5.3.1 to 5.3.3	LH6
Public Nuisance	7.3.1 to 7.3.10	LA2 to LA5
Sanitary Accommodation	7.3.13 to 7.3.15	LA7
Public Nuisance Noise	8.1	OS12

9. A copy of the Statement of Licensing Policy may be obtained from the Council Offices or found online at:

[Download the Statement of Licensing Policy | Oxford City Council](#)

Home Office Statutory Guidance

10. 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 Paragraph
Crime & Disorder	2.1 to 2.7
Public Safety	2.8 to 2.15
Ensuring safe departure of those using the premises	2.16
Public Nuisance	2.21 to 2.27

11. A copy of the Home Office Statutory Guidance may be found online at:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/explanatory-memorandum-revised-guidance-issued-under-s-182-of-licensing-act-2003>

Cumulative Impact

12. Oxford City Council has adopted Special Saturation Policies in respect of the City Centre and East Oxford as detailed within the Statement of Licensing Policy.
13. The Special Saturation Policies were introduced following evidence brought by Thames Valley Police on the grounds of the cumulative impact of premises licensed for the sale of alcohol on the licensing objectives of preventing crime and disorder and preventing public nuisance within the defined areas.
14. The effect of adopting Special Saturation Policies is to create a rebuttable presumption that applications for new Premises Licences or Club Premises Certificates or material variations to these will normally be refused, if relevant representations to that effect are received, unless it can be demonstrated that the operation of the premises involved will not add significantly to the cumulative impact already being experienced on the licensing objectives of preventing crime and disorder and preventing public nuisance.

Other Relevant Considerations

15. 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.
16. 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.
17. 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.
18. 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.
19. 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.
20. 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.
21. 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.

22. 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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Application to vary a premises licence
Licensing Act 2003

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* required information

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You can save the form at any time and resume it later. You do not need to be logged in when you resume.

System reference This is the unique reference for this application generated by the system.

Your reference You can put what you want here to help you track applications if you make lots of them. It is passed to the authority.

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Put "no" if you are applying on your own behalf or on behalf of a business you own or work for.

Applicant Details

* First name

* Family name

* E-mail

Main telephone number Include country code.

Other telephone number

☐ Indicate here if you would prefer not to be contacted by telephone

Are you:

☒ Applying as a business or organisation, including as a sole trader

☐ Applying as an individual

A sole trader is a business owned by one person without any special legal structure. Applying as an individual means you are applying so you can be employed, or for some other personal reason, such as following a hobby.

Applicant Business

Is your business registered in the UK with Companies House? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Note: completing the Applicant Business section is optional in this form.

Registration number

Business name If your business is registered, use its registered name.

VAT number Put "none" if you are not registered for VAT.

Legal status

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Your position in the business

Home country

The country where the headquarters of your business is located.

Registered Address

Address registered with Companies House.

Building number or name

Street

District

City or town

County or administrative area

Postcode

Country

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APPLICATION DETAILS

This application cannot be used to vary the licence so as to extend the period for which the licence has effect or to vary substantially the premises to which it relates. If you wish to make that type of change to the premises licence, you should make a new premises licence application under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003.

I/we, as named in section 1, being the premises licence holder, apply to vary a premises licence under section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in section 2 below.

* Premises Licence Number

Are you able to provide a postal address, OS map reference or description of the premises?

☒ Address ☐ OS map reference ☐ Description

Postal Address Of Premises

Building number or name

Street

District

City or town

County or administrative area

Postcode

Country

Premises Contact Details

Telephone number

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Non-domestic rateable
value of premises (£)

88,000

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VARIATION

Do you want the proposed
variation to have effect as
soon as possible?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Do you want the proposed variation to have effect in relation to the
introduction of the late night levy?

☐ Yes

☒ No

You do not have to pay a fee if the only
purpose of the variation for which you are
applying is to avoid becoming liable to the
late night levy.

If your proposed variation
would mean that 5,000 or
more people are expected to
attend the premises at any
one time, state the number
expected to attend

Describe Briefly The Nature Of The Proposed Variation

Describe 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.

Changes to the start and finish time of all licensable activities
12pm (midday) start everyday instead of the current 7pm start.
03am closing time on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning instead of 02am

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PROVISION OF PLAYS

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will the schedule to provide plays be subject to change if this application to
vary is successful?

☐ Yes

☒ No

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PROVISION OF FILMS

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will the schedule to provide films be subject to change if this application to
vary is successful?

☐ Yes

☒ No

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PROVISION OF INDOOR SPORTING EVENTS

Will the schedule to provide indoor sporting events be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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PROVISION OF BOXING OR WRESTLING ENTERTAINMENTS

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will the schedule to provide boxing or wrestling entertainments be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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PROVISION OF LIVE MUSIC

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will the schedule to provide live music be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Standard Days And Timings

MONDAY

Start

End

Start

End

Provide timings in 24 hour clock (e.g., 16:00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.

TUESDAY

Start

End

Start

End

WEDNESDAY

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THURSDAY

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End

FRIDAY

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End

SATURDAY

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End

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SUNDAY

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End

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End

Will the performance of live music take place indoors or outdoors or both?

☐ Indoors ☐ Outdoors ☒ Both

Where taking place in a building or other structure select as appropriate. Indoors may include a tent.

State type of activity to be authorised, if not already stated, and give relevant further details, for example (but not exclusively) whether or not music will be amplified or unamplified.

State any seasonal variations for the performance of live music

For example (but not exclusively) where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.

Non-standard timings. Where the premises will be used for the performance of live music at different times from those listed, above below.

For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.

As per stated on our current license:
"On no more than 20 occasions per year on Friday and Saturday nights the permitted hours for all licensable activities will be 19:00 hours to 04:30 hours the following day. On such occasions when the extended hours are used, 14 days notice will be given to Thames Valley Police"

All licensable activities to be extended by an hour on the day of the start of the British Summer Time

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PROVISION OF RECORDED MUSIC

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will the schedule to provide recorded music be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Standard Days And Timings

MONDAY

Start

End

Start

End

Provide timings in 24 hour clock (e.g., 16:00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.

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Will the playing of recorded music take place indoors or outdoors or both?

☐ Indoors ☐ Outdoors ☒ Both

Where taking place in a building or other structure select as appropriate. Indoors may include a tent.

State type of activity to be authorised, if not already stated, and give relevant further details, for example (but not exclusively) whether or not music will be amplified or unamplified.

Amplified Music at talking level outdoor
Amplified music at current levels indoor

State any seasonal variations for playing recorded music.

For example (but not exclusively) where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.

Non-standard timings. Where the premises will be used for the playing of recorded music at different times from those listed above, list below.

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For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.

As per stated on our current license:

"On no more than 20 occasions per year on Friday and Saturday nights the permitted hours for all licensable activities will be 19:00 hours to 04:30 hours the following day. On such occasions when the extended hours are used, 14 days notice will be given to Thames Valley Police"

All licensable activities to be extended by an hour on the day of the start of the British Summer Time

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PROVISION OF PERFORMANCES OF DANCE

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will the schedule to provide performances of dance be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Standard Days And Timings

MONDAY

Start

End

Start

End

Provide timings in 24 hour clock (e.g., 16:00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.

TUESDAY

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WEDNESDAY

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23End

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Will the performance of dance take place indoors or outdoors or both?

☐ Indoors ☐ Outdoors ☒ Both

Where taking place in a building or other structure select as appropriate. Indoors may include a tent.

State type of activity to be authorised, if not already stated, and give relevant further details, for example (but not exclusively) whether or not music will be amplified or unamplified.

State any seasonal variations for the performance of dance.

For example (but not exclusively) where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.

Non-standard timings. Where the premises will be used for the performance of dance at different times from those listed above, list below.

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PROVISION OF ANYTHING OF A SIMILAR DESCRIPTION TO LIVE MUSIC, RECORDED MUSIC OR PERFORMANCES OF DANCE

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will the schedule to provide anything similar to live music, recorded music or performances of dance be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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PROVISION OF LATE NIGHT REFRESHMENT

Will the schedule to provide late night refreshment be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Standard Days And Timings

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MONDAY

Start

End

Start

End

Provide timings in 24 hour clock (e.g., 16:00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.

TUESDAY

Start

End

Start

End

WEDNESDAY

Start

End

Start

End

THURSDAY

Start

End

Start

End

FRIDAY

Start

End

Start

End

SATURDAY

Start

End

Start

End

SUNDAY

Start

End

Start

End

Will the provision of late night refreshment take place indoors or outdoors or both?

☐ Indoors ☐ Outdoors ☒ Both

Where taking place in a building or other structure select as appropriate. Indoors may include a tent.

State type of activity to be authorised, if not already stated, and give relevant further details, for example (but not exclusively) whether or not music will be amplified or unamplified.

State any seasonal variations.

For example (but not exclusively) where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.

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Non standard timings. Where the premises will be used for the provision of late night refreshment at different times from those listed above, list below.

For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.

All licensable activities to be extended by an hour on the day of the start of the British Summer Time

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SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL

Will the schedule to supply alcohol be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Standard Days And Timings

MONDAY

Start

End

Start

End

Provide timings in 24 hour clock (e.g., 16:00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.

TUESDAY

Start

End

Start

End

WEDNESDAY

Start

End

Start

End

THURSDAY

Start

End

Start

End

FRIDAY

Start

End

Start

End

SATURDAY

Start

End

Start

End

Continued from previous page...

SUNDAY

Start

End

Start

End

Will the sale of alcohol be for consumption?

☒ On the premises ☐ Off the premises ☐ Both

If the sale of alcohol is for consumption on 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 exclusively) where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.

Non-standard timings. Where the premises will be used for the supply of alcohol at different times from those listed above, list below.

For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.

As per stated on our current license:

"On no more than 20 occasions per year on Friday and Saturday nights the permitted hours for all licensable activities will be 19:00 hours to 04:30 hours the following day. On such occasions when the extended hours are used, 14 days notice will be given to Thames Valley Police"

All licensable activities to be extended by an hour on the day of the start of the British Summer Time

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ADULT ENTERTAINMENT

Highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, or other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children.

Provide information about anything intended to occur at the premises or ancillary to the use of the premises which may give rise to concern in respect of children, regardless of whether you intend children to have access to the premises, for example (but not exclusively) nudity or semi-nudity, films for restricted age groups etc gambling machines etc.

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HOURS PREMISES ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Standard Days And Timings

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MONDAY

Start

End

Start

End

Provide timings in 24 hour clock (e.g., 16:00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.

TUESDAY

Start

End

Start

End

WEDNESDAY

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THURSDAY

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Start

End

FRIDAY

Start

End

Start

End

SATURDAY

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SUNDAY

Start

End

Start

End

State any seasonal variations.

For example (but not exclusively) where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.

Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises to be open to the members and guests at different times from those listed above, list below.

For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.

As per stated on our current license:

"On no more than 20 occasions per year on Friday and Saturday nights the permitted hours for all licensable activities will be 19:00 hours to 04:30 hours the following day. On such occasions when the extended hours are used, 14 days notice will be given to Thames Valley Police"

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All licensable activities to be extended by an hour on the day of the start of the British Summer Time

Identify those conditions currently imposed on the licence which you believe could be removed as a consequence of the proposed variation you are seeking.

