

**Democratic Services Section
Legal and Civic Services Department
Belfast City Council
City Hall
Belfast
BT1 5GS**



**Belfast
City Council**

13th May, 2026

MEETING OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

The above-named Committee will meet in the Lavery Room, City Hall and remotely via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday, 20th May, 2026 at 5.15 pm, for the transaction of the business noted below.

You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

John Walsh

Chief Executive

AGENDA:

1. **Routine Matters**

- (a) Apologies
- (b) Minutes
- (c) Declarations of Interest

2. **Delegated Matters**

- (a) Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) Licences Issued Under Delegated Authority (Pages 1 - 4)
- (b) Licences Issued Under Delegated Authority (Pages 5 - 10)
- (c) Application to provide outdoor musical entertainment beyond 11.00 pm at City Hall (Pages 11 - 18)
- (d) Application for the Variation of 7-Day Annual Entertainments Licence for Muriel's (Pages 19 - 34)



Subject:	Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) Licences Issued Under Delegated Authority
Date:	20 May 2026
Reporting Officer:	Helen Morrissey, City Protection Manager
Contact Officers:	Kevin Bloomfield, NIHMO Manager Helen Morrissey, City Protection Manager

Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?	
After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	Under the Scheme of Delegation, the Director of City & Neighbourhood Services Department is responsible for exercising all powers in relation to the issue and variation, but not refusal, of HMO Licences, excluding provisions relating to the issue of HMO Licences where adverse representations have been made. Those applications which were dealt with under the Scheme are listed below.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is requested to note the applications that have been issued under the Scheme of Delegation during April 2026.

3.0	Main report				
3.1	<u>Key Issues</u>				
	Under the terms of the Houses in Multiple Occupation Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 the following HMO Licences were issued during April 2026.				
	Premise name	Licensee	Ward	Housing Management Area (HMA)	Licence type
	4 Wellington Park Avenue	Mrs Sarah McLean	WINDSOR	EGLANTINE HMO 2/09	New Application
	Flat 2, 102 Cromwell Road	Mr Conleth O'Hare	CENTRAL	HOLYLAND HMA 2/22	Renewal Application
	Apartment 2, 12 Elaine Street	Mrs Colette McCaffrey	CENTRAL	STRANMILLIS HMA 2/19	Renewal Application
	5 Stranmillis Gardens	Mr Declan McHugh	CENTRAL	STRANMILLIS HMA 2/19	Renewal Application
	86 Sandhurst Drive	Mr Declan Wright	STRANMILLIS	STRANMILLIS HMA 2/19	Renewal Application
	Flat 2, 21 Lawrence Street	Mr Patrick Conway	CENTRAL	HOLYLAND HMA 2/22	Renewal Application
	79 Sandhurst Drive	Mrs Bernadette Mulholland	STRANMILLIS	STRANMILLIS HMA 2/19	Renewal Application
	11 Eblana Street	Mr Theodore McLaughlin	CENTRAL	HOLYLAND HMA 2/22	Renewal Application
	13 Wolseley Street	Mr William Robert Gott	CENTRAL	HOLYLAND HMA 2/22	New Application
	3 Colenso Parade	Mr Brian Falls	CENTRAL	STRANMILLIS HMA 2/19	Renewal Application
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	17 Elaine Street	Ms Marion Kerr	CENTRAL	STRANMILLIS HMA 2/19	Renewal Application
	45 St Albans Gardens	Mr John McKeever	STRANMILLIS	SANDYMOUNT HMA 2/17	Renewal Application
	10 Balfour Avenue	Miss Claire Mullan	CENTRAL	LOWER ORMEAU HMA 2/13	Renewal Application
	36 Ashley Avenue	Mrs Sandra Gibson	WINDSOR	ULSTERVILLE HMO 2/21	Renewal Application
	Flat 2, 46 Wolseley Street	Mr John Albert Montgomery	CENTRAL	HOLYLAND HMA 2/22	Renewal Application
	Flat 2, 24 Westminster Street	Mr Gerald McFeely	CENTRAL	HOLYLAND HMA 2/22	Renewal Application
	5 Eblana Street	Mr Maurice Macaulay	CENTRAL	HOLYLAND HMA 2/22	New Application
43 Balfour Avenue	Mrs Jacquie Fisher	CENTRAL	LOWER ORMEAU HMA 2/13	Renewal Application	
Flat 1, 13 Lawrence Street	Mr James Thomas (Seamus) Cassidy	CENTRAL	HOLYLAND HMA 2/22	Renewal Application	
1 Canterbury Street	Mr Gregory Connolly	CENTRAL	HOLYLAND HMA 2/22	Renewal Application	

Flat 4, 32 Cromwell Road	SOBE Developments Limited	CENTRAL	HOLYLAND HMA 2/22	Renewal Application
Flat 3, 32 Cromwell Road	SOBE Developments Limited	CENTRAL	HOLYLAND HMA 2/22	Renewal Application
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Flat 1, 32 Cromwell Road	SOBE Developments Limited	CENTRAL	HOLYLAND HMA 2/22	Renewal Application
Flat 2, 52 Tates Avenue	DASEN LTD.	WINDSOR	EDINBURGH ST HMO 2/08	Renewal Application
58 University Avenue	Mrs Brenda Cunningham	CENTRAL	HOLYLAND HMA 2/22	Renewal Application
50 Rugby Avenue	Mr Martin Carlin	CENTRAL	HOLYLAND HMA 2/22	Renewal Application
43 Ridgeway Street	Sobe Developments Limited	STRANMILLIS	STRANMILLIS HMA 2/19	Renewal Application
342 Woodstock Road	SEJ Developments Ltd	BEERSBRIDGE	NONE	Renewal Application
107 Antrim Road	Ms Michelle McGrath	NEW LODGE	NONE	Renewal Application
Flat 2, 8 Cameron Street	Mr Michael Holmes	CENTRAL	HOLYLAND HMA 2/22	Renewal Application
55 Stranmillis Gardens	Mr Hugh Aidan O'Boyle	CENTRAL	STRANMILLIS HMA 2/19	Renewal Application
44 Agincourt Avenue	Ms Paula Mary O'Kane	CENTRAL	HOLYLAND HMA 2/22	Renewal Application
10 Westminster Street	Black Lough Properties Limited	CENTRAL	HOLYLAND HMA 2/22	Renewal Application
41 Rathdrum Street	Mr Neil Conlon	WINDSOR	ADELAIDE HMO 2/01	Renewal Application
43 Agincourt Avenue	D.M PROPERTY ESTATES LIMITED	CENTRAL	HOLYLAND HMA 2/22	Renewal Application
Flat 2, 72 University Avenue	Mr Paul O'Hare	CENTRAL	HOLYLAND HMA 2/22	Renewal Application
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Flat 3, 82 Rugby Avenue	Mrs Frances Matthews	CENTRAL	HOLYLAND HMA 2/22	Renewal Application
13 Stranmillis Gardens	Ms Mairead Murdock	CENTRAL	STRANMILLIS HMA 2/19	Renewal Application
61 Delhi Street	Mr Andrew Parkes	ORMEAU	BALLYNAFEIGH HMA 2/03	Renewal Application
26 Agincourt Avenue	Mr Mark Heaney	CENTRAL	HOLYLAND HMA 2/22	Renewal Application
117 Ulsterville Avenue	Mr Stephen Ball	WINDSOR	ULSTERVILLE HMO 2/21	Renewal Application
91 Dunluce Avenue	Mr Liam Young	WINDSOR	ULSTERVILLE HMO 2/21	Renewal Application

