

# **BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**

## **LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE B**

**TUESDAY, 05 MAY 2026 AT 10:00 HOURS**  
**IN ON-LINE MEETING, MICROSOFT TEAMS**

*Please note a short break will be taken approximately 90 minutes from the start of the meeting and a 30 minute break will be taken at 1300 hours.*

### **A G E N D A**

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#### **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

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3 **APOLOGIES AND NOTIFICATION OF NOMINEE MEMBERS**

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4 **MINUTES**

To note the public part of the Minutes of the meeting held on 14 April 2026 at 1000 hours and to confirm and sign the Minutes as a whole.

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5 **LICENSING ACT 2003 PREMISES LICENCE – GRANT ESCAPE HUNT, UNIT 8, 36 – 38 CANNON STREET, BIRMINGHAM, B2 5EE**

Report of the Director of Regulation and Enforcement.  
N.B. Application scheduled to be heard at 10:00am

6 **OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

To consider any items of business by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) that in the opinion of the Chair are matters of urgency.

7 **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

That in view of the nature of the business to be transacted which includes exempt information of the category indicated the public be now excluded from the meeting:-

Exempt Paragraph 3

## **PRIVATE AGENDA**

1 **MINUTES**

To note the private part of the Minutes of the meeting held on 14 April 2026 at 1000 hours and to confirm and sign the Minutes as a whole.

2 **OTHER URGENT BUSINESS (EXEMPT INFORMATION)**

To consider any items of business by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) that in the opinion of the Chair are matters of urgency.

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<p><b>LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE B 14 APRIL 2026</b></p>
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### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE B HELD ON TUESDAY 14 APRIL 2026 AT 1000 HOURS AS AN ON-LINE MEETING.

**PRESENT:** - Councillor Saddak Miah in the Chair;

Councillors Ray Goodwin and Adam Higgs

### **ALSO PRESENT**

Bhapinder Nandhra – Licensing Section

Joanne Swampillai – Legal Services

Katy Poole – Committee Services

(Other officers were also present for web streaming purposes but were not actively participating in the meeting)

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**APOLOGIES AND NOTIFICATION OF NOMINEE MEMBERS**

3/140426 No apologies were submitted.

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**MINUTES**

4/140426 The Public section of the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 March 2026 at 1000 hours were circulated and confirmed and signed by the Chair as a whole.

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**LICENSING ACT 2003 – PREMISES LICENCE – REVIEW – PHOENIX, 4 MASSHOUSE PLAZA, BIRMINGHAM, B5 5JE**

**On Behalf of the Applicant**

PC Ben Reader – WMP (West Midlands Police)  
Shelley Benning - WMP

**On Behalf of Those Making Representations**

Raj Hundal – Home Office Immigration  
Sarah Hemsall – Birmingham City Council, Licensing Enforcement

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The Chair introduced the Members and officers present and the Chair asked if there were any preliminary points for the Sub-Committee to consider.

At this stage, the Chair outlined the procedure to be followed at the hearing and invited the Licensing Officer to present his report. Bhapinder Nandhra, Licensing Section, outlined the report.

At this stage the Chair invited the applicant to make their presentation, Shelley Benning on behalf of WMP, made the following points: -

- a) The review application is in relation to the Pheonix Bar. The Immigration Service would usually lead on these types of review application, however WMP agreed to take this forward due to capacity and time restraints faced by Immigration Services.
- b) A joint operation was conducted between WMP and Immigration whereby four person were found working at the premises with no Right to Work in the UK documentation. Arrests were made.

- c) WMP had serious concerns over the management of the premises and the promotion of the Licensing Objectives, particularly surrounding the crime and disorder objective.
- d) In March 2026 an application was made to transfer the licence and vary the designated premises supervisor, the licence was transferred and then surrendered at the end of March.
- e) WMP had received no contact from the premises.
- f) WMP had serious concerns and requested that the licence be revoked.

The Chair invited questions from Members and Shelley Benning gave the following responses: -

- 1. The application to vary the designated premises supervisor (DPS) was applied for and the new DPS is also the DPS for the supermarket next door to Phoenix.
- 2. The only link is the fact that the premises are next door.

The Chair then invited those making representations to make their presentation. Raj Hundal, Home Office Immigration made the following points: -

- a) The Immigration Officer outlined the impacts of illegal working which included encouraging people to break immigration laws, people entering the UK illegally and employment exploitation.
- b) The joint visit carried out at the premises found three individuals; two were failed asylum seekers and one had an outstanding asylum claim. None of the three had any right to work in the UK.
- c) It is employers' responsibility to ensure that all employees had the right to work checks carried out before offering employment.
- d) The evidence shows that the premises were employing illegal workers and therefore the prevention of crime and disorder objective had been undermined.
- e) He agreed with WMP that he had no confidence in the premises to operate legally and asked the Committee to consider revocation.

The Chair invited Sarah Hemsall from Licensing Enforcement to make her presentation, she made the following points: -

- a) Following notification from WMP about their inspection, Licensing Enforcement carried out their own inspection at the premises on 19 March 2026.

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- b) Neither the PLH or DPS were present during the visit but there was a manager there at the time who gave his name as Mr Chen.
- c) A number of matters were identified that were in breach of the licence – the premises licence was not on display, staff training was not provided and the CCTV system only had nine days of recordings available, despite the licence condition being 31 days or recordings should be retained.
- d) Mr Chen was unable to provide any profiles for doorstaff, or provide any risk assessments. There was no signage displayed at the entrance of the premises asking customers to leave quietly – all of which are conditions on the licence.
- e) A Trader's Notice was issued identifying all the matters of concern but as yet the PLH/DPS had not made contact with the Licensing Enforcement Team.
- f) Licensing Enforcement had no confidence in the premises ability to uphold of the Licensing Objectives, particularly the prevention of crime and disorder and the prevention of public nuisance.
- g) The PLH/DPS did not take their responsibilities seriously and she requested that the licence be revoked.

All parties were invited to make a brief closing submission. They each summarised their points made previously and requested the licence be revoked.

The Members, Committee Lawyer and Committee Manager conducted the deliberations in a separate private session and the decision of the Sub-Committee was sent to all parties as follows;

5/140426     **RESOLVED:-**

That, having reviewed the premises licence held under the Licensing Act 2003 by PX Music Bar Entertainment Ltd, in respect of Phoenix, 4 Masshouse Plaza, Birmingham B5 5JE, upon the application of a Superintendent of West Midlands Police, this Sub-Committee hereby determines that the licence be revoked, in order to promote the licensing objective of the prevention of crime and disorder in the Act.

The Sub-Committee's reasons for revoking the licence are due to concerns expressed principally by West Midlands Police, and also by the Home Office Immigration Enforcement Team and Licensing Enforcement of Birmingham City Council. The three responsible authorities had all submitted written representations, which were in the Committee Report. Officers from all three responsible authorities attended the meeting in person.

At the start of the meeting the Senior Licensing Officer advised the Sub-Committee that the licence had been transferred and a new designated premises supervisor appointed, and thereafter the licence had been surrendered.

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However, he further advised that despite the surrender of the premises licence, section 50 of the Licensing Act 2003 would enable the licence to be reinstated at any time up until 00:00 midnight on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026. He advised the Members that the Review hearing should therefore proceed. The Sub-Committee accepted this.

The new licence holder did not attend the meeting and was not represented. The Sub-Committee proceeded with the meeting in the absence of the new licence holder.

West Midlands Police addressed the Sub-Committee as per their documents in the Committee Report, which included an additional statement from PC Reader. The Sub-Committee was told that a joint operation had been carried out at the premises by West Midlands Police and the Home Office Immigration Enforcement Team.

During this operation, Police were informed by the premises manager that the premises was running an event and 206 tickets had been sold. However, staff at the front door stated to Police that they were stopping admissions at a capacity of 150 people, which raised concerns as to why the premises would sell 206 tickets.

It was also noted that two staff members on the door were searching customers on entry, although neither held an SIA badge; these were therefore unlicensed searches. Furthermore, as a result of this joint operation, persons were found to be working at the premises with no legal right to work in the UK due to their immigration status. These persons were arrested by immigration officers at the scene.