☒ I have enclosed the premises licence

☐ I have enclosed the relevant part of the premises licence

Reasons why I have failed to enclose the premises licence or relevant part of premises licence.

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LICENSING OBJECTIVES

Describe the steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives:

a) General – all four licensing objectives (b,c,d,e)

List here steps you will take to promote all four licensing objectives together.

All conditions to promote the licensing objectives shall remain as per the current licence.

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

All conditions to promote the licensing objectives shall remain as per the current licence.

c) Public safety

All conditions to promote the licensing objectives shall remain as per the current licence.

d) The prevention of public nuisance

All conditions to promote the licensing objectives shall remain as per the current licence.

e) The protection of children from harm

All conditions to promote the licensing objectives shall remain as per the current licence.

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NOTES ON REGULATED ENTERTAINMENT

In terms of specific **regulated entertainments** please note that:

- Plays: no licence is required for performances between 08:00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
- Films: no licence is required for 'not-for-profit' film exhibition held in community premises between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day provided that the audience does not exceed 500 and the organiser (a) gets consent to the screening from a person who is responsible for the premises; and (b) ensures that each such screening abides by age classification ratings.
- Indoor sporting events: no licence is required for performances between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 1000.
- Boxing or Wrestling Entertainment: no licence is required for a contest, exhibition or display of Greco-Roman wrestling, or freestyle wrestling between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 1000. Combined fighting sports – defined as a contest, exhibition or display which combines boxing or wrestling with one or more martial arts – are licensable as a boxing or wrestling entertainment rather than an indoor sporting event.
- Live music: no licence permission is required for:
 - o a performance of unamplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, on any premises.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a workplace that is not licensed to sell alcohol on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a church hall, village hall, community hall, or other similar community premises, that is not licensed by a premises licence to sell alcohol, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance from a person who is responsible for the premises.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, at the non-residential premises of (i) a local authority, or (ii) a school, or (iii) a hospital, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance on the relevant premises from: (i) the local authority concerned, or (ii) the school or (iii) the health care provider for the hospital.
- Recorded Music: no licence permission is required for:
 - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a church hall, village hall, community hall, or other similar community premises, that is not licensed by a premises licence to sell alcohol, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance from a person who is responsible for the premises.
 - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, at the non-residential premises of (i) a local authority, or (ii) a school, or (iii) a hospital, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance on the relevant premises from: (i) the local authority concerned, or (ii) the school proprietor or (iii) the health care provider for the hospital.

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- Dance: no licence is required for performances between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 500. However, a performance which amounts to adult entertainment remains licensable.
- Cross activity exemptions: no licence is required between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, with no limit on audience size for:
 - o any entertainment taking place on the premises of the local authority where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the local authority;
 - o any entertainment taking place on the hospital premises of the health care provider where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the health care provider;
 - o any entertainment taking place on the premises of the school where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the school proprietor; and
 - o any entertainment (excluding films and a boxing or wrestling entertainment) taking place at a travelling circus, provided that (a) it takes place within a moveable structure that accommodates the audience, and (b) that the travelling circus has not been located on the same site for more than 28 consecutive days.

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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.

Variation 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

If you own a large premise 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 (£) 450.00

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

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* licensing act 2003, to make a false statement in or in connection with this application.

☒ Ticking this box indicates you have read and understood the above declaration

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

* Full name

* Capacity

* Date

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2024

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Add another signatory

Once you're finished you need to do the following:

1. Save this form to your computer by clicking file/save as...

2. Go back to <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-a-licence/premises-licence/oxford/change-1> to upload this file and continue with your application.

Don't forget to make sure you have all your supporting documentation to hand.

IT IS AN OFFENCE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION. THOSE WHO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT MAY BE LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE OF ANY AMOUNT.

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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**The Licensing Act 2003
(Premises licences and club premises certificates) Regulations 2005
Regulation 33, 34 and Schedule 12
Part A**

**Premises Licence
*Oxford City Council***

Premises Licence Number

10/01196/RVPREM

Part 1 – Premises Details

Postal address of premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description, including Post Town, Post Code

The Bridge
6 - 9 Hythe Bridge Street
Oxford
Oxfordshire
OX1 2EW

Telephone number 01865 242526

Where the licence is time limited the dates

Not applicable

Licensable activities authorised by the licence

Supply of Alcohol
Live Music
Late Night Refreshment
Provision of facilities for dancing
Provision of facilities for making music
Recorded Music

Times the licence authorises the carrying out of licensable activities

Supply of Alcohol
Sunday to Wednesday 19:00 hours to 02:00 hours the following day
Thursday to Saturday 19:00 hours to 03:00 hours the following day

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Live Music

Sunday to Wednesday 19:00 hours to 02:00 hours the following day

Thursday to Saturday 19:00 hours to 03:00 hours the following day

Late Night Refreshment

Monday to Wednesday 23:00 hours to 02:00 hours the following day

Sunday 23:00 hours to 00:30 hours the following day

Thursday to Saturday 23:00 hours to 03:00 hours the following day

Provision of facilities for dancing

Sunday to Wednesday 19:00 hours to 02:00 hours the following day

Thursday to Saturday 19:00 hours to 03:00 hours the following day

Provision of facilities for making music

Sunday to Wednesday 19:00 hours to 02:00 hours the following day

Thursday to Saturday 19:00 hours to 03:00 hours the following day

Recorded Music

Sunday to Wednesday 19:00 hours to 02:00 hours the following day

Thursday to Saturday 19:00 hours to 03:00 hours the following day

On no more than 20 occasions per year on Friday and Saturday nights the permitted hours for all licensable activities will be 19:00 hours until 04:30 hours the following day. On such occasions when the extended hours are used, 14 days' notice will be given to Thames Valley Police.

The opening hours of the premises

At the discretion of the licence holder

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

On and off supplies

Part 2

Name, (registered) address, telephone number and email (where relevant) of holder of premises licence

Oxford Leisure Limited
The Bridge
Bunting House
6-9 Hythe Bridge Street
Oxford
OX1 2EW

Daytime Phone Number 01865 242526

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

4158415

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

Guillaume Berdeaux

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

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Annex 1 – Mandatory conditions

1. Where this licence includes a condition that at specified times one or more individuals must be at the premises to carry out a security activity, each individual must be licensed by the Security Industry Authority, with the following exceptions: a) premises where the premises licence authorises plays or films b) any occasion mentioned in paragraph 8(3)(b) or (c) of Schedule 2 to the Private Security Industry Act 2001 (premises being used exclusively by a club with a club premises certificate, under a temporary event notice authorising plays or films or under a gaming licence), or c) any occasion within paragraph 8(3)(d) of Schedule 2 to the Private Security Industry Act 2001.
2. 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.
3. The maximum number of persons (including staff and entertainers) allowed at the premises shall not exceed 560.
4. Noise emanating from the premises as a result of regulated entertainment shall not exceed 40dB(A) as measured 1 metre from the facade of any occupied building
5. Noise emanating from the premises as a result of regulated entertainment shall be inaudible in adjacent or adjoining properties.
6.
 - a) At least one door supervisor shall be in position at the rear exit of the premises at all times when the exit is used.
 - b) At least two door supervisors shall be in position at the main exit of the premises from Midnight in order to minimise the noise made by departing patrons.
7. All bottles should be disposed of in bins quietly so as not to disturb neighbours or local residents. There should be no disposal of glass bottles at night.
8. Dispersal of patrons from the premises shall be in accordance with the dispersal strategy submitted by Oxford Leisure Ltd. The queuing and exiting system must ensure the rear car park is usable and safe for all users, including marking areas for car parking and pedestrians.
9. Every supply of alcohol under the Premises Licence must be made or authorised by a person who holds a Personal Licence.
10.
 - (1) The responsible person shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that staff on relevant premises do not carry out, arrange or participate in any irresponsible promotions in relation to the premises.
 - (2) In this paragraph, an irresponsible promotion means any one or more of the following activities, or substantially similar activities, carried on for the purpose of encouraging the sale or supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises in a manner which carries a significant risk of leading or contributing to crime and disorder, prejudice to public safety, public nuisance, or harm to children -
 - (a) games or other activities which require or encourage, or are designed to require or encourage, individuals to -
 - (i) drink a quantity of alcohol within a time limit (other than to drink alcohol sold or supplied on the premises before the cessation of the period in which the responsible person is authorised to sell or supply alcohol), or
 - (ii) drink as much alcohol as possible (whether within a time limit or otherwise);

(b) provision of unlimited or unspecified quantities of alcohol free or for a fixed or discounted fee to the public or to a group defined by a particular characteristic (other than any promotion or discount available to an individual in respect of alcohol for consumption at a table meal, as defined in section 159 of the Act);

(c) provision of free or discounted alcohol or any other thing as a prize to encourage or reward the purchase and consumption of alcohol over a period of 24 hours or less;

(d) provision of free or discounted alcohol in relation to the viewing on the premises of a sporting event, where that provision is dependent on -

- (i) the outcome of a race, competition or other event or process, or
- (ii) the likelihood of anything occurring or not occurring;

(e) selling or supplying alcohol in association with promotional posters or flyers on, or in the vicinity of, the premises which can reasonably be considered to condone, encourage or glamorise anti-social behaviour or to refer to the effects of drunkenness in any favourable manner.

- 11. The responsible person shall ensure that no alcohol is dispensed directly by one person into the mouth of another (other than where that other person is unable to drink without assistance by reason of a disability).
- 12. The responsible person shall ensure that free tap water is provided on request to customers where it is reasonably available.
- 13. (1) The premises licence holder or club premises certificate holder shall ensure that an age verification policy applies to the premises in relation to the sale or supply of alcohol.

(2) The policy must require individuals who appear to the responsible person to be under 18 years of age (or such older age as may be specified in the policy) to produce on request, before being served alcohol, identification bearing their photograph, date of birth and a holographic mark.
- 14. The responsible person shall ensure that -
 - (a) where any of the following alcoholic drinks is sold or supplied for consumption on the premises (other than alcoholic drinks sold or supplied having been made up in advance ready for sale or supply in a securely closed container) it is available to customers in the following measures -
 - (i) beer or cider: ½ pint;
 - (ii) gin, rum, vodka or whisky: 25 ml or 35 ml; and
 - (iii) still wine in a glass: 125 ml; and
 - (b) customers are made aware of the availability of these measures.

Annex 2 – Conditions consistent with the Operating Schedule

15. The premises shall be cleared of customers and closed 30 minutes after the conclusion of the last licensed activity.
16. A CCTV system shall be installed or the existing system maintained. The system will incorporate a camera covering each of the entrance doors and be capable of providing an image which is regarded as 'identification standard.'
17. All exit doors shall be available and easily openable without the use of a key, card, code or similar means.

Note: Doors that are not in regular use should be opened in order to ensure they function satisfactorily before the admission of the public on every occasion.
18. Prominent, clear notices shall be displayed at all exits requesting that customers respect the needs of local residents and leave the premises and the area quietly.
19. All members of staff at the premises shall seek "credible photographic proof of age evidence" from any person who appears to be under the age of 18 years and who is seeking access to the premises or is seeking to purchase or consume alcohol on the premises. Such credible evidence, which shall include a photograph of the customer, will include a passport, photographic driving licence, or Proof of Age card carrying a "PASS" logo.
20. When running licensable activities aimed at persons under the age of 18 there will be no sale of alcohol at the event.
21. There will be no admission to the premises to any person under the age of 18 when the sale of alcohol is permitted.
22. The music in the entrance lobby on the ground floor should only have music at a background level only and is set at a maximum level of 75 dB(A).
23. All [external doors / windows] must be kept closed, other than for access and egress, in all rooms when events involving amplified music or speech are taking place.