	Flat 2, 13 Sandhurst Drive	SMG Equity Limited	STRANMILLIS	STRANMILLIS HMA 2/19	Renewal Application
	15 Sydenham Drive	Kord Holdings Limited	BELMONT	NONE	New Application
	31 Rochester Street	FHC Property Investment Limited	WOODSTOCK	NONE	New Application
	83 Carmel Street	Ms Shona McCreesh	CENTRAL	HOLYLAND HMA 2/22	New Application
	314 Donegall Road	Mr Stephen Andrews	BLACKSTAFF	NONE	Renewal Application
	52 Haypark Avenue	Mrs Valerie Nicholson	ORMEAU	BALLYNAFEIGH HMA 2/03	Renewal Application
	37 Donegall Pass	Ms Margaret O'Gara	CENTRAL	NONE	Renewal Application
	42 Carmel Street	Mrs Jill Hughes	CENTRAL	HOLYLAND HMA 2/22	Renewal Application
	110 Ulsterville Avenue	Mrs Judith Dunlop	WINDSOR	ULSTERVILLE HMO 2/21	Renewal Application
	30 Ridgeway Street	Mr Peter Gormley	STRANMILLIS	STRANMILLIS HMA 2/19	Renewal Application
	16 Stranmillis Gardens	Tarnya Properties Ltd	CENTRAL	STRANMILLIS HMA 2/19	New Application
	Flat 2, 115 Fitzroy Avenue	Mr Roy McCoy	CENTRAL	HOLYLAND HMA 2/22	Renewal Application
	Flat 1, 115 Fitzroy Avenue	Mr Roy McCoy	CENTRAL	HOLYLAND HMA 2/22	Renewal Application
	Flat 2, 124 Fitzroy Avenue	Mr Roy McCoy	CENTRAL	HOLYLAND HMA 2/22	Renewal Application
	6 Riverview Street	Mr Declan Boyle	STRANMILLIS	STRANMILLIS HMA 2/19	Renewal Application
	Flat 2, 14 Westminster Street	Mr Dairmid Laird	CENTRAL	HOLYLAND HMA 2/22	Renewal Application
	58 Fitzroy Avenue	Mr Ciaran McCrossan	CENTRAL	HOLYLAND HMA 2/22	Renewal Application
	114 Ulsterville Avenue	Mr Ben Robinson	WINDSOR	ULSTERVILLE HMO 2/21	Renewal Application
	56 Tates Avenue	Ms Margaret O'Gara	WINDSOR	EDINBURGH ST HMO 2/08	Renewal Application
	94 Ulsterville Avenue	Mr David Humphreys	WINDSOR	ULSTERVILLE HMO 2/21	Renewal Application

Financial & Resource Implications

3.2 None

Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

3.3 There are no issues associated with this report.



Subject:	Licences Issued Under Delegated Authority
Date:	20 May 2026
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Contact Officer:	Stephen Hipkins, Building Control Manager, Ext. 2435

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Cregagh Youth & Community Centre, 69b Mount Merrion Avenue, Belfast, BT6 0FG	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Yvonne Coyle, BCC Community Services
Cumann na Meirleach Poblachtach Eireannach, 537 Falls Road, Belfast, BT11 9AB	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Thomas Rocks, Cumann na Meirleach Poblachtach Eireannach
Darragh's Bar, 120 Great Georges Street, Belfast, BT15 1FH	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Seamus Darragh, Darragh's Bar
Downshire Community Centre, Downshire Hall, 340-342 Cregagh Road, Belfast, BT6 9EX	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Yvonne Coyle, BCC Community Services
Dunmurry Young Men Football Club, 250 Glenburn Road, Dunmurry, BT17 9BB	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Daryl Irwin
Falls Park, Falls Road, Belfast, BT12 6AN	Outdoor Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Stephen Leonard, BCC City and Neighbourhoods Department
Funstation, Odyssey Pavilion, 2 Queens Quay, Belfast, BT3 9QQ	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	James Leonard Miller, Funstation Limited
Grand Opera House, Great Victoria Street, Belfast, BT2 7HR	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Andrew Wiggam, Grand Opera House Trust
Henry's & The Jailhouse, 4 Joys Entry, Belfast, BT1 4DR	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Paul Langsford, 3 Wise Men Pubs Limited
Hollywood Bowl, Unit 2, Odyssey Pavilion, 2, Queens Quay, Belfast, BT3 9QQ	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Stephen Masterson, Original Bowling Company (NI) Limited
Maddens Bar, 74 Berry Street, Belfast, BT1 1FJ	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Brian McMullan, Maddens Bar
Maldron Hotel, 20 Brunswick Street, Belfast, BT2 7GE	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Pamela O'Brien, DHG Brunswick Limited
Malone Golf Club, 240 Upper Malone Road, Dunmurry, BT17 9LB	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Patrick Dean, Malone Golf Club
Margot, 18 Donegall Square East, Belfast, Antrim, BT1 5HD	Transfer/Variation & Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Paul Langsford, Clover Clarence Chambers OPCO Limited
Michael Davitt GAC, 75-79 Falls Road, Belfast, BT12 4PE	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Kieran Rowntree, Michael Davitt GAC.
Millies Public House and Kitchen, 131-133 Kingsway, Belfast, BT17 9NS	Grant - 7 Day Annual	John Trainor, Brian Inns Ltd.
Musgrave Park Bowling Pavillion, Musgrave Park Playing Fields & Pavilion, 6, Stockmans Lane, Belfast, BT9 7JB	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Stephen Leonard, BCC City and Neighbourhoods Department
Ormeau Park, Ormeau Road, Belfast, BT7 3GG	Outdoor Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Stephen Leonard, BCC City and Neighbourhoods Department
QE1 Snooker Club, 1st Floor, 32-46 Castlereagh Road, Belfast, BT5 5FP	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Alex Rainey

