

To: Licensing and Gambling Acts Sub-Committee
Date: 16th December 2025
Report of: Deputy Chief Executive for City and Citizens' Services
Title of Report: Spirit Bar LTD – Application for a variation to a Premises Licence – Raouls Bar, 32 Walton Street, Oxford, OX2 6AA

Summary and recommendations	
Decision being taken:	To inform the determination of Spirit Bar LTD's application for a variation to a Premises Licence
Key decision:	No
Corporate Priority:	Strong, fair economy and thriving communities
Policy Framework:	Statement of Licensing Policy – Licensing Act 2003

Recommendation(s): That Cabinet resolves to:
1. Determine Spirit Bar LTD's application taking into account the details in this report and any representations made at this Sub-Committee meeting.

Appendix No.	Appendix Title	Exempt from Publication
Appendix 1	Application for a variation to a Premises Licence	No
Appendix 2	Current Premises Licence for Raoul's Bar	No
Appendix 3	Email of agreed conditions with Responsible Authority (Thames Valley Police)	No
Appendix 4	Responsible Authorities comments to the application	No
Appendix 5	Interested Parties (Other Persons) Representations	No
Appendix 6	Location Map	No

Introduction and background

1. This report is made to the Licensing and Gambling Acts Casework Sub-Committee so it may determine, in accordance with its powers and the Licensing Act 2003, whether to grant the variation of a Premises Licence to Spirit Bars LTD.
2. An application for a variation to a Premises Licence has been submitted by Spirit Bars LTD, the licensable activities applied to be varied, and the times proposed for these activities can be found detailed below:

Sale of Alcohol (On and Off Sales):

Proposed Hours:

Monday to Saturday 11:00 to 02:00 hours

Sunday 12:00 hours to 02:00 hours

Current Hours:

Monday to Saturday 11:00 to 01:00 hours

Sunday 12:00 hours to 01:00 hours

Recorded Music, Performance of Dance (Indoors Only):

Proposed Hours:

Monday to Saturday 11:00 to 02:00 hours

Sunday 12:00 hours to 02:00 hours

Current Hours:

Monday to Saturday 11:00 to 01:00 hours

Sunday 12:00 hours to 01:00 hours

Late Night Refreshment (Indoors Only):

Proposed Hours:

Sunday to Saturday 23:00 to 02:00 hours

Current Hours:

Wednesday to Sunday 23:00 to 01:00 hours

3. 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**. If the variation is granted as applied for, these measures will become enforceable conditions attached to the Premises Licence.
4. In order to assist all parties to this Hearing, the existing Premises Licence for Raouls Bar, reference 25/01168/PREM, can be found at **Appendix Two**.

Relevant Representations

5. Three (3) Responsible Authorities responded to the variation application during the consultation period, providing relevant comments, however, no valid representations (objections) were received.

Responsible Authority	Response	Licensing Objective(s)
Licensing Authority	No representation	
Thames Valley Police	Conditions agreed with applicant. No representation	Crime and Disorder
Fire and Rescue Service	No adverse comments	
Health and Safety	No representation	
Environmental Health	No representation	
Planning	No representation	
Child Safety	No representation	
NHS - Public Health	Comments made to application. No representation	Crime and Disorder and Public Safety
Trading Standards	No representation	
Home Office	No representation	

6. During the application process, Thames Valley Police (TVP) initiated engagement with the Applicant. The applicant and TVP agreed a set of conditions that would be added to the licence, under the operating schedule, if it is granted. These conditions will become enforceable conditions on the Premises Licence

A copy of the agreed conditions can be found at **Appendix Three**

7. Public Health Oxfordshire made comments to the application, during the consultation period, detailing the impact the variation of hours may have on the urgent health care system in Oxford.

A copy of the Public Health Oxfordshire comments can be found at **Appendix Four**.

8. Valid representation has been received from 1 Interested Party (Other Persons) as details in the table below:

Name	Address	Licensing Objective(s)
St Johns Street Area Residents Association	St John Street, Oxford	Public Nuisance

A copy of the representation can be found at **Appendix Five**.