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

24. No person shall be admitted to the premises later than the following times:
 - (a) on Monday to Thursday nights inclusive less than 30 minutes before the cessation of the last licensable activity the following morning;
 - (b) on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights less than 1 hour before the cessation of the last licensable activity the following morning
25. All staff shall be suitably trained for their job function for the premises including dispersal policy. The training shall be written into a programme, ongoing and under constant review, and must be available to a relevant Responsible Authority when called upon.
26. All members of staff at the premises shall seek “credible photographic proof of age evidence” from any person who appears to be under the age of 21, and who is seeking access to the premises, or is seeking to purchase or consume alcohol on the premises. Such credible evidence, which shall include a photograph of the customer, will include a passport, photographic driving licence, or Proof of Age card carrying a PASS logo.
27. All staff shall be aware of the law regarding the refusal of service to any person who is drunk or is underage, and shall be aware of how to seek identification from anyone who appears to be underage.
28. A Premises Daily Register shall be kept at the premise. This register will be maintained and kept for a minimum of 12 months. This register should record the name of the person responsible for the premise on each given day. The Premises Daily Register shall record all calls made to the premises where there is a complaint made by a resident or neighbour of noise, nuisance or anti-social behaviour by persons attending or leaving the premises. This shall record the details of the caller, the time and date of the call and the time and date of the incident about which the call is made and any actions taken to deal with the call. The Premises Daily Register will be readily available for inspection by an Authorised Person throughout the trading hours of the premise. The Premises Daily Register will also record all incidents in relation to the use of any force by staff or Door Supervisors in the removal of persons from the premises. It shall record the time and date of the occurrence, name or brief description of the person removed, and details of the staff involved.
29. All Door Supervisors shall enter their full details in the Premises Daily Register at the commencement of work. This shall record their full name, home address and contact telephone number, the Door Supervisor's SIA registration number and the time they commenced and concluded working. If the Door Supervisor was supplied by an agency, details of that agency will also be recorded including the name of the agency, the registered business address and a contact telephone number.
30. Throughout the premises other than the VIP area drinks shall be served in non-glassware drinking vessels (e.g. plastic, polycarbonate).
31. In all areas of the premises champagne and sparkling wine may be served in glass bottles and glass flutes.
32. The premises will sign up to the ‘Radiolink’ communication scheme and comply with the conditions of use of radio.
33. To obtain a clear head and shoulders image of every person entering the premises on the CCTV system, persons entering the premises should be asked to remove headwear, unless worn as part of religious observance

34. The Premises CCTV system shall incorporate a recording facility and any recordings shall be retained and stored in a suitable and secure manner for a minimum of one calendar month. A system shall be in place to maintain the quality of the recorded image and a complete audit trail maintained. The system will comply with other essential legislation, and all signs as required will be clearly displayed. The system will be maintained and fully operational throughout the hours that the premises are open for any licensable activity. For premises using a video recording system, the cassette tape shall be used on no more than 12 occasions to maintain the quality of the recorded image.
35. There shall be at least one internal person engaged in watching for the safety of patrons per 80 customers.
36. All door supervisors and security staff engaged in the dispersal of patrons outside the premises shall wear 'high visibility' jackets at all times the premises are open. All staff engaged in the internal security of the premises shall at all times wear 'high visibility' clothing which readily identifies the wearer as a member of the security staff. Glass collection and other internal staff shall wear shirts that identify them as 'staff'.
37. In the VIP area only it shall be permissible to serve drinks of all description in glass bottles and drinking vessels with the exception of beer bottles. No glasses or bottles shall be taken out of the VIP area.
38. The Premises Licence Holder shall endeavour to employ at least one female member of security staff.
39. A member of the security staff shall at regular intervals carry out a high visibility 'Anti Theft' patrol involving:
 - Challenging customers who are seen to leave possessions unattended.
 - Collecting un-attended property and storing it in the cloak room.

Annex 4 – Plans

See attached (2 x A1 plans)



Protecting Our Communities

Oxford Local Police Area-Thames Valley Police
St Aldates & Cowley Police Stations

www.thamesvalley.police.uk

11th September 2024

To: The Licensing Authority –Oxford City Council

Reference: The Bridge Nightclub, Hythe Bridge Street - Variation 24/03047/PREM

Subject: Thames Valley Police Objection

Thames Valley Police have recently received a full variation for the Bridge Nightclub located in Oxford City Centre. This application seeks to increase the hours at the start of trade from 19:00 to Midday every day of the week. It also seeks to extend the terminal hour for Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to 03:00 from 02:00 the following day.

As such the application seeks an additional seven hours each day Monday- Sunday during the daytime trade and an additional hour each day Sunday through to Wednesday at night.

The venue has not put forward any new additional conditions to promote the four licensing objectives* nor has it addressed the city council's special saturation policy (SSP) as outlined in the statement of licensing policy

Oxford City Council

Statement of Licensing Policy

Special Saturation Policy at that time.

- 3.2.6 The effect of adopting a Special Saturation Policy is to create a rebuttable presumption that applications for new Premises Licences or Club Premises Certificates or material variations to these will normally be refused, if Relevant Representations to that effect are received, unless it can be demonstrated that the operation of the premises involved will not add to the cumulative impact already being experienced. Applicants would need to address the Special Saturation Policy issues in their Operating Schedules in order to rebut such a presumption. However this presumption does not relieve Responsible Authorities or other persons of the need to make a Relevant Representation before the Licensing Authority may lawfully consider giving effect to its Special Saturation Policy. Responsible Authorities, such as the Police, or other persons can make written Relevant Representations maintaining that it is necessary to refuse the application for the promotion of the prevention of public nuisance, or crime and disorder and referring to information which had been before the Authority when it developed a Special Saturation Policy for inclusion in its Statement of Licensing Policy.
- 3.2.7 Special Saturation Policies should never be used as a ground for revoking an existing licence or certificate when Relevant Representations are received about problems with

*(Prevention of Public Nuisance, Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Promotion of Public Safety and Protection of Children from Harm).

It is the concern of Thames Valley Police that this application will impact on the licensing objectives and the Licensing Authority's SSP.

As such the Police wish to lodge our concerns with the Licensing Authority so they may consider the matter, balance the various needs of the business, the local residents, those wishing to socialise in Oxford and the police, to reach a decision for all parties that is best for Oxford as a whole.

[A copy of the City Council's Cumulative Impact Assessment 2022, has been submitted with our representation]

The area of the city centre the premises falls within has been afforded SSP status.

As the Committee will be aware the SSP concerns itself not with the direct management of any individual licensed premises but recognises the cumulative detrimental impact on the area of alcohol related crime, disorder, anti-social behaviour (ASB) and nuisance, stemming from the general provisions of the night time economy in that defined geographical area.

The venue (as indicated within the yellow box below) is located on Hythe Bridge street, situated in the main night time economy (NTE) quarter of the city and as such is well within the SSP. The club has been a key feature of Oxford's NTE for decades. It shares the surrounding streets with a residential population, the most notable being those living in Upper Fisher Row.



The Bridge is one of Oxford's largest capacity late night venues, with a very active weekly events and promotional offer. It is therefore a popular public destination for those looking to socialise until the early hours.

It should also be noted, that the premises licence holders Oxford Leisure, hold the premises licence and operate Spirit Club (as denoted by the red box below) on Park End Street. These two venues are

connected through their respective rear entrances. Whilst they hold separate licences, having this interconnecting route for customers does in effect mean they may operate as one.



It should be noted that Spirit nightclub already has a midday start on its licence, and whilst licensable activities terminate at 2am for the early part of the week (3am at weekends), it is our view that any daytime activity could/would also potentially include the adjoining club.

As such in considering the picture of the city as a whole (as we are with the SSP), the fact that this application is potentially a bolt on to a bigger activity (there being no offer of a condition or written undertaking in the application to the contrary), the subcommittee needs to consider when making their decision, that any daytime activity could potentially also include the adjoining club.

It should be noted that the Bridge has applied for a number of temporary event notices (TENs) for 'day parties' over the last 18 months.

Saturday 11 th May 2024	14:00 Start	Day Party For Oxford Brookes University Students - Level One & Outside Garden - Alcohol & Music (DJ)	499 Capacity
Saturday 11 th September 2024	14:00 Start	Day Party For Locals & Students with a DJ	499 Capacity
Saturday 17 th August 2024	14:00 Start	Day Party For Locals with a DJ	499 Capacity
Saturday 15 th June 2024	14:00 Start	Day Party For Locals & Remaining Students with a DJ	499 Capacity
Saturday 20 th April 2024	14:00 Start	Day party For Oxford Brookes Students - DJ & Alcohol	499 Capacity
Saturday 7 th October 2023	14:00 Start	Day Party For Oxford University	400 Capacity

These limited occasional one off mini licences, only permit a maximum of 499 people, versus the potential for much more weekly frequent use for the full capacity of the club at 560 (condition three

of annex one of the Bridge licence) potentially also then including the 150 capacity of Spirit Nightclub As well (condition17 of annex 2 of Spirit's licence) means that the impact from a full variation cannot be judged on how a handful of TENS (for which the SSP does not apply due to the fact they are 'occasional' use only) will actually impact on the overall issues from licensable activities in the area.

There is the option for continued occasional use under TENS, (which if this variation was granted would then free these TENS up for other further hours throughout the year). The subcommittee should also note that the licence for the Bridge additionally permits 20 occasions when the licence may run up until 04:30 (whilst with prior notice to the police, there being no right of veto meaning they are automatically granted), which could be readily put to use for any additional hours they may wish to occasionally for a later finish earlier in the week.

It should also be borne in mind that with regard to the later finishes, when a licensed venue closes at say 3am, there is an inevitable impact on the wider area, often up to an hour afterwards, as customers leave the area towards transport hubs, acquire food or walk home dispersing from the SSP. Again, whilst the venue is responsible for the immediate external vicinity of its premises under the licensing act, the SSP considers and manages the broader impact this will have on the overall area where the venue is situated.

Alcohol related issues are now no longer just the preserve of the weekends as it used to be. With a large Student presence (and much promotional and event activity in the early part of the week to target students by the licensed trade) and it being more socially acceptable to go out late night drinking for the general public as well, the night time economy is now a seven day a week occurrence. It should also be noted that so called 'Day time clubbing' is popular nationally within the student populous. In Oxford we have increasingly seen some of our night clubs (including the Bridge) utilise TENS for one off student 'day parties'. As such we are of course concerned for what this broader trend means for the day time economy as well.

There will always be a market for yet further and further sale of alcohol and regulated entertainment at both ends of the day and night.

The term 'need' is one relevant to planning applications and not licensing, which utilises the term 'appropriate'. However using the term loosely, in balancing that 'need' of the business to make money, and the 'need' for a section of the community to socialise, against the 'need' of the local residents to a degree of peace and quiet, and the 'need' to try and maintain the SSP to reduce overall crime and disorder in the city centre area, the licence holder are already well provided for given all the ancillary occasional use permissions available to them.