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QUB, Sonic Arts Research Centre, 1 Cloreen Park, Belfast, Antrim, BT9 5BX	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Ryan Feeney, QUB
QUB, The Club House, Queen's Sport, Upper Malone Road, Belfast, BT9 5NB	Renewal – 14 Day Occasional	Ryan Feeney, QUB
Regent House Mews, 2a Monagh Grove, Belfast, BT11 8EJ	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Patrick Donnelly, Regent House Mews Limited
Rosemary Presbyterian Church Hall, 9 North Circular Road, Belfast, BT15 5HB	Renewal – 14 Day Occasional	Roy Aiken
Royal Bar, 237 Shankill Road, Belfast, BT13 1FR	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	James Hanna, Bar None N.I. Ltd.
St Johns Church Halls, 141 Malone Road, Belfast, BT9 6SX	Renewal – 14 Day Occasional	Deidre Donnelly, St Johns Malone.
St John's Presbyterian Church, 374-378, Ormeau Road, Belfast, BT7 3HX	Renewal – 14 Day Occasional	Patricia Mills
St Malachy's College, College Hall, 36 Antrim Road, Belfast, BT15 2AE	Renewal – 14 Day Occasional	Shane McBrien
Suffolk Community Centre, Carnanmore Park, Belfast, BT11 9LX	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Yvonne Coyle, BCC Community Services
The Bedford Hotel, Donegall Square South, Belfast, Antrim, BT1 5JH	Grant - 7 Day Annual	Owen Williamson, The Bedford Hotel Belfast Limited
The Clifton Public House, 78-80 Cliftonville Road, Belfast, BT14 6JZ	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Fiona Auld, EFM Inns Ltd.
The Halt, Europa Bus Centre, 12-22, Glengall Street, Belfast, Antrim, BT12 5AH	Grant - 7 Day Annual	Peter Gibson, HHG No4. Limited
The Malone, 54-64, Eglantine Avenue, Belfast, BT9 6DY	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Gareth Mackin, Malone Lodge Hotel Limited
The Monico Bars, 17 Lombard Street, Belfast, Antrim, BT1 1RB	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Padraic Brennan, Pacon Inns Ltd.
The SSE Arena, 2 Queens Quay, Belfast, BT3 9QQ	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Paul McMahon, The Odyssey Trust Company Limited.
Tullycarnet Bowling Pavilion, Tullycarnet Park, Kingswood Park, Belfast , BT5 7GE	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Stephen Leonard, BCC City and Neighbourhoods Department
Whites Tavern, 2-6 Winecellar Entry, Belfast, Antrim, BT1 1QN	Outdoor Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Paul Langsford, Clover Pubs NI No 3. Limited
Woodvale Community Centre, 74a Disraeli Street, Belfast, BT13 3HW	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Yvonne Coyle, BCC Community Services
York Road Civil Defence Association, 30 St Aubyn Street, Belfast, BT15 3QF	Renewal – 14 Day Occasional	Thomas Moore, York Road Civil Defence Association

3.2 Under the terms of the Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 no Amusement Permits were issued since your last meeting.

3.3 Under the terms of the Cinemas (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 no Cinema Licences were issued since your last meeting.

Premises and Location	Type of Application	Applicant
Grand Opera House, Great Victoria Street, Belfast, BT2 7HR	Renewal	Andrew Wiggam, Grand Opera House Trust
Omniplex Cinema, Kennedy Centre, 564-568 Falls Road, Belfast, BT11 9AD	Renewal	Paul John Anderson Omniplex Holdings (NI) Ltd.

3.4 Under the terms of the Petroleum Consolidation Act 1929 no Petroleum Licences were issued since your last meeting.

3.5 Under the terms of the Street Trading Act (Northern Ireland) 2001 the following Street Trading Licences were issued since your last meeting.

Location	Type of Application	Commodity	Hours Licensed	Applicant
Stephen Baxter – Ice Cream Van	Mobile (renewal)	Ice Cream	Mon – Sun 11:20am – 9pm	Stephen Baxter
Donegall Square North - front of City Hall	Stationary (renewal)	Ice Cream Confectionary, Wraps & Artisan hot food	0800 – 21:00 Mon - Sun	Nayana Prafful
No 2 Castle Lane at junction with Castle Arcade	Stationary Grant	Art & Crafts Body Art Crochet Flowers	10:00 – 20:00 Mon - Sun	Walter Cuba

3.6 Under the terms of the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 the following Road Closure Orders were issued since your last meeting.

Location	Type of Activity	Date and Hours permitted	Applicant
Blue Lights Season 4 (Beechmount Dr)	Filming	7 th / 8 th / 9 th May 7am to 7:30pm	Robert Huffam, Two Cities (Blue Lights S4) Limited
Line of Duty	Filming	25 th April 10:30am – 8:30pm 26 th April & 9 th May 8am - 6pm	Gareth Hogan, WP LOD7 Limited
Ballygomartin Rd (Close to Home)	Filming	13 th -15 th April 6:30am – 9:30pm	David Cooke, Innovation Factory
Mammoth Screen Limited First Woman	Filming	20 th – 22 nd April 6am – 8pm	Andrew Wilson, MAMMOTH SCREEN (FWNI) Limited
2026 Phoenix Energy Belfast City Marathon	Marathon	3 rd May 6am – 4:30 pm	Matthew McConnell, Belfast City Marathon

3.7 Under the terms of the Licensing of Pavement Cafés Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 the following Pavement Café Licences were issued since your last meeting.

	Premises and Location	Type of Application	Applicant
	Bullhouse East, 442-446 Newtownards Road, Belfast, BT4 1HJ	Grant Application	William Mayne, Bullhouse Bar Company Ltd.
3.8	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u>		
	None.		
3.9	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u>		
	There are no issues associated with this report.		



Subject:	Application to provide outdoor musical entertainment beyond 11.00 pm at City Hall
Date:	20 May 2026
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Contact Officer:	Stephen Hipkins, Building Control Manager, Ext. 2435

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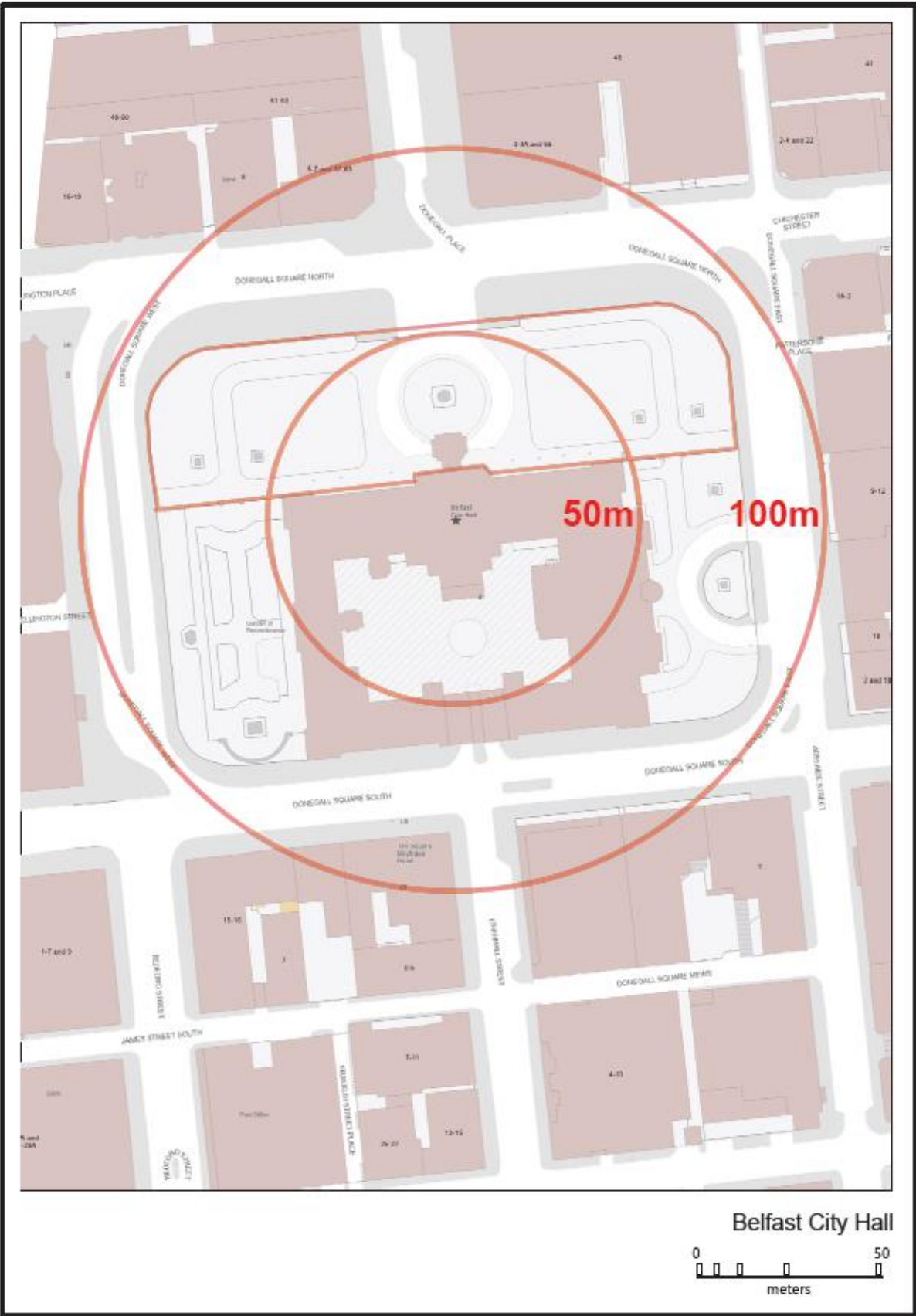
Call-in