Location

9. A map can be found at **Appendix Six** which shows the general location of the applicant's premises.

Other implications

10. 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
Licensing Hours	5.1.1	LH1 to LH3
Dispersal Procedures	5.3.1 to 5.3.3	LH6
General Prevention of Public Nuisance	7.3.1 to 7.3.9	LA2 to LA3
Addressing Local Concerns	7.3.10	LA4
Late Night Refreshment	7.5.16 to 7.5.19	PP9
High Volume Drinking Establishments	7.5.3 to 7.5.5	PP2
CCTV	8.3.1	OS7
Public Nuisance Noise	8.7	OS12

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

<https://www.oxford.gov.uk/downloads/download/307/download-the-statement-oflicensing-policy>.

Home Office Statutory Guidance

12. Members are also referred to the statutory guidance issued by the Home Office. Of relevance to this application are the following sections:

Relevant Sections	Relevant Paragraph
Licence conditions – general principles	1.16
Each application on its own merits	1.17 to 1.18
Crime & Disorder	2.1 to 2.7
Public Safety	2.8 to 2.15
Public Nuisance	2.21 to 2.27
Late Night Refreshment	3.12 to 3.20

13. A copy of the Home Office Statutory Guidance can be found online:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/explanatory-memorandum-revised-guidance-issued-under-s-182-of-licensing-act-2003>

Other Relevant Considerations

14. 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 1998 (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.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. 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
18. 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.

19. 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.
20. 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.

Legal issues

21. 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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Background Papers:	
1	Oxford City Council's Statement of Licensing Policy: Download the Statement of Licensing Policy Oxford City Council
2	Home Office Revised Guidance under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003: Revised Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003



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

Yes No

Applicant Details

* First name

* Family name

* E-mail

Main telephone number Include country code.

Other telephone number

Indicate here if the applicant would prefer not to be contacted by telephone

Is the applicant:

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 the applicant is applying so the applicant can be employed, or for some other personal reason, such as following a hobby.

Applicant Business

Is the applicant's business registered in the UK with Companies House? Yes No

Registration number

Business name If the applicant's business is registered, use its registered name.

VAT number Put "none" if the applicant is not registered for VAT.

Legal status

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Applicant's position in the business

Home country

The country where the applicant's headquarters are.

Registered Address

Address registered with Companies House.

Building number or name

Street

District

City or town

County or administrative area

Postcode

Country

Agent 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:

- An agent that is a business or organisation, including a sole trader
- A private individual acting as an agent

A sole trader is a business owned by one person without any special legal structure.

Agent 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.

Agent 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 (£)

25,500

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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.

Extend terminal hour for licensable activities to 02.00 every day for all licensable activities

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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

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[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

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

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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

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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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THURSDAY

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

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

- Indoors
 Outdoors
 Both

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 playing recorded music.

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

An extra hour at the start of British Summer Time

Non-standard timings. Where the premises will be used for the playing of recorded music 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.

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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

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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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SUNDAY

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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.

An extra hour at the start of British Summer Time

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Non-standard timings. Where the premises will be used for the performance of dance 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.

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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

MONDAY

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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 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.

An extra hour at the start of British Summer Time

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.

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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

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Standard Days And Timings

MONDAY

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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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THURSDAY

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SATURDAY

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SUNDAY

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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.

An extra hour at the start of British Summer Time
From the start time on New Year's Eve to the start time on New Year's Day

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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.

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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.

None

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HOURS PREMISES ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Standard Days And Timings

MONDAY

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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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State any seasonal variations.

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

Opening hours at the discretion of the licence holder

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.

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.

Licence too large to be sent as an electronic file.

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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.