In summary as District Judge Patterson stated in relation to an appeal made against the City Council for an East Oxford premises wishing to extend hours in the SSP:

'The effect on the area is wider than the immediate vicinity of the premises. It is not necessarily the direct consequences of the application proposal that concern me but the bigger picture in terms of impact on the area. I am satisfied that there are real problems created by longer hours for the sale of alcohol. I have had regard to the Special Saturation Policy which is designed to help limit these problems.'

We are concerned that what little respite is currently afforded to the local residents from the heavy footfall to and from the club with the existing 2am finish in the early part of the week will be undermined, as well as the potential for these issues to be mirrored now in any daytime events that the club conducts.

It is also the assessment of the police that this application would increase the time available for consumption of alcohol, and bring people into the area for longer (both day and night), undermining the SSP and the promotion of the four licensing objectives in the area.

We therefore recommend to the licensing sub-committee that the application is rejected.

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Cumulative Impact Assessment 2022



1. Cumulative Impact Assessments – Background

- 1.1 The concept of cumulative impact has been described within the Secretary of State's Guidance since the commencement of the 2003 Act.
- 1.2 The guidance describes cumulative impact as "the potential impact on the promotion of the licensing objectives of a number of licensed premises concentrated in one area".
- 1.3 For clarity, the licensing objectives are:
 - Prevention of crime and disorder
 - Prevention of a public nuisance
 - Public safety
 - Protection of children from harm
- 1.4 The Licensing Authority had previously adopted a Special Saturation Policy within its Statement of Licensing Policy, which covered both Oxford City Centre and East Oxford, adopted following assessment of the particular impact from the concentration of licensed premises in those areas. Due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Authority was unable to conduct a Cumulative Impact Assessment when the Statement of Licensing Policy was due to be reviewed in early 2021. The result was that the Special Saturation Policy was removed, with the understanding that it would be reassessed later in the year.
- 1.5 The Policing and Crime Act 2017 amended the Licensing Act 2003 to place 'Cumulative Impact Assessments' on a statutory footing by introducing paragraph 5a of the Licensing Act 2003. This amendment came into force on 6th April 2018.
- 1.6 This Cumulative Impact Assessment is therefore being published under these new provisions of the Licensing Act 2003. The policy will be reviewed no later than every three years from the date it comes into force.
- 1.7 Section 182 Guidance states that "A Cumulative Impact Assessment (CIA) may be published by a licensing authority to help it to limit the number or types of licence applications granted in areas where there is evidence to show that the number or density of licensed premises in the area is having a cumulative impact and leading to problems which are undermining the licensing objectives. CIAs relate to applications for new premises licences and club premises certificates and applications to vary existing premises licences and club premises certificates in a specified area".

2. Consultation

- 2.1 As per section 5a of the Licensing Act 2003, in preparing the Cumulative Impact Assessment the Licensing Authority consulted with the persons mentioned in section 5(3) of the Licensing Act 2003, namely:
 - the Chief Officer of Police
 - the Chief Officer of the Fire and Rescue Service
 - persons/bodies representative of the Local Authority with the function of public health
 - persons/bodies representative of local holders of premises licences
 - persons/bodies representative of local holders of club premises certificates
 - persons/bodies representative of local holders of personal licences
 - persons/bodies representative of businesses and residents in the City of Oxford

- persons/bodies representative of Child Protection Services
- other organisations as appear to the Licensing Authority to be affected by licensing matters, including local community, cultural, educational and entertainment organisations.

2.2 The Licensing Authority considered the views of all those consulted prior to determining this policy.

3. Cumulative Impact Assessment

3.1 The assessment relates to all premises within specified areas that have a premises licence or a club premises certificate which will be carrying on or proposing to carry on the following licensable activities:

- The sale or supply of alcohol on or off the premises
- The provision of late night refreshment on or off the premises

3.2 CIAs do not apply to Temporary Event Notices (TENS); however it is open to the police and environmental health authority (as relevant persons) to refer to evidence published within a CIA when objecting to a TEN.

3.3 While the evidence underpinning the publication of this CIA should generally be suitable as the basis for a decision to refuse an application or impose conditions, it does not change the fundamental way that decisions are made under the 2003 Act. Each decision in an area subject to a CIA therefore still needs to be made on a case-by-case basis and with a view to what is appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives. Importantly, the publication of this CIA would not remove the Licensing Authority's discretion to grant applications for new licences or applications to vary existing licences, where the Authority considers this to be appropriate in the light of the individual circumstances of the case.

3.4 It also does not remove the requirement for a relevant representation to be submitted by a responsible authority or a member of the public (defined as 'any other person' within the act) against an application for it to be considered by the Licensing Sub-Committee. An application that does not receive relevant representations is deemed granted under the Act.

3.5 The Licensing Authority's Special Saturation Policy creates a rebuttable presumption that an application within the designated cumulative impact areas for new premises licences or variations that are likely to add to the existing cumulative impact will normally be refused if relevant representations are received. It is for the applicant to demonstrate that their application would not add to the cumulative impact of such licensed premises in the areas. Applicants are encouraged to liaise with the Licensing Authority and other Responsible Authorities in advance of submitting an application.

3.6 The steps followed in considering whether to publish a CIA are summarised below:

- identify concern about crime and disorder; public safety; public nuisance or protection of children from harm in a particular location.
- Consider whether there is good evidence that crime and disorder or nuisance are occurring, or whether there are activities which pose a threat to public safety or the protection of children from harm.
- if there is evidence that such problems are occurring, identify whether these problems are being caused by the customers of licensed premises, or that cumulative impact is imminent.

- Identify the boundaries of the area where problems are occurring (this can involve mapping where the problems occur and identifying specific streets or localities where such problems arise).
- Consult those specified in section 5(3) of the 2003 Act. As with consultations in respect of the licensing policy statement as a whole, it is for each licensing authority to determine the extent of the consultation it should undertake in respect of a CIA (subject to the statutory requirements).

3.7 The Licensing Authority had previously adopted a special policy on cumulative effect, known as its Special Saturation Policy, and it is now being readopted following this Cumulative Impact Assessment.

4. Cumulative Impact Assessment Statement

4.1 This assessment is being published because the authority is of the opinion that the number of licensed premises and club premises certificates within the City Centre and the East Oxford area is such that it is likely that granting further licences or variation to licences would be inconsistent with the authority's duty to promote the licensing objectives. This opinion has been reached after careful consideration of evidence and data, from Thames Valley Police, the Responsible Authorities and other persons, which show high levels of public nuisance, anti-social behaviour and crime and disorder within these areas. Therefore it is appropriate and necessary to control the cumulative impact in these areas.

The areas covered by the policy are the City Centre, as shown in **Appendix One**, and East Oxford, predominately Cowley Road, as shown in **Appendix Two**.

The evidential basis for the decision to publish a Cumulative Impact Assessment is set out in **Appendix Three**.

In areas where there is an excessive accumulation of off and on licensed premises, it is relatively straight forward to provide a direct correlation between those premises and public nuisance, anti-social behaviour and crime and disorder in the area, through an analysis of the evidence including operating hours of the premises and the peak times for incidents and calls for service.

5. Other mechanisms for controlling cumulative impact

5.1 There are mechanisms and interventions, both within and outside the licensing regime, that are available for mitigating adverse impacts on the licensing objectives and should be considered alongside local licensing policy by the Licensing Authority, Responsible Authorities, other persons, licensed premises and new and existing applicants: For example:

- planning controls
- positive measures to create a safe and clean environment in partnership with local businesses, transport operators and others
- the provision of CCTV,
- ample taxi ranks and Private Hire Companies licensed within district
- powers to designate parts of the city as places where alcohol may not be consumed publicly-Public Space Protection Orders.
- confiscation of alcohol from adults and children in designated areas
- police enforcement of the law with regard to disorder and anti-social behaviour, including the issuing of fixed penalty notices
- enforcement action against those selling alcohol to people who are inebriated

- police powers to close some premises for up to 24 hours on the grounds of disorder, the likelihood of disorder or excessive noise
- the power of police, local businesses or residents to seek a review of the licence or certificate

