



City of Westminster

# Licensing Sub-Committee Report

Item No:	
Date:	21 October 2021
Licensing Ref No:	21/06011/LIPN - New Premises Licence
Title of Report:	Mona's 114 Seymour Place London W1H 1NN
Report of:	Director of Public Protection and Licensing
Wards involved:	Bryanston And Dorset Square
Policy context:	City of Westminster Statement of Licensing Policy
Financial summary:	None
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## 1. Application

1-A Applicant and premises			
<b>Application Type:</b>	New Premises Licence, Licensing Act 2003		
<b>Application received date:</b>	18 June 2021		
<b>Applicant:</b>	Bexani Restaurants Limited		
<b>Premises:</b>	Mona's		
<b>Premises address:</b>	114 Seymour Place London W1H 1NN	<b>Ward:</b>	Bryanston and Dorset Square
		<b>Cumulative Impact Area:</b>	None
		<b>Special Consideration Zone:</b>	None
<b>Premises description:</b>	According to the application form, the premises proposes to operate as a Café/Restaurant.		
<b>Premises licence history:</b>	This is a new premises licence application and therefore no premises licence history exists.		
<b>Applicant submissions:</b>	None		

1-B Proposed licensable activities and hours							
<b>Sale by retail of alcohol</b>				<b>On or off sales or both:</b>			Both
<b>Day:</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thur</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Sun</b>
<b>Start:</b>	11:00	11:00	11:00	11:00	11:00	11:00	11:00
<b>End:</b>	22:30	22:30	22:30	22:30	22:30	22:30	22:30
<b>Seasonal variations/ Non-standard timings:</b>		From the end of permitted hours on New Year's Eve until the start of permitted hours on New Year's Day					

Hours premises are open to the public							
<b>Day:</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thur</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Sun</b>
<b>Start:</b>	11:00	11:00	11:00	11:00	11:00	11:00	11:00
<b>End:</b>	23:00	23:00	23:00	23:00	23:00	23:00	23:00
<b>Seasonal variations/ Non-standard timings:</b>		From the end of permitted hours on New Year's Eve until the start of permitted hours on New Year's Day					
<b>Adult Entertainment:</b>		None					

## 2. Representations

2-A Responsible Authorities	
<b>Responsible Authority:</b>	Environmental Health Service
<b>Representative:</b>	Dave Nevitt
<b>Received:</b>	16 July 2021
<p>I wish to make Representations on the following grounds: Representation is made in relation to the application, as the proposals are likely to increase the risk of Public Nuisance and may impact upon Public Safety.</p>	

2-B Other Persons	
<b>Name:</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Address and/or Residents Association:</b>	[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
<b>Received:</b>	4 July 2021 (Withdrawn 5 <sup>th</sup> August 2021)
<p>I live at [REDACTED] the premises relating to this application. Whilst I do not object in principle to the application I have a number of concerns which do not appear to be addressed in the application documents.</p> <p>I have lived at my address for approximately 10 years. I have bedroom windows and a roof terrace that face onto Seymour Place. This block of Seymour Place is almost entirely residential and has little noise outside normal hours. I am concerned that there is a potential for public nuisance arising from the application.</p> <p>In the application there is no detail provided about the number of outside seating places and the hours they will be utilised. If these are utilised until late in the evening I am concerned that there will be significant noise causing a public nuisance to adjacent residents. I have noticed several external heaters have been attached to the outside of the property during recent renovations so I presume the expectation is to have outside tables during the evening.</p> <p>Another concern is the potential that the premises may be used as a shisha-smoking venue, similar to other 'cafes' elsewhere in the vicinity. Can any assurance be given in the application that this will not be the case? If shisha smoking were to take place, this would give rise to enormous public nuisance and the possible endangerment to health and possible harm to children given the large number of residential properties surrounding the premises.</p> <p>I would appreciate these concerns being acknowledged and addressed.</p>	
<b>Name:</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Address and/or Residents Association:</b>	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
<b>Received:</b>	7 July 2021
<p>We object to the granting of this license. As an owner of a [REDACTED] the premises, we have a concern that this license will attract undesirable gatherings near the premises, will result in noise and crowds in the vicinity and will have a detrimental impact on the value of the residential properties in close proximity.</p>	