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No additional steps required

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

see box a

c) Public safety

see box a

d) The prevention of public nuisance

see box a

e) The protection of children from harm

see box a

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NOTES ON REGULATED ENTERTAINMENT

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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 you 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 (£)

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 / /
dd mm yyyy

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

Error message

Is Digitally signed

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APPENDIX TWO

**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

25/01168/PREM

Part 1 – Premises Details

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

Raouls Bar
32 Walton Street
Oxford
OX2 6AA

Telephone number:

Where the licence is time limited the dates:

Not applicable

Licensable activities authorised by the licence:

Sale of Alcohol
Performances of Dance
Recorded Music
Late Night Refreshment

Times the licence authorises the carrying out of licensable activities:

Sale of Alcohol, Performances of Dance, Recorded Music:

Monday to Saturday	11:00 hours to 01:00 hours
Sunday	12:00 hours to 01:00 hours

Provided indoors only (except sale of alcohol)

Late Night Refreshment:

Wednesday to Sunday 23:00 hours to 01:00 hours

Provided indoors only

Non-Standard Timings:

For all licensable activities: On New Year's Eve from the end of permitted hours on New Year's Eve to the start of permitted hours on the following day.

An additional hour to be added to the terminal hour on the morning when British Summer Time commences

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 Sales

Part 2

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

Spirit Bar LTD
7 - 8 Park End Street
Oxford
Oxfordshire
OX1 1HH

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

03755566

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

Robert Opher

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

Personal licence number: 15

Licensing Authority: South Oxford District Council

Annex 1 – Mandatory conditions

1. No supply of alcohol may be made under the Premises Licence;
 - (a) at a time when there is no Designated Premises Supervisor in respect of the Premises Licence; or
 - (b) at a time when the Designated Premises Supervisor does not hold a Personal Licence or his Personal Licence is suspended.
2. Every supply of alcohol under the Premises Licence must be made or authorised by a person who holds a Personal Licence.
3. 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.
4.
 - 1) The responsible person must 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:
 - 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 in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;
 - 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 in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;
 - d) 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;
 - e) dispensing alcohol directly by one person into the mouth of another (other than where that other person is unable to drink without assistance by reason of disability).
5. The responsible person must ensure that free potable water is provided on request to customers where it is reasonably available.

6.
 - 1) The premises licence holder or club premises certificate holder must ensure that an age verification policy is adopted in respect of the premises in relation to the sale or supply of alcohol.
 - 2) The designated premises supervisor in relation to the premises licence must ensure that the supply of alcohol at the premises is carried on in accordance with the age verification policy.
 - 3) 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 either:
 - a) a holographic mark; or
 - b) an ultraviolet feature.
7. The responsible person must 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;
 - b) these measures are displayed in a menu, price list or other printed material which is available to customers on the premises; and
 - c) where a customer does not in relation to a sale of alcohol specify the quantity of alcohol to be sold, the customer is made aware that these measures are available.
8.
 1. A relevant person shall ensure that no alcohol is sold or supplied for consumption on or off the premises for a price which is less than the permitted price.
 2. For the purposes of the condition set out in paragraph 1:
 - (a) duty is to be construed in accordance with the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979;
 - (b) permitted price is the price found by applying the formula: $P=D+(D \times V)$ where:
 - (i) P is the permitted price,
 - (ii) D is the rate of duty chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the duty were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol, and
 - (iii) V is the rate of value added tax chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the value added tax were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol;
 - (c) relevant person means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a premises licence:
 - (i) the holder of the premises licence,
 - (ii) the designated premises supervisor (if any) in respect of such a licence, or
 - (iii) the personal licence holder who makes or authorises a supply of alcohol under such a licence;
 - (d) relevant person means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a club premises certificate, any member or officer of the club present on the premises in a capacity which enables the member or officer to prevent the supply in question; and
 - (e) valued added tax means value added tax charged in accordance with the Value Added Tax Act 1994.
 3. Where the permitted price given by Paragraph (b) of paragraph 2 would (apart from this paragraph) not be a whole number of pennies, the price given by that sub-paragraph shall be taken to be the price actually given by that sub-paragraph rounded up to the nearest penny.