Is the decision eligible for Call-in? Yes No

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To consider a request from Belfast City Council to permit the planned entertainment to run beyond 11.00 pm on up to 5 nights during the Fleadh Cheoil na hEireann events at the City Hall, running from Sunday 2 nd August to Sunday 9 th August 2026.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>Taking into account the information presented and any representations received you are required to consider the request to extend the hours of entertainment and, subject to all technical requirements being met, either:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agree that entertainment should be permitted to take place beyond the standard hours of licence to 1.00 am on all five nights of the Fleadh; or 2. Agree that only on specified nights will entertainment be permitted to take place beyond the standard hours of licence to 1.00am and that the other requested nights be permitted to take place to an earlier specified extended hour; or 3. Refuse to extend hours on any night requested.
3.0	Main Report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	City Hall has a 7-Day Annual Outdoor Entertainments Licence which has been used to hold events in the past. The Licence is held by the Ms Joanne Murray, Civic Services Manager, Belfast City Council.
3.2	A Site Location Map is attached as Appendix 1.
3.3	The days and standard hours during which entertainment may be provided both outdoors and in a marquee are Monday to Sunday from 11.30 am to 11.00 pm.
3.4	<p>In addition, the following Special Conditions are attached to both the Marquee and Outdoor Entertainments Licences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum numbers will be agreed at the discretion of the Building Control Service and will vary depending upon individual concert set up proposals. • Prior to any event taking place the promoters are required to demonstrate evidence of early consultation and have in place a robust system of dealing with any complaints, which has been agreed in advance with the Council. • Any requests to provide entertainment later than 11.00 pm must be considered by the Licensing Committee and therefore must be made at least 3 months in advance of the proposed event. • Should an application to provide entertainment beyond 11.00 pm be granted and the Council then receive a significant number of complaints regarding noise or the complaint is of such significant impact, authority is granted to the Director of Planning and Building Control, in consultation with the City Solicitor, to reduce the finishing time for any subsequent nights of the event, in which case the promoter will be required to make contingency arrangements.

3.5	Therefore, this request to provide entertainment later than 11pm must be considered by the Licensing Committee.
3.6	As this is not an application to vary the terms of the Outdoor licence, but a request for Council's permission to extend the hours under an existing Licence Condition, there is no requirement for public advertisement in this case.
3.7	The event organiser has indicated that outdoor music events are scheduled for the following nights, Sunday 2 nd , Thursday 6 th , Friday 7 th , Saturday 8 th and Sunday 9 th August 2026. The request is to provide entertainment to 1am on these five nights.
3.8	<u>Rationale for extended hours:</u> A rationale for extended hours beyond 11pm has been provided by the event organiser and is attached as Appendix 2.
3.9	A representative of the event organiser has been invited to attend your meeting.
3.10	<u>PSNI:</u> The Police have been contacted by the Service in relation to the event, however, a response has not yet been received. We will update Committee at your meeting.
3.11	Should Members be minded to approve the extended hours requested, this should be subject to a satisfactory response from the PSNI on the matter.
3.12	<u>Health, safety and welfare issues:</u> Officers have engaged with the event organisers and colleagues in the Fleadh events team in relation to the events and will participate in pre-event meetings.
3.13	An Event Management Plan for the Fleadh has been received and is being evaluated by the Service and shared with other colleagues.
3.14	<u>Noise issues:</u> A significant consideration for Environmental Protection Unit (EPU) will be the proposal to provide outdoor entertainment after 11.00 pm. Members are reminded that the
3.15	Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 gives councils additional powers in relation to entertainment noise after 11.00 pm.
3.16	The noise mitigation strategy will be discussed at the pre-event meetings.
3.17	The event organisers will be required to engage with an acoustic consultant and requested to document a noise mitigation strategy for each night of entertainment. The purpose of the strategy will be to demonstrate that noise from the event will not cause unreasonable disturbance to commercial and residential premises. Once received by the Service this strategy will be provided to EPU for appraisal.
3.18	The organisers will also be required to produce a suitable residents pre-notification letter containing a nominated event organiser contact that that residents may refer concerns or make complaints to. The extent of the letter's distribution, which will take place prior to the event will be agreed with the event organiser by the Service in consultation with EPU officers.
3.19	The event organisers will be reminded of the standard licence condition that receipt of significant complaints may lead to further late nights being curtailed. However, it can be impracticable during the festival to curtail further nights at short notice, and as complaints are not all received on the nights that are the subject of the complaint a full picture does not emerge until all complaints are collated, by which time the events can be concluded.

4.0	<p>Financial and Resource Implications None. Officers will carry out inspections before and during the events which will be catered for within existing Service budgets.</p>
5.0	<p>Equality and Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment There are no issues associated with this report.</p>
6.0	<p>Appendices – Documents Attached</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appendix 1 – Site Location Map • Appendix 2 – Applicant’s rationale for extended hours



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In March 2025, Belfast City Council won the opportunity to host Fleadh Cheoil na hEireann 2026.

Fleadh is the largest global celebration of Irish traditional music, dance & culture and this is only the second time it will be hosted in Northern Ireland having previously been hosted in Derry/Londonderry in 2013.

Fleadh consists of concerts, sessions, awards, competitions and schools, and will run between Sunday 2nd August – Sunday 9th August 2026 with an anticipated audience of 800,000+ across the week.

