



Colchester
City Council

Licensing Sub-Committee Hearings Meeting

**Grand Jury Room, Town Hall, High Street,
Colchester, CO1 1PJ**

Thursday, 22 January 2026 at 11:00

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COLCHESTER CITY COUNCIL
Licensing Sub-Committee Hearings
Thursday, 22 January 2026 at 11:00

The Licensing Sub-Committee Hearing Members are:

Elizabeth Alake-Akinyemi - Member, Lewis Barber - Member, Dave Harris - Member

The Licensing Sub-Committee Hearing Substitute Members are:

All members of the Council who are not Cabinet members or members of this Panel who have undertaken the necessary training.

AGENDA
THE LIST OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING
(Part A - open to the public)

Please note that Agenda items 1 to 4 are normally dealt with briefly.

1 Appointment of Chair

To appoint a Chair for the meeting.

2 Welcome and Announcements

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Councillors will be asked to say if they are attending on behalf of a Committee member who is absent.

4 Declarations of Interest

Councillors will be asked to say if there are any items on the agenda about which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest which would prevent them from participating in any discussion of the item or participating in any vote upon the item, or any other registerable interest or non-registerable interest.

5 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Councillors will be invited to confirm that the minutes of the meeting, including those contained in Part B of the agenda, are a correct record.

6 Review of premises licence - Oriental House

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The Sub-Committee will consider an application for a review of the premises licence held in respect of 2 St Botolph's Circus, Colchester, CO2 7EF.

7 Exclusion of the Public (not Scrutiny or Executive)

In accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the public, including the press, from the meeting so that any items containing exempt information (for example confidential personal, financial or legal advice), in Part B of this agenda (printed on yellow paper) can be decided. (Exempt information is defined in Section 100I and Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972).

**Part B
(not open to the public including the press)**

Licensing Sub-Committee draft minutes 30 April 2025

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Licensing Sub-Committee
Wednesday, 18 June 2025

Present: Councillor Alake-Akinyemi, Councillor Barber,
Councillor Powling.

Substitutes: Councillor Osborne for Councillor Buston

104. Appointment of Chair

RESOLVED that: Councillor Powling be appointed Chair for the Sub-Committee hearing.

105. Premises licence application - St Nicholas Square

The Sub-Committee considered a report which asked it to determine an application which had been received for a new premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003 in relation to a premises known as St Nicholas Square, Colchester, CO1 1LB.

Sarah White, Licensing Team Leader, attended the meeting to present the report and assist the Sub-Committee with its enquiries. The application before the Sub-Committee was for a premises licence to enable the sale of alcohol and the provision of films, with details of the timings of these activities contained in the report which was before the Sub-Committee. An objection to the application had been received from a local charity which operated in the vicinity. The Licensing Team Leader advised the Sub-Committee in respect of the types of previously regulated entertainment that no longer required a licence following the implementation of the Deregulation Act. It was not possible to add de-regulated entertainment to a licence.

James Young, Operations Manager for Colchester Amphora Events, applicant, attended the hearing and addressed the Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee heard that the reasoning behind the application for a licence was to enable the provision of entertainment in the premises, while allowing control to be maintained over it. There was no intention to stop or interfere with local businesses, however, a premises licence would allow the site manager and designated premises supervisor (DPS) to exercise control over times of operation and the entertainment programme itself to ensure that events which utilised the space were suitable for the city centre of Colchester.

In response to the disappointment which had been expressed by the objector that they had not been included in a stakeholder group meeting, the applicant explained to the Sub-Committee that in this context the stakeholder group referred to a group which was associated with the animation of the space, and it was not a consultation

group. There had been no intention to stop engagement with the application process, or to stop anyone from submitting a representation in respect of the application, and in fact one of the reasons behind the application was to encourage a wider engagement with plans for the area. The applicant understood the sensitivity of businesses operating in the area and would not wish to affect these detrimentally in any way. Suitable mitigations would be put in place to protect local businesses.

The Sub-Committee sought to understand the effect of deregulation on the activities at the premises. The Licensing Team Leader clarified that between the hours of 8.00am and 11.00pm entertainment was deregulated, meaning that live music would be permitted in that area between those hours. The mechanism for the control of noise from a premises was to call for a review of the premises licence which would then allow the Sub-Committee to impose conditions which would apply to regulated entertainment. Anyone who was affected by activities carried out on the premises would be able to call for a review of the licence.