4. (1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies where the permitted price given by Paragraph (b) of paragraph 2 on a day (the first day) would be different from the permitted price on the next day (the second day) as a result of a change to the rate of duty or value added tax.
- (2) The permitted price which would apply on the first day applies to sales or supplies of alcohol which take place before the expiry of the period of 14 days beginning on the second day.

Annex 2 – Conditions consistent with the Operating Schedule

9. The Licence Holder shall implement a written dispersal policy, to move customers from the premises and the immediate vicinity in such a way as to cause minimum disturbance or nuisance to neighbours, both residential and business, and to make the minimum impact upon the neighbourhood in relation to potential nuisance, antisocial behaviour, crime and disorder. The policy shall be approved in writing by the Licensing Authority.
10. 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.
11. 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.

12. 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.

13. The maximum number of persons (including staff and entertainers) allowed at the premises shall not exceed 110.
14. Noise emanating from the premises as a result of regulated entertainment shall not exceed 40dB(A) at the front of the premises and 35dB(A) at the rear of the premises as measured 1 metre from any residential building.
15. Noise emanating from the premises as a result of entertainment shall be inaudible in adjacent or adjoining properties
16. The Premises Licence Holder shall carry out and implement a written risk assessment regarding the need (if at all) for SIA licensed door supervisors.

This shall be for day to day standard operation as well as for any special one off events over and above that of normal trade.

The risk assessment shall be made readily available to the Police or Licensing Authority upon request and where subsequent issues or concerns related to the security risk assessment are brought to the Premises Licence Holder's attention by the Police, the Premises Licence Holder shall make amendments as directed.

17. A CCTV system shall be installed and maintained. The CCTV system shall incorporate the following basic requirements:
 - Be switched on and fully operational when the licensable activities are being carried out.
 - Record for a minimum rolling period of 31 days
 - Have a camera covering any entrance which will provide a facial shot of identification quality.
 - Have cameras covering any pertinent public areas (internally and externally)
 - Have a means of copying any footage to another medium as evidence if requested by the Police
 - Have a member of staff working at all times whilst the licence is in operation that is able to operate the system and in particular be able to provide copies of any footage requested by The Police.
 - 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

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

Not applicable

Annex 4 – Plans

See attached

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Raouls Bar Variation
Date: 25 November 2025 23:38:45
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[image004.png](#)
[RAOULS BAR POLICE COMMENTS.pdf](#)

To the Licensing Authority- Oxford City Council

Regarding the recent variation for Raoul's bar (your reference: 25/04364/PREM) and following discussions with the applicant and his legal representatives, of which the city council licensing authority has been copied into, please see the attached which captures the nature of the agreement and the subsequent police response.

Yours Sincerely

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Protecting Our Communities

Thames Valley Police Licensing Unit

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29/11/2025

To: The Licensing Authority –Oxford City Council

Reference: Variation Application: 25/04364/PREM Raouls Bar, 32 Walton Street, Oxford

Subject: Thames Valley Police Comments

Thames Valley Police have received a variation for the above licensed venue in Oxford. The application sought to:

The variation sought to extend the terminal hour for licensable activities to 02.00 hours every day.

Licensable Activities applied for:

Provision of Recorded Music: (Indoors Only)

Monday to Saturday 11.00 hours to 02.00 hours

Sunday 12.00 hours to 02.00 hours

Provision of Performance of Dance: (Indoors Only)

Monday to Saturday 11.00 hours to 02.00 hours

Sunday 12.00 hours to 02.00 hours

Late Night Refreshment:

Sunday to Saturday 23.00 hours to 02.00 hours

Sale of Alcohol: including consumption (on and off sales)

Monday to Saturday 11.00 hours to 02.00 hours

Sunday 12.00 hours to 02.00 hours

Seasonal Variations:

An extra hour at the start of British Summer Time

The application requested that the operating schedule remain as is.

