CARDIFF COUNCIL CYNGOR CAERDYDD

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LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE: 17 August 2022

Report of the Head of Regulatory Services

Application for Premises Licence - Grant

Application No: 076451 Name of Premises: Coppa, 18 The Hayes, Cardiff, CF10 1AH Ward: Cathays

1. <u>Application</u>

- 1.1 An application for the Grant of a Premises Licence has been received from Various Eateries Trading Limited in respect of Coppa, 18 The Hayes, Cardiff, CF10 1AH.
- 1.2 The applicant has applied for the following:
 - (1) In respect of the following licensable activities:
 - (i) The sale by retail of alcohol for consumption on and off the premises.
 - (ii) The provision of late night refreshment (indoors).
 - (2) Description of Premises (as stated by applicant):

"All day-dining restaurant and bar over ground and first floor levels. Coppa already operates successfully in ten locations around London, the South East and West".

(3) Unless otherwise indicated the premises may be open to the public during the following hours and for any hours consequential to the non-standard timings:

Monday to Sunday: 09:00 to 00:30 New Years Eve: 09:00 to start of permitted hours on New Years Day

- (4) To provide licensable activities during the following hours:
 - (i) The sale by retail of alcohol for consumption on and off the premises:

Monday to Sunday: 09:00 to 00:00 New Years Eve: 09:00 to start of permitted hours on New Years Day

(ii) The provision of late night refreshment (indoors and outdoors):

Monday to Sunday: 23:00 to 00:00 New Years Eve: 23:00 to 05:00

1.3 A site map showing the premises and a plan of that premises can be found in *Appendix A*.

2. <u>Promotion of Licensing Objectives</u>

- 2.1 The additional conditions proposed by the applicant to meet the licensing objectives are attached to the report and can be found in *Appendix B*.
- 2.2 The applicant has agreed to attach a further condition as proposed by South Wales Police. A copy of the email exchange can be found attached as *Appendix C*.

3. <u>Relevant Representations</u>

3.1 A representation has been received from a local resident. A copy of the representation can be found attached as *Appendix D*.

4. Legal Considerations

4.1 In respect of the application the decision must be taken following consideration of the representations received with a view to promoting the licensing objectives, which are:

Prevention of crime and disorder Public Safety Prevention of Public Nuisance Protection of Children from Harm

- 4.2 In each case the Sub-Committee may make the following determination
 - a) To grant the application.
 - b) To modify the conditions of the licence, by altering, omitting or adding to them, where relevant.
 - c) Reject the whole or part of the application.
- 4.3 All decisions taken by the Sub-Committee must (a) be within the legal powers of the Council and its Committees; (b) comply with any procedural requirement imposed by law; (c) be undertaken in accordance with the procedural requirements imposed by the Council e.g. standing orders and financial regulations; (d) be fully and properly informed; (e) be properly motivated; (f) be taken having regard to the Council's fiduciary duty to its taxpayers; and (g) be reasonable and proper in all the circumstances.