<b>Name:</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Address and/or Residents Association:</b>	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
<b>Received:</b>	7 July 2021
I am a student at University and plan to continue to occasionally occupy one of the [REDACTED] the premises over the next 36 months. This neighbourhood has always been safe, quiet and clean but I have a concern that the granting of this license will negatively impact my peaceful, safe occupation of the property. I register my strong objection to the granting of this license.	
<b>Name:</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Address and/or Residents Association:</b>	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
<b>Received:</b>	8 July 2021
Concerns over noise, given the level of noise leakage that has been ongoing during renovation. The outdoor area to be licensed appears to encompass the area directly in front of the door for the flats above, which could block access - both in general and in an emergency. Has been issues in the past with people attempting to ring/knock on the doors of the flats to get access to the restaurant at unsociable hours. Allowing the license could encourage groups to hang around in what is a quiet part of the street. As the door to the upper flats opens outwards, it's possible to hit people who may be queuing/waiting in the area where the restaurants entrance is, which makes it very difficult for residents to leave the flat safely.	

### 3. Policy & Guidance

The following policies within the City Of Westminster Statement of Licensing Policy apply:	
<b>Policy HRS1 applies</b>	<p>A. Applications within the core hours set out below in this policy will generally be granted for the relevant premises uses, subject to not being contrary to other policies in the Statement of Licensing Policy.</p> <p>B. Applications for hours outside the core hours set out in Clause C will be considered on their merits, subject to other relevant policies, and with particular regard to the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The demonstration of compliance in the requirements of policies CD1, PS1, PN1 and CH1 associated with the likelihood of the effect of the grant of a licence for later or earlier hours on crime and disorder, public safety, public nuisance and the protection of children from harm.</li> <li>2. If the application is located within a Special Consideration Zone they have demonstrated that they have taken account of the issues identified in that area and provided adequate mitigation.</li> <li>3. Whether there is residential accommodation in the proximity of the premises that would likely be adversely affected by premises being open or carrying out operations at the hours proposed.</li> <li>4. The proposed hours of the licensable activities and when customers will be permitted to remain on the premises.</li> <li>5. The proposed hours when any music, including incidental music, will be played.</li> <li>6. The hours when customers will be allowed to take food or drink outside the premises or be within open areas which form part of the premises.</li> </ol>