These issues had created serious concerns for West Midlands Police regarding the management of the premises, and the premises' ability to promote the licensing objective of the prevention of crime and disorder.

Whilst the Police had not been in contact with the premises due to the surrender of the premises licence, they confirmed that they still had serious concerns regarding the licensing objective of the prevention of crime and disorder, and recommended that the premises licence should be revoked. The Sub-Committee noted this.

The officer from the Home Office Immigration Enforcement Team then addressed the Sub-Committee and explained the impact of illegal working (as per his document in the Committee Report). He confirmed that during the visit to the Phoenix premises, three individuals of interest had been discovered; two of those were failed asylum seekers and one had an outstanding asylum claim. None of the three individuals had any legal right to work in the UK.

He reminded the Sub-Committee that it was incumbent on all employers to conduct right to work checks before offering employment; had such a right to work check been done on any of these three people, it would immediately have been clear that they did not have the right to work. The Sub-Committee agreed with this.

He noted that the prevention of crime and disorder objective had been undermined, given that illegal working had been found at the premises. He confirmed that, in line with West Midlands Police, he did not have confidence that the premises was being run in a proper way and recommended that the Sub-Committee revoke the licence. The Sub-Committee noted this.

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The Sub-Committee then heard from a Licensing Enforcement officer from Birmingham City Council, who confirmed that she had conducted an inspection of the premises in relation to the premises licence and conditions attached to it. She explained the various breaches which had been found (as per her document in the Committee Report). The Sub-Committee noted these.

She had issued a trader's notice identifying the matters of concern. She had not received any contact from the premises licence holder, the designated premises supervisor, or any representative from the premises since her visit.

She confirmed that Licensing Enforcement had no confidence that the licensing objectives could be upheld, particularly the prevention of crime and disorder and the prevention of public nuisance. She remarked that neither the licence holder nor the designated premises supervisor had taken their responsibilities seriously in respect of the licence. She asked that the Sub-Committee revoke the licence. The Sub-Committee noted this.

When making its decision, the Sub-Committee considered the documents submitted by all three of the responsible authorities very carefully. The Sub-Committee was aware that for any licensed premises to be involved in immigration offences was a very serious matter; as such, the Members took a very dim view of it. The employment of illegal workers indicated poor management, or lack of management.

In the case of the instant premises, there were also the various breaches of licence condition discovered during the inspection by Licensing Enforcement. The Sub-Committee looked askance at these.

The Sub-Committee looked at all options when making its decision, and placed particular emphasis on the need to ensure that it had confidence that the management of the premises would not engage in criminal activity.

After reviewing the evidence, the Members determined that they could have no such confidence. The employment of illegal workers was an overt risk to the promotion of the licensing objectives. The three responsible authorities who attended had been unanimous that the sanction should be revocation of the licence.

The Sub-Committee agreed that the failings had been so serious that revocation was the correct way forward. The operation had been managed in a way that was not merely irresponsible, but also illegal. The findings had shown a lack of professional supervision and control, and consequently an inability to uphold the licensing objectives, particularly that of the prevention of crime and disorder.

After hearing all the evidence, the Sub-Committee determined that the failings discovered were indeed so serious that they could not be tolerated. The Sub-Committee therefore resolved to take the course which had recommended by the responsible authorities – namely to revoke the licence.

The Members gave consideration as to whether they could modify the conditions of the licence, or suspend the licence for a specified period, but were not at all satisfied, given the evidence submitted, that the licensing objectives would be properly promoted following any such determination, for the reasons set out above - and particularly in

view of the surrender of the licence. The most sensible course was to follow the recommendation of the responsible authorities.

A determination to revoke would follow the Guidance issued by the Secretary of State under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003. Paragraph 11.27 recommended that the Sub-Committee should take immigration issues particularly seriously.

Paragraph 11.28 advised that where the crime prevention objective was being undermined through the premises being used to further crimes, it was expected that revocation of the licence – even in the first instance – should be seriously considered. There were no compelling reasons to depart from the Guidance on this occasion.

In reaching this decision, the Sub-Committee has given due consideration to the City Council's Statement of Licensing Policy, the Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 by the Secretary of State, the application for review, the written representations received and the submissions made at the hearing by the responsible authorities.

All parties are reminded that under the provisions contained within Schedule 5 to the Licensing Act 2003, there is the right of appeal against the decision of the Licensing Authority to the Magistrates' Court, such an appeal to be made within twenty-one days of the date of notification of the decision.

The determination of the Sub-Committee does not have effect until the end of the twenty-one day period for appealing against the decision or, if the decision is appealed against, until the determination of the Appeal.

**EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

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**RESOLVED:-**

That in view of the nature of the business to be transacted which includes exempt information of the category indicated the public be now excluded from the meeting:-

Exempt Paragraph 3.

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CHAIR.....

## BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

## PUBLIC REPORT

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Licensing Sub Committee B</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Director of Regulation &amp; Enforcement</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Licensing Act 2003 Premises Licence – Grant</b>
<b>Premises:</b>	<b>Escape Hunt, Unit 8, 36 – 38 Cannon Street, Birmingham, B2 5EE</b>
<b>Ward affected:</b>	<b>Ladywood</b>
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	<b>Bhapinder Nandhra, Senior Licensing Officer, <a href="mailto:licensing@birmingham.gov.uk">licensing@birmingham.gov.uk</a></b>

**1. Purpose of report:**

To consider the representations that have been made in respect of an application for a Premises Licence which seeks to permit the Sale of Alcohol (for consumption on the premises) to operate from 10:00am until 11:30pm (Monday to Sunday).

Premises to remain open to the public from 10:00am until 12:00midnight (Monday to Sunday).

**2. Recommendation:**

To consider the representations that have been made and to determine the application, having regard to:

- The submissions made by all parties
- The Statement of Licensing Policy
- The Public Sector Equality Duty
- The s182 Guidance

**3. Brief Summary of Report:**

An application for a Premises Licence was received on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026 in respect of Escape Hunt, Unit 8, 36 – 38 Cannon Street, Birmingham, B2 5EE.

Representations have been received from other persons.

**4. Compliance Issues:****4.1 Consistency with relevant Council Policies, Plans or Strategies:**

The report complies with the City Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and the Council's Corporate Plan to improve the standard of all licensed persons, premises and vehicles in the City.

**5. Relevant background/chronology of key events:**

Escape Hunt Group Limited applied on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026 for the grant of a Premises Licence for Escape Hunt, Unit 8, 36 – 38 Cannon Street, Birmingham, B2 5EE.

Representations have been received from other persons, which are attached at Appendices 1 – 9.

The application is attached at Appendix 10.

Site Location Plans at Appendix 11.

When carrying out its licensing functions, a licensing authority must have regard to Birmingham City Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and the Guidance issued by the Secretary of State under s182 of the Licensing Act 2003. The Licensing Authority is also required to take such steps as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives, which are:-

- a. The prevention of crime and disorder;
- b. Public safety;
- c. The prevention of public nuisance; and
- d. The protection of children from harm.

**6. List of background documents:**

Copies of the representations as detailed in Appendix 1 – 9.  
Application Form, Appendix 10.  
Site Location Plans, Appendix 11.

**7. Options available**

To Grant the licence in accordance with the application.  
To Reject the application.  
To Grant the licence subject to conditions modified to such an extent as considered appropriate.  
Exclude from the licence any of the licensable activities to which the application relates.  
Refuse to specify a person in the licence as the premises supervisor.

**From:**

**Sent:** 28 March 2026 16:26

**To:** Licensing

**Cc:** Councillor Albert Bore ; Councillor Kath Hartley

**Subject:** Representation objecting to premises licence application – 36–38 Cannon Street (Unit 8), Birmingham, B2 5EE

To whomever it may concern,

I write to make a representation objecting to the application for a premises licence at 36–38 Cannon Street (Unit 8), Birmingham, B2 5EE.

My representation is made on the ground of the prevention of public nuisance.