The applicant re-emphasised that the purpose of the application was to enable control over the site, and it was not intended that events at the premises would be noise focussed, but would include a wide array of events such as Invasion Colchester and a soap box derby event which were designed to bring people into the city. The applicant was keen to work with local businesses and residents and assured the Sub-Committee that a booking system would be in place to ensure that use of the space would be managed, and the Safety Advisory Group (SAG) would be involved when necessary. The applicant believed that the hours which had been applied for were reasonable, and events would be predominantly scheduled for weekends and bank holidays. The proximity of businesses and residents was recognised and care would be taken not to over-populate events.

The Sub-Committee noted that the interested party who had made a representation sought engagement with the applicant, and was concerned about the noise that a premises licence may generate in the area. It sought assurance from the applicant that local concerns would be recognised and engagement exercises carried out, which could help to resolve any potential conflict in the future.

The applicant assured the Sub-Committee that he was very approachable and easy to contact by any local businesses or residents who had concerns. He wished to reassure the Sub-Committee that the area which was the subject of the application was a public open space which would be programmed for the benefit of the people of Colchester, and every comment which was made would be respected and acted upon.

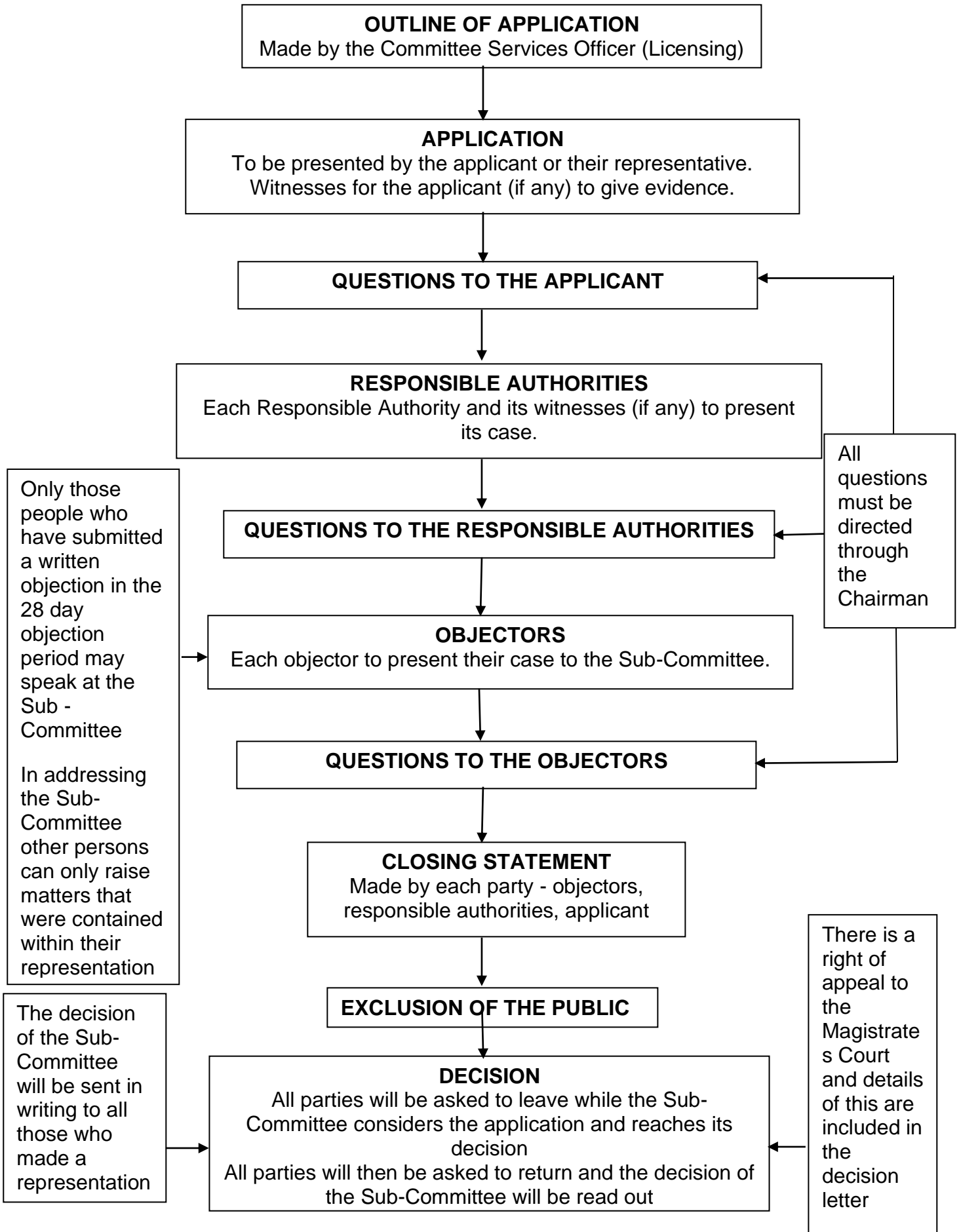
In relation to the sale of alcohol, the applicant advised the Sub-Committee that this was intended to take a variety of forms, with traders selling items such as mulled wine or other seasonal products, for example.