The premises came under Spirit Bar Ltd (Mr Opher), the applicant in September of 2024 and has not come to police attention in that time. However this area of Oxford is a dynamic one and is increasingly becoming absorbed into the city centres' main night-time economy hub. This means the police are now seeing a change in demand there. The Licensing act is no longer about ensuring a venues does not sell to drunk or kids. Over the last few years greater and greater emphasis has been given over to all sorts of emerging issues in the NTE such

as violence against women and girls, drinks spiking, and the general duty of care towards the public with regard to safe guarding the vulnerable in all formats.

As such what was once granted may not be appropriate to the challenges a venue is expected to be able to deal with at first instance in a way that promotes the licensing objectives and does not unduly impact on demand to the blue light services. It was therefore the concern of the local area commander that the operating schedule was not appropriate to the area and the increase in hours.

TVP have entered into discussions with the applicant and his legal representative and have been able to agree amendments to the operating schedule to ensure that the licensing objectives are appropriately promoted.

The accepted conditions are:

1	<p>The Premises Licence Holder shall ensure that all staff employed at the premises whose duties include the sale or supply of alcohol shall undertake and complete a relevant programme of training prior to them being authorised to sell or supply alcohol. Such training shall consist of providing staff with an understanding of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The need to ensure the responsible sale and supply of alcohol • The need to refuse the sale and supply of alcohol to persons who are intoxicated or underage • The need to seek credible age verification from persons seeking to be sold or supplied alcohol who may appear under the age of 30 years old <p>Where subsequent issues related to the training is brought to the premises licence holder's attention by either the Licensing Authority and/or responsible authorities named in the Licensing Act, the premises licence holder will make amendments as directed by that authority</p> <p>Records of the training programme shall be maintained and made available to Thames Valley Police or the Licensing Authority upon request.</p> <p>The Premises Licence holder shall provide a "refresher" training session to all relevant staff members as and when deemed necessary on a case by case evaluation, but as a minimum requirement the refresher training session shall be provided to all staff on at least one occasion every six months.</p>
2	<p>The Premises Licence holder (or such person as they nominate) shall provide 14 days prior written notification to the Force Licensing Officer of Thames Valley Police and to the Licensing Authority of:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Any extension of hours permitted under the Premises Licence• Any one-off event that includes entertainment or a promotion that is not consistent with regular trade <p>Such written notifications will include but not be limited to the following details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The name of the person in charge/authorising the sale of alcohol for the duration of the event.• The name of any promoters• The name of the any act, DJ's or other such performers involved• The nature of the event.• The date, the commencement and conclusion time of the event.• Security provisions (including numbers and working hours of SIA staff)• Expected numbers attending
3	<p>A Premises Daily Register shall be held at the premises. This Register shall be maintained for a rolling minimum period of 12 months, and shall record:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The name of the person responsible for the premises on each given day.• The name of the person authorising the sale of alcohol each day.• 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.• Any refusals on grounds of age and/or intoxication (to include date, time, member of staff involved, reason for refusal as well as a brief physical description of the person refused)• Any incident of crime, disorder, or antisocial behaviour in or within the immediate vicinity of the premises (whether it required the police or not) (to include date, time, details of any member of staff involved, the situation, the outcome as well as a brief physical description of the members of public involved)• Any safeguarding/vulnerability occurrence in or within the immediate vicinity of the premises (to include date, time, details of any member of staff involved, the situation, the outcome as well as a brief physical description of the members of public involved)• Any items seized by security staff employed at the premises.• The name, SIA number, start and finish time of anyone employed in a security role for that day• Any use of force by SIA registered staff in the effective management of the premises or in ejecting persons from the premises (to include date, time, member of staff involved, reason for force as well as a brief physical description of the person refused)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Weekly checks of the CCTV, to ensure it is fully operational and any faults are dealt with including the time of the check and the person that carried it out.• Any calls to or visits by Thames Valley Police in relation to any crime and disorder or like related matter. <p>The Designated Premises Supervisor, or in their absence duly appointed member of staff, shall check the Premises Daily Register on a weekly basis ensuring that it is completed and up-to-date, sign the Premises Daily Register each time that it is checked, and make the Premises Daily Register available for inspection by any Authorised Officer of the Licensing Authority or Thames Valley Police throughout the trading hours of the premises.</p>
4	<p>The premises shall implement written policies. Such documents shall include, but not be limited to, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CCTV• Conditions of Entry• Safeguarding & Vulnerable Person• Noise• Crowd/Customer Management of the Immediate External Vicinity & Dispersal at Close• Queue Management• Responsible Service of Alcohol• Remote Ordering and delivery of alcohol• Security Measures• Crime Reduction (I.E Theft, violence against women and girls, etc)• Underage Sales & False Identification• Zero Tolerance Drugs <p>From these written policies and operating procedures, the premises licence holder shall implement written staff training ensuring that all staff employed at the premises (including third party agents such as SIA door supervisors) receive full training on those policies that are relevant to their specific role. Staff shall sign and date training records to confirm they have had, fully understand the training, and that they shall carry out their duties in accordance with them. These training records shall be retained and made available to the Licensing Authority and/or responsible authority named under the licensing act upon request.</p> <p>Where subsequent issues or concerns related to one or more of the policy(s) are brought to the premises licence holder's attention by the licensing authority and/or one of the responsible authorities named under the licensing act, the premises licence holder shall work with the relevant authority to agree a suitable and proportionate amendment .</p>

