



**CITY OF WESTMINSTER**

# **MINUTES**

## **Licensing Sub-Committee (6)**

### **MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

Minutes of a meeting of the **Licensing Sub-Committee (6)** held on **Thursday 4th April, 2024**, Rooms 18.01 - 18.03 - 18th Floor, 64 Victoria Street, London, SW1E 6QP.

**Members Present:** Councillors Robert Eagleton and Md Shamsed Chowdhury

**Apologies for Absence:** Councillor Louise Hyams

#### **1. MEMBERSHIP**

1.1 There were no changes to the membership.

#### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

1.2 There were no declarations of interest.

#### **1. PITCH 917 MELCOMBE STREET**

## **WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE NO. 6**

Thursday 4 April 2024

Membership: Councillor Robert Eagleton (Chair), Councillor Md Shamsed Chowdhury

Officer Support: Legal Advisor: Michael Carson  
Committee Officer: Jessica Barnett  
Policy Advisor: Daisy Gadd  
Presenting Officer: Shannon Pring

### **Application to vary the designation of street trading Pitch 917 Melcombe Street**

#### **FULL DECISION**

#### **Pitch Designation**

The original designation for Pitch 917 is Melcombe Street carriageway, South side in line with Baker Street building line.

#### **Applicant**

Westminster City Council's Licensing Street Trading Team

#### **Ward**

Regent's Park

#### **Summary of Application**

The Licensing Sub-Committee is asked to vary the designating resolution passed by the Council on 25 July 1990 to vary the designation of Pitch 917 Melcombe Street as recommended by officers.

#### **Representations Received**

Two representations were received in support of the application.  
West End Street Trading Association on behalf of The Licence Holder  
Highways Planning

#### **Policy Considerations**

##### **1. Street Trading Policy**

- a) Policy ST5 within the City of Westminster Statement of Street Licensing Policy relates to the designation and de-designation of street trading pitches. However, the Licensing Service requests that the committee consider this application as an exception to this policy.

##### **Designation and De-designation- Policy ST5**

(i) *The Licensing authority will designate specific resolution for licensed street trading.*

(ii) *The Licensing authority may de-designate pitches that are no longer suitable for licensed street trading.*

(iii) *The Licensing authority will not designate any new isolated street trading pitches, apart from in exceptional circumstances.*

*Policy ST5(8) states that where a public realm scheme is proposed consideration should be had to the best way to accommodate any existing street traders in that location. Where a scheme is approved and implemented which includes the relocation, reorientation or increase/decrease in pitch size, this will initiate the formal licensing process to make the necessary changes to the pitch in question in order to facilitate the approved scheme. Changes to existing pitches will be subject to consultation.*

### **SUBMISSIONS AND REASONS**

Ms Shannon Pring, the Presenting Officer, introduced the application.

Ms Pring confirmed that the Licensing Service had received no comments from the Metropolitan Police Service and that the West End Street Trading Association was in support of the variation of designation of Pitch 917.

The Sub Committee noted that there were no objections to the application.

Having carefully considered the committee papers and the submissions made by all the parties, both orally and in writing, **the Sub-Committee has decided**, after taking into account all the circumstances of this application that **approval** be given to vary the designating resolution passed by the Council on 25 July 1990 to vary the designation of Pitch 917 Melcombe Street as recommended by officers. On granting the Licensing Services application to vary the designating resolution for Pitch 917 Melcombe Street the committee make the following condition:

“The part of standard condition 18 relating to the pitch limits marked on the ground will not apply to the street trading licence for Pitch 917 Melcombe until such time as the Licensing Service make the relevant amendments to the pitch markings to reflect the varied designation”.

**This is the Full Decision of the Licensing Sub-Committee which takes effect forthwith.**

**The Licensing Sub-Committee  
4 April 2024**

## **2. PITCH 1651 WHITEHALL**

### **WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE NO. 6**

Thursday 4 April 2024

Membership: Councillor Robert Eagleton (Chair), Councillor Md Shamsed Chowdhury

Officer Support: Legal Advisor: Michael Carson  
Committee Officer: Jessica Barnett  
Policy Advisor: Daisy Gadd  
Presenting Officer: Shannon Pring

### **Application to rescind the designating resolution for designated Pitch 1651 at Whitehall**

#### **FULL DECISION**

#### **Pitch Designation**

The original designation for Pitch 1651 is located at "Whitehall, footway, 6' North of lamp standard No. 15201.

#### **Applicant**

Westminster City Council's Licensing Street Trading Team

#### **Ward**

St James

#### **Summary of Application**

The Licensing Sub-Committee is asked to vary the designating resolution passed by the Council on 25 July 1990 to rescind the designating resolution for designated Pitch 1651 at Whitehall as recommended by officers.

#### **Representations Received**

Three representations were received in support of the application.  
West End Traders Association  
Community Safety  
Metropolitan Police

#### **Policy Considerations**

##### **1. Street Trading Policy**

- a) Policy ST5 within the City of Westminster Statement of Street Licensing Policy relates to the designation and de-designation of street trading

pitches. However, the Licensing Service requests that the committee consider this application as an exception to this policy.

#### **Designation and De-designation- Policy ST5**

- (i) The Licensing authority will designate specific resolution for licensed street trading.*
- (ii) The Licensing authority may de-designate pitches that are no longer suitable for licensed street trading.*
- (iii) The Licensing authority will not designate any new isolated street trading pitches, apart from in exceptional circumstances.*

*Policy ST5(2) states that the Licensing authority may, subject to the appropriate consultation and notification procedures, de-designate street trading pitches where in the opinion of the licensing authority, they are no longer suitable for street trading. The circumstances under which a location may be considered not suitable include:*

- (a) It has not been used for trading for a period of greater than six months;*
- (b) There has been altered circumstances due to the increased pedestrian footfall resulting from altered highways layouts, public realms improvements or construction projects;*
- (c) Where there is new development and the siting and operation of the trading pitch would adversely affect local pedestrian flow or cause congestion, including close to the transport stops or stations.*

#### **SUBMISSIONS AND REASONS**

Ms Shannon Pring, the Presenting Officer, introduced the application.

Ms Pring confirmed that both the Metropolitan Police and West End Street Trading Association were in support of the application to rescind designating resolution for designated Pitch 1651.

The Sub Committee noted that there were no objections to the application.

Having carefully considered the committee papers and the submissions made by all the parties, both orally and in writing, **the Sub-Committee has decided**, after taking into account all the circumstances of this application that **approval** be given to vary the designating resolution passed by the Council on 25 July 1990 to rescind the designating resolution for the designated Pitch 1651 at Whitehall as recommended by officers.

**This is the Full Decision of the Licensing Sub-Committee which takes effect forthwith.**

**The Licensing Sub-Committee  
4 April 2024**

**3. FATAYER ALTAYER, 198 EDGWARE ROAD, LONDON, W2 2DS**

This application was Granted under Delegated Authority.

The Meeting ended at 10.07 am

**CHAIRMAN:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_