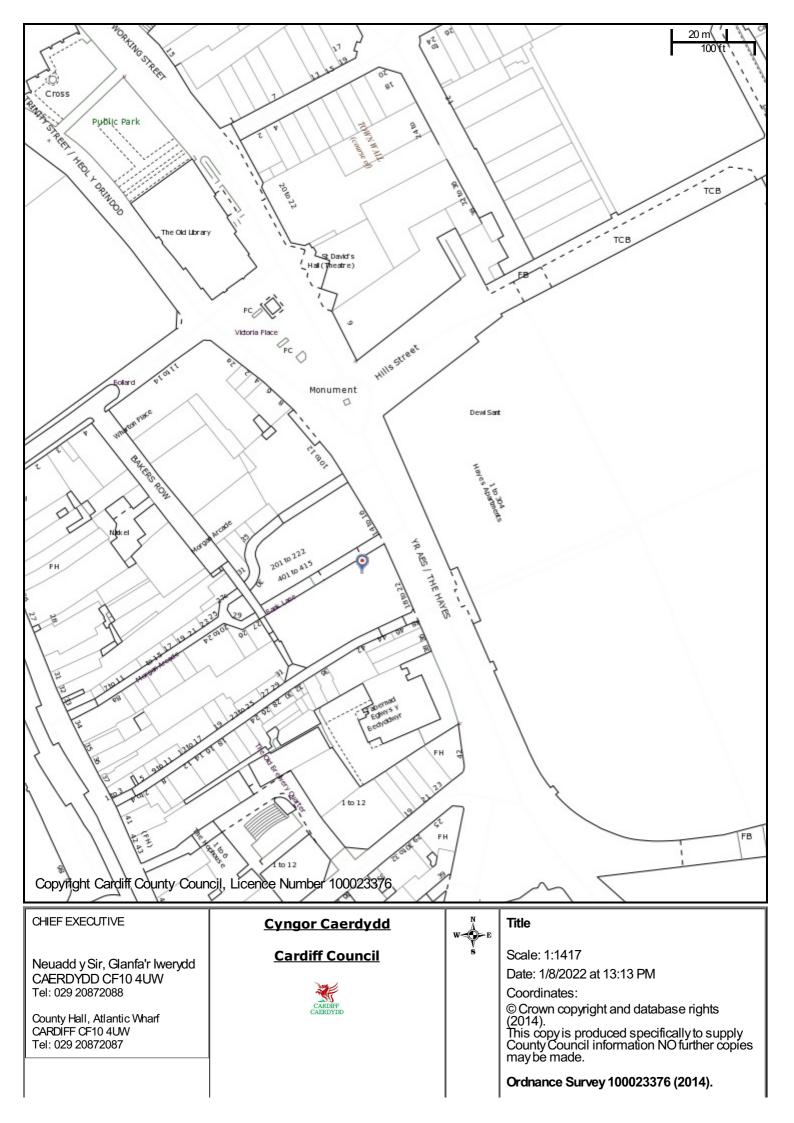
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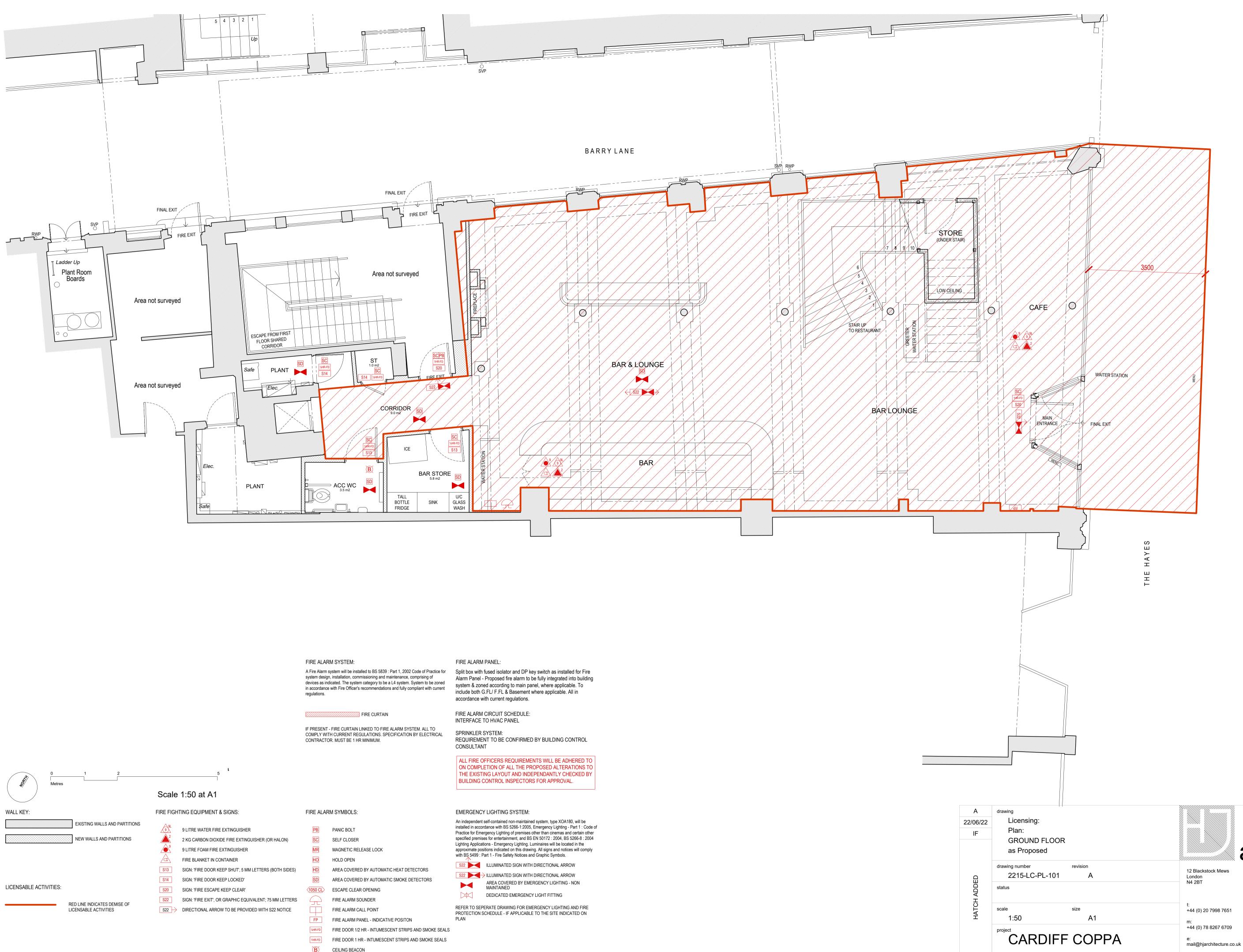
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