Appendix One – Cumulative Impact Area – Oxford City Centre



Appendix Two – Cumulative Impact Area – East Oxford



Appendix Three – Cumulative Impact Evidence

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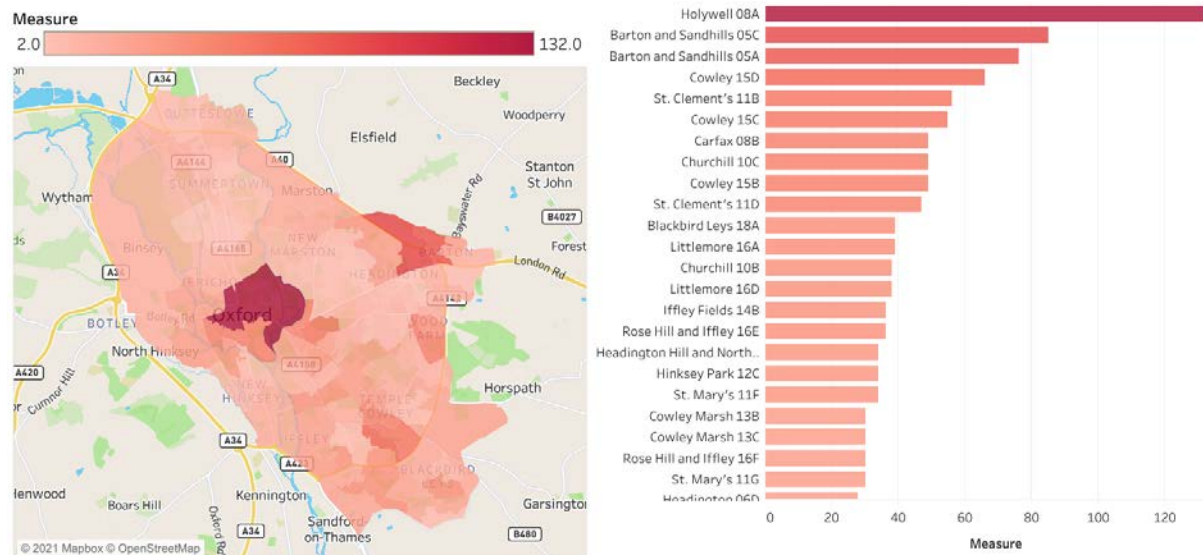
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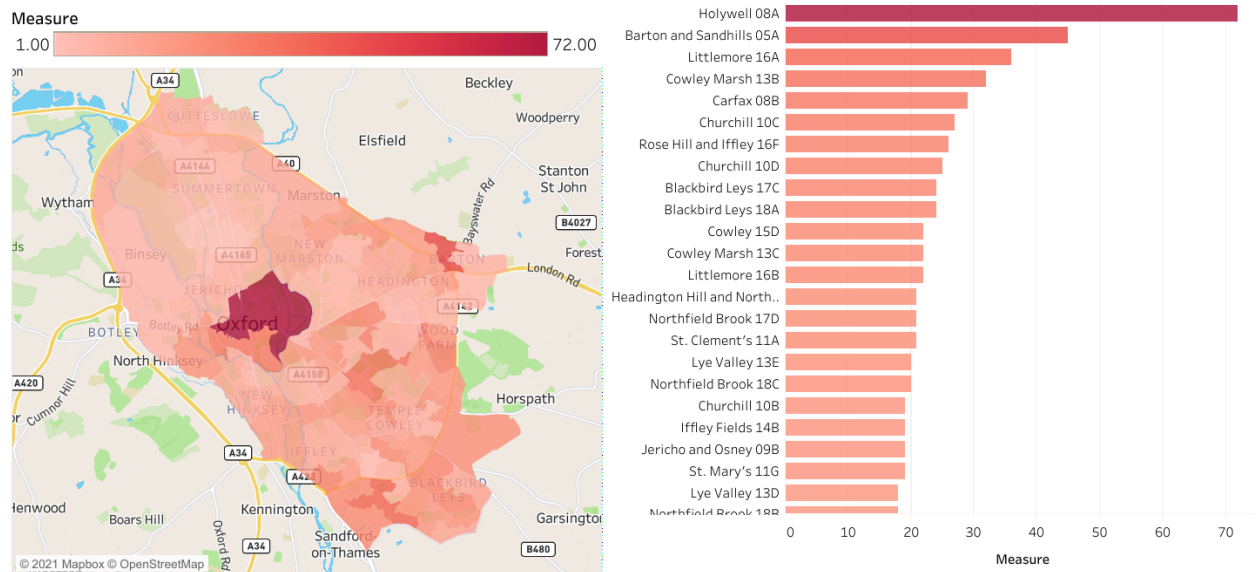
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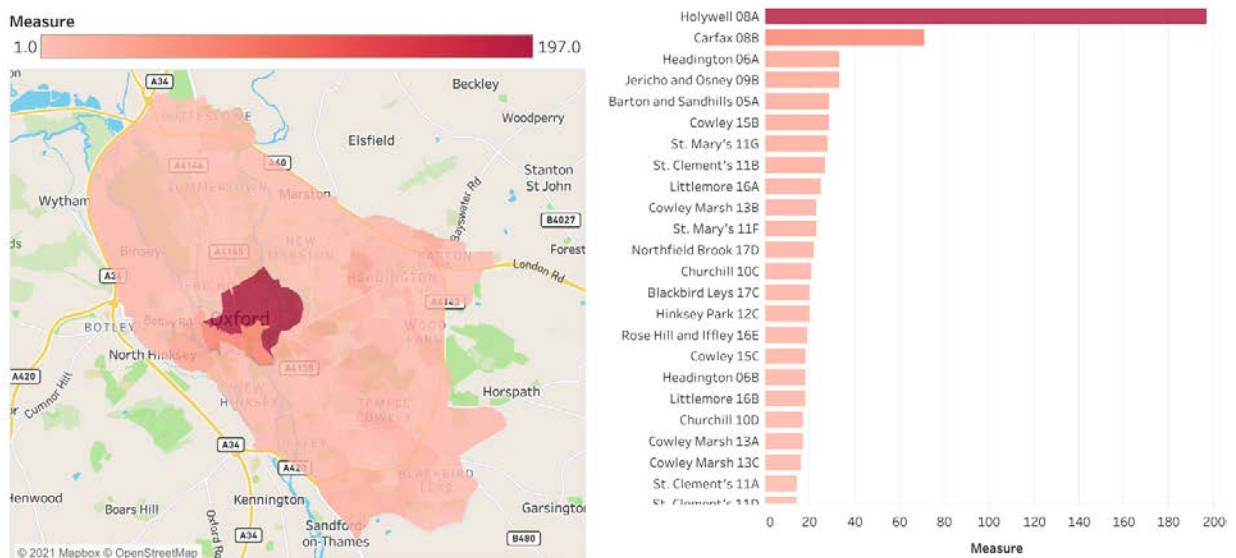
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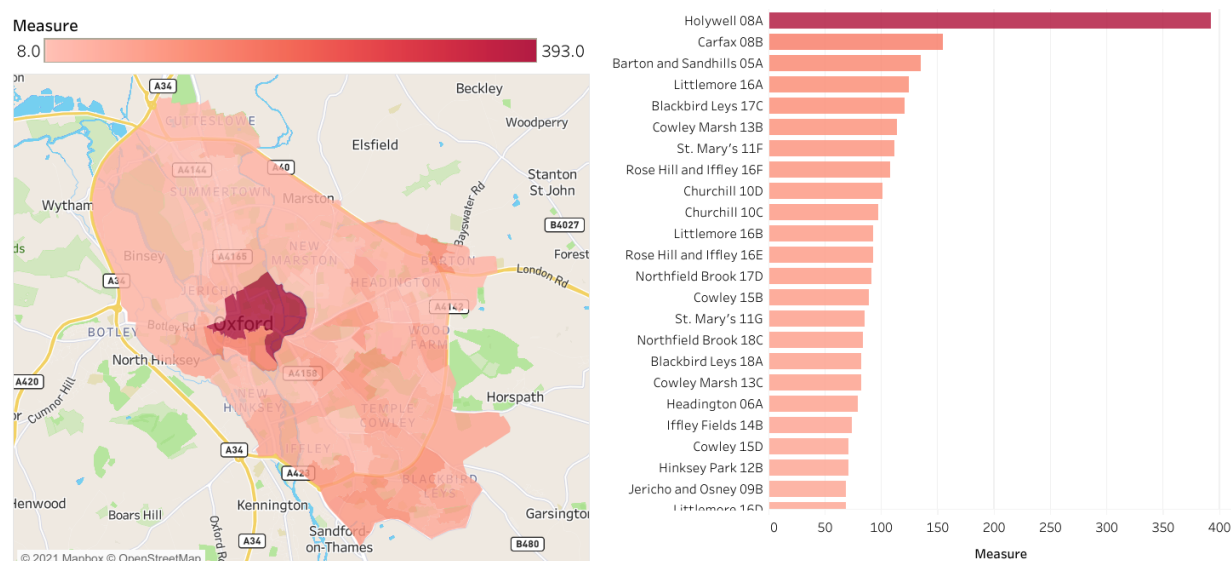
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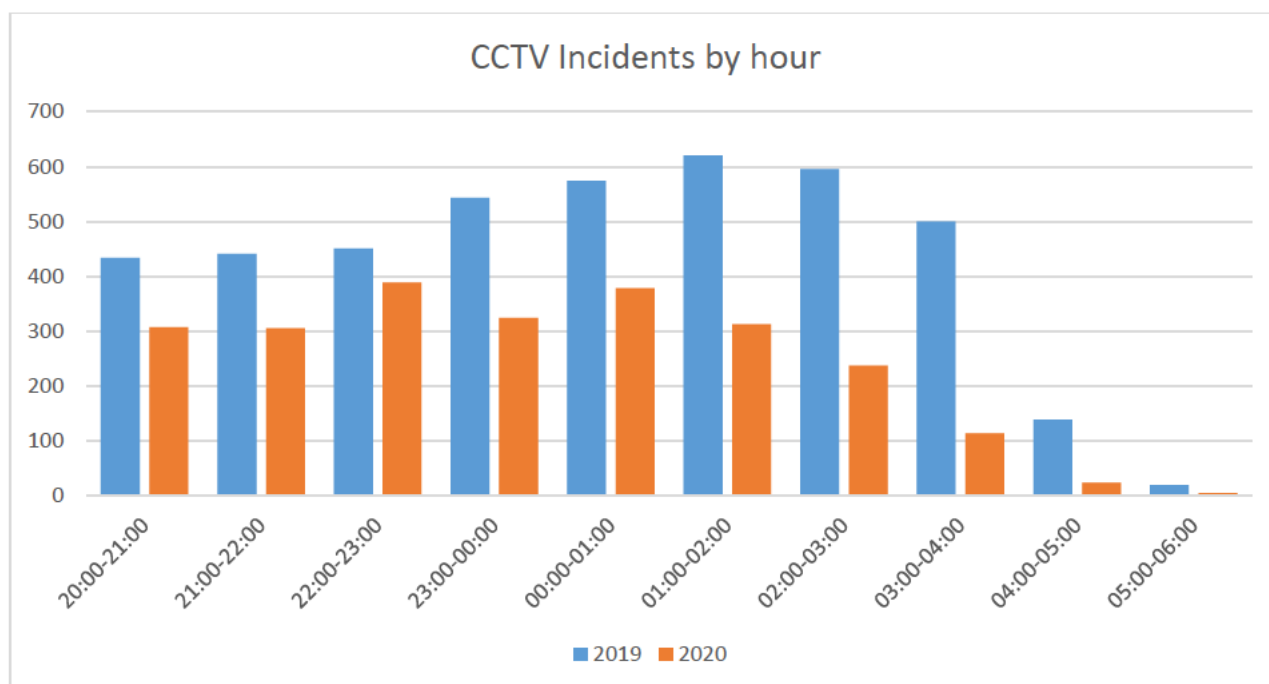
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	Jul - Sept	Oct - Dec	Jan - Mar	Apr - Jun	Jul - Sept	Oct - Dec	Jan - Mar	Apr - Jun	Jul - Sept	Oct - Dec	Jan - Mar	Apr - Jun	
Holywell 08A	73	83	66	72	48	52	38	21	30	43	22	43	591
Barton and Sandhills 05A	18	14	13	24	28	18	8	25	20	23	16	13	220
St. Clement's 11D	36	44	18	12	26	7	10	8	14	15	6	11	207
Carfax 08B	31	20	27	22	19	9	16	9	11	13	4	10	191

Criminal damage & arson	2018		2019				2020				2021		Total
	Jul - Sept	Oct - Dec	Jan - Mar	Apr - Jun	Jul - Sept	Oct - Dec	Jan - Mar	Apr - Jun	Jul - Sept	Oct - Dec	Jan - Mar	Apr - Jun	
Holywell 08A	32	43	23	36	26	16	23	11	14	24	11	17	276
Barton and Sandhills 05A	9	5	6	12	12	4	13	12	13	7	9	11	113
Littlemore 16A	14	7	9	6	14	4	6	13	5	12	5	6	101
Carfax 08B	17	10	9	9	5	7	3	7	10	9	8	4	98

Public order	2018		2019				2020				2021		Total
	Jul - Sept	Oct - Dec	Jan - Mar	Apr - Jun	Jul - Sept	Oct - Dec	Jan - Mar	Apr - Jun	Jul - Sept	Oct - Dec	Jan - Mar	Apr - Jun	
Holywell 08A	56	48	49	57	37	55	54	24	59	60	61	97	657
Carfax 08B	14	18	13	17	20	15	24	8	13	26	15	18	201
Jericho and Osney 09B	2	2	1	4	3	2		9	11	13	24	22	93
St. Mary's 11G	6	2	2	9	8	6	9	4	9	6	9	15	85

Violence & sexual	2018		2019				2020				2021		Total
	Jul - Sept	Oct - Dec	Jan - Mar	Apr - Jun	Jul - Sept	Oct - Dec	Jan - Mar	Apr - Jun	Jul - Sept	Oct - Dec	Jan - Mar	Apr - Jun	
Holywell 08A	176	187	175	136	171	183	161	56	94	82	56	130	1607
Carfax 08B	29	36	35	30	38	39	39	24	44	48	31	67	460
Barton and Sandhills 05A	32	22	23	22	36	26	29	35	39	32	27	49	372
Littlemore 16A	24	35	34	27	39	17	35	34	26	30	27	31	359

6. CCTV incidents



The graph illustrates the peak hours of incidents monitored by public space CCTV cameras in the city. It is not possible to disaggregate the small number of cameras in neighbourhood areas from the cameras in the city centre.