	<p>7. The existing hours of licensable activities and the past operation of the premises (if any) and hours of licensable premises in the vicinity.</p> <p>8. Whether customers and staff have adequate access to public transport when arriving at and leaving the premises, especially at night.</p> <p>9. The capacity of the premises. 10. The type of use, recognising that some venues are more likely to impact the licensing objectives than others; for example, pubs and bars are higher risk than theatres, cinemas and other cultural and sporting venues due to the nature of the operation.</p> <p>11. The Licensing Authority will take into account the active measures proposed for a 'winding down' period including arrangements for people to be collected from the premises to travel home safely.</p> <p>12. Conditions on hours may be attached that require that the supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises ceases a suitable period of time before customers are required to leave the premises.</p> <p>13. The council, acting as the Licensing Authority, may reduce hours if, after review, it is necessary to impose conditions specifying shorter hours in order to promote the licensing objectives.</p> <p>14. Specific days for non-standard hours should be identified and justified as part of the application to allow responsible authorities and interested parties to evaluate the impact that these licensable activities may have, and to plan accordingly. The consideration of applications for later hours for Bank Holiday Mondays will take into account that later hours are generally granted for preceding Sundays and that the next day is a working day. Non-specific days are expected to be covered by Temporary Event Notices or variation applications.</p> <p>C. For the purpose of Clauses A and B above, the Core Hours for this application for each premises use type as defined within this policy are:</p> <p><b>8. Restaurants</b></p> <p>Monday to Thursday: 9am to 11.30pm.  Friday and Saturday: 9am to 12am.  Sunday: 9am to 10.30pm.  Sundays immediately prior to a bank holiday: 9am to 12am.</p> <p>D. Core hours are when customers are permitted to be on the premises and therefore the maximum opening hours permitted will be to the same start and terminal hours for each of the days where licensable activity is permitted.</p> <p>E. For the purposes of this policy, 'premises uses' are defined within the relevant premises use policies within this statement.</p>
<p><b>Policy RTN1 applies</b></p>	<p>A. Applications outside the West End Cumulative Impact Zone will generally be granted subject to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The application meeting the requirements of policies CD1, PS1, PN1 and CH1.</li> <li>2. The hours for licensable activities being within the council's Core Hours Policy HRS1.</li> <li>3. The applicant has taken account of the Special Consideration Zones Policy SCZ1 if the premises are located within a designated zone.</li> <li>4. The application and operation of the venue meeting the definition of a restaurant as per Clause C.</li> </ol> <p>B. Applications inside the West End Cumulative Impact Zone will generally be granted subject to:</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The application meeting the requirements of policies CD1, PS1, PN1 and CH1.</li> <li>2. The hours for licensable activities are within the council's Core Hours Policy HRS1.</li> <li>3. The applicant has demonstrated that they will not add to cumulative impact within the Cumulative Impact Zone.</li> <li>4. The application and operation of the venue meeting the definition of a restaurant as per Clause C.</li> <li>C. For the purposes of this policy a restaurant is defined as: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A premises in which customers are shown to their table or the customer will select a table themselves to which food is either served to them or they have collected themselves.</li> <li>2. Which provide food in the form of substantial table meals that are prepared on the premises and are served and consumed at a table.</li> <li>3. Which do not provide any takeaway service of food and/or drink for immediate consumption.</li> <li>4. Where alcohol shall not be sold, supplied, or consumed on the premises otherwise than to persons who are bona fide taking substantial table meals and provided always that the consumption of alcohol by such persons is ancillary to taking such meals.</li> <li>5. The sale and consumption of alcohol prior to such meals may be in a bar area but must also be ancillary to the taking of such meal.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
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#### **4. Equality Implications**

The Council in its capacity as Licensing Authority has a duty to have regard to its public sector equality duty under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010. In summary, section 149 provides that a Public Authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to:

- (a) eliminate discrimination harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;
- (b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it; and
- (c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristics and persons who do not share it.

Section 149 (7) of the Equality Act 2010 defines the relevant protected characteristics as age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation.

#### **5. Appendices**

<b>Appendix 1</b>	Premises plans
<b>Appendix 2</b>	Applicant supporting documents
<b>Appendix 3</b>	Premises history
<b>Appendix 4</b>	Proposed conditions
<b>Appendix 5</b>	Residential map and list of premises in the vicinity

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**If you have any queries about this report or wish to inspect one of the background papers please contact the report author.**

**Background Documents – Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1972**

<b>1</b>	Licensing Act 2003	N/A
<b>2</b>	City of Westminster Statement of Licensing Policy	7 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
<b>3</b>	Amended Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003	April 2018
<b>4</b>	Environmental Health Service	16 <sup>th</sup> July 2021
<b>5</b>	Representation 1 ( <b>Withdraw 5<sup>th</sup> August 2021</b> )	4 <sup>th</sup> July 2021
<b>6</b>	Representation 2	7 <sup>th</sup> July 2021
<b>7</b>	Representation 3	7 <sup>th</sup> July 2021
<b>8</b>	Representation 4	8 <sup>th</sup> July 2021



**Applicant Supporting Documents**

**Appendix 2**

There are no submissions from the applicant.

## **Premises History**

## **Appendix 3**

There is no licence or appeal history for the premises.

**CONDITIONS CONSISTENT WITH THE OPERATING SCHEDULE AND CONDITIONS PROPOSED BY A PARTY TO THE HEARING**

When determining an application for a new premises licence under the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003, the licensing authority must, unless it decides to reject the application, grant the licence subject to the conditions which are indicated as mandatory in this schedule.

