

Licensing Sub-Committee Supplementary Agenda



6. Licensing Act 2003 - Application for a Premises Licence
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Re: Application for premises licence at 53 Stoats Nest Road

We are neighbours of the applicant. We have read his response to our objections but we are not reassured.-

On page 8 of his response to our first objection, Mr Thompson said the kitchen of his house will be used to make the vermouth.

According to London Fire Brigade website, 60% of fires in the home begin in the kitchen.

Mr Thompson admits that alcohol is flammable.

Vermouth he tells us is a type of fortified wine and most vermouths are around 15% to 18% ABV. Mr Thompson says: "as I work full time, this will be produced solely in my spare time." In other words, after a hard day's work, Mr Thompson will be brewing his vermouth in the kitchen when tired.

I attach an item from London Fire Brigade website which says; "Tragically, one in four people who die in fire have alcohol in their system."

"Fire chiefs are also concerned that people may not realise that inhaling alcohol increases the blood alcohol content in the same way that drinking it does."

I attach an item from London Fire Brigade website which says that on 12 May 2020 "four fire engines and 25 firefighters were called to a fire at a house on Lyndhurst Close in Croydon." The fire started in the kitchen. Included in the firefighters' top tips was the advice: "Not feeling 100%? Order a takeaway – if you're very tired or have been drinking alcohol, it's safer not to risk it."

I also attach an item from London Fire Brigade website which says two fires a day happen after Londoners have been drinking and one in four people who die in a fire has alcohol in their system "Young, well-educated professionals cause more than a quarter of all accidental house fires in the capital, with being under the influence being a contributing factor. The figures show that young professionals had 1,515 house fires last year." The article is dated 06/03/2013 but was updated on 09/07/2018.

Regarding the fire brigade's access to the rear of his property, which is the middle property in a terrace, Mr Thompson says the lane leading to the rear "is secured with a padlock which most homeowners with access rights have a key." If a fire were to happen, the fire brigade would have to go knocking on doors trying to find a key to the padlock, or be delayed by the time involved cutting the padlock. Mr Thompson has given some figures relating to the width of the lane and the width of a fire engine but we are not convinced. Even if a fire engine could drive up the first part of the lane, which is straight, it would then be confronted by a T junction which requires a sharp left turn, which I have difficulty negotiating in my 3 series BMW and which would be impossible for a fire engine.

Mr Thompson makes much of a business called Cladmaster at no. 47 Stoats Nest Road but does not know the history. When we moved into our property, the owner of no 47, [REDACTED] had a [REDACTED] living there as her [REDACTED]. He was very nice. But they quarrelled and her new [REDACTED] moved in. He had a business called Cladmaster, which was a nuisance. We paid £1,000 for legal advice and for a site visit by the [REDACTED]. About 4 times a year [REDACTED] would put a skip in the lane and we suffered noise while he filled the skip. The [REDACTED] said we needed to take photos of [REDACTED] skips over a period of time to prove that the skips were not for [REDACTED] personal use but were evidence of a business being conducted. We did this. Eventually [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] moved out.

Mr Thompson's application for a premises licence creates a similar threat of nuisance and, as it involves alcohol, a risk of fire, crime and disorder.

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Fire chiefs issue urgent warning over latest alcohol inhaling trend

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London Fire Brigade has expressed grave fire safety concerns over a new craze to light alcohol above a tea light and inhale the vapour.

The Vaportini comes with a glass sphere which sits above a lit tea light in a pint glass. It claims ‘almost no calories; no carbs, no impurities and the effects of consuming alcohol’ but no safety warnings are apparent on the Vaportini website.

The Brigade believes that heating alcohol in this way could increase the risk of someone having a serious fire which could destroy their home or, even worse, kill them.

Firefighters are reminding people that drinking and naked flames don’t mix and that one in four people who die in a fire has alcohol in their system.

The Brigade’s figures show that:

- Two fires a day happen after Londoners have been drinking.
- One in four people who die in a fire has alcohol in their system.
- Three quarters of alcohol related fires are caused by cooking under the influence.
- Over half of these fires happen because someone has fallen asleep.

Vaportini is expected to be the summer craze among 18-35 year olds, with the product set to be available in up-market bars and festivals across the country. Young, well-educated, professionals cause more than a quarter of all accidental house fires in the capital, with being under the influence being a contributing factor.

The figures show that young professionals had 1,515 house fires last year and the Brigade is concerned that this figure could rise if the Vaportini craze takes off.

London Fire Brigade Group Manager Mark Hazelton said:

“Any product which encourages people to light candles when consuming alcohol is a concern to us.

“We don’t want to sound like killjoys, but products like the Vaportini could lead to a worrying rise in the number of people being burned and causing fires while drunk.”

The Brigade has issued the following safety advice for candles:

- Candles need to be used in a safe, fire resistant holder or container
- Candles need to be supervised at all times – so blow them out if you need to leave the room.
- Don’t cover candles with anything – anything placed over a candle flame will get very hot, and could melt or catch fire.

Fire chiefs are also concerned that people might not realise that inhaling alcohol increases the blood alcohol content in the same way that drinking it does. The Brigade said that it is not safe to drive after inhaling alcohol in this way.

For further advice on safety using candles, check out the London Fire Brigade [website](#).

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House fire - Croydon

12/05/2020 07:50

Croydon

House or flat fire

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Four fire engines and around 25 firefighters were called to a fire at a house on Lyndhurst Close in Croydon.

Part of the ground floor of a semi-detached house was damaged by fire. There were no reports of any injuries.

The Brigade's Fire Investigators believe the fire was caused by a plastic pot which was left on a hob.

A London Fire Brigade spokesperson said: "You should never place anything that can catch fire near to the hob. Keep all objects, like tea towels, cloths and plastic bowls well away from the cooker and always check the hob is turned off when you've finished cooking."

Firefighters' cooking safety top tips

- Don't leave cooking unattended on the hob or grill – if you have to leave the kitchen, turn off the heat.
- Have a heat alarm fitted in your kitchen. Fitting a heat alarm in your kitchen will give you warning of an increase in temperature caused by a fire but will not be set off by cooking fumes.
- Not feeling 100 per cent? Order a takeaway – if you're very tired, have been drinking alcohol or are taking medication that might make you drowsy, it's safer not to risk it.
- Be fabric aware – loose clothing can easily catch fire, so take care not to lean over a hot hob, and always keep tea towels and cloths away from the cooker and hob.
- Try to keep the oven, hob, cooker hood, extractor fan and grill clean – built up fat and grease can ignite and cause a fire.
- Use spark devices to light gas cookers – they are much safer than matches or lighters, as they don't have a naked flame. They are safer around children, too.
- Double check the cooker and hob are turned off when you've finished cooking.
- Check toasters are clean and not placed under kitchen cabinets or close to anything that can catch fire.
- Never put anything metal in the microwave.

The Brigade was called at 0750 and the fire was under control by 0820. Fire crews from Croydon, Woodside and Norbury fire stations attended the scene.

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