I am a resident of Newton Chambers, and the entrance to the proposed premises is very close to my bedroom window. Based on the layout of the street, the distance is approximately 15 metres or less. I am therefore directly affected by noise arising from customers entering, leaving, and congregating outside the premises. I have attached a picture showing the entrance to said premises, and my bedroom window as evidence. There are also several other residents whose windows are closer still to the proposed venue.



According to the public notice displayed at the premises, the application seeks permission for opening until 00:00 daily and the sale of alcohol until 23:30 for consumption on the premises. In my view, permitting customers to remain at the premises until midnight, after alcohol has been consumed, creates a real likelihood of late-night noise immediately outside nearby residential windows.

This is of particular concern because my bedroom faces the entrance area. I normally go to bed at around 11:00 pm on weeknights, and noise from customers leaving the premises, talking outside, waiting for transport, or lingering in the street is likely to wake me and disturb my sleep. That would have a direct impact on my ability to work and on my quality of life.

The impact is worsened by the fact that the windows in Newton Chambers are single glazed and provide limited sound insulation. As the building is Grade II listed, my understanding is that upgrading the windows is not straightforward. As a result, residents are especially vulnerable to late-night street noise.

I therefore ask the Licensing Authority to refuse the application as submitted.

If the Authority is minded to grant the licence, I respectfully ask that it only do so with conditions and hours that genuinely protect nearby residents from public nuisance. In particular, I ask the Authority to consider whether the terminal hour for customers should be earlier, and whether conditions are needed to control noise from patrons leaving the premises and gathering outside.

For the avoidance of doubt, my concern is not speculative. The entrance to the premises is immediately adjacent to residential accommodation, and any raised voices, smoking, loitering, or waiting for taxis late at night is likely to be heard clearly within nearby bedrooms. In such a location, even ordinary customer dispersal has the potential to amount to a public nuisance for residents.

I would be grateful if this representation could be taken into account when determining the application. I have copied my local ward councillors into this correspondence for their awareness.

Yours faithfully,

Newton Chambers, Cannon St, Birmingham, B2

**From:** Directors of Newton Chambers

**Sent:** 29 March 2026 21:08

**To:** Licensing

**Cc:**

**Subject:** Objection to Premises Licence Application – Escape Hunt Group Ltd, 36–38 Cannon Street (Unit 8), Birmingham

Dear Licensing Authority,

**Escape Hunt Group Limited – Application for the Grant of a Premises Licence  
36–38 Cannon Street (Unit 8), Birmingham, B2 5EE**

I write in my capacity as a director of the residential management company for Newton Chambers and as a leaseholder resident within the building, which comprises 23 residential apartments situated immediately above the premises subject to this application.

I object to the application on the grounds that it would undermine the licensing objective of the **prevention of public nuisance**.

The application seeks permission to operate a leisure venue (escape rooms) from 10:00 to 00:00, seven days a week, with the supply of alcohol from 10:00 to 23:30 daily. In the context of this particular building, these proposed hours and activities are wholly inappropriate.

Newton Chambers is a **Grade II listed building**, originally designed with ground floor A1 retail units and residential accommodation above. As a consequence of its age and listed status:

- There is **minimal sound insulation** between the commercial units and the residential flats above;
- The building fabric (including floors and ceilings) readily transmits airborne and impact noise;
- The residential units have **single-glazed, non-modifiable windows**, which significantly limits any ability to mitigate external noise intrusion.

These are inherent structural characteristics that cannot realistically be remedied without unacceptable alteration to a listed building.

The proposed use as an escape room venue is, by its nature, **activity-led and noise-generating**, involving groups of participants engaging in interactive experiences. This will inevitably generate elevated levels of noise within the premises, including shouting, raised voices, and amplified sound effects. Such noise will be transmitted directly into the residential units above.

This impact will be **materially exacerbated by the sale of alcohol** until 23:30. The combination of alcohol consumption and group-based leisure activity significantly increases the likelihood of:

- heightened noise levels within the premises;
- noise breakout from the premises;
- disturbance from customers arriving and dispersing late in the evening;
- congregation, smoking, and associated noise on Cannon Street.

Residents already experience disturbance from late-night activity on nearby streets (including Temple Street), and this proposal would introduce an additional, direct and proximate source of nuisance immediately beneath residential homes.

Given the building's structural limitations, **there are no realistic or effective mitigation measures** that could prevent this nuisance. Conditions relating to noise control would be insufficient, as the issue arises from the fundamental incompatibility between the proposed use and the building's construction. Further, it is unclear whether the proposed use benefits from an existing lawful planning use or whether a **material change of use requiring planning permission** has been (or will be) obtained. The premises were designed and historically used for retail purposes, and the proposed leisure use with associated alcohol sales may fall outside the existing use class. This uncertainty further demonstrates the unsuitability of the premises for the proposed operation and is a relevant contextual factor for the Licensing Authority.

The proposed operating hours—particularly use up to midnight seven days a week—would result in **persistent and unacceptable interference with residents' ability to enjoy their homes**, especially during evening and night-time periods when occupants can reasonably expect peace and quiet. In these circumstances, granting the licence as applied for would be inconsistent with the licensing objective of preventing public nuisance.

Accordingly, I respectfully request that the application be **refused in full**.

Should the Licensing Authority be minded to grant the application notwithstanding these concerns, I request that this matter be referred to a Licensing Sub-Committee for full consideration and that, at a minimum, substantially reduced hours and the removal of alcohol sales be imposed. However, it is my firm position that such measures would not adequately address the fundamental issues identified above.

Yours faithfully,

Director, Newton Chambers Residential Management Company Leaseholder, Newton Chambers

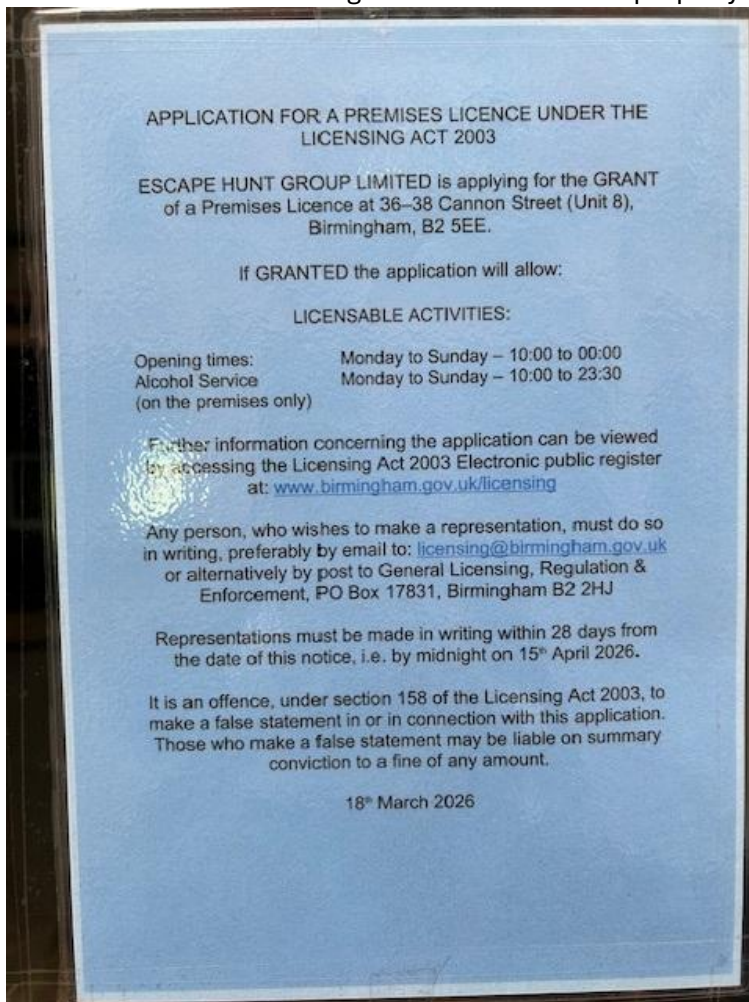
**From:** | Principle Estate Management  
**Sent:** 30 March 2026 09:31  
**To:** Licensing <  
**Subject:** Newton Chambers / Caxtongate, Cannon St, Birmingham

Good morning,

We manage the residential apartments referred to as Newton Chambers located at Cannon St off New St Birmingham.