This hourly breakdown is clearly linked to public space incidents during the night-time economy period.

7. Police Analysis of Violent Crime in the NTE: Methodology

Data from the police occurrence record keeping system for occurrences taking place within the Oxford Local Police Area with a reported date between 01/01/2017 and 26/04/2021 and with the Home Office Statistics Code 1 representing Violence Against the Person or Disorder.

Cancelled, historic or occurrences where the date was unknown were removed from the data set.

VAP and Disorder are very broad categories and include many occurrences unrelated to the NTE, attempts were made to refine the focus of the data by removing occurrences where the Location was recorded as a Dwelling or using the following criteria:

The data set resulting from the described initial search and filtering criteria comprised 4,523 occurrences which were considered to be related to Oxford's Night Time Economy. This data set was then analysed using Microsoft Excel and Esri ArcMap.

8. Police Analysis of Violent Crime in the NTE: Temporal Distribution

The temporal distribution of the 4,514 occurrences for which a time could be determined is shown below. It should be noted that 314 of these had an Event Start Time recorded as 00:00 – upon further investigation 305 of these were changed to a more accurate time based on Recorded Time, Event End Time and times noted in the summary report.

Fig. 1

	00:00 - 01:00	01:00 - 02:00	02:00 - 03:00	03:00 - 04:00	04:00 - 05:00	05:00 - 06:00	..	21:00 - 22:00	22:00 - 23:00	23:00 - 00:00	Grand Total
Monday	44	43	38	40	21	3		71	86	62	408
Tuesday	39	33	50	69	21	3		102	77	85	479
Wednesday	45	42	30	41	24			102	94	72	450
Thursday	60	44	61	42	18	4		99	61	68	457
Friday	52	47	64	56	29	3		94	114	122	581
Saturday	115	131	143	165	78	6		113	125	141	1017
Sunday	147	216	202	210	98	5		88	80	76	1122
	502	556	588	623	289	24		669	637	626	4514

Figure 1: Distribution of occurrences by time and day of week

Shows what we might expect intuitively: almost half (47%) of occurrences linked to Oxford's NTE occur on either a Saturday or a Sunday. The busiest period is between 01:00 and 04:00 on a Sunday morning, with those 3 hours alone accounting for 14% of occurrences analysed.

Fig. 2

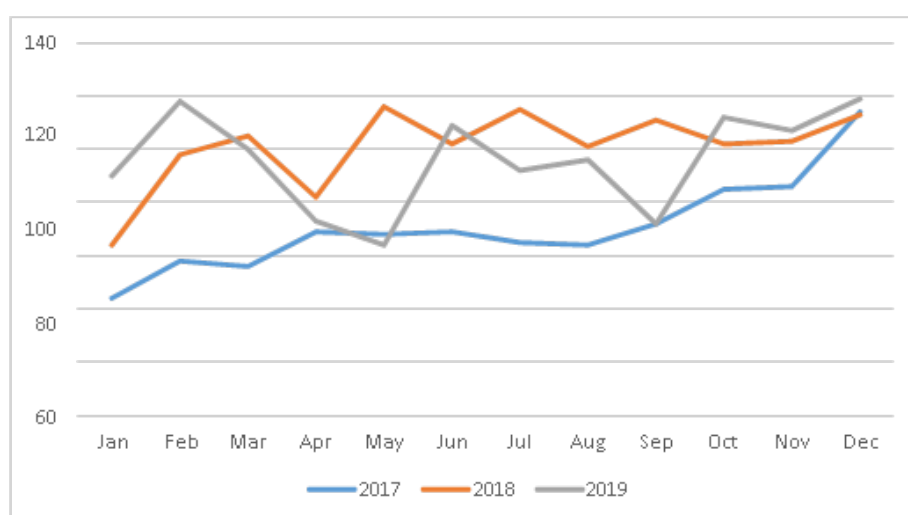
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Monday	12	9	7	5	5	1		3	4	3	49
Tuesday	11	6	12	18	16	8		2	5	7	85
Wednesday	7	8	5	5	3	3		2	2	7	42
Thursday	13	10	13	9	15	3		6	2	5	76
Friday	6	12	7	8	10	2		11	7	5	68
Saturday	15	27	32	28	40	16		10	5	14	187
Sunday	18	59	52	41	59	22		6	3	7	267
	82	131	128	114	148	55		40	28	48	774

Figure 2: Distribution of NTE-related hospitalisations to John Radcliffe A&E by time and day of week

Shows the distribution of admissions to the Accident & Emergency department of the John Radcliffe hospital between August 2017 and August 2020 which were classified as Apparent Assaults in which alcohol was believed to be a factor. The distribution largely mirrors the conclusion drawn from analysis of the temporal distribution of NTE-linked occurrences in Oxford, with an even greater focus on the early hours of Sunday morning (and to a lesser extent of Saturday morning).

9. Police Analysis of Violent Crime in the NTE: Seasonality

The count of NTE-linked occurrences taking place in each month of 2017, 2018, and 2019 is illustrated below. The chart does not suggest any great degree of predictable seasonality, although it appears that occurrence counts in November and December may be particularly high. These monthly counts were then compared to the expected level (based on the 12 month centred moving average) to determine whether any months appeared to have occurrence counts consistently above the expected count.



Month	2017	2018	2019
Jan	-27	-28	-8
Feb	-13	3	20
Mar	-15	7	6
Apr	-2	-18	-22
May	-3	15	-32
Jun	-2	1	13
Jul	-8	12	-6
Aug	-12	-4	-2
Sep	-8	7	-25
Oct	4	-2	18
Nov	1	4	13
Dec	26	13	28

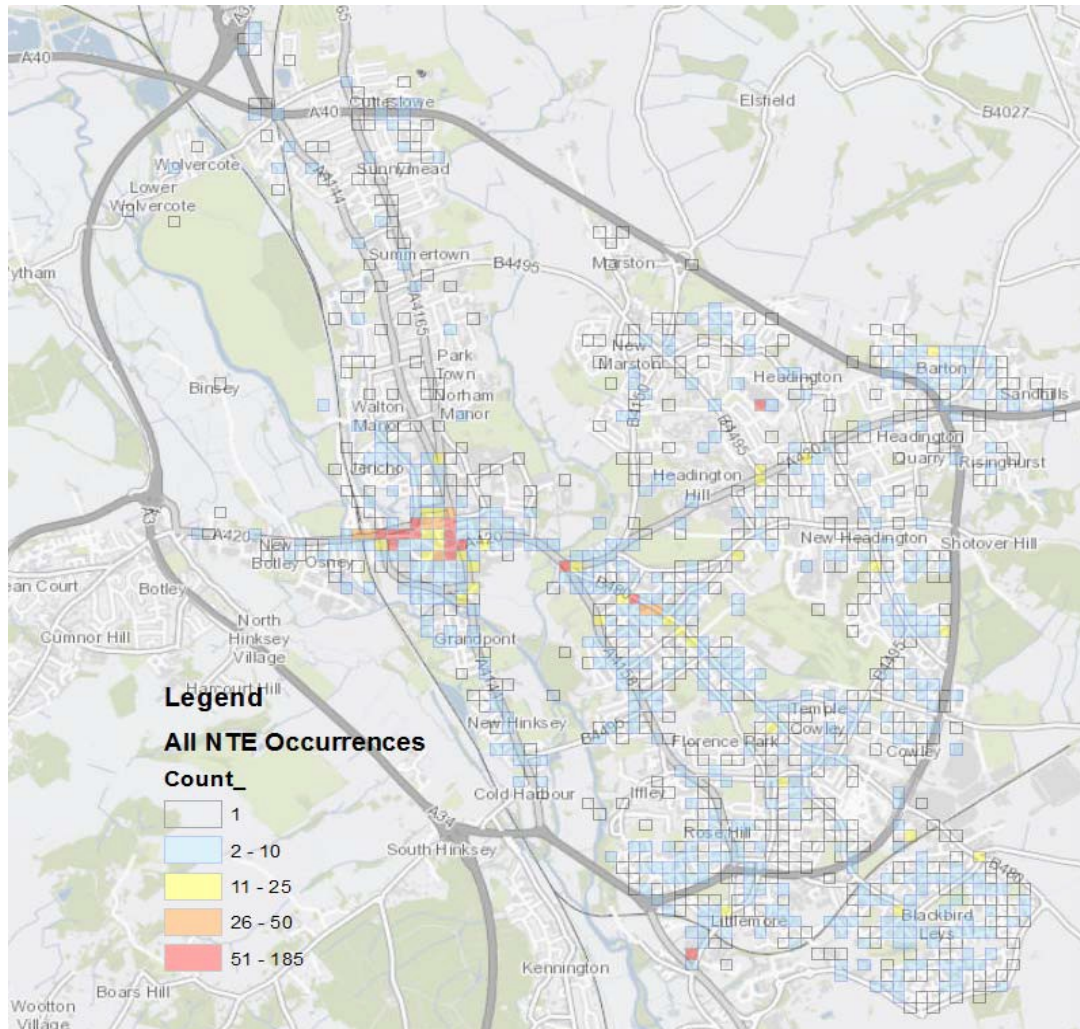
This analysis accounts for changing trends (2017 saw a steadily rising number of monthly occurrence counts, leading to consistently higher levels in 2018). It clearly shows that December NTE-linked occurrence counts were higher than expected in every year from 2017 to 2019, and that January occurrence counts were lower than expected in every year. April and August were also consistently lower than expected, albeit to a lesser extent than January, and November was also associated with marginally higher than expected NTE occurrence counts.

10. Police Analysis of Violent Crime in the NTE: Geographic distribution

The following heat maps show locations of NTE occurrences in Oxford, using a 100m x 100m grid overlaid on a map of the police area with the count of occurrences recorded as taking place within each grid square being indicated by the colour of the square.