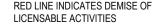
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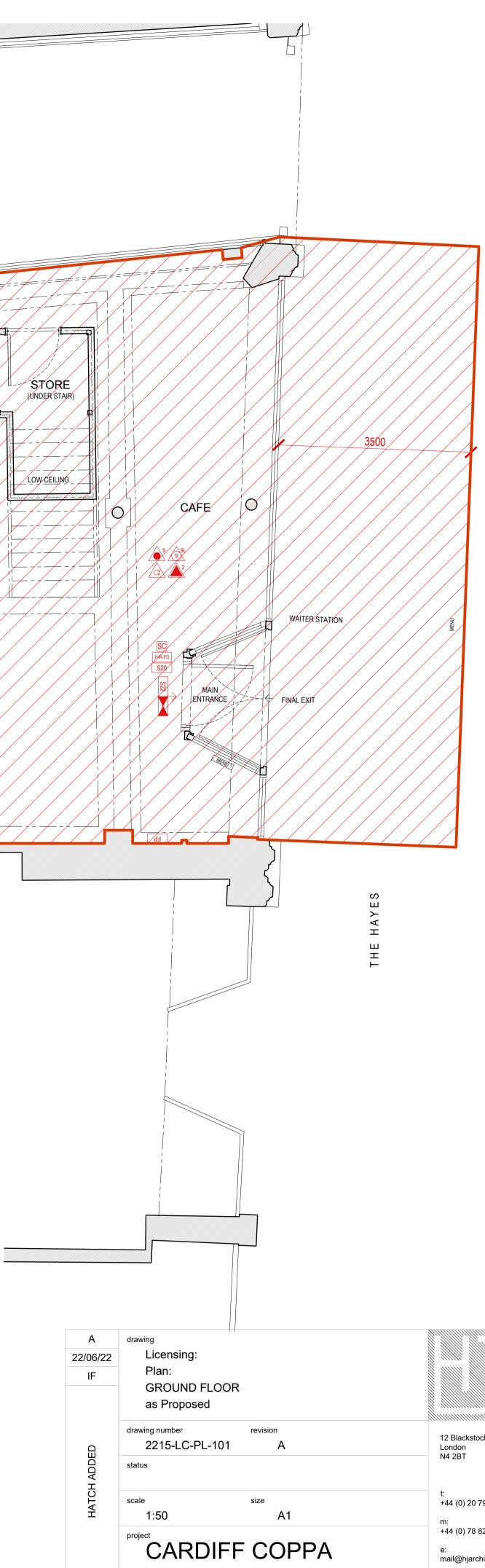