Fleadh operates an ethos of inclusion, celebration, volunteerism and is open to all.

The event will be staged throughout the city with the main stage, The Gig Rig, being sited on the West Lawn of the City Hall Grounds.

The Gig Rig provides an opportunity for national and international Comhaltas branches to showcase their talents throughout the week of Fleadh, along with other groups/bands representative of the multicultural city that Belfast is today, and with a number of headline acts to also perform on the main stage.

The Gig Rig also stages the opening and closing ceremonies, both broadcast live by TG4.

Due to the programming required, and the number of acts being engaged, we would like to request an extension to the current 11pm cutoff specified on the City Hall Entertainments Licence.

It would be of great benefit if this cutoff could be extended to 1am for the following dates;

- Sunday 2nd August 2026
- Thursday 6th August 2026
- Friday 7th August 2026
- Saturday 8th August 2026
- Sunday 9th August 2026

Please do contact me if you would like any further information in support of this request.

Kind Regards,

Bernard Roddy

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Subject:	Application for the Variation of 7-Day Annual Entertainments Licence for Muriel's
Date:	20 May 2026
Reporting Officer:	Kate Bentley, Director of Planning and Building Control, Ext. 2300
Contact Officer:	Stephen Hipkins, Building Control Manager, Ext. 2435

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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues						
1.1	<p>To consider the application, from JK Pubs Limited, for the variation of their 7-Day Annual Entertainments Licence based on the Council's standard conditions, to provide music, singing, dancing or any other entertainment of a like kind, for the following premises:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Area and Location</td> <td>Ref. No.</td> <td>Applicant</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Muriel's, 12-14 Church Lane, Belfast, BT1 4QN</td> <td>WK/2022/05308</td> <td>Janine Kane</td> </tr> </table>	Area and Location	Ref. No.	Applicant	Muriel's, 12-14 Church Lane, Belfast, BT1 4QN	WK/2022/05308	Janine Kane
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1.2	Location map for the premises is attached as Appendix 1						
2.0	Recommendations						
2.1	<p>Taking into account the information presented, and any representations made in respect of the application you are required to make a decision to either:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Approve the application for the variation of the 7-Day Annual Entertainments Licence to vary the hours during which entertainment may be provided as requested, or b) Approve the application for the variation with special conditions, or c) Refuse the application for the variation of the 7-Day Annual Entertainments Licence. 						
2.2	If the application is refused, or special conditions are attached to the licence to which the applicant does not consent, then the applicant may appeal the Council's decision within 21 days of notification of that decision to the County Court. In the case that the applicant subsequently decides to appeal, entertainment may not be provided to the later hours requested until any such appeal is determined.						
3.0	Main report						
	<u>Key Issues</u>						
3.1	The nature of the variation applied is to extend the hours during which entertainment may be provided to 3.00am the following morning on every night of the week and to increase the occupancy of the indoor area.						
3.2	<p>The areas currently licensed to provide entertainment are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ground Floor Bar, with a maximum capacity of 60 persons. • First Floor Bar, with a maximum capacity of 60 persons. 						
3.3	<p>The days and hours during which entertainment may be provided under the terms of the current Entertainments Licence are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday – Saturday 11:30am to 2.00am the following morning • Sunday 12:30pm to 2.00am the following morning. 						
3.4	At present entertainment is provided in the form of DJs on Friday and Saturday nights.						
3.5	The licensee has stated that they would like the variation to extend the permitted hours until 3.00am as they feel the premises is an integral part of Belfast's nightlife and that an increase in operating hours will allow them to compete within the sector, which is essential for the commercial success of the business.						

3.6	Building works are ongoing at the premises to increase the area of the public bar at both ground floor and first floor. Increasing the occupancy by approximately 60 persons. The works are being inspected by the Service and the final occupancy will be agreed by the Licensing Surveyor on completion of the works.
3.7	Layout plans are attached as Appendix 2.
3.8	Representations: Public notice of the application has been placed in the newspaper and no written representation has been lodged as a result of the advertisement.
3.9	PSNI: The Police Service of Northern Ireland have been consulted in relation to the application and have confirmed that they have no objection to the variation application.
3.10	A copy of their response is included as Appendix 3 to this report.
3.11	NIFRS: The Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service have been consulted and have confirmed that they have no objection to the application.
3.12	Health, safety and welfare: The premises has been subject to inspections as part of the licensing application process and all technical requirements and associated operational and management procedures have been checked and are satisfactory.
3.13	Noise: No noise complaints have been received by the Service in the past 12 months.
3.14	Members are reminded that the Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act 2011 gives the council additional powers in relation to the control of entertainment noise after 11.00 pm.
3.15	Applicant: The applicant, and/or their representative will be available at your meeting to answer any queries you may have in relation to the applications.
4.0	Financial & Resource Implications
4.1	None
5.0	Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment
5.1	There are no issues associated with this report.
6.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
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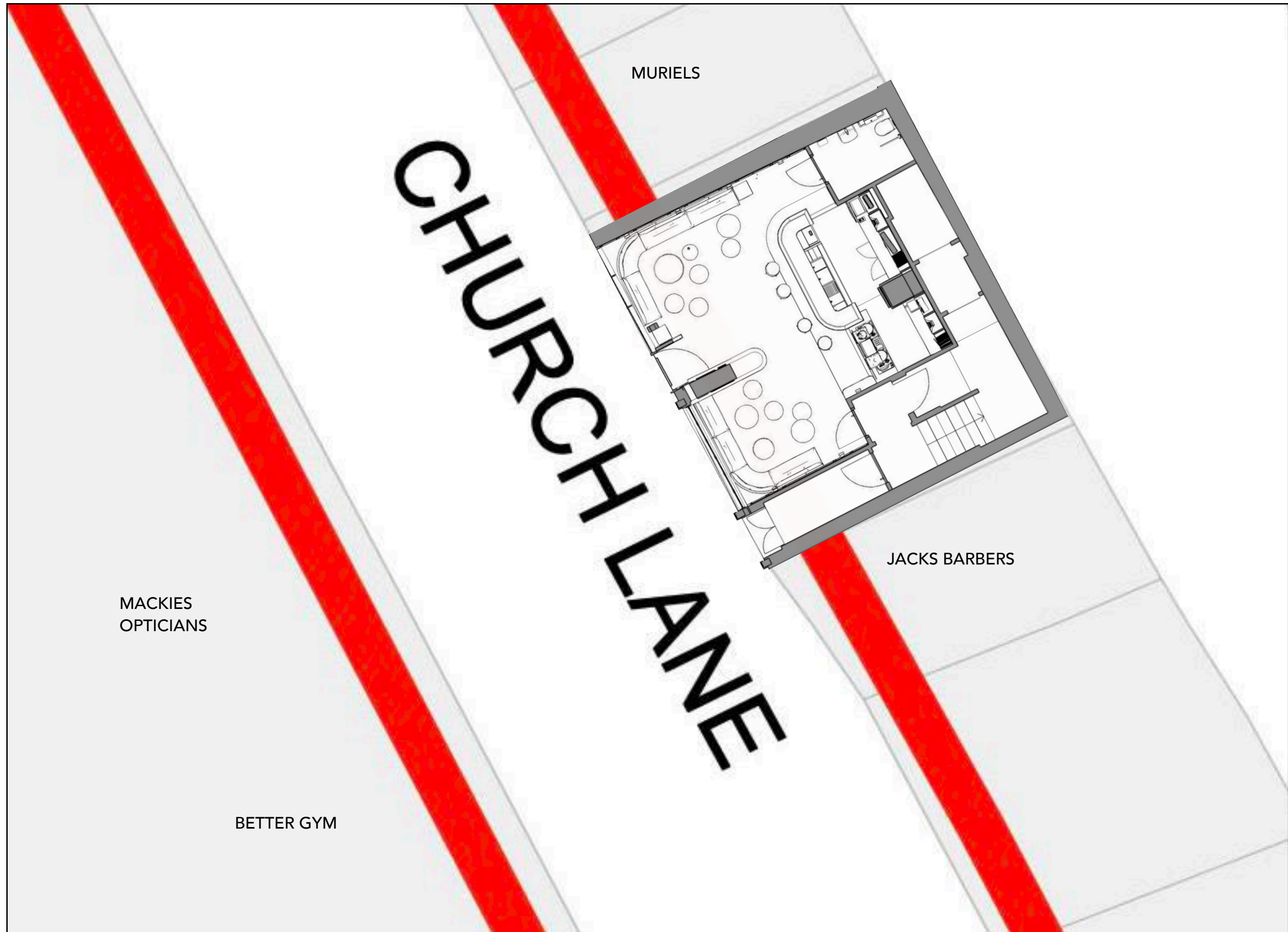