RESOLVED that: The application made by Colchester Amphora Trading Limited for a new premises licence in respect of the premises known as St Nicholas Square, Colchester, be granted.

In reaching its decision, the Sub-Committee carefully considered the information which had been placed before it as part of the application, including the representation which had been made by an interested party.

The Sub-Committee accepted the assertions of the applicant that the application which was before it was designed to provide a range of regulated activities which it was hoped would be to the overall benefit of businesses and visitors to the city centre. It further noted that although it was not possible to place conditions on the licence in relation to live music which was de-regulated, if issues arose in the future and the Licence was subject to review, then such conditions could be applied.

The Licensing Sub-Committee Hearings Process





Licensing Sub-Committee	Agenda Item 6
22 January 2026	FOR GENERAL RELEASE

Purpose of the Report	To determine an application for the review of a premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003
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1. Application for Review

Applicant and Premises	
Application Type	Review
Applicant	Home Office Immigration Enforcement
Premises	Oriental House
Premises Licence Holder	Xin He Wang
Premises Address	2 St Botolph's Circus, Colchester CO2 7EF
Ward	New Town

The Licensing Authority has accepted the application for a review of the premises licence in respect of the Oriental House at 2 St Botolph's Circus, Colchester CO2 7EF which was made by Home Office Immigration Enforcement.

The application was duly served and advertised by the Licensing Authority in accordance Section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003 and the regulations that accompany it.

The review relates to the undermining of the licensing objective of the prevention of crime and disorder by permitting illegal working at the premises.

In support of its application for a review of this premises licence, the applicant has submitted detailed information to evidence the reasons why it believes such a review is necessary.

The application is attached at **Appendix 1**.

Evidence in support of the review is attached at **Appendix 2**.

A letter of support in relation to the review has been submitted by Essex Police and is shown at **Appendix 3**.

The licence is shown at **Appendix 4**.

2. Section 182 Guidance

Reviews arising in connection with crime

11.24 A number of reviews may arise in connection with crime that is not directly connected with licensable activities. For example, reviews may arise because of drugs problems at the premises, money laundering by criminal gangs, the sale of contraband or stolen goods, the sale of firearms, or the sexual exploitation of children. Licensing authorities do not have the power to judge the criminality or otherwise of any issue. This is a matter for the courts. The licensing authority's role when determining such a review is not therefore to establish the guilt or innocence of any individual but to ensure the promotion of the crime prevention objective.

11.25 Reviews are part of the regulatory process introduced by the 2003 Act and they are not part of criminal law and procedure. There is, therefore, no reason why representations giving rise to a review of a premises licence need be delayed pending the outcome of any criminal proceedings. Some reviews will arise after the conviction in the criminal courts of certain individuals, but not all. In any case, it is for the licensing authority to determine whether the problems associated with the alleged crimes are taking place on the premises and affecting the promotion of the licensing objectives. Where a review follows a conviction, it would also not be for the licensing authority to attempt to go beyond any finding by the courts, which should be treated as a matter of undisputed evidence before them.

11.26 Where the licensing authority is conducting a review on the grounds that the premises have been used for criminal purposes, its role is solely to determine what steps should be taken in connection with the premises licence, for the promotion of the crime prevention objective. It is important to recognise that certain criminal activity or associated problems may be taking place or have taken place despite the best efforts of the licence holder and the staff working at the premises and despite full compliance with the conditions attached to the licence. In such circumstances, the licensing authority is still empowered to take any appropriate steps to remedy the problems. The licensing authority's duty is to take steps with a view to the promotion of the licensing objectives and the prevention of illegal working in the interests of the wider community and not those of the individual licence holder.