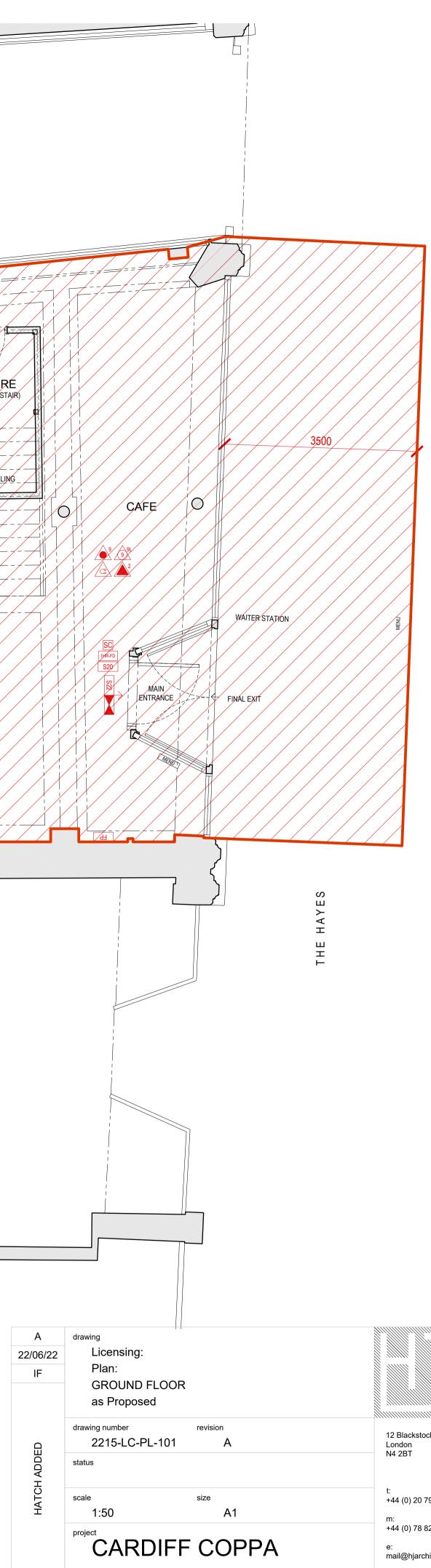






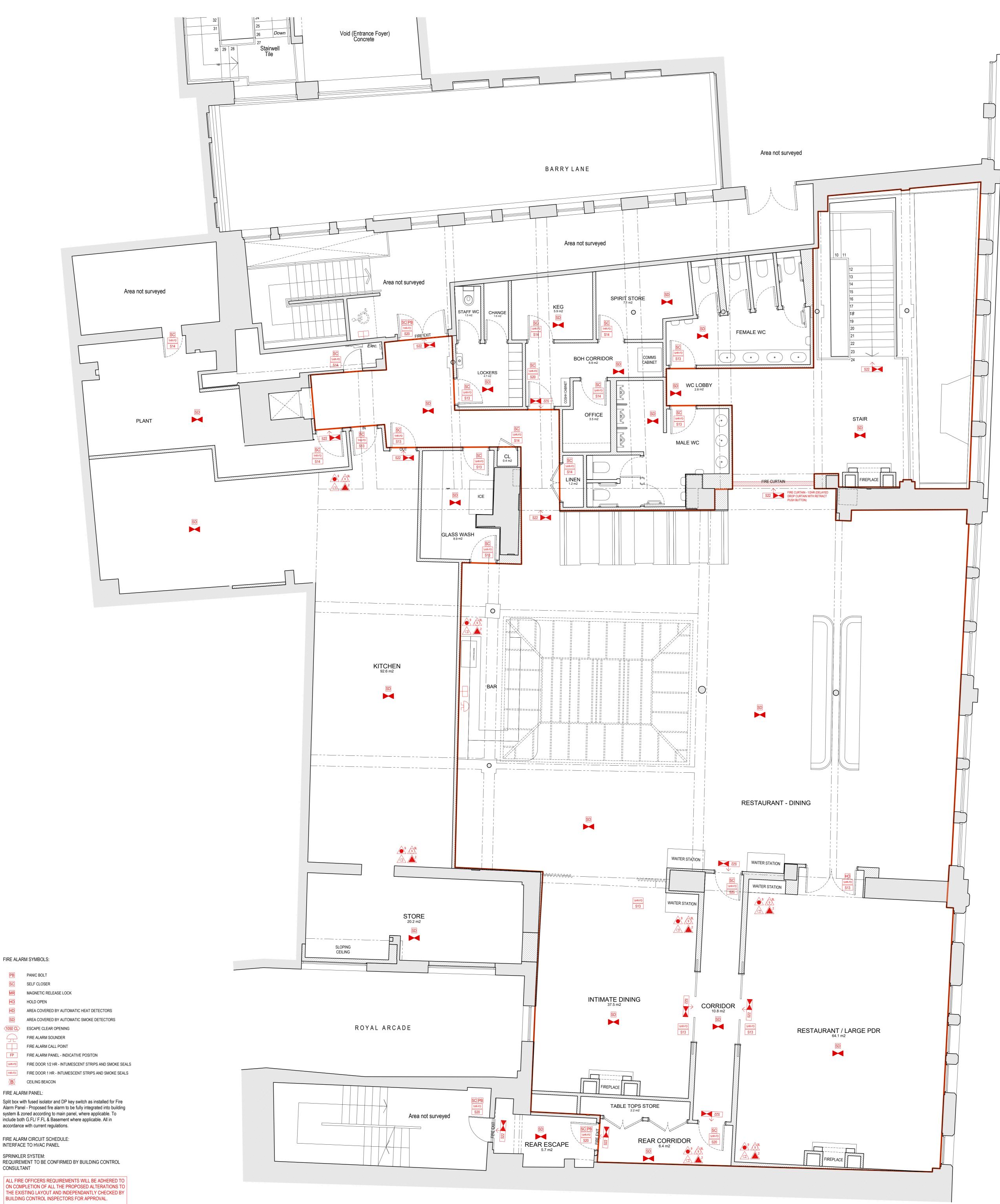
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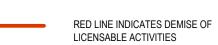
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EMERGENCY LIGHTING SYSTEM:

LICENSABLE ACTIVITIES:



EXISTING WALLS AND PARTITIONS

NEW WALLS AND PARTITIONS

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9 LITRE WATER FIRE EXTINGUISHER

- FIRE BLANKET IN CONTAINER

FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT & SIGNS:

- SIGN: 'FIRE DOOR KEEP LOCKED'
- S20 SIGN: 'FIRE ESCAPE KEEP CLEAR'
- S22 SIGN: 'FIRE EXIT', OR GRAPHIC EQUIVALENT; 75 MM LETTERS S22
 DIRECTIONAL ARROW TO BE PROVIDED WITH S22 NOTICE

An independent self-contained non-maintained system, type XOA180, will be A Fire Alarm system will be installed to BS 5839 : Part 1, 2002 Code of Practice for Split box with fused isolator and DP key switch as installed for Fire installed in accordance with BS 5266-1:2005, Emergency Lighting - Part 1 : Code of system design, installation, commissioning and maintenance, comprising of

Lighting Applications - Emergency Lighting. Luminaires will be located in the approximate positions indicated on this drawing. All signs and notices will comply with BS 5499 : Part 1 - Fire Safety Notices and Graphic Symbols. FIRE CURTAIN

> IF PRESENT - FIRE CURTAIN LINKED TO FIRE ALARM SYSTEM. ALL TO COMPLY WITH CURRENT REGULATIONS. SPECIFICATION BY ELECTRICAL SPRINKLER SYSTEM: CONTRACTOR. MUST BE 1 HR MINIMUM.

FIRE ALARM SYMBOLS:

- PB PANIC BOLT
- SC SELF CLOSER
- MR MAGNETIC RELEASE LOCK
- HO HOLD OPEN
- S13
 SIGN: 'FIRE DOOR KEEP SHUT', 5 MM LETTERS (BOTH SIDES)
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 AREA COVERED BY AUTOMATIC HEAT DETECTORS
 - (1050 CL) ESCAPE CLEAR OPENING
 - FIRE ALARM SOUNDER
 - FIRE ALARM CALL POINT
 - FP FIRE ALARM PANEL INDICATIVE POSITON
 - KHR-FD
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INTERFACE TO HVAC PANEL

REQUIREMENT TO BE CONFIRMED BY BUILDING CONTROL CONSULTANT

ALL FIRE OFFICERS REQUIREMENTS WILL BE ADHERED TO ON COMPLETION OF ALL THE PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO

REFER TO SEPERATE DRAWING FOR EMERGENCY LIGHTING AND FIRE PROTECTION SCHEDULE - IF APPLICABLE TO THE SITE INDICATED ON PLAN

AREA COVERED BY EMERGENCY LIGHTING - NON MAINTAINED

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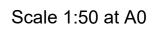
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18 The Hayes Morgan Quarter Cardiff CF10 1AE

New Premises Licence Application Summary

Applicant: Various Eateries Trading Limited

DPS: Paul Peter Whitefield

NDRV: £ Not listed

Brief Description of Premises

All day-dining restaurant and bar over ground and first floor levels. Coppa already operates successfully in ten locations around London, the South East and West.