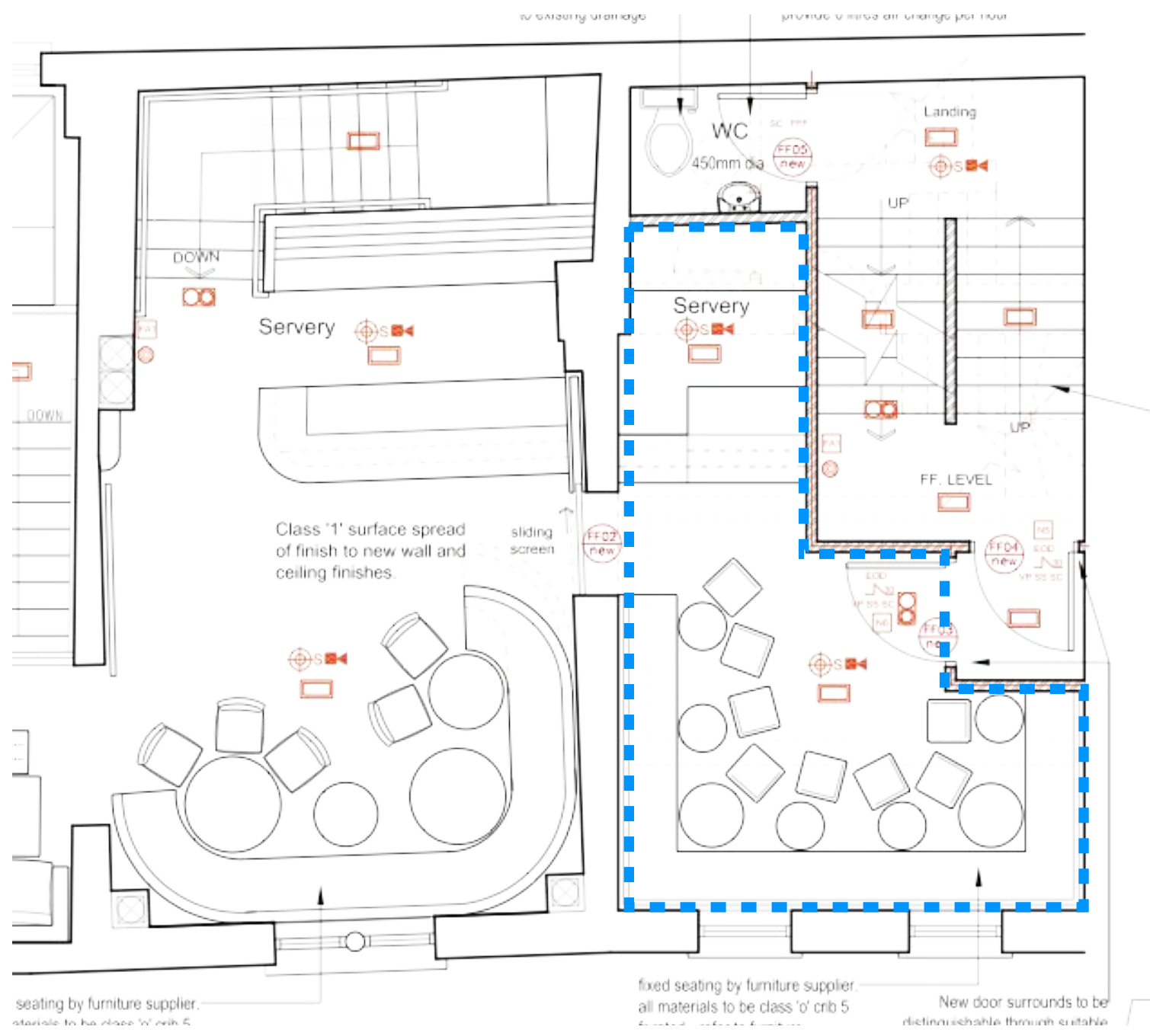
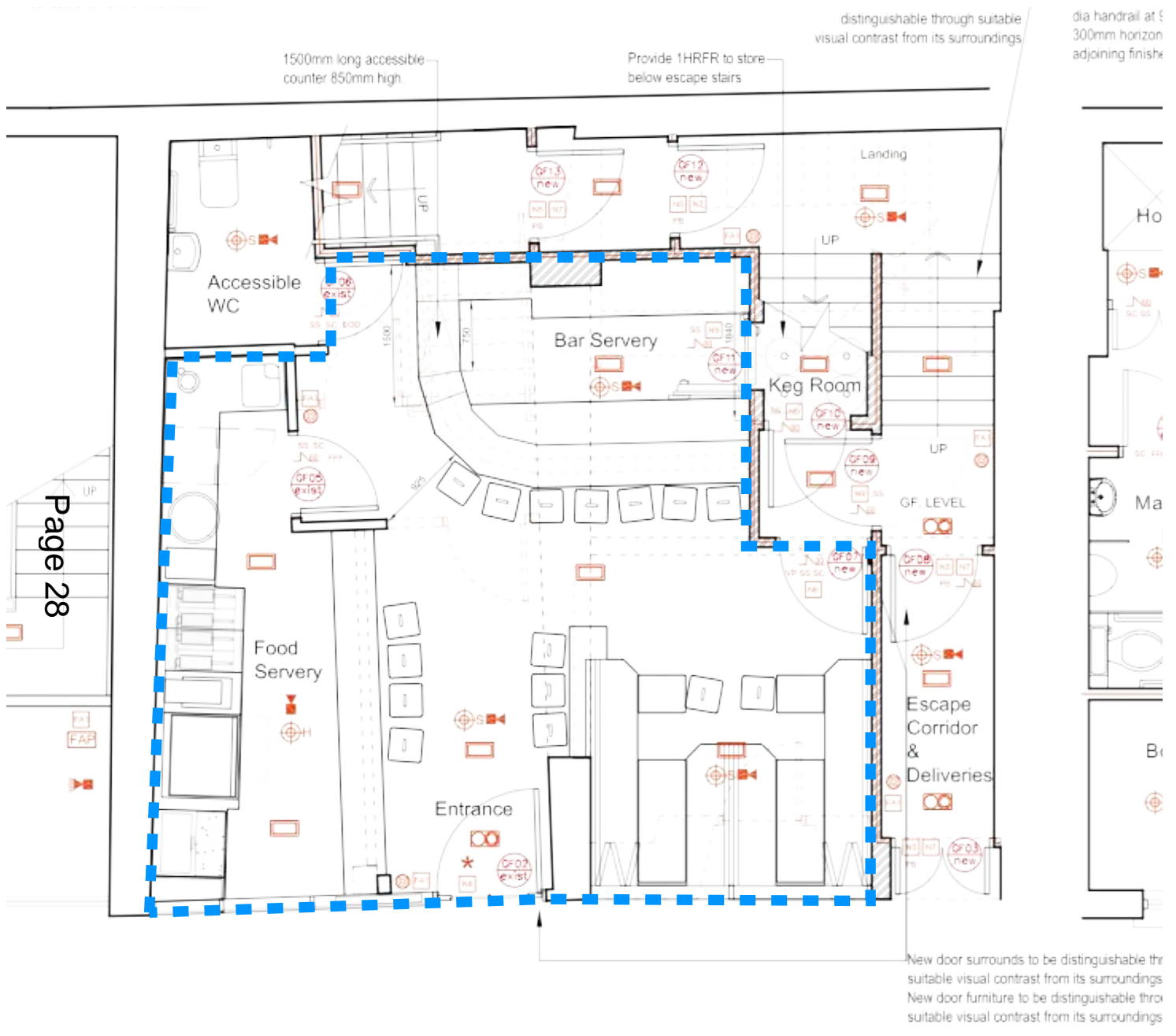
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JK PUBS LISTENING BAR