The below notice has been placed in the window of the commercial unit which is vacant. We would like to raise objections on behalf of the residents of this development.

This is on the grounds that this is a listed building with no sound proofing, so the activity will involve excessive noise and the bar will also increase the noise inside the building and from people loitering after the bar shuts at night. Residents believe this will impact their lives and affecting their mental health. As well as detracting from the value of our property.



Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards,

**From:** Councillor Albert Bore  
**Sent:** 30 March 2026 11:26  
**To:** Licensing  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** FW: Representation objecting to premises licence application – 36–38 Cannon Street (Unit 8), Birmingham, B2 5EE

On behalf Cllr Kath Hartley and I, I write in support of \_\_\_\_\_ comments and requests. Over several years, we have received complaints from residents of Newton Chambers, Cannon Street regarding noise nuisance and ASB arising from premises in Cannon Street and the street frontage (and from Needless Alley at the rear of Newton Chambers). Any licence granted to 36-38 Cannon Street must respect the wishes of residents in Newton Chambers for a quiet environment in the late evening and the period beyond midnight.

(Refer to Appendix 1 objection)

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**To:** Licensing  
**Cc:** Councillor Albert Bore; Councillor Kath Hartley  
**Subject:** Representation objecting to premises licence application – 36–38 Cannon Street (Unit 8), Birmingham, B2 5EE

**From:**

**Sent:** 03 April 2026 18:41

**To:** Licensing

**Subject:** Representation Against Premises Licence Application – Escape Hunt Group Limited, 36–38 Cannon Street (Unit 8), Birmingham, B2 5EE

Dear Licensing Officer,

We are writing to formally object to the above premises licence application made by Escape Hunt Group Limited under the Licensing Act 2003, as advertised on 18th March 2026.

We are residents occupying the flat of the same four-storey building at 36–38 Cannon Street, Birmingham, B2 5EE — directly above the proposed licensed premises. We submit this representation on the grounds that the application, if granted as applied for, would seriously undermine the licensing objectives of the prevention of public nuisance, the protection of public safety, and the protection of residential amenity.

Our proximity to and position directly above the premises means We are uniquely and severely affected by this application, and we respectfully ask the Licensing Authority to give this representation significant weight accordingly.

#### NOISE NUISANCE — STRUCTURAL TRANSMISSION

As residents on the above the proposed premises, we are directly exposed to noise transmitted structurally through the building fabric — including music, bass, voices, footsteps, and the movement of furniture, bottles, and glassware. This type of impact noise is distinct from, and often worse than, airborne street noise, and cannot be adequately mitigated without significant structural works to the building.

The proposed opening hours until midnight (00:00), seven days a week, go well beyond Birmingham City Council's noise abatement guidance, which recognises that noise becomes particularly intrusive to residential occupants after 23:00. We would experience this disturbance directly above, throughout the working week and on weekends, with no relief.

We respectfully request that terminal hours be reduced to no later than 23:00 on all days, with a last entry time of 22:30.

#### DRUNKEN AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Alcohol service until 23:30 daily is likely to result in intoxicated patrons congregating outside the building's entrance and on the pavement directly below our property at and after closing. The risk of intoxicated individuals causing noise and disturbance is a direct and serious concern for our personal safety and peaceful enjoyment of our home.

#### CIGARETTE SMOKE

Smokers gathering outside the ground-floor premises until midnight will result in smoke rising directly to upper-floor windows. As top floor residents, we have no meaningful ability to avoid this. A designated and enclosed smoking area, set away from the building's residential facade, should be an express licence condition.

## IMPACT ON RESIDENTIAL AMENITY AND PROPERTY VALUE

The grant of a late-night alcohol licence to the premises directly below a residential flat is a material factor that significantly affects the amenity and market value of that property. Flats located directly above licensed late-night venues are routinely discounted by valuers and can face restrictions from mortgage lenders. The cumulative impact on our quality of life and the long-term value of our home is a legitimate consideration for the Licensing Authority under the Act.

## CONCLUSION

We respectfully urge the Licensing Authority to either refuse this application or, at minimum, impose the following conditions:

- Terminal hour reduced to no later than 23:00 on all days
- Last entry no later than 22:30
- A structural noise impact assessment to be submitted and approved by Environmental Health prior to opening
- A noise management and dispersal plan to be agreed with the Council
- A designated and enclosed smoking area positioned away from the residential entrance and upper-floor windows
- Clear signage requiring patrons to leave quietly and respect residents
- A direct contact number for the premises manager, available to residents for noise complaints

As the most directly affected residents, we would welcome the opportunity to speak at any hearing convened to consider this application.

Yours faithfully,

Flat     Newton Chambers, Cannon Street

3rd of April 2026

**From:**

**Sent:** 05 April 2026 10:55

**To:** Licensing

**Subject:** Objection to Premises Licence Application Escape Hunt Group Limited at 36-38 Cannon Street (Unit 8), Birmingham, B2 5EE

Dear Licensing Authority,

**Escape Hunt Group Limited – Application for the Grant of a Premises Licence  
36–38 Cannon Street (Unit 8), Birmingham, B2 5EE**

I write in my capacity as a director of the residential management company for Newton Chambers and as a resident (which comprises 23 residential apartments), my flat is immediately above the premises subject to this application.

My objection is based on the likely impact of the proposed use on the prevention of public nuisance which is a core licensing objective.

The application seeks permission to operate a leisure venue (escape rooms) from 10:00 to 00:00, seven days a week, with the supply of alcohol from 10:00 to 23:30 daily. In the context of this particular building, these proposed hours and activities are wholly inappropriate.

Newton Chambers is a **Grade II listed building**, originally designed with ground floor A1 retail units and residential accommodation above. As a consequence of its age and listed status:

- There is **no sound insulation** between the commercial units and the residential flats above;
- The building fabric (including floors and ceilings) readily transmits airborne and impact noise;
- The residential units have **single-glazed, non-modifiable windows**, which significantly limits any ability to mitigate external noise intrusion.

I have first hand experience of this! You can hear all music and conversations from below and even walking up and down the non-sound-proofed stairs between the floors as well as the hand dryers! if you add alcohol into the mix would make matters even worse especially in the evening.

The proposed use as an escape room venue is, by its nature, **activity-led and noise-generating**, involving groups of participants engaging in interactive experiences. This will inevitably generate elevated levels of noise within the premises, including shouting, raised voices, and amplified sound effects. Such noise will be transmitted directly into the residential units above.

The combination of alcohol consumption and group-based leisure activity until 23.30 significantly increases the likelihood of:

- heightened noise levels within the premises;
- noise breakout from the premises;
- disturbance from customers arriving and dispersing late in the evening;
- congregation, smoking, and associated noise on Cannon Street.

The premises were designed and historically used for retail purposes, and the proposed leisure use with associated alcohol sales may fall outside the existing use class. This uncertainty further demonstrates the unsuitability of the premises for the proposed operation and is a relevant contextual factor for the Licensing Authority.

The proposed operating hours—particularly use up to midnight seven days a week—would result in **persistent and unacceptable interference with residents’ ability to enjoy their homes**, especially during evening and night-time periods when occupants can reasonably expect peace and quiet.

In these circumstances, granting the licence as applied for would be inconsistent with the licensing objective of preventing public nuisance.

Accordingly, I respectfully request that the application be **refused in full**.

Should the Licensing Authority be minded to grant the application notwithstanding these concerns, I request that this matter be referred to a Licensing Sub-Committee for full consideration and that, at a minimum, substantially reduced hours and the removal of alcohol sales be imposed. However, it is my firm position that such measures would not adequately address the fundamental issues identified above.

Yours faithfully,

Director, Newton Chambers Residential Management Company  
Resident and property owner ,      Newton Chambers,      Cannon Street, B2

**From:**

**Sent:** 05 April 2026 16:32

**To:** Licensing

**Subject:** Representation objecting to premises licence application - Escape Hunt Group Limited, 36–38 Cannon Street (Unit 8), Birmingham, B2 5EE

Dear Sir/Madam,

This letter constitutes a formal representation objecting to the application by Escape Hunt Group Limited for the grant of a premises licence at 36–38 Cannon Street (Unit 8), Birmingham, B2 5EE under the Licensing Act 2003.