At a hearing the licensing authority may, in addition, and having regard to any representations received, grant the licence subject to such conditions which are consistent with the operating schedule submitted by the applicant as part of their application, or alter or omit these conditions, or add any new condition to such extent as the licensing authority considers necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

This schedule lists those conditions which are consistent with the operating schedule, or proposed as necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives by a responsible authority or an interested party as indicated. These conditions have not been submitted by the licensing service but reflect the positions of the applicant, responsible authority or interested party and have not necessarily been agreed

**Mandatory Conditions**

1. No supply of alcohol may be made at a time when there is no designated premises supervisor in respect of this licence.
2. No supply of alcohol may be made at a time when the designated premises supervisor does not hold a personal licence or the personal licence is suspended.
3. Every supply of alcohol under this licence must be made or authorised by a person who holds a personal licence.
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 a 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.

A responsible person in relation to a licensed premises means the holder of the premise licence in respect of the premises, the designated premises supervisor (if any) or any individual aged 18 or over who is authorised by either the licence holder or designated premises supervisor. For premises with a club premises certificate, any member or officer of the club present on the premises in a capacity that which enables him to prevent the supply of alcohol.

- 8(i) 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.
- 8(ii) For the purposes of the condition set out in paragraph 8(i) above -
- (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 amount 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) "value added tax" means value added tax charged in accordance with the Value Added Tax Act 1994.
- 8(iii). Where the permitted price given by Paragraph 8(ii)(b) above 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.
- 8(iv). (1) Sub-paragraph 8(iv)(2) below applies where the permitted price given by Paragraph 8(ii)(b) above 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.

#### **Conditions consistent with the operating schedule**

9. The premises shall install and maintain a comprehensive CCTV system as per the minimum requirements of the Westminster Police Licensing Team. All entry and exit points will be covered enabling frontal identification of every person entering in any light

condition. The CCTV system shall continually record whilst the premises is open for licensable activities and during all times when customers remain on the premises. All recordings shall be stored for a minimum period of 31 days with date and time stamping. Viewing of recordings shall be made available immediately upon the request of Police or authorised officer throughout the entire 31 day period.

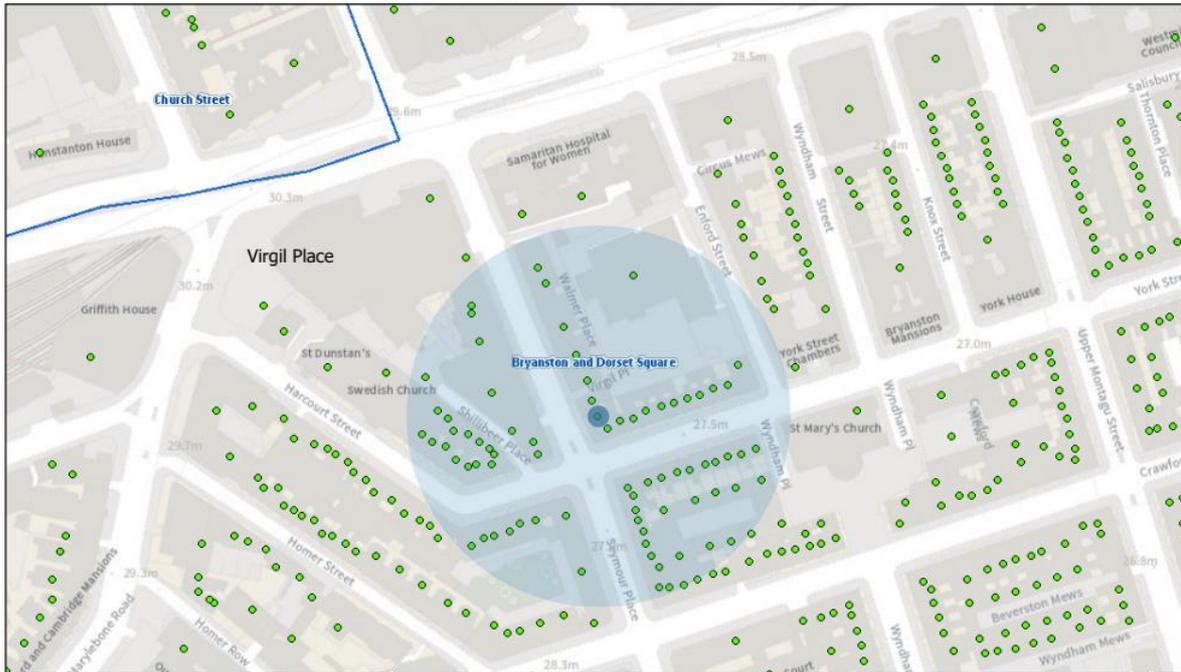
10. A staff member from the premises who is conversant with the operation of the CCTV system shall be on the premises at all times when the premises is open. This staff member must be able to provide a Police or authorised council officer copies of recent CCTV images or data with the absolute minimum of delay when requested.
11. No noise generated on the premises, or by its associated plant or equipment, shall emanate from the premises nor vibration be transmitted through the structure of the premises which gives rise to a nuisance.
12. No waste or recyclable materials, including bottles, shall be moved, removed from or placed in outside areas between (23.00) hours and (07.00) hours on the following day.
13. A Challenge 21 or Challenge 25 proof of age scheme shall be operated at the premises where the only acceptable forms of identification are recognised photographic identification cards, such as a driving licence, passport or proof of age card with the PASS Hologram.
14. A record shall be kept detailing all refused sales of alcohol. The record should include the date and time of the refused sale and the name of the member of staff who refused the sale. The record shall be available for inspection at the premises by the police or an authorised officer of the City Council at all times whilst the premises is open.
15. 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.
16. No licensable activities shall take place at the premises until the licensing authority are satisfied that the premises is constructed or altered in accordance with the appropriate provisions of the District Surveyor's Association – Technical Standards for Places of Entertainment and the reasonable requirements of Westminster Environmental Health Consultation Team, at which time this condition shall be removed from the licence by the licensing authority.
17. No deliveries to the premises shall take place between (23.00) and (07.00) on the following day.