11.27 There is certain criminal activity that may arise in connection with licensed premises which should be treated particularly seriously. These are the use of the licensed premises:

- for the sale and distribution of drugs controlled under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 and the laundering of the proceeds of drugs crime;
- for the sale and distribution of illegal firearms;
- for the evasion of copyright in respect of pirated or unlicensed films and music, which does considerable damage to the industries affected;
- for the illegal purchase and consumption of alcohol by minors which impacts on the health, educational attainment, employment prospects and propensity for crime of young people;
- for prostitution or the sale of unlawful pornography;
- by organised groups of paedophiles to groom children;

- as the base for the organisation of criminal activity, particularly by gangs;
- for the organisation of racist activity or the promotion of racist attacks;
- for employing a person who is disqualified from that work by reason of their immigration status in the UK;
- for unlawful gambling; and
- for the sale or storage of smuggled tobacco and alcohol.

11.28 It is envisaged that licensing authorities, the police, the Home Office (Immigration Enforcement) and other law enforcement agencies, which are responsible authorities, will use the review procedures effectively to deter such activities and crime. Where reviews arise and the licensing authority determines that the crime prevention objective is being undermined through the premises being used to further crimes, it is expected that revocation of the licence – even in the first instance – should be seriously considered.

3. Policy Context

Policy references are given for guidance only.

Reviews

152. The review of a licensed premises is the key protection for residents and businesses where one or more of the licensing objectives are being undermined and these problems can be linked to the operation of a licensed premises. A responsible authority or any other body can ask for the review of a licence.

153. When considering a review request, or other possible enforcement action, the Licensing Authority will consider all relevant matters and in particular –

- The use of the premises for criminal activities such as the supply of drugs or money laundering
- Failure to promptly respond to a warning given by a responsible authority
- Failure to engage with the responsible authorities in an effective manner
- Previous convictions for licensing offences
- Previous failure to comply with licence conditions

154. The Licensing Authority will not normally engage its role as a responsible authority by calling reviews on behalf of other people, such as local residents or community groups. These individuals are entitled to do so in their own right where there are sufficient grounds to do so.

155. Where responsible authorities have concerns about problems identified at a premises, the Licensing Authority considers it to be good practice for them to give the licence holder early warning of their concerns and the need for improvement. Where possible and/or appropriate it would be expected that advice and guidance in addressing the issue(s) should be given, such as using an Improvement

Plan before bringing the premises to review. Responsible authorities may seek to amend a licence via review where evidence indicates the need for permanent enforceable conditions to be added to a licence.

156. It should be noted that a review can be called without an early warning where a serious situation has occurred, and immediate action is required. Where premises are associated with serious crime and/or disorder a senior Police officer may apply for a summary review of a premises licence.

157. The outcome of a review hearing will not ordinarily have effect until such time as the period given for appealing (normally 21 days) expires or an appeal is disposed of.

4. Options available to the Sub-Committee

The Sub-Committee must take such of the following steps as it considers appropriate to ensure the promotion of the licensing objectives –

- Modify the conditions of the premises licence
- Exclude a licensable activity from the licence
- Remove the Designated Premises Supervisor
- Suspend the licence for a period not exceeding three months
- Revoke the licence

Appendices

Appendix 1	Application for Review
Appendix 2	Supporting documentation
Appendix 3	Letter of Support from Essex Police
Appendix 4	Licence

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**Application for the review of a premises licence or club premises certificate under the
Licensing Act 2003**

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form.
If you are completing this form by hand, please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary. You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

I Home Office Immigration Enforcement

apply for the review of a premises licence under section 51 / apply for the review of a club premises certificate under section 87 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below

Part 1 – Premises or club premises details

Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description	
Oriental House 2 St. Botolphs Circus	
Post town Colchester	Post code (if known) CO2 7EF

Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known)
Xin He Wang

Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known)
004899

Part 2 - Applicant details

I am

Please tick ✓ yes

- 1) an individual, body or business which is not a responsible authority (please read guidance note 1, and complete (A) or (B) below)
- 2) a responsible authority (please complete (C) below)
- 3) a member of the club to which this application relates (please complete (A) below)

(A) DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT (fill in as applicable)

Please tick ✓ yes

Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other title
(for example, Rev)

Surname

First names

I am 18 years old or over

Please tick ✓ yes

**Current postal
address if
different from
premises
address**

Post town

Post Code

Daytime contact telephone number

**E-mail address
(optional)**

(B) DETAILS OF OTHER APPLICANT

Name and address

Telephone number (if any)

E-mail address (optional)

(C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY APPLICANT

Home Office

Immigration Enforcement Licensing Compliance Team (IELCT)

6th Floor, 2 Ruskin Square

Dingwall Road

Croydon

CR0 2WF

Telephone number (if any)

E-mail address (optional)

IE.licensing.reviews@homeoffice.gov.uk

This application to review relates to the following licensing objective(s)

- Please tick one or more boxes ✓
- | | |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1) the prevention of crime and disorder | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2) public safety | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3) the prevention of public nuisance | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4) the protection of children from harm | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please state the ground(s) for review (please read guidance note 2)

Grounds for review:

We have grounds to believe the license holder has failed to meet the licensing objectives of prevention of crime and disorder, as illegal working has been identified at this premises.