The map clearly indicates that the most notable areas in which NTE occurrences have taken place are: the city centre area focused on Park End Street, Hythe Bridge Street and Cornmarket; Magdalen roundabout, the Cowley Road between Union

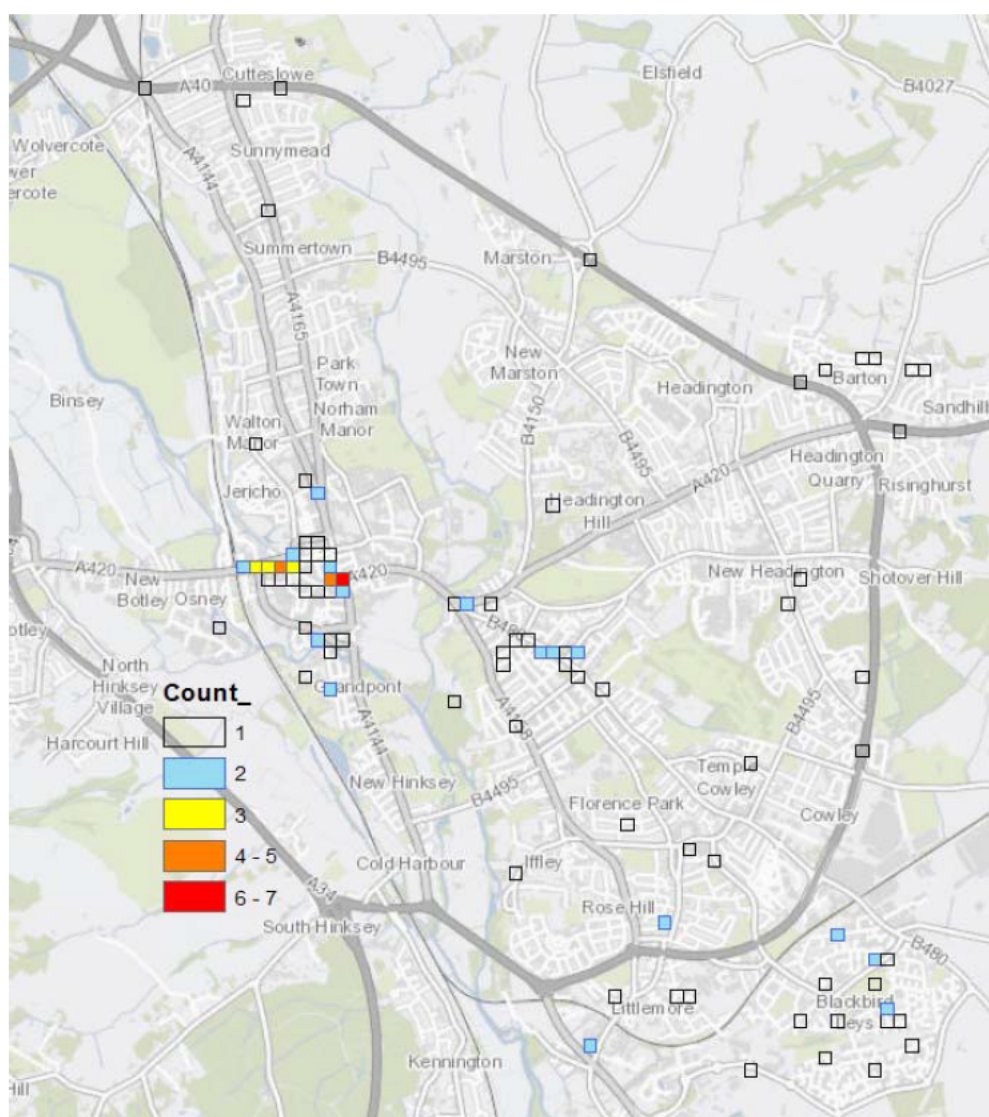
Street and East Avenue (O2 Academy and Cowley Retreat area); the A&E department of the John Radcliffe Hospital; and the Littlemore Mental Health Centre. It is possible (although not confirmed) that the hospital events may include occurrences that took place elsewhere and were reported from the hospital location.



11. Police Analysis of Violent Crime in the NTE: Geographic distribution

Serious violence offences.

Serious violence in Oxford's NTE appears to be highly focused in city centre areas, in particular: Queen Street / Cornmarket Street and Park End Street / Hythe Bridge Street.






12. Public Health Data

The table below shows the alcohol related hospital admissions and mortality rates for Oxford.

Compared to England: ■ better ■ similar ■ worse

Indicator	Period	England	Oxfordshire	Oxford
Alcohol related mortality	2018	46.5	41.1	48.6 ■
Admission episodes for alcohol related conditions	2018-19	664	526	640 ■
Admission episodes for alcohol specific conditions	2018-9	626	522	741 ■
Admission episodes for alcohol specific conditions -Under 18s	2016/17-18/19	31.6	31.7	50.0 ■

Hospital admissions of alcohol related cardiovascular disease (female)	2018/19	776	613	791 
Hospital admissions for mental and behavioural disorders due to alcohol	2018/19	75.6	52.2	97.9 
Hospital admissions for alcoholic liver disease	2018/19	131.2	96.0	138.4 

Source: PHE: Population Health Analysis (PHA) team using data from NHS Digital and ONS

The trend for hospital admissions for alcohol related conditions is increasing. There is also an increase in the trend for hospital admissions for alcohol related cardiovascular diseases.

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: comment re planning Application Reference 24/03047/PREM
Date: 10 September 2024 11:38:49

Application Reference 24/03047/PREM

Variation Application: The Bridge, 6-9 Hythe Bridge Street, Oxford, OX1 2EW

Noting the request to extend opening hours to 3am every day.

This part of Oxford is a mixed residential+business area and extension of hours so far into the night seems inappropriate.

The existing hours already seem too generous considering how many homes are in the immediate vicinity and the number of drunk clubbers coming onto the streets at such hours of the night.

My details :-

N [REDACTED] Belshaw

[REDACTED]
Hythe Bridge St
Oxford

[REDACTED]

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From:



Subject:

objection to the granting of variation on licensing hours for The Bridge bars and club

Date:

07 September 2024 16:35:44

Dear sir/madam

I am writing to express my views and objections to The Bridge bars and club, 6-9 Hythe Bridge Street, Oxford, for its proposed variation on licensing hours.

The proposed variation is opening everyday of the week to be 12pm to 3am the next day. I have been a resident of Hythe Bridge Street for the past 40 years and for the past 20 odd 30 years, since the establishment of The Bridge, there has been a non-stopped continuation of noise and all sorts of nuisance and disturbances associated with the goers of the club which residents like me have to endurance almost on a daily basis. It was only during the lock down were things better.

My mother is in her late 80's [REDACTED], the noise from the crowd loitering outside well after closing hours causes her to wake up in the middle of the night lost and scared, and since I am her only carer, I too have to get up during the nights to comfort her. This makes me tired during the day and seriously affects my role as her carer. There are occasions when the club holds special events in their courtyard with music blasting from the afternoon until late. The vibrations caused by the thunderous bass from the music feels like a small earthquake, imagine living just 50m from its source, the stress it brings to you mentally.

We have had windows broken, doors urinated onto, bottles and food left on windowsill, cigarette ends pushed through letterbox. I cannot come home late at night because often rowdy crowds will be outside on the street and it feels intimidating for me, a person of minority race.

I can go on and on with examples, but it will waste too much of your precious time. I hope you will take in consideration of what I have stated and decline the clubs proposal for new hours of trading.

Yours faithfully,

K P Cheung

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Objection regarding the Bridge Appl. Ref. 24/03047PREM
Date: 12 September 2024 17:18:11

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing with regards the application submitted by The Bridge Clubs to extend its licensing hours: Variation Application: The Bridge, 6-9 Hythe Bridge Street, Oxford, OX1 2EW. Application Reference: 24/03047/PREM.

I am a resident of Upper Fisher Row [REDACTED] I would like to register my objection to the proposed extension of opening hours on the basis of noise, disruption and disorderly behaviour that occurs. It is already noisy at times when the Bridge Club is open, it would be very irritating for myself and neighbours if the opening hours were extended and this disruption occurred for longer.

I ask the Licensing Committee to consider the neighbours of the area with respect to the noise and disturbance that comes from the operation of The Bridge Clubs, and reject the application.

Yours faithfully,

J [REDACTED] Gillson of [REDACTED] Upper Fisher Row [REDACTED]

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From:



Date:



Application Reference: 24/03047/PREM: The Bridge, 6-9 Hythe Bridge Street, Oxford, OX1 2EW
11 September 2024 18:07:43

Dear Sir or Madam,

I have only just learned of this application, which was announced when most impacted people would be on holiday or have only just returned.

I have lived in Upper Fisher Row since 1983. My street is perpendicular to Hythe Bridge St and regularly is negatively impacted by patrons of The Bridge.


I object to an extension of its hours and in fact would prefer to see their license revoked.

We have had vandalism of UFR residents' cars lawfully parked in our street. Loud shouting, arguments, and fights regularly take place in the street in the late hours.

Bridge patrons use the Row as a public lavatory and lowlife hotel.

I strenuously oppose approval of The Bridge's application to extend its operating hours.

Yours faithfully,

K  Landazabal

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From:



Subject:

24/03047/PREM:Variation Application: The Bridge, 6-9 Hythe Bridge Street, Oxford, OX1 2EW - Current Licence Applications

Date:

10 September 2024 15:50:52

Dear Sir/Madam,

Regarding the Variation Application: The Bridge, 6-9 Hythe Bridge Street, Oxford, OX1 2EW - Current Licence Applications, here are our objections.

1. the prevention of crime and disorder

The current opening hours already have caused problems. Our windows have been smashed in the night by club attendees. With longer hours there is more chance that people will get drunk and cause more trouble.

2. the promotion of public safety

The current club location is next to Castle Mill Stream. We have noticed various rubbish, wine bottles, cans, urine in bottles, and some dangerous material dumped directly into the stream/river. Not many people have noticed this but it will cause public safety concerns.

3. the prevention of public nuisance

The Hythe Bridge Street is a main route for visitors from the train station to various places in Oxford. The new development in the train station and Hythe Bridge street will make an excellent image for visitors to Oxford. This variation application has the potential to impact negatively for Oxford's image with the possibility of smashed windows, urined street, and graffiti on the wall(all these have happen and still happen from time to time). Oxford council may have to pay extra to clean the street and wipe graffiti away.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Dr A [REDACTED] Lu and Dr H [REDACTED] Wu

[REDACTED] Hythe Bridge Street
[REDACTED]

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Hythe Bridge Street,
Oxford

26 August 2024

The Licensing Authority,
Oxford City Council,
Town Hall, St Aldates,
Oxford OX1 1BX

Dear Licensing Authority,

The Bridge application for extended hours dated 15 August.

I am writing to object to the above application on the grounds that the proposed finish time of 3 am is much too late, the proposed opening time of 12 noon to 3am is much too long, and the proposal applies all days of the week. There will no longer be any quiet nights for uninterrupted sleep. (And I write as someone with hearing loss.)

Although when the Bridge reopened after the covid lockdowns night time disruption reduced, it remains intrusive and sufficient to regularly disturb my sleep. Shouting, engine revving, and loud conversations while waiting for taxis after turnout are the basic ongoing problem. There have also been arguments and fights. Queues for entry stretching back along the street are also noisy. Night time noise also disturbs sleep at the back of the house because sound carries along the Fisher Stream. Sometimes a thumping beat can be heard while the club is in session, plus shouted talk if the clubbers have congregated outside and the doors are open.

The Bridge's current licensing conditions are a problem needing review; an extension of them risks a return to the more serious disruptions over the 20 years pre-covid.

Pre-covid, the turnout lasted longer and the crowds were larger and louder. As well as shouting, arguments, and vehicle noise, at various times we twice had a front window broken during turnout, twice things thrown at windows where they did not break, we had a car's headlights smashed in, we had a car's wing mirror ripped off. Our neighbours also had a window smashed in. Residents in Upper Fisher Row suffered similar problems with noise and vandalism. Like many local residents, I wonder why the Bridge was not closed down years ago.

Please do not return us to even more disruption by agreeing to this application.

Yours sincerely,



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From:



Comments for Licensing Application 24/03047/PREM
09 September 2024 20:07:19

Date:

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 09/09/2024 8:07 PM from Ms E Mercer.

Application Summary

Address: 6 - 9 Hythe Bridge Street Oxford Oxfordshire OX1 2EW

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Katie Thorp

[Click for further information](#)

Customer Details

Name: Ms E Mercer

Email:

Address: Upper Fisher Row Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbours

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

- Crime and Disorder
- Public Nuisance
- Public Safety

Comments: 09/09/2024 8:07 PM As a resident of Upper Fisher Row for over 40 years, I've seen how the local community has been so damaged by the decision to create a 'party-zone' in this crucial area of Oxford, creating a hellish vomit-and-strewned pathway on the gateway to this famous city, on the basis that no one lives here.