18. The premises may remain open for the sale of alcohol and the provision of late night refreshment from the terminal hour for those activities on New Year's Eve through to the commencement time for those activities on New Year's Day.
19. All sales of alcohol for consumption off the premises shall be in sealed containers only and shall not be consumed on the premises.
20. The premises shall only operate as a restaurant
  - (i) where the supply of alcohol is by waiter or waitress service only,
  - (ii) which provide food in the form of substantial table meals that are prepared on the premises and are served and consumed at the table using non disposable crockery,
  - (iii) which do not provide any take away service of food or drink for immediate consumption,
  - (iv) which do not provide any take away service of food or drink after 23.00, and
  - (v) where alcohol shall not be sold or supplied, otherwise than for consumption by persons who are seated in the premises and bona fide taking substantial table meals there and provided always that the consumption of alcohol by such persons is ancillary to taking such meals. Notwithstanding this condition customers are permitted to take from the premises part consumed and resealed bottles of wine supplied ancillary to their meal

**Conditions proposed by the Environmental Health**

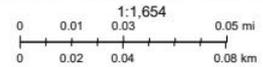
None

114 Seymour Place, London



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- Property Mailing List
- Ward Labels
- Stress Areas
- Borough Boundary - Mask
- Borough Boundary - Detailed
- Ward Boundaries
- Special Consideration Zones



Resident Count = 214

<b>Licensed premises within 75 metres of 114 Seymour Place, London</b>				
<b>Licence Number</b>	<b>Trading Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Premises Type</b>	<b>Time Period</b>
18/04281/LIPN	Not Recorded	92 York Street London W1H 1QX	Shop	Monday to Sunday; 09:00 - 21:00
19/07390/LIPN	Not Recorded	92 York Street London W1H 1QX	Shop	Sunday; 12:00 - 16:00   Monday to Saturday; 11:00 - 19:00
17/08449/LIPDPS	The Marylebone Kitchen	106 York Street London W1H 4QN	Not Recorded	Sunday; 10:00 - 22:00   Monday to Saturday; 07:00 - 23:00
21/06189/LIPDPS	Not Recorded	132 Seymour Place London W1H 1NS	Restaurant	Sunday; 12:00 - 00:00   Monday to Saturday; 10:00 - 00:30
18/09893/LIPT	Royal Oak	74-76 York Street London W1H 1QN	Pub or pub restaurant with odge	Sunday; 12:00 - 22:30   Monday to Saturday; 10:00 - 23:00   Monday to Sunday; 10:00 - 00:30