I am the owner of property at Cannon Street, Birmingham, B2 5EE, which is located on the same street and within the same historic city-centre environment as the application site, and therefore is directly affected by conditions on Cannon Street, and the value and attractiveness of the property are closely linked to the quality, character and management of the immediate street environment.

These properties are situated within a heritage setting and Cannon Street contains a number of Grade II listed buildings. In those circumstances, the effect of an additional late-opening licensed premises must be considered not just in isolation, but in terms of its impact on the amenity, appearance and character of arguably Birmingham's most historic street.

This representation is made in accordance with Birmingham City Council's Statement of Licensing Policy 2025, which states that the Council will promote the four licensing objectives, ensure that premises are appropriate for their proposed use, ensure that the premises layout and condition are acceptable for the proposed use, and ensure that premises are managed responsibly. My concerns relate primarily to the licensing objectives of the prevention of public nuisance and public safety, and also to whether this premises is appropriate for the proposed use in a historic street containing listed buildings.

**1. Prevention of public nuisance**

The application seeks opening hours from 10:00 to 00:00 Monday to Sunday, with alcohol service from 10:00 to 23:30. In my submission, these hours, together with the sale of alcohol, are likely to generate public nuisance through customer arrival and dispersal noise, people congregating outside the premises, smoking, loud conversation, taxis and pick-ups, repeated opening and closing of doors, and general late-evening disturbance on Cannon Street.

Cannon Street already experiences evening disturbance, including people gathering outside premises, smoking in doorways and leaving litter behind. The grant of a further licence at this location is likely to intensify those existing problems and add to cumulative nuisance in the street, even if the operator intends to run the premises responsibly, because a substantial part of the nuisance from licensed premises arises from customer behaviour immediately outside rather than solely from activities inside. The physical character of the street also increases the likely effect of that nuisance. Sound travels and reverberates along streets with hard façades and close building lines, and noise from conversations, laughter, smoking and dispersal late in the evening is therefore likely to carry along the street and affect nearby occupiers and premises, including my property.

**2. Suitability of premises**

Birmingham City Council's policy states that it will ensure premises are appropriate for their proposed use and that their layout and condition are acceptable for that use. In this case, the premises are a Grade II listed building.

Given the age and listed character of the building, there is good reason to question whether it is suitable for a late-night licensed use involving alcohol service up to 23:30 and operation until midnight. Older listed buildings were not designed for modern licensed hospitality uses of this nature, and the listed status constrains the extent to which physical alterations, acoustic works, extraction, signage or other operational adaptations can be made without affecting the historic character.

### **3. Heritage street impact**

This is not simply an objection to a business use in principle. The concern is that a late-night licensed premises serving alcohol in a Grade II listed building on a street containing other listed and heritage assets is liable to harm the character and amenity of the street as a whole.

Frequent evening footfall, groups congregating outside, smoking, late departures, litter, service impacts, and the general activity associated with a licensed premises operating until midnight are not in keeping with a historic street of this nature. The resulting effects will be experienced at street level and across the wider setting, and they can materially diminish the amenity and attractiveness of other nearby heritage properties, including my own.

### **4. Litter and street management**

The grant of this licence is also likely to increase litter in the immediate vicinity, including cigarette ends, drinks containers, takeaway packaging and general refuse associated with people gathering before and after visiting the premises. This is particularly concerning because Cannon Street already experiences smoking-related waste and evening rubbish problems, and additional licensed activity is likely to worsen those conditions.

That matters not only for cleanliness but also for public nuisance and the quality of the street scene. In a street of heritage significance, poorly controlled smoking, litter and late-evening congregation detract from the character of the area and the amenity of nearby occupiers and property owners.

### **5. Public safety**

I also raise concerns under the public safety objective. Increased evening activity associated with the supply of alcohol can create risks linked to crowd management, customer dispersal, obstruction of pavements, conflict between street users, and late-night congregation immediately outside the premises.

Those concerns are heightened in a constrained historic street environment, where the public realm may not be well suited to prolonged gathering and where the impact of disorderly or inconsiderate behaviour can be more acute for nearby occupiers. Birmingham's policy makes clear that the Council will consider the likely impact of the proposed use where relevant representations are made, and in my submission **public safety** concerns are highly pertinent and clearly applicable.

### **6. Request**

For the reasons set out above, I respectfully submit that the **grant of this premises licence would be likely to undermine the licensing objectives, primarily the prevention of public nuisance and public safety, and that the premises are not appropriate in layout, condition and management for the proposed late-night licensed use in this historic street setting.**

This representation is made in good faith, is based on my direct knowledge of the locality and of the impact of local conditions on nearby property, and relates squarely to the licensing objectives. It is therefore a relevant representation and should be considered as such.

Yours faithfully,

**From:**  
**Sent:** 05 April 2026 18:35  
**To:** Licensing <  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Escape Hunt Group Ltd application 216100

To: General licensing  
Regarding: Escape Hunt Group Ltd application 216100

I would like to make a representation against the granting of this alcohol license on the basis of public nuisance, specifically as it affects those of us living in the building directly above this unit. The building is listed and poorly insulated for sound, and we are only permitted single glazed windows so we hear everything as people come and go, especially at night when the surrounding streets are very quiet. There are no other businesses on this street that open as late as Escape Hunt Group Ltd plan to, so this would significantly increase foot traffic every day of the week late into the evening. If these people have also been drinking, they will likely be louder. I can picture groups of loud tipsy patrons congregating beneath my bedroom window waiting for their taxis. I don't believe that even with the best of intentions the business will be able to keep their customers quiet, and they advertise parties for hen and stag dos so I expect they will often attract larger, noisier groups that will want to drink more than usual while they celebrate.

Best regards,  
Flat Newton Chambers  
Cannon Street  
Birmingham  
B2

**From:**

**Sent:** 14 April 2026 18:11

**To:** Licensing

**Subject:** Representations on Application for Premises Licence (36-38 Cannon St, B2 5EE)

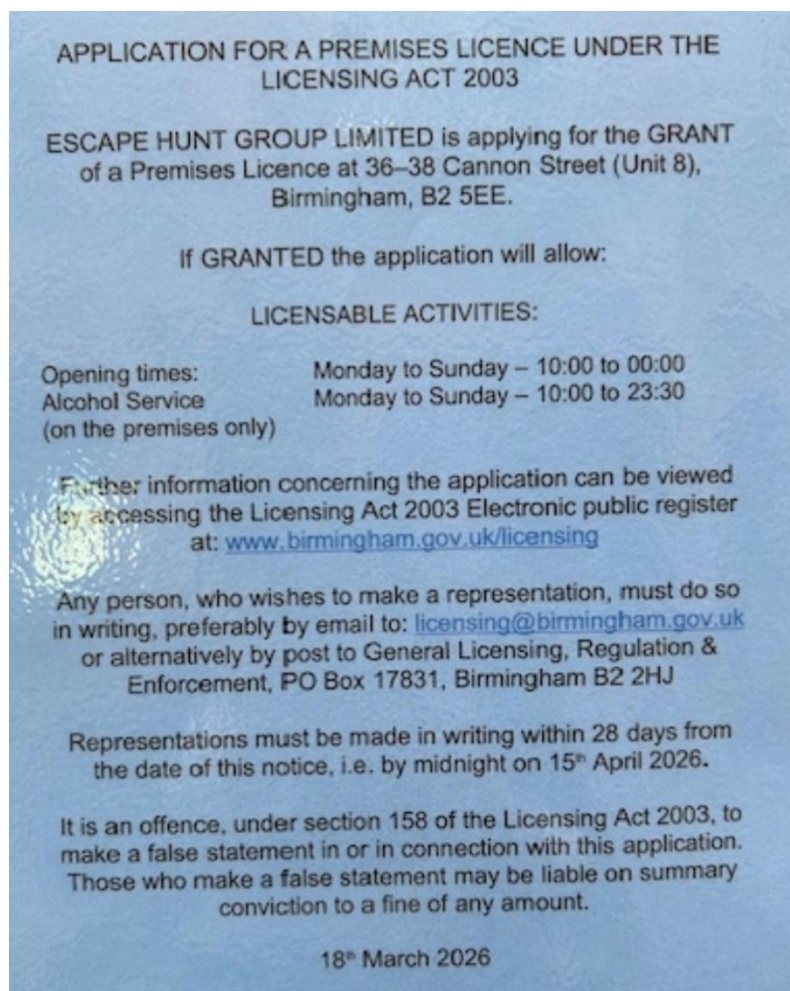
Good afternoon

**Re: Application for Premises Licence by Escape Hunt Group Limited, 36-38 Cannon St (Unit 8), Birmingham, B2 5EE**

I wish to object to the above application (see photo of notice **attached**) for the following reasons in respect of the impact on the neighbouring residents of Newton Chambers:

- Increased noise levels, particularly at antisocial times
- Antisocial behaviour (alcohol etc.)
- Safety concerns when accessing flats
- Disruption to street usage for increased number of deliveries etc.