But we do, and I've attended many meetings over the years to try and argue that this is a short-term vision based on the idea that easy money is more important than any notion of community. We hoped when Nuffield took over the site The Bridge occupies and Bridge Labs put forward proposals to create a Life Sciences building and more positive entry to the city at last, that The Bridge's days would be numbered. It's well time for that to happen. The party-zone is a disgrace to this city that residents, tourists and members of the university would be glad to see gone. Please don't grant them any more freedoms to prevent us sleeping and living in a civilised world we can all be proud of.

Kind regards

From:



Date:

24/03047/PREM - The Bridge
09 September 2024 07:51:43

Hi

Re: 24/03047/PREM – The Bridge, 6-9 Hythe Bridge St

I'm writing to object to the application to extend the hours at The Bridge night club.

My grounds for objecting are

1. Crime and disorder – there are often fights and disorder for some hours at the end of the evening . It would be even worse for the city if this happens more often at 3am.
2. Public safety – it can be unpleasant and dangerous to walk through a crowd of drunken people. This would be even worse if they have an extra hour of drinking time on even more nights.
3. Public nuisance – there are many households living nearby, including some directly opposite in Hythe Bridge Street. Please read carefully the letter of objection from Dr A■■■■ Storey of ■■■■ Hythe Bridge St, which is opposite the club. The noise of departing patrons is causing enormous public nuisance to hundreds of nearby residents. Many have given up objecting or complaining, because it seems to make no difference, so I am objecting on their behalf. Their sleep should not be disrupted from 3 to 4am even more often than it is now.

Please do not allow this variation.



Kind regards



Councillor S■■■■ Pressel



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Hythe Bridge Street
Oxford

4th September 2024

The Licensing Authority
Oxford City Council
Town Hall
St Aldates
OX1 1BX

Email: licensing@oxford.gov.uk

Re: Bridge Club, Hythe Bridge Street, Oxford extending out of hours (notice put up on 15/8/24)

Dear Licensing Team,

I strongly oppose the extension of licensing hours for the Bridge Club, I also oppose their current licensing hours, because of excessive night-time noise, meaning that it is impossible to sleep in any room of our house.

Their current opening hours make it impossible to get uninterrupted sleep for residents on Hythe Bridge Street and Upper Fisher Row. Currently, due to club and late-night pub (The Oxford Retreat) nights on Hythe Bridge Street, we only have two nights each week that are quiet (Tuesdays/Sundays). These are the only two nights of the week that it is possible to get 5 hours of uninterrupted sleep. Every other night there is excessive noise due to: (1) turn-out crowds, from about 2am until 4am (this includes screaming, shouting, singing, violent fights), (2) long queues, from about 10pm until about 12am (the width of the pavement from the entry to The Bridge club to The Oxford Retreat Pub; this involves, shouting, screaming, singing, general crowd noise), (3) their outdoor music events in their club garden, the music at these events is so loud that you cannot even watch television or listen to the radio - the windows shake along with the base/drums - let alone, study or sleep (the last garden party they had, on 15/6/24, residents from Juxon Street in Jericho also came to the club to complain, saying they could hear the base thumping in their basement). I complained to OCC Noise Complaints team (left two answer-machine message that evening) about this but still have not been contacted about it. I was informed earlier in the year, by [REDACTED] (Noise Complaint Team), that they were having issues with 'The Noise App'.

We have been complaining about the excessive noise from The Bridge Club since it opened. Over these decades, I have completed multiple home recordings and diaries (using OCC equipment) and subsequently using the Noise App (previously audio recordings, videos, photographs). Over the decades, the results from these recordings, as well as Noise Complaints team visits to the site at night, I have been informed that the noise level is over the limit on recordings and that businesses that causes regular noise disturbance, within

unsociable hours, need to stop/reduce the noise. Over these decades, of my family, I, and our neighbours complaining, nothing has yet changed.

Initially (i.e. decades ago), after residents complained, OCC advised The Bridge door staff to urge people to move along the pavement during turn-out time, to minimise the disturbance of residents. Staff would do this for 1 to 2 weeks, then they would stop and the crowds remained shouting/ screaming/ singing/ fighting outside our windows. They would restart ushering crowds along the pavement again, past residential homes, once we complained to the council, but this would only last about 1 or 2 weeks each time and it went on like this for years. It's exhausting having to complain often to try and keep up a change to reduce noise levels at night, not least when you are already severely sleep deprived.

We have lived here since 1987 and it has always been a mixed (residential and commercial) area but it wasn't until the first night club arrived in 1997 (Bar Risa/ Jongleurs comedy club; subsequently Wahoo Sports bar/ Glee club in 2009) and The Bridge club that night-time noise became an issue. My family, I, and other local residents, have been complaining about the night-time noise since then: nothing has changed.

It is often forgotten that it is a mixed area: there were road works at the end of the street last week (29/8/24, Said Business School end of Hythe Bridge Street) involving loud drilling and machinery and this started at 11pm until about 1am. Additionally, when the street was resurfaced in August 2022, it was done every night for 2 weeks, starting from 9pm until 3 or 4am. This included loud machinery, steam-rollers, loud drilling, bright lights (in addition, I could not gain access to park my car - being told by workers at Said business school end of the street that I must access Hythe Bridge Street from Beaumont Street, and after driving all around the city to get to the Beaumont Street, the workers would tell me that access was only at the Said business school end - this happened every night): it was not only impossible to sleep during this time, it was also very hard to function/ study/ work.

Currently, on the two nights of the week that are not club (or extended-hour pub) nights (Tuesdays/Sundays), there is outside music heard from the Park End Street clubs. Although this is obviously not as intrusive as noise from Hythe Bridge Street, it does mean that for our two 'quiet' nights, it is no longer even quiet. On some nights, we only get 1-2 quiet hours at night to sleep: the noise of The Bridge club (or The Oxford Retreat pub late-night) turn-out is from about 2 until 4am, then there is glass thrown in to metal bins after the club has closed (2-4am), taxi engines left running/ taxi doors slamming (2-4am), recycling lorries collecting glass from The Bridge Club/ The Oxford Retreat pub at 5-6am, large lorries passing from 4-6am, including their engines left left whilst unloading goods to local supermarkets at 5-6am (e.g. Sainsburys, at the Said Business School end of the street), large Oxford City Council lorry street cleaners at 5am. Additionally, the metal fences that are used for The Bridge queue are dragged out (rather than lifted) along the pavement at 10pm and then dragged back again at around 12-1am.

Local residents have been complaining about club noise since 1997 and many of those residents have now left. Since our complaints starting from 1997, we have been offered double-glazing and have been assured that door staff will move along the turn-out

crowds along. This hasn't happened/ been sustained: nothing has changed in all the decades that we have complained about the night-time club noise.

Following our complaints, OCC has confirmed that the noise level has been too loud, that music should not be played outdoors, that regular noise disturbance out of hours should not occur - yet decades on, we are still complaining and still nothing has changed.

We are severely, chronically sleep deprived and very stressed because of it. Some of our households are elderly and some are school-aged children. My mother, who has a severe hearing impairment (requiring bilateral hearing aids), still has to sleep with ear plugs in all night because of the club noise.

Sleep is a basic human need. You cannot function without sleep, it has a negative effect on all cognitive functions, - let alone trying to study or work. It increases the risk of multiple diseases (cardiovascular, dementia, mental health, chronic health conditions, etc). As one resident pointed out at a meeting with residents, club owners and local councillors decades ago: lack of sleep is a form of torture. It is a very loud street at night when the club is open and it is therefore impossible to get a good night's sleep. Extending The Bridge club's licence will make this so much worse.

My overriding objection to The Bridge club extending their licensing hours is because of the already excessive and regular noise disturbance during unsociable hours (i.e. 10pm-7am), meaning that we cannot sleep at night.

In addition, to the noise, there is also the issue of safety. Violent fights frequently break out and the Police have to be called out regularly, as do ambulances (for fight victims/intoxicated individuals). It is not safe to be out at these times. There is also illegal parking, particularly on Friday and Saturday nights, meaning that residents often cannot park their cars. I often do not have a place to park my car when I return from work and my choice then is to either park across town and walk back (something I do not feel safe to do alone), or park outside of the designated parking area (and risk getting a parking ticket). Over the decades, on club nights we have had multiple episodes of car vandalism, broken windows and broken doors (these have all been reported to the Police).

In conclusion, it is a very noisy area at night already when the club is open and extending the licensing will make it so much worse. It is a mixed area and residents cannot sleep at night on club nights. We have been complaining about night-time noise for decades now and yet still nothing has changed to reduce the excessive, regular, unsociable-hour noise from The Bridge club. We (my family and I) therefore object to you extending the licensing hours further: the current licensing hours need to be reduced to allow residents to get some sleep at night.

Yours Faithfully,

Dr Storey.

From:



Variation Application: The Bridge, 6-9 Hythe Bridge Street, Oxford, OX1 2EW . Application Reference: 24/03047/PREM

Date:

10 September 2024 19:10:18

To: OCC Licensing

Dear Sir/Madam

I have only just received notice of this application, advertised during a period when those who might be affected are on holiday or have only just returned.

I've lived in Upper Fisher Row, just round the corner from The Bridge, since 1976.

Given the notorious history of The Bridge [REDACTED] and it's catastrophic effect upon the local community in terms of anti-social behaviour/ vandalism/ drugs/ trespass/violence/sexual assaults/near-riots ... I am astonished that the applicant has the temerity to even apply for an extra nano-second to be added to the opening hours.

Just off the top of my head I can list a few experiences gifted by The Bridge to the local community:

Every car in Upper Fisher Row vandalised one New Year's Eve

People defecating on our street (even by my front gate, so that in the morning I step out into a pile of [REDACTED])

People (including females) urinating in the street every night that The Bridge is open. This continues to be the case as clearly The Bridge's toilet facilities are inadequate for their numbers.

People having sex in our back gardens.

A drunken driver driving his vehicle into my house.

Vomit on our doorsteps (a regular occurrence)

Fights (regular)

Drunken arguments in our street (regular)

A drunken youth trying to kick my front door in, shouting my name. Apparently egged on by The Bridge's bouncers.

Of course patrons of The Bridge park illegally in Upper Fisher Row as they know there are no parking officers attending at night. Yes, we know that theoretically they are supposed to attend until 11pm but no parking attendants are seen after 9pm and many of the Bridge's patrons arrive around midnight. This means that local residents cannot find a place to park. This is no joke if you are a single woman returning home at night, faced with running the gauntlet of The Bridge's more abusive patrons.

Over the years Upper Fisher Row has really just been The Bridge's vomitorium after it was granted its initial licence in what became known as Oxford's "Leisure Zone". Since the pandemic things have quietened down a bit. There are still people parking illegally and shouting in the street at 3am but the situation has not been so extreme now that The Bridge has more limited hours. To extend the hours will inevitably mean a return to the bad old days.

I ask the Licensing Committee, in tandem with Thames Valley Police, to please examine the evidence of The Bridge's appalling history and reject this application.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED] Young

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APPENDIX FIVE



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