

6 January 2020

Letter to be distributed by Westminster Licensing Authority

Dear Mr Bancroft

Application for a Premises Licence – 8 Baker Street W1U 3AA – 19/14847/LIPN

Westminster Council have provided us with a copy of your representation in respect of our licence application for 8 Baker Street. Thank you for your comments, which have been carefully considered. We apologise for the time it has taken to respond over the festive period.

The application was made for a new premises licence on exactly the same terms as the previous restaurant tenant's premises licence. This licence unfortunately lapsed as our previous tenant went into liquidation. As landlord, we have made the application so that a new licence can be transferred to our incoming restaurant tenant. We are pleased to confirm that we are close to completing a lease with a high-calibre Michelin Star restaurant operator to open their new restaurant at Baker Street.

In response to the concerns you have raised, we confirm that:

- There is no proposal to extend the hours. The application is for a licence with exactly the same hours for licensable activities as the previous premises licence.
- The new restaurant tenant will have to adhere to the existing hours of use of the central loading bay: 07:30 to 19:00.
- We would be willing to agree the new licence condition proposed in your representation with some slight amendments to provide assurances in this regard:

*"No deliveries to the premises shall take place between 23:00 and 07:00 on the following day save that this restriction does not apply to ~~newspapers and magazines~~ **fish, meat, vegetable** or dairy or bakery products. No deliveries whatsoever shall take place via the loading bay at the rear of the premises in Bakers Mews between 19:00 and 07:30 each day".*

We remain committed to ensuring that all our tenants operate professionally and responsibly alongside local residents. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any ongoing feedback about our existing tenants or would like to discuss the current licence application further ahead of the licensing sub committee hearing scheduled 9 January 2020.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter

Yours sincerely

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