Section 36 and Schedule 4 of the Immigration Act 2016 (the 2016 Act) amended the Licensing Act 2003 (the 2003 Act) to introduce immigration safeguards in respect of licensing applications made in England and Wales on or after 6 April 2017. The intention is to prevent illegal working in premises licensed for the sale of alcohol or late-night refreshment.

The Home Secretary (in practice Home Office (Immigration Enforcement)) was added to the list of Responsible Authorities (RA) in the licensing regime, which requires Home Office (Immigration Enforcement) to receive premises licence applications (except regulated entertainment only licences and applications to vary a Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS)), and in some limited circumstances personal licence applications. In carrying out the role of responsible authority, Home Office (Immigration Enforcement) is permitted to make relevant representations and objections to the grant of a licence or request a review of an existing licence as a responsible authority where there is concern that a licence and related licensable activity is prejudicial to the prevention of immigration crime including illegal working.

Please provide as much information as possible to support the application (please read guidance note 3)

Please refer to accompanied review pack for detailed information

Please tick ✓ yes

Have you made an application for review relating to the premises before?

If yes, please state the date of that application

Day	Month	Year

If you have made representations before relating to the premises, please state what they were and when you made them

Please tick ✓ yes

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

IT IS AN OFFENCE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION. THOSE WHO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT MAY BE LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE OF ANY AMOUNT.

Part 3 – Signatures (please read guidance note 4)

Signature of applicant or applicant’s solicitor or other duly authorised agent (please read guidance note 5). **If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity.**

Signature **B. Vece**

Date **26 November 2025**

Capacity **Responsible Authority**.....

Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 6)	
Immigration Enforcement Licensing Compliance Team 6th Floor, 2 Ruskin Square Dingwall Road	
Post town Croydon	Post Code CR0 2WF
Telephone number (if any)	
If you would prefer us to correspond with you using an e-mail address your e-mail address (optional) IE.licensing.reviews@homeoffice.gov.uk	

Notes for Guidance

1. A responsible authority includes the local police, fire and rescue authority and other statutory bodies which exercise specific functions in the local area.
2. The ground(s) for review must be based on one of the licensing objectives.
3. Please list any additional information or details for example dates of problems which are included in the grounds for review if available.
4. The application form must be signed.
5. An applicant’s agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
6. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.



Home Office

Premises Licence Review

Oriental House
2 St Botolphs Circus
Colchester
CO2 7EF

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Case Summary

The East of England Immigration Compliance and Enforcement (ICE) team visited Oriental House, 2 St Botolphs Circus, Colchester CO2 7EF, on 05 February 2025. The enforcement visit was triggered by an adverse reaction to the presence of immigration officers attending an adjacent property. Four staff members at the premises were observed attempting to leave in a hurry upon noticing the uniformed officers. Despite being instructed to remain on site, they failed to comply and exited through an alternative route.

During the visit on 05 February 2025, the officers encountered eight individuals working at Oriental House of which five were identified as not holding right to work.

On 25 June 2025, Immigration Enforcement officers conducted a compliance visit to the premises, where they encountered an individual that was arrested during the previous visit. He fled upon seeing the immigration officers. His reaction was mirrored by four to six other staff members, some of whom had also been arrested during prior visits, as they escaped through the rear exit. Attempts to obtain information from the manager were unsuccessful, as he refused to cooperate, claiming he was busy cooking, raising concerns about continued employment of individuals without the right to work.

Licensed Premises History

The premises licence number is 004899. The licence was issued by Colchester Borough Council and has been held by Xin He WANG. Fui Fun CHENG is listed as the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) for the premises with personal licence 4652 issued by Colchester Borough Council.

Oriental House is listed on Companies House under the company name of Excellent Takeaway Limited. The company registration number is 12293298. Companies House shows that it is currently in liquidation since 27 October 2025. Shuyuan LI is the director appointed