Proposed Licensable Activities

Sale of Alcohol (on & off sales)	Late Night Refreshment	Opening Hours	
	(indoors)		
Monday to Sunday: 09:00 to	Monday to Sunday: 23:00 to	Monday to Sunday: 09:00 to	
00:00	00:00	00:30	

Non-standard timings: From the end of permitted hours on New Year's Eve to the start of permitted hours New Year's Day

Proposed Conditions

- 1. At least 70% of the public space will be occupied by tables and chairs.
- 2. All meals will be consumed at tables with non-disposable crockery.
- 3. The sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises will be ancillary to the taking of a substantial table meal with the exception of those customers in the hatched areas as indicated on the licensing layout drawing. In the hatched areas, substantial food shall be available throughout the premises at all times during the permitted hours.
- 4. There will be no self-serving, customers will be shown to their table by staff.
- 5. Food will be served by waiter/waitress service only.
- 6. An incident log shall be kept at the premises, and made available on request to an authorised officer of the City Council or the Police. It must be completed within 24 hours of the incident and will record the following:
 - (a) all crimes reported to the venue
 - (b) all ejections of patrons
 - (c) any complaints received concerning crime and disorder
 - {d) any incidents of disorder
 - (e) all seizures of drugs or offensive weapons
 - (f) any faults in the CCTV system, searching equipment or scanning equipment

- (g) any refusal of the sale of alcohol
- (h) any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service.
- 8. 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:
 - (a) The need to ensure the responsible sale and supply of alcohol

(b) The need to refuse the sale and supply of alcohol to persons who are intoxicated or underage

(c) The need to seek credible age verification from persons seeking to be sold or supplied alcohol who may appear under the age of 18 years old

- 9. There will be appropriate signage at the premises requesting customers to leave quietly.
- 10. Staff will routinely check the premises during the opening hours to ensure that the premises are clean and tidy
- 11. Empty glasses will be regularly collected and any spillage dealt with as soon as practicable.
- 12. The premises will operate a "Challenge 25" policy whereby any person attempting to buy alcohol who appears to be under 25 will be asked for photographic ID to prove their age. The recommended forms of ID that will be accepted are passports, driving licences with a photograph, photographic military ID or proof of age cards bearing the 'PASS' mark hologram.
- 13. No bar for the purpose of dispensing alcohol will be set up in the outside area.
- 14. On major event days in the Cardiff City Centre no glass vessels will be allowed in the outside area.
- 15. A cctv system shall be installed to a standard agreed with South Wales Police. The system shall be maintained and operated at all times the premises are open to the public. The system shall cover all parts of the licensable areas to which the public have access (excluding toilets) and all outside areas and exits and entrances used by customers. Images shall be kept for a minimum of 31 days.
- 16. The images shall be produced to an authorised Police employee immediately upon request when the premises are open and at all other times as soon as is reasonably practical. There will be sufficient staff training to facilitate the above.
- 17. No recorded music shall be played in the outside area after 23:00 hours each day.
- 18. There will be no entertainment of a sexual nature such as striptease or lap dancing.
- 19. Alcohol consumed outside the premises building shall only be consumed by patrons seated at tables.
- 20. All outside tables and chairs shall be rendered unusable by 23.00 hours each day.

APPENDIX C Additional Condition Agreed with SWP

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From: Sent: To:	11 July 2022 11:56
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Subject:	RE: COPPA CARDIFF - STR.25.53

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Dear Tony

I hope you had a lovely holiday.

Further to our correspondence below, I am pleased to confirm that our client has confirmed that they are happy to agree to the below condition being added to their operating schedule.

I have copied in Licensing so that they are aware.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Kindest regards

From: Sent: 28 June 2022 13:15 To: Subject: COPPA CARDIFF

Dear

I have now had the opportunity to look at the application in detail. I see that the conditions offered are very similar to those agreed/imposed on "IVY" at the hearing for the grant of that licence.

I also see that the condition on the IVY licence requiring "two SIA members of door staff on duty on major event days whilst open" has not been offered.

South Wales Police see this as most important. Would your client offer this?

