

## **The premises**

Aso Rock Food, The Morris Dancer, Melksham Close, Romford, RM3 8QX

## **The applicant**

Omo Mase Limited

## **Provide a general description of the premises**

The premises is a former public house which has previously operated under a premises license. It is located within the London Borough of Havering and is now proposed to be used as a small, food-led restaurant. The internal layout consists of a main ground-floor area which will be used for seated dining, with a small bar/serving area for the sale of alcohol to customers consuming meals. Ancillary areas include kitchen facilities, storage areas and customer toilet facilities. There is no intention to operate as a vertical drinking establishment. The operation will be restaurant-focused, with alcohol supplied ancillary to the service of food and primarily for consumption by seated customers. The premises will operate at a modest capacity appropriate to a small restaurant and will not host regulated entertainment beyond background music. The premises is suitable for this type of use, having previously operated as a licensed venue, and the layout allows for effective supervision of customers and staff, promoting public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder. Measures will be in place to minimise noise and disturbance to nearby residents, and the premises will be managed responsibly in line with the licensing objectives. There are no off-sales of alcohol for consumption away from the premises. All alcohol supplied will be for consumption within the premises only.

## **Live music\***

Friday & Saturday – 16:00 to 22:00

Live music will consist of small-scale performances such as open-mic events, spoken word performances and occasional performances by local musicians or small bands. Performances will be low-key and community-focused and will take place within the main internal area of the premises. Any music will be primarily unamplified or lightly amplified, using minimal sound equipment suitable for a small restaurant environment. There will be no large-scale amplification, DJs or nightclub-style events. Background recorded music may also be played at an appropriate level. All performances will take place indoors only. The volume of music will be controlled at all times to prevent noise nuisance, with doors and windows kept closed during performances where appropriate. Events will be managed in a manner consistent with the licensing objectives, particularly the prevention of public nuisance.

There may be slightly increased frequency of low-key live music and performance events during seasonal periods, such as the summer months and the Christmas period. Any such events will remain small-scale, indoors only, and consistent with the normal operation of the premises as a food-led restaurant. The nature of the

performances, operating hours and sound levels will remain the same as during the rest of the year and will be managed so as not to cause nuisance or disturbance to nearby residents.

**(\* If the application is granted to permit the on-supply of alcohol live music during these hours will not be licensable.)**

**Recorded music\***

Monday to Sunday – 16:00 to 22:00

Recorded music will be played indoors only as background music incidental to the operation of the premises as a small, food-led restaurant. Any recorded music will be played at a low volume appropriate to dining, with no DJ-led or nightclub-style music. Recorded music may be lightly amplified through an in-house sound system suitable for background use only. Volume levels will be controlled at all times to prevent disturbance to nearby residents, and doors and windows will be kept closed as appropriate. Recorded music will be played at a consistent, low background level throughout the year. Recorded music will only be played within the standard permitted hours applied for and there are no non-standard timings requested.

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**Supply of alcohol (for consumption on the premises)**

Monday to Sunday – 16:00 to 22:00

**Adult entertainment**

NO ADULT ENTERTAINMENT WHAT SO EVER

**Hours premises open to the public**

Monday to Sunday – 16:00 to 22:00

**Describe the steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives:**

**a) General – all four licensing objectives**

The premises will operate as a small, food-led restaurant with alcohol served responsibly and live/recorded music at low volume. Staff will be trained in responsible service of alcohol, public safety, and customer management, including age verification and monitoring for disorderly behaviour. Measures such as CCTV, fire safety compliance, controlled occupancy, and noise management will be in place to ensure the prevention of crime and disorder, public nuisance, and risk to public safety. Children will only be allowed when accompanied by an adult, and the premises will be managed to protect them from harm. All activities will be conducted indoors, at appropriate volumes, and within licensed hours, maintaining a safe and responsible environment for customers, staff, and the surrounding community.

## **b) The prevention of crime and disorder**

Alcohol will be served only to customers seated and dining; no vertical drinking or takeaway sales. A responsible Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) will be in place at all times when alcohol is served. Staff will be trained in responsible alcohol service, including refusal of service to underage or intoxicated persons.

CCTV is already installed at the premises, covering entrances, exits, and customer areas, and will be maintained in accordance with data protection laws. The premises will operate a clear policy on unacceptable behaviour, and any incidents will be recorded and reported if necessary

## **c) Public safety**

The premises will comply with all fire safety regulations, including fire exits, alarms, extinguishers, and emergency lighting. Staff will be trained in emergency procedures. Maximum occupancy limits will be observed to prevent overcrowding. Floors and public areas will be kept clean and free of hazards, including any spillages from food or drink. Electrical and kitchen equipment will be maintained and regularly checked to prevent accidents.

## **d) The prevention of public nuisance**

Live and recorded music will be low volume, indoors only, and controlled to avoid disturbance to neighbouring properties. Doors and windows will be kept closed when music is being played where necessary to reduce noise. Customers leaving the premises will be encouraged to leave quietly, and staff will monitor behaviour outside. Waste and recycling will be managed responsibly to avoid litter or noise from refuse collection. Deliveries and waste collections will be scheduled to avoid early or late disturbance.

## **e) The protection of children from harm**

Alcohol will not be sold to anyone under 18; age verification will be required (e.g., Challenge 25 policy). Children will only be allowed on the premises when accompanied by an adult. No adult entertainment or gambling will be provided. Staff will be trained to recognise and refuse service to underage individuals attempting to purchase alcohol.