	<p>Hard copies of the most up to date policy/procedures will be kept on the premises. They shall be readily accessible to staff for their own reference whilst working, and shall be made available to any of the authorities upon request to check for compliance.</p>
5	<p>A CCTV system shall be installed and maintained. The CCTV system shall incorporate the following basic requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be switched on and fully operational when the licensable activities are being carried out. • Record for a minimum rolling period of 31 days • Have a camera covering any entrance which will provide a facial shot of identification quality. • Have cameras covering any pertinent public areas (internally and externally) and alterations shall be made to address any subsequent concerns made by the police regarding coverage. • Have a means of copying any footage to another medium as evidence if requested by the Police no later than 24 hours after that request • Have a member of staff working at all times whilst the licence is in operation that is able to operate the system and in particular be able to provide copies of any footage requested by The Police. • A system shall be in place to maintain the quality of the recorded image and a complete audit trail maintained. The system shall comply with other essential legislation, and all signs as required will be clearly displayed
6	<p>Subject to the agreement of the relevant committee the Premises Licence holder shall participate in the designated local Pubwatch / City Centre Late Night Business Partnership scheme and ensure that a representative of the licensed premises attend all of the arranged meetings or such a person has made all reasonable endeavours to attend the arranged meetings.</p>
7	<p>Subject to the agreement of the relevant service provider/ radio link committee. The Premises Licence holder shall operate the "Radio-Link" system of communication during the hours the premises is open to the public, and shall ensure that it is maintained and monitored.</p>
8	<p>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 30 years and who is seeking to purchase or consume alcohol on the premises. Such credible evidence, which shall include</p>

	a photograph of the customer, will include a passport, photographic driving licence, or Proof of Age card carrying a "PASS" logo
9	No person shall be admitted to the premises less than one hour before cessation of the last licensable activity.
10	The premises shall be cleared of customers and closed 30 minutes after the conclusion of the last licensed activity.
11	Any "smoking area" provided by the Premises Licence holder to customer shall be monitored by staff or Security Staff employed at the premises. This shall include ensuring that customers do not block the pavement or road for other members of the public
12	Prominent, clear notices shall be displayed at all exit points to advise customers to respect the needs of the local community and of acceptable behaviour in public spaces.
13	<p>During the hours of the premises licence when the venue has SIA Security Personnel on duty, all will be deployed with digitally recording Body Worn Video (BWV). The body worn video devices shall be capable of recording video (images) and sound. The BWV will be used to record any incidents which occur inside or outside of the premises involving customers, prospective customers or any staff member that impact on any of the four licensing objectives. Records shall be stored for a minimum rolling period of 31 days and will be produced to the police or Licensing Authority in a readily playable format upon request.</p> <p>The premises licence holder will ensure that all staff whose role include the use of the body worn video will be fully trained on the use of the system. Where there is a fault with the system, the DPS shall log an entry in the premises daily register, along with what remedial work is ongoing to fix the matter. The premises shall notify the licensing authority and the police licensing unit if the system will not be working for longer for 7 days.</p>
16	No person shall be allowed to leave the premises whilst in the possession of any drinking vessel or open glass bottle, whether empty or containing any beverage