Yours sincerely,



\* 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	<input type="text" value="Not Currently In Use"/>	This is the unique reference for this application generated by the system.
Your reference	<input type="text" value="EH - Cannon street"/>	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?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Put "no" if you are applying on your own behalf or on behalf of a business you own or work for.

**Applicant Details**

* First name	<input type="text" value="Priyamvada"/>	
* Family name	<input type="text" value="Subhash"/>	
* E-mail	<input type="text"/>	
Main telephone number	<input type="text"/>	Include country code.
Other telephone number	<input type="text"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Indicate here if you would prefer not to be contacted by telephone		
Are you:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Applying as a business or organisation, including as a sole trader <input type="radio"/> Applying as an individual	A sole trader is a business owned by one person without any special legal structure. Applying as an individual means you are applying so you can be employed, or for some other personal reason, such as following a hobby.

**Applicant Business**

Is your business registered in the UK with Companies House?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Note: completing the Applicant Business section is optional in this form.
Registration number	<input type="text" value="10676408"/>	
Business name	<input type="text" value="Escape Hunt Group Limited"/>	If your business is registered, use its registered name.
VAT number	<input type="text" value="-"/> <input type="text"/>	Put "none" if you are not registered for VAT.
Legal status	<input type="text" value="Private Limited Company"/>	

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Your position in the business

Home country

The country where the headquarters of your business is located.

**Registered Address**

Address registered with Companies House.

Building number or name

Street

District

City or town

County or administrative area

Postcode

Country

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**PREMISES DETAILS**

I/we, as named in section 1, apply for a premises licence under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in section 2 below (the premises) and I/we are making this application to you as the relevant licensing authority in accordance with section 12 of the Licensing Act 2003.

**Premises Address**

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

**Further Details**

Telephone number

Non-domestic rateable value of premises (£)

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<b>APPLICATION DETAILS</b>	
In what capacity are you applying for the premises licence?	
<input type="checkbox"/> An individual or individuals <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A limited company / limited liability partnership <input type="checkbox"/> A partnership (other than limited liability) <input type="checkbox"/> An unincorporated association <input type="checkbox"/> Other (for example a statutory corporation) <input type="checkbox"/> A recognised club <input type="checkbox"/> A charity <input type="checkbox"/> The proprietor of an educational establishment <input type="checkbox"/> A health service body <input type="checkbox"/> A person who is registered under part 2 of the Care Standards Act 2000 (c14) in respect of an independent hospital in Wales <input type="checkbox"/> A person who is registered under Chapter 2 of Part 1 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 in respect of the carrying on of a regulated activity (within the meaning of that Part) in an independent hospital in England <input type="checkbox"/> The chief officer of police of a police force in England and Wales	
<b>Confirm The Following</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I am carrying on or proposing to carry on a business which involves the use of the premises for licensable activities <input type="checkbox"/> I am making the application pursuant to a statutory function <input type="checkbox"/> I am making the application pursuant to a function discharged by virtue of His Majesty's prerogative	
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<b>NON INDIVIDUAL APPLICANTS</b>	
Provide name and registered address of applicant in full. Where appropriate give any registered number. In the case of a partnership or other joint venture (other than a body corporate), give the name and address of each party concerned.	
<b>Non Individual Applicant's Name</b>	
Name	<input type="text" value="Escape Hunt Group Limited"/>
<b>Details</b>	
Registered number (where applicable)	<input type="text" value="10676408"/>
Description of applicant (for example partnership, company, unincorporated association etc)	

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**Address**

Building number or name	<input type="text" value="Boom Battle Bar, ground floor and basment level"/>
Street	<input type="text" value="70-88 Oxford street"/>
District	<input type="text"/>
City or town	<input type="text" value="London"/>
County or administrative area	<input type="text"/>
Postcode	<input type="text" value="W1D 1BS"/>
Country	<input type="text" value="United Kingdom"/>

**Contact Details**

E-mail	<input type="text"/>
Telephone number	<input type="text"/>
Other telephone number	<input type="text"/>
* Date of birth	<input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> dd mm yyyy
* Nationality	<input type="text"/>

[Documents that demonstrate entitlement to work in the UK](#)

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**OPERATING SCHEDULE**

When do you want the premises licence to start?  /  /   
dd mm yyyy

If you wish the licence to be valid only for a limited period, when do you want it to end  /  /   
dd mm yyyy

Provide a general description of 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.

Escape rooms

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<p>If 5,000 or more people are expected to attend the premises at any one time, state the number expected to attend</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><input type="text"/></p>
<b>Section 6 of 21</b>
<b>PROVISION OF PLAYS</b>
<p><a href="#">See guidance on regulated entertainment</a></p> <p>Will you be providing plays?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes                      <input checked="" type="radio"/> No</p>
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<b>PROVISION OF FILMS</b>
<p><a href="#">See guidance on regulated entertainment</a></p> <p>Will you be providing films?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes                      <input checked="" type="radio"/> No</p>
<b>Section 8 of 21</b>
<b>PROVISION OF INDOOR SPORTING EVENTS</b>
<p><a href="#">See guidance on regulated entertainment</a></p> <p>Will you be providing indoor sporting events?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes                      <input checked="" type="radio"/> No</p>
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<b>PROVISION OF BOXING OR WRESTLING ENTERTAINMENTS</b>
<p><a href="#">See guidance on regulated entertainment</a></p> <p>Will you be providing boxing or wrestling entertainments?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes                      <input checked="" type="radio"/> No</p>
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<b>PROVISION OF LIVE MUSIC</b>
<p><a href="#">See guidance on regulated entertainment</a></p> <p>Will you be providing live music?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes                      <input checked="" type="radio"/> No</p>
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<b>PROVISION OF RECORDED MUSIC</b>
<p><a href="#">See guidance on regulated entertainment</a></p> <p>Will you be providing recorded music?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes                      <input checked="" type="radio"/> No</p>
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<b>PROVISION OF PERFORMANCES OF DANCE</b>
<a href="#">See guidance on regulated entertainment</a>

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Will you be providing performances of dance?

Yes  No

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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 you be providing anything similar to live music, recorded music or performances of dance?

Yes  No

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**LATE NIGHT REFRESHMENT**

Will you be providing late night refreshment?

Yes  No

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**SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL**

Will you be selling or supplying alcohol?

Yes  No

**Standard Days And Timings**

MONDAY		Start	<input type="text" value="10:00"/>	End	<input type="text" value="23:30"/>	Give 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.
		Start	<input type="text"/>	End	<input type="text"/>	
TUESDAY		Start	<input type="text" value="10:00"/>	End	<input type="text" value="23:30"/>	
		Start	<input type="text"/>	End	<input type="text"/>	
WEDNESDAY		Start	<input type="text" value="10:00"/>	End	<input type="text" value="23:30"/>	
		Start	<input type="text"/>	End	<input type="text"/>	
THURSDAY		Start	<input type="text" value="10:00"/>	End	<input type="text" value="23:30"/>	
		Start	<input type="text"/>	End	<input type="text"/>	
FRIDAY		Start	<input type="text" value="10:00"/>	End	<input type="text" value="23:30"/>	
		Start	<input type="text"/>	End	<input type="text"/>	

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SATURDAY

Start 10:00

End 23:30

Start

End

SUNDAY

Start 10:00

End 23:30

Start

End

Will the sale of alcohol be for consumption:

- On the premises     Off the premises     Both

If the sale of alcohol is for consumption on the premises select on, if the sale of alcohol is for consumption away from the premises select off. If the sale of alcohol is for consumption on the premises and away from the premises select both.