CHURCH LANE

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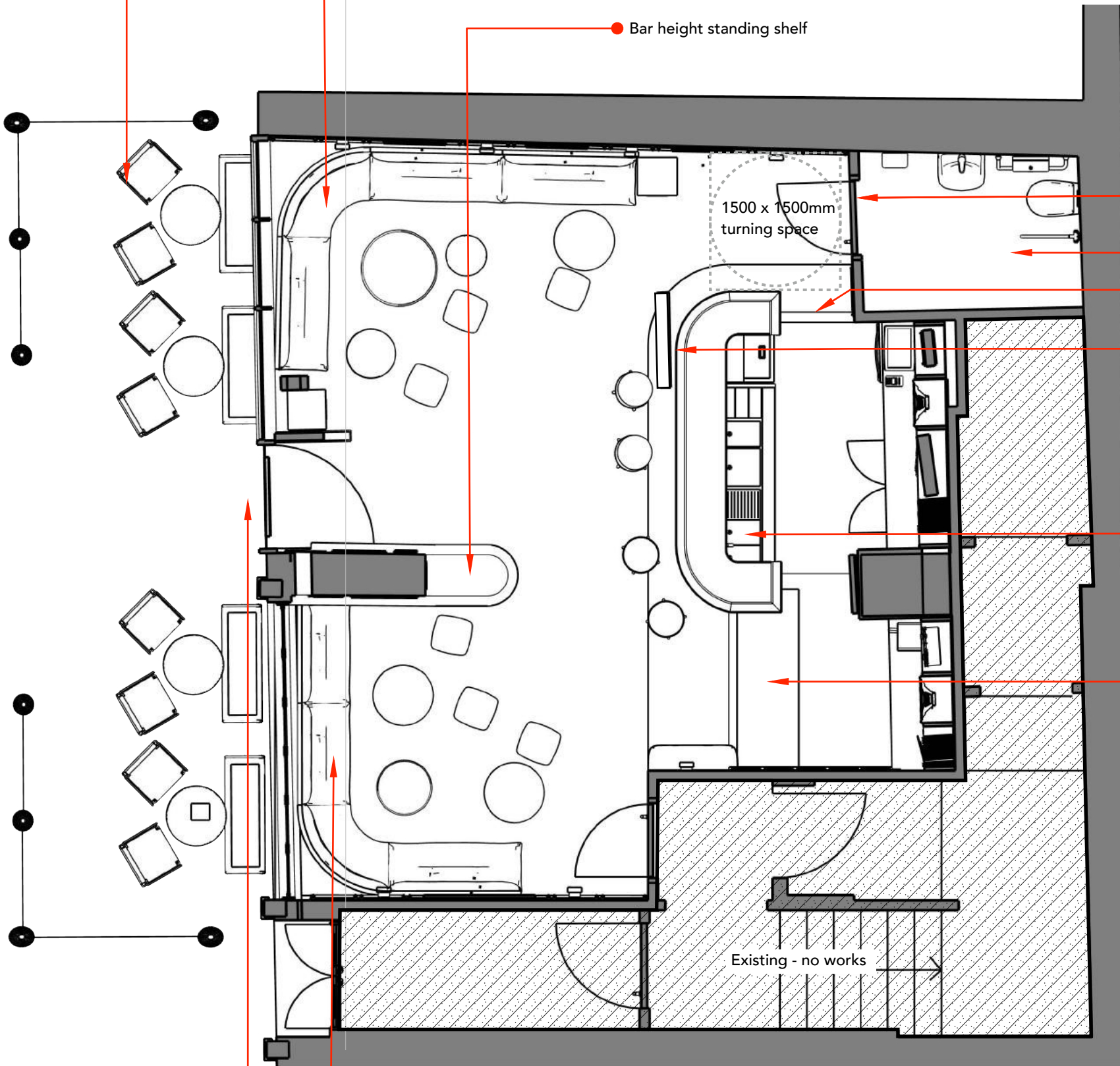


