

Request a premises licence review

Before you start

Submission date

07/09/2026

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Premises details

Address of the premises or club

El Vermut, 30, NUNHEAD GREEN, LONDON, SE15 3QF LONDON
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If there is no address, describe the location or enter an Ordnance Survey map reference

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Licence or certificate details

Name of premises licence holder (if known)

Sandra Coyne

Licence or certificate number (if known)

888212.

Reason for review

Which of these issues does your request relate to? (Select at least 1)

prevention of public nuisance

What are your reasons for requesting the review?

I request a review of the premises licence for El Vermut 2, 30 Nunhead Green (licence 888212) on the ground of prevention of public nuisance.

I have lived at my property since before El Vermut began operating in both premises, in 2018/2024. Since then, I have repeatedly raised concerns about noise and anti-social behaviour with management and Southwark Council, without the problem being resolved. I have reached the point where the existing licence conditions are not providing adequate protection from the disturbance.

The principal issue is the rear beer garden. It is regularly full from approximately 2:00 pm until 10:00 pm, particularly during the summer, resulting in up to eight hours of persistent shouting, screaming, swearing and loud conversation. The noise often increases as patrons become more intoxicated. During good weather this can occur daily, leaving me with little respite. At weekends the garden is particularly busy, while large numbers of patrons also congregate immediately outside the premises and on the public footpath. At times the footpath becomes difficult or impossible to pass without walking around groups of customers. I have photographic evidence.

There is no effective staff supervision, crowd control or security to manage the number or behaviour of patrons. I have repeatedly asked management to supervise the outside area, control the noise and keep doors closed. I have also repeatedly asked them to supervise patrons when they go outside to smoke. Despite this, patrons are regularly left outside without supervision. They are often locked out of the premises, then shout, scream and bang on the fire-exit door to gain entry. This occurs repeatedly at weekends after 22:00.

The current licence permits a maximum capacity of 80 persons under Condition 307. Condition 310 requires doors and windows leading to the garden to be kept closed after 22:00 to prevent transmission of noise. Condition 315 states:

“Customers shall use no outside area, including the garden, after 22:00hrs other than those who temporarily leave the premises to smoke with no more than five (5) people permitted to smoke at one any time. This area shall be controlled by Staff to prevent any disturbance to their neighbours.”

Condition 323 requires patrons smoking outside, including in the garden, to be regularly monitored to control potential noise nuisance.

In practice, I regularly observe customers remaining in the beer garden after 22:00 without effective staff control. When challenged, management state they are customers from 28 Nunhead Green, so Condition 315 does not apply. I have no knowledge of No. 28's licence conditions. However, these appear to be the same patrons who had been using No. 30's garden before it should have closed. The outside activity therefore continues without effective supervision, with the resulting noise and anti-social behaviour.

A previous application for additional tables and chairs outside the premises was refused. Despite this, large numbers of patrons regularly congregate outside, including on the public footpath. This raises further concerns about the adequacy of current controls over patron numbers and behaviour.

I have repeatedly reported these matters to Southwark's out-of-hours Noise and Nuisance Team over several years without the problem being resolved. Recorded reports include SWK-162662 – 7 February 2026; SWK-172047 – 22 May 2026; AWK-165905; SWK-179239 – 28 July 2026; and SWK-181763 – 20 August 2026. My own incident log records 30 May 2026 and 31 May 2026, when I experienced screaming, shouting and excessive loud music from the premises with the door left open.

On 20 August 2026, during a significant disturbance, I contacted the out-of-hours service under SWK-181763. The Enforcement Officer refused to attend my home to assess the noise and told me that, because El Vermut is a licensed commercial premises, the noise “does not constitute noise pollution” and was a matter for Licensing. I have raised this separately with the Council.

I have also reported incidents to the Metropolitan Police under CAD 33414/14Sept25 and CAD 8496/28Jul26. On 28 July 2026, I was told that the police had received similar complaints from other neighbouring residents.

I have audio recordings from different rooms within my home, video footage, photographs, telephone records and incident logs. These demonstrate the extent to which the noise enters my property.

The impact on me has been significant. The rear garden directly backs onto my property, leaving little respite from the noise and activity. I have been unable to enjoy my garden normally and have lost interest in maintaining it for almost two years because I rarely feel able to use it. The persistent noise and anti-social behaviour have significantly affected my quality of life and mental wellbeing.

I would also like to raise that I am not adverse to bars or a night-time economy; what I am adverse to is an aggressively mismanaged venue that completely disregards its neighbours. I am a victim of ongoing, unmitigated noise pollution. to

I therefore ask the Licensing Sub-Committee to modify the external-area conditions by reducing the garden closing time to 20:00 Monday–Friday and 20:30 Saturday–Sunday, imposing a clear maximum capacity for the garden, requiring staff supervision once an agreed occupancy threshold is reached, and introducing effective controls to prevent patrons congregating outside the premises in a way that obstructs the public footpath or causes nuisance.

These are targeted changes to address a persistent problem which the existing conditions have not prevented. I ask the Sub-Committee to impose these conditions, or other proportionate conditions it considers necessary, to prevent further public nuisance.

Your details

Which of these are you?

an individual

Your details

First name

██████████

Last name

██████████

Are you 18 years old or over?

Yes

Phone number

[REDACTED]

Address

[REDACTED], LONDON, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Previous requests

Have you applied for a review of this premises before?

No

If yes, when was this?

{Empty}

If yes, what were the reasons?

{Empty}

I have sent copies of this form and enclosures to the responsible authorities and the premises licence holder or club holding the club premises certificate, as appropriate

Yes

I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected.

Yes

Declaration

I declare that all information given on this form is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief

Yes