State any seasonal variations

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

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

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

State the name and details of the individual whom you wish to specify on the licence as premises supervisor

**Name**

First name

Family name

Date of birth  /  /   
dd      mm      yyyy

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<b>Enter the contact's address</b>	
Building number or name	<input type="text"/>
Street	<input type="text"/>
District	<input type="text"/>
City or town	<input type="text"/>
County or administrative area	<input type="text"/>
Postcode	<input type="text"/>
Country	<input type="text"/>
Personal Licence number (if known)	<input type="text" value="11640"/>
Issuing licensing authority (if known)	<input type="text" value="Birmingham City Council"/>
<b>PROPOSED DESIGNATED PREMISES SUPERVISOR CONSENT</b>	
How will the consent form of the proposed designated premises supervisor be supplied to the authority?	
<input type="radio"/> Electronically, by the proposed designated premises supervisor <input checked="" type="radio"/> As an attachment to this application	
Reference number for consent form (if known)	<input type="text"/>
	If the consent form is already submitted, ask the proposed designated premises supervisor for its 'system reference' or 'your reference'.
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<b>ADULT ENTERTAINMENT</b>	
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	
Give 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.	
<input type="text" value="N.A"/>	
<b>Section 17 of 21</b>	
<b>HOURS PREMISES ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC</b>	
<b>Standard Days And Timings</b>	
MONDAY	
Start <input type="text" value="10:00"/>	End <input type="text" value="00:00"/>
Start <input type="text"/>	End <input type="text"/>
	Give 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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TUESDAY

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WEDNESDAY

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THURSDAY

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SATURDAY

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SUNDAY

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Start

End

State any seasonal variations

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

Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises to be open to the members and guests at different times from those listed in the column on the left, 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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**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)

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

Escape Hunt is a part of an international company which offers a range of escape games which have become increasingly popular for the public and for corporate clients. A number of different games and experiences are offered. As part of the overall experience the operator wishes to be able to offer refreshments including the sale of alcohol.

- The sale of alcohol is not a significant part of the business and conditions are offered to restrict the sale of alcohol to those attending at Escape Hunt.
- Conditions to be placed on the licence below:
- Alcohol will only be sold to the following:-
  - Persons who are attending the premises in relation to the use of Escape Hunt facilities and ;
  - Persons attending a pre-booked private function at the premises.
- The premises will operate Challenge 21 in relation to the sale of alcohol.
- All staff who are permanently employed in the premises or who are engaged in the sale of alcohol must be trained in the prevention of underage sales. The training will be recorded and signed and dated by both the trainer and the member of staff who has received it. The documentation will be available for inspection on request by an authorised officer of the Licensing Authority or a police officer.
- We will not carry out any licensable activity from the Premises at a time when there is no DPS in respect of the proposed licence.
- We will not carry out any licensable activity at a time when the DPS does not hold a personal licence or the personal licence is suspended.
- We will ensure that every supply of alcohol under the proposed licence is made or authorised by a person who holds a personal licence.

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

see point (a) above

c) Public safety

see point (a) above

d) The prevention of public nuisance

see point (a) above

e) The protection of children from harm

see point (a) above

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**NOTES ON DEMONSTRATING ENTITLEMENT TO WORK IN THE UK**

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**Entitlement to work/immigration status for individual applicants and applications from partnerships which are not limited liability partnerships:**

A licence may not be held by an individual or an individual in a partnership who is resident in the UK who:

- does not have the right to live and work in the UK; or
- is subject to a condition preventing him or her from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.

Any premises licence issued in respect of an application made on or after 6 April 2017 will become invalid if the holder ceases to be entitled to work in the UK.

Applicants must demonstrate that they have an entitlement to work in the UK and are not subject to a condition preventing them from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity. They do this in one of two ways: 1) by providing with this application copies or scanned copies of the documents listed below (which do not need to be certified), or 2) by providing their 'share code' to enable the licensing authority to carry out a check using the Home Office online right to work checking service (see below).

**Documents which demonstrate entitlement to work in the UK**

- An expired or current passport showing the holder, or a person named in the passport as the child of the holder, is a British citizen or a citizen of the UK and Colonies having the right of abode in the UK [please see note below about which sections of the passport to copy].
- An expired or current passport or national identity card showing the holder, or a person named in the passport as the child of the holder, is a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A Registration Certificate or document certifying permanent residence issued by the Home Office to a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A Permanent Residence Card issued by the Home Office to the family member of a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A **current** Biometric Immigration Document (Biometric Residence Permit) issued by the Home Office to the holder indicating that the person named is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK, or has no time limit on their stay in the UK.
- A **current** passport endorsed to show that the holder is exempt from immigration control, is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK, has the right of abode in the UK, or has no time limit on their stay in the UK.
- A **current** Immigration Status Document issued by the Home Office to the holder with an endorsement indicating that the named person is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK or has no time limit on their stay in the UK, **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A birth or adoption certificate issued in the UK, **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A birth or adoption certificate issued in the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Ireland **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A certificate of registration or naturalisation as a British citizen, **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.

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- A **current** passport endorsed to show that the holder is allowed to stay in the UK and is currently allowed to work and is not subject to a condition preventing the holder from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.
- A **current** Biometric Immigration Document (Biometric Residence Permit) issued by the Home Office to the holder which indicates that the named person can currently stay in the UK and is allowed to work relation to the carrying on of a licensable activity.
- A **current** Residence Card issued by the Home Office to a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights or residence.
- A **current** Immigration Status Document containing a photograph issued by the Home Office to the holder with an endorsement indicating that the named person may stay in the UK, and is allowed to work and is not subject to a condition preventing the holder from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A Certificate of Application, **less than 6 months old**, issued by the Home Office under regulation 18(3) or 20(2) of the Immigration (European Economic Area) Regulations 2016, to a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights of residence.
- Reasonable evidence that the person has an outstanding application to vary their permission to be in the UK with the Home Office such as the Home Office acknowledgement letter or proof of postage evidence, or reasonable evidence that the person has an appeal or administrative review pending on an immigration decision, such as an appeal or administrative review reference number.
- Reasonable evidence that a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights of residence in exercising treaty rights in the UK including:-
  - evidence of the applicant's own identity – such as a passport,
  - evidence of their relationship with the European Economic Area family member – e.g. a marriage certificate, civil partnership certificate or birth certificate, and
  - evidence that the European Economic Area national has a right of permanent residence in the UK or is one of the following if they have been in the UK for more than 3 months:
    - (i) working e.g. employment contract, wage slips, letter from the employer,
    - (ii) self-employed e.g. contracts, invoices, or audited accounts with a bank,
    - (iii) studying e.g. letter from the school, college or university and evidence of sufficient funds; or
    - (iv) self-sufficient e.g. bank statements.

Family members of European Economic Area nationals who are studying or financially independent must also provide evidence that the European Economic Area national and any family members hold comprehensive sickness insurance in the UK. This can include a private medical insurance policy, an EHIC card or an S1, S2 or S3 form.

**Original documents must not be sent to licensing authorities.** If the document copied is a passport, a copy of the following pages should be provided:-

- (i) any page containing the holder's personal details including nationality;
- (ii) any page containing the holder's photograph;
- (iii) any page containing the holder's signature;
- (iv) any page containing the date of expiry; and
- (v) any page containing information indicating the holder has permission to enter or remain in the UK and is permitted to work.

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If the document is not a passport, a copy of the whole document should be provided.

Your right to work will be checked as part of your licensing application and this could involve us checking your immigration status with the Home Office. We may otherwise share information with the Home Office. Your licence application will not be determined until you have complied with this guidance.

#### **Home Office online right to work checking service**

As an alternative to providing a copy of the documents listed above, applicants may demonstrate their right to work by allowing the licensing authority to carry out a check with the Home Office online right to work checking service.