External seating

Banquette style lounge seating

APPROXIMATELY 26 SEATS

Bar height standing shelf



Repositioned WC door

Existing disabled access WC retained

Hatch

Existing block wall with electrical services at high level

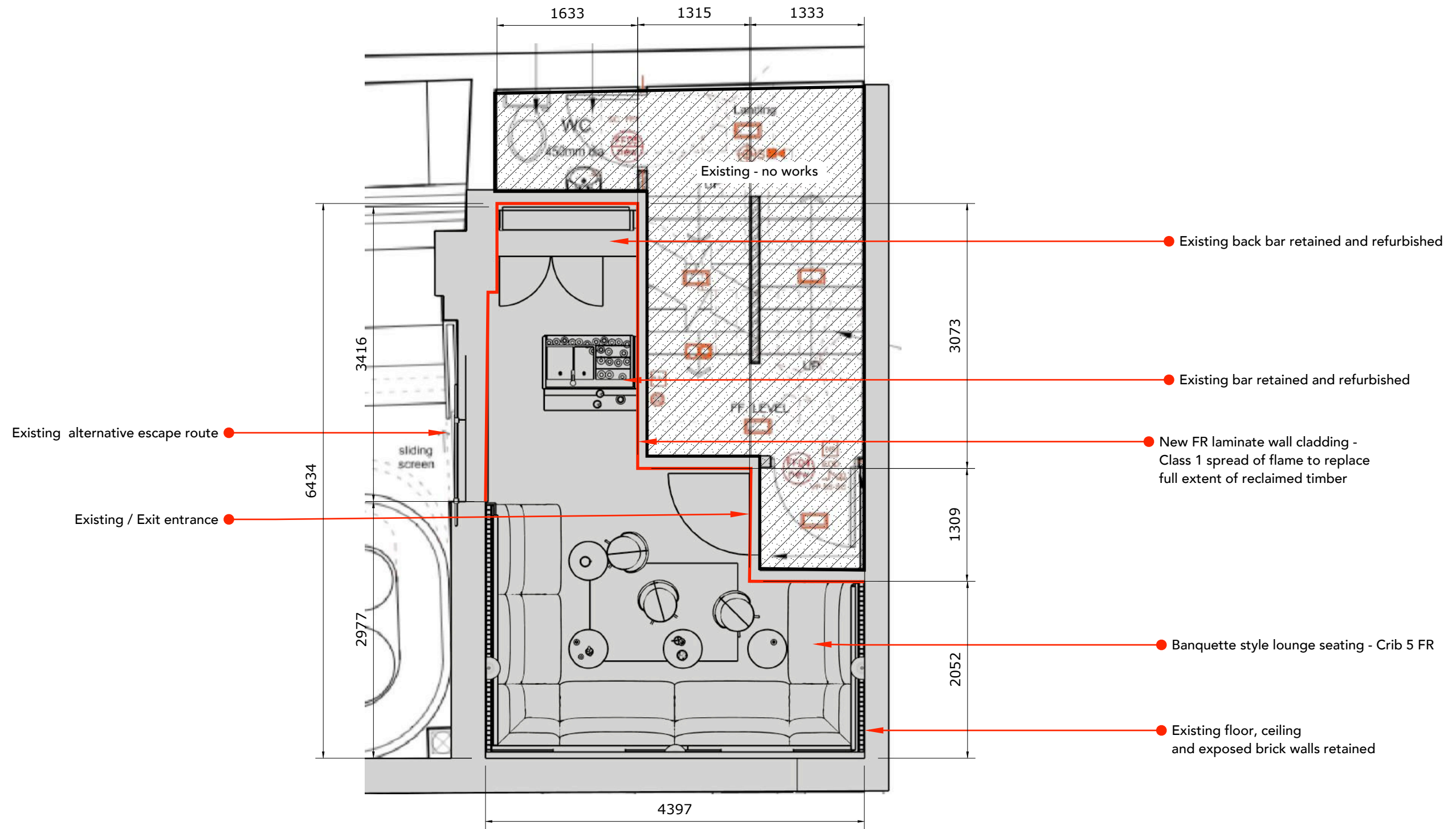
Bar station with double sink, drainer, ice-well, cheater well, & speed rail

Lowered DDA counter section / DJ Area

Existing - no works

Existing entrance

Banquette style lounge seating





Building Control Service
Ground Floor
Cecil Ward Building
4-10 Linenhall Street
Belfast
BT2 8BP

30th October 2025

Dear [REDACTED]

RE:- Variation to EL Muriel's, 12-14 Church Lane
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Please note that District Councils are the lead organisation for Entertainment Licensing and the provisions of the Order under Schedule 1 allows for the application, regulation and restriction following consideration by the licensing authority.

The Order allows for the granting of a licence with conditions with the overarching aim of maximising safety and minimise risk and impact that may result from the granting of a licence.

The role of the Police Service in consideration of entertainment licences is limited however I would highlight current regulatory practice:

- Private Security Industry Act 2001 – covers the requirement for the provision of licensed activities that may impact this application.
- Responsible retailing code (NI) – covers the responsible promotion and retail of alcohol.
- The Registration of Clubs (NI) Order 1996
- The Licensing (NI) Order 1996
- The Licensing and Registration of Clubs (amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2021.

There are no current grounds for PSNI objections to the above application for variation in the entertainment licences and request they are further considered by Belfast City Council, residents, other local business and NIFRS.

Police would request confirmation that an application under Article 44A to permit the selling of alcohol until 2am and consumption until 3am has

been applied for to the Courts and the following special conditions be considered for inclusion on the licence to ensure the peaceful and orderly conduct of the area and that the appropriate number of SIA approved only doorstaff be deployed within the licenced premises.

- The licence holder to take positive steps to manage the premises responsibly in a peaceful and orderly manor
- Robust complaints procedure in place for dealing with residents' concerns expeditiously.
- APPENDIX E – Safer Dancing / Reduction in the supply of drugs within the BCC Rules of Management be complied with ASAP

Please note if a Pavement Café area is included within the Entertainment Licence, an application under the permanent scheme should be made to Belfast City Council ASAP as any existing temporary Pavement Café Licence will no longer be valid.

If the Entertainment Licence application is granted in due course police note that **APPENDIX E – Safer Dancing / Reduction in the supply of drugs within the BCC Rules of Management it is the responsibility of the licence holder. Any breaches or non-compliance should be managed by Belfast City Council.**

Please forward police a copy of the above Entertainment Licences with any special conditions or restrictions with confirmation that all Belfast City Council requirements and conditions including all Building Regulations approvals have been adhered to and that the Licensing (NI) Order 1996 will be adhered to by the licence holder.

Can you please also ensure that the applicant has registered the premises with the ongoing 'Ask for Angela' campaign as we continue to raise awareness for this simple, yet effective initiative that allows those who may find themselves in a vulnerable situation, with a quick and discreet way to access the help they need. Please feel free to share and encourage your applicants to registered and appear on the province wide map.



The Police Service of Northern Ireland has developed a short training package, in partnership with Hospitality Ulster for the 'Ask for Angela' safeguarding initiative

across Northern Ireland. People who feel unsafe, vulnerable or threatened can discreetly seek help by approaching venue staff. Asking for 'Angela' will indicate to trained staff that this person requires help in the form of; reuniting them with a friend, seeing them to a taxi, or by calling venue security and/or Police. The training package for the scheme is now available to access on the Hospitality Ulster website here: <https://hospitalityulster.org/askforangela> or on the Northern Ireland Hotel Federation website here: <https://www.nihf.co.uk/ask-for-angela/> Any venue that wishes to take part must **first register via the link** above to sign up to the scheme and then they will be given access to the bespoke training package for their staff and promotional materials for their venue.

Once venues have signed up they will be added to a map that has been designed to make the public aware of what once venues have signed up they will be added to a map that has been designed to make the public aware of what venues are involved.

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Licensing Constable
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