Other than that , I think we are close to agreement. Regards

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From:	
Sent:	25 July 2022 19:14
То:	Licensing (Licensing Regulatory) / Trwyddedu (Rheoleiddio Trwyddedu)
Subject:	Premises Licence Application for 18 The Hayes
Attachments:	Cardiff Licence Representation Cover Form 25 July 2022.pdf; DMOA submission re
	premice licence application 18 The Hayes 25 July 2022.pdf

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Dear sir/madam,

Please find attached a submission for your consideration in relation to the application for a premises licence for 18 The Hayes, Cardiff, CF10 1AE

I\Should you wish any clarification or further information, I would be happy to assist.

Sincerely,



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Representation Submission Form

CARDIFF CAERDYDD

Licensing Act 2003 - Representation in respect of Premises Licence Applications

making representation	
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Details of premise	es representation is about			
Name of Premises:	FORMER MOSS BROS. STORE			
Address of premises:	18 THE HAYES			
	CARDIFF			
	CFIO IAE			
Application No. (if known)				

Please tick one or more of the licensing objectives that your representation relates to:		
Prevention of crime and disorder	Le yes	
Public Safety	🗹 yes	
Prevention of public nuisance	🗹 yes	
Protection of children from harm	□ yes	

Please summarise your concerns about this application:					
	PLEASE	SEE	SEPARATE	PAGES	

Please give further details of why you believe this application will have an adverse effect on the licensing objectives THE APPLICATION WILL NOT NECESSARILY EFFECT ON THE HAVE AN ADVERSE OBJECTIVES PROVIDED LICENSING ALL REPSONABLE STEPS ARE TAKEN TO ENSURE MITIGATION OF THE CONCERNS RAISED BY DMDA. (DAVD MORGAN OWNERS ASSOCIATION)

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Date: 25 July 2022

18 The Hayes Cardiff CF10 1AE

Premises Licence Application under s.17 of the Licensing Act 2003 (the 'Act')

Various Eateries Trading Limited (20 St Thomas Street, London, SE1 9RS, Company No. 09185571)

This submission is made on behalf of the David Morgan Owners Association (DMOA) which is a recognised Tenants Association in accordance with section 29 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985. We represent the significant majority of the 56 residential leaseholders of the David Morgan Apartments, Barry Lane, Cardiff CF10 1FR, ie the apartments that are the immediate neighbours of and are located immediately above the premises to which this licence application relates. Further, through its solicitors, the landlord (Thameside Pension Fund) has recently confirmed its opinion that the residential portion of the building is inseparable from 18 The Hayes for the purpose of building management.

The DMOA has previously commented on an application in 2019 by Troia (UK) Restaurants Ltd for change of use of these premises from class A1 (shop) to A3 (restaurant) (Ref: 19/01197/MNR) and we have made observations that are relevant to the listed building consent that we anticipate will be relevant to the design and use of the premises when these are addressed in due course.

The current applicant, Various Eateries Trading Limited, has proactively engaged in recent weeks with DMOA and constructive face-to-face meetings have been held twice during this period, on 27 June and 18 July. DMOA members, some of whom are more directly impacted by the proposal than others, have voiced their observations and, to the extent that these relate to licensing objectives, and current Home Office guidance in accordance with s.182 of the Act, these are set out below.

Prevention of Crime and Disorder

We are aware of several recent instances of late night, largely drink-related, crime and disorderly behaviour in the local area. In the 14 years since the David Morgan Apartments were first occupied, our experience of such incidents has been broadly consistent with the detailed representations made by South Wales Police at the 2019 Council Planning hearing that considered the question of change of use from A1 to A3.

We therefore ask that these and any further Police representations be given the utmost consideration and, in the event that the licence is granted, steps be taken to ensure maximum compliance with Police recommendations to minimise the risk of incremental crime and disorder.

Public Safety

The safety of David Morgan residents and their guests is of primary concern to our Association and our objective is to ensure that the application under consideration, if granted, will not lead to safety being compromised.

• The physical security system established from the time the apartments were first occupied in 2008 ensures that when residents gain access to Barry Lane from The Hayes during hours when the stores have closed, they are safe as soon as the automated external security gate has closed behind them. This safety is enhanced since the Barry Lane section is also closed off from the Morgan and Royal Arcades during non-trading hours.

To date, while there is security-monitored CCTV coverage at the entrance to Barry Lane from The Hayes, the coverage does not extend beyond the entrance gate and there is a risk that third parties who may be loitering near the entrance to 18 The Hayes, could 'tailgate' residents entering and leaving their premises. We wish to explore further the operational steps that the applicant could take to minimise this risk to residents.