To demonstrate their right to work via the Home Office online right to work checking service, applicants should include in this application their 9-digit share code (provided to them upon accessing the service at <https://www.gov.uk/prove-right-to-work>) which, along with the applicant's date of birth (provided within this application), will allow the licensing authority to carry out the check.

In order to establish the applicant's right to work, the check will need to indicate that the applicant is allowed to work in the United Kingdom and is not subject to a condition preventing them from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.

An online check will not be possible in all circumstances because not all applicants will have an immigration status that can be checked online. The Home Office online right to work checking service sets out what information and/or documentation applicants will need in order to access the service. Applicants who are unable to obtain a share code from the service should submit copy documents as set out above.

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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.

Premises Licence 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 <https://www.tax.service.gov.uk/business-rates-find/search>

Band A - No RV to £4300 - £100.00

Band B - £4301 to £33000 - £190.00

Band C - £33001 to £87000 - £315.00

Band D - £87001 to £125000 - £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 £125000 - £900.00

Band E - £125001 and over - £1,905.00

There is an exemption from the payment of fees in relation to the provision of regulated entertainment at church halls, chapel halls or premises of a similar nature, village halls, parish or community halls, or other premises of a similar nature. The costs associated with these licences will be met by central Government. If, however, the licence also authorises the use of the premises for the supply of alcohol or the provision of late night refreshment, a fee will be required.

Schools and sixth form colleges are exempt from the fees associated with the authorisation of regulated entertainment where the entertainment is provided by and at the school or college and for the purposes of the school or college.

If you operate a large event 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 30000-39999 - £16,000.00

Capacity 40000-49999 - £24,000.00

Capacity 50000-59999 - £32,000.00

Capacity 60000-69999 - £40,000.00

Capacity 70000-79999 - £48,000.00

Capacity 80000-89999 - £56,000.00

Capacity 90000 and over - £64,000.00

\* Fee amount (£)

450.00

**DECLARATION**

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[APPLICABLE TO INDIVIDUAL APPLICANTS ONLY, INCLUDING THOSE IN A PARTNERSHIP WHICH IS NOT A LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP] I UNDERSTAND I AM NOT ENTITLED TO BE ISSUED WITH A LICENCE IF I DO NOT HAVE THE

- \* ENTITLEMENT TO LIVE AND WORK IN THE UK (OR IF I AM SUBJECT TO A CONDITION PREVENTING ME FROM DOING WORK RELATING TO THE CARRYING ON OF A LICENSABLE ACTIVITY) AND THAT MY LICENCE WILL BECOME INVALID IF I CEASE TO BE ENTITLED TO LIVE AND WORK IN THE UK (PLEASE READ GUIDANCE NOTE 15).

THE DPS NAMED IN THIS APPLICATION FORM IS ENTITLED TO WORK IN THE UK (AND IS NOT SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS

- \* PREVENTING HIM OR HER FROM DOING WORK RELATING TO A LICENSABLE ACTIVITY) AND I HAVE SEEN A COPY OF HIS OR HER PROOF OF ENTITLEMENT TO WORK, IF APPROPRIATE (PLEASE SEE NOTE 15).

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

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

\* Full name

\* Capacity

\* Date  /  /   
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Once you're finished you need to do the following:

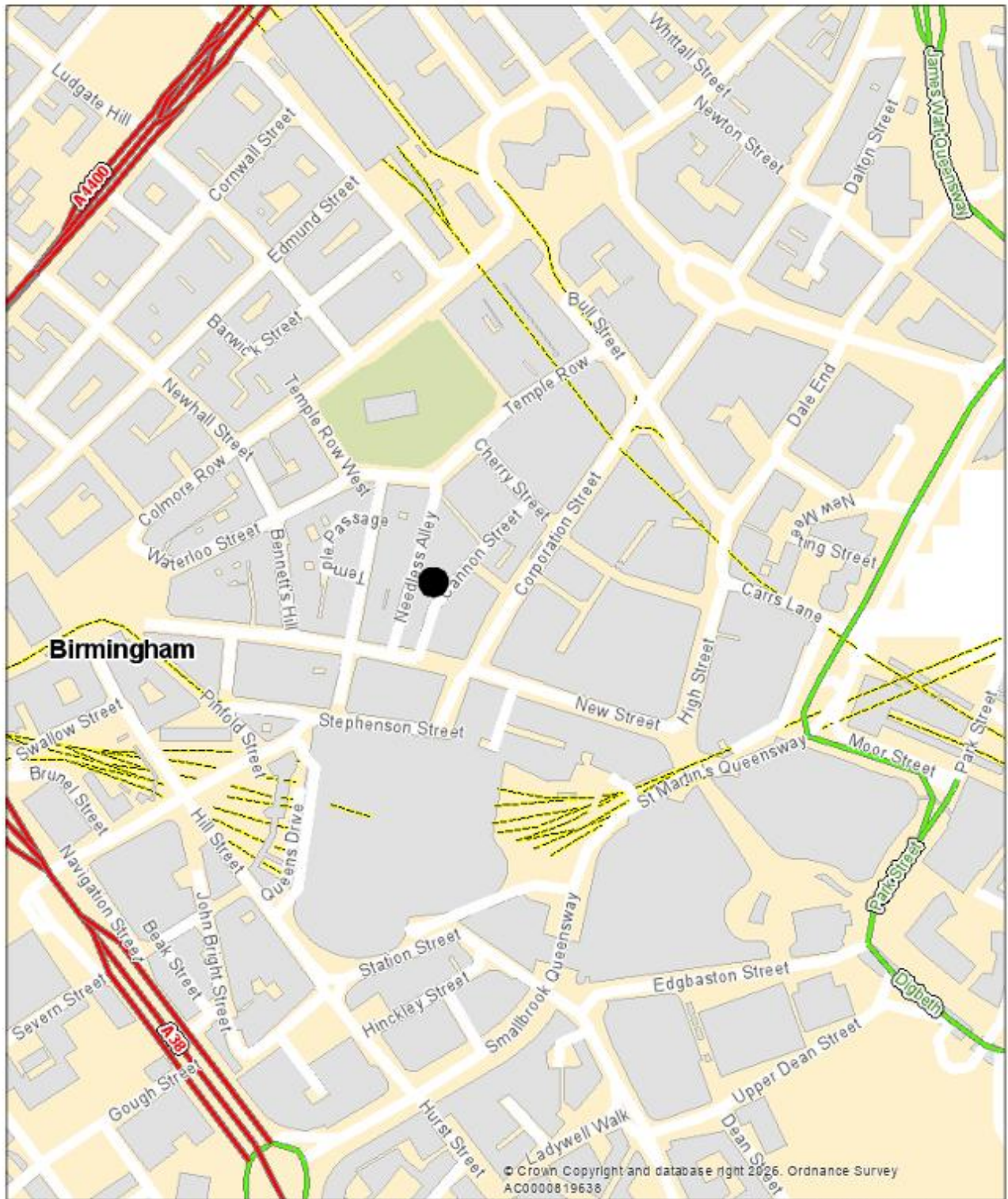
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2. Go back to <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-a-licence/premises-licence/birmingham/apply-1> to upload this file and continue with your application.

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

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

**IT IS AN OFFENCE UNDER SECTION 24B OF THE IMMIGRATION ACT 1971 FOR A PERSON TO WORK WHEN THEY KNOW, OR HAVE REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE, THAT THEY ARE DISQUALIFIED FROM DOING SO BY REASON OF THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS. THOSE WHO EMPLOY AN ADULT WITHOUT LEAVE OR WHO IS SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS AS TO EMPLOYMENT WILL BE LIABLE TO A CIVIL PENALTY UNDER SECTION 15 OF THE IMMIGRATION, ASYLUM AND NATIONALITY ACT 2006 AND PURSUANT TO SECTION 21 OF THE SAME ACT, WILL BE COMMITTING AN OFFENCE WHERE THEY DO SO IN THE KNOWLEDGE, OR WITH REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE, THAT THE EMPLOYEE IS DISQUALIFIED**





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