The discussion process and consent by all parties is contained within an email chain that the Licensing Authority has been copied into.

On the provisional that the operating schedule incorporates the above, TVP have no objections to the variation for Raoul's Bar.

End of Report

APPENDIX FOUR

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
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Subject: Variation Application: 25/04364/PREM Raouls Bar, 32 Walton Street, Oxford, OX2 6AA
Date: 24 November 2025 09:25:56
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[oxford-1696604-Raouls appn.pdf](#)

Dear Oxford City Licensing team,

I am writing to express concern about the proposed extension of hours at Raoul's Bar, 32 Walton Street, Oxford, OX2 6AA. Public Health note the applicant has requested to extend the terminal hour for the sale of alcohol to 02.00 hours seven days a week.

Our primary concern is the impact the proposed extension is likely to have on the urgent health care system in Oxfordshire. The premises is located within Osney, Jericho and Port Meadow C Lower Super Output Area (LSOA) which had 141 alcohol-related ambulance callouts per 10,000 of the population between January and October 2025 [1]. The LSOAs surrounding Osney, Jericho and Port Meadow C also rank highly showing that alcohol-related ambulance callouts are concentrated in the city centre where there is a high concentration of pubs, bars and nightclubs [1]. For example, Oxford Central A which is directly adjacent to the premises had the highest number of alcohol-related ambulance callouts (339) of any LSOA in Oxford City between January and October 2025 [1]. Protecting urgent health care services is vital, and evidence shows that even modest extensions in late-night alcohol sales increase the burden on emergency services like police, ambulance and A&E, placing additional strain on our urgent care system [2].

Further to this, according to most recent data from 2023/24, the premises lies within Oxford City which also has higher admission rates for alcohol related unintentional injuries than both the South East and National averages [3]. Greater availability of alcohol, such as extended hours for alcohol sales, is associated with higher consumption and harm, such as physical health problems and mental health issues, especially in vulnerable groups [4].

Public Health request that the Oxford City Licensing team consider this evidence when assessing this licensing application.

Best regards

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[1] SCAS ambulance callout data. Not publicly available.

[2] Institute of Alcohol Studies (2015). *Alcohol's impact on emergency services*. [Available online](#).

[3] [Fingertips | Department of Health and Social Care](#)

[4] Green, C., et al. (2016) *Longer opening hours lead to heavier drinking and severe health damage*. Royal Economic Society. Available at: <https://res.org.uk/mediabriefing/longer-opening-hours-lead-to-heavier-drinking-and-severe-health-damage/> [Accessed 10 Nov. 2025]

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Public Health and Communities
Oxfordshire County Council

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UKPHR Public Health Practitioner registration number [REDACTED]

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25/04364/PREM | Premises Licence | 32 Walton Street Oxford OX2 6AA

We object to this application for variation of late-night opening.

We note that there is another similar application by the same operators for a spirits bar in nearby Little Clarendon Street.

Our objections are:

- This is a significantly residential area with apartments and substantial student accommodation in which many people will be affected by noise and disturbance.
- Late night opening is inappropriate for an area with mixed residential, café and retail.
- The current hours and those proposed are substantially later than those of neighbouring licensed establishments (such as the Oxford Wine Bar immediately opposite).
- The potentially open front of the bar means the probability of considerable street noise in warmer months

We believe that the present licence hours are very generous (and announced in prominent lettering) and that they should not be extended .

APPENDIX SIX