- The key fob system is particular to the apartment complex and DMOA has received assurances from the applicant that staff working at 18 The Hayes will not require fob-controlled access to Barry Lane which would in turn enable restaurant staff to have unfettered access to the otherwise securely locked apartment complex. We ask that this security concern be noted during consideration of the application.
- Fire Hazard. We note that the kitchen will use gas cookers. Currently there is no gas in the apartments so the combination of a commercial kitchen and gas supply will mean the risk of fire is likely to increase. There is concern that the building design, especially the number of conduits (some of which may be of Victorian construction) could speed up the spread of fire in the event of an incident. This is something on which leaseholders and residents would expect a thorough fire safety analysis and systemic mitigation of risk and we will doubtless be engaging further on this point in the event that planning permission is considered in due course.

Prevention of Public Nuisance

Hours of Operation

The application seeks licence for Late Night Refreshment, Monday-Sunday 23:00 to 00:00 and Sale by Retail of Alcohol (on and off sales), Monday-Sunday 09:00 to 00:00

We note that David Morgan Apartment residential leaseholders are bound by the terms of their residential lease agreements with the building landlord (who is also the landlord for 18 The Hayes) which prohibit residents from "holding meetings at any time and dance music and singing between the hours of 11pm and 8am" due to disturbance to other building occupants, and that use of landlord's common parts during the 11pm-8am period be done as quietly as possible. The application, if accepted without amendment, would introduce a significant asymmetry in that the business occupying the same building would be permitted to act in a manner for which the building's residents would be in breach of their Lease commitments and would be subject to sanctions.

We propose, in the event that a licence is awarded, the hours of operation be restricted so as to be consistent with the residential lease. Unless perhaps by exception, we suggest that the sale of alcohol and the playing of music be ceased by 11pm.

Deliveries and Removal of Waste

Deliveries prior to 8am will cause disturbance to some residents. Likewise disposal of waste (which we understand will make use of commercial bin storage facilities in Bakers Row) after 11pm will also cause nuisance. We ask that deliveries and waste be undertaken at times avoiding the 11pm to 8am residential quiet period.

Noise and Light Emissions

The main dining operation on the first floor will clearly generate a considerable level of noise (music, customers, kitchen etc). We are happy to engage with the applicant's acoustic engineer in due course so as to enable sample measurements to be made. When such an exercise was conducted for the previous applicant in 2019, the results indicated considerable levels of noise transfer between 18 The Hayes and the most closely adjacent David Morgan Apartments.

The void between first floor ceilings and second floor flooring is substantially empty and we understand that the previous applicant intended to install noise-suppressing insulation in this space in order to help mitigate the acknowledged noise problem. However, it appears that the matter remained unresolved after the listed building report raised some objections to the proposed designs.

Stained Glass Lightwell Issues

The stained glass lightwell will be a central feature of the main dining room in the proposed restaurant but this currently has fixed openings a matter of 1.70 metres from one apartment's bedroom windows and another's private terrace. We note the previous (2019) proposal that the air vents would be blocked up and that an opaque insulated screen could be put in place to shield residents from both noise and light disturbance. But again, we observe that this earlier proposal ran into difficulties in relation to the listed building consent.

Furthermore, we note that a solution similar to that previously proposed which involved the blocking of airducts to the lightwell area would result in a reduction of fresh air to the two second floor apartments that directly adjoin this area, not least due to the protective covering that has been erected over the lightwell in order to preserve its integrity. Resolution of this point is needed and the affected leaseholders would be happy to assist in seeking a workable solution that would prevent trapped fetid air immediately outside bedrooms.

Kitchen Exhaust Waste

We understand from the applicant that they propose to build a large flue system which will take the gaseous waste to roof height and force it upwards to a level above roof height. We are not fully aware of how this system would work and whether the external amenity and paint finishes to the residential portion of the estate might be compromised. We propose to further explore this issue during the planning consent process.

Conclusion

While we hope the above points are clear, we would be happy to expand on anything that may require further exploration. If it would be helpful, representatives of the David Morgan Owners Association would also be happy to meet with Council licensing officials to discuss how best the residential interests might be preserved alongside those of the applicant.

Sincerely

on behalf of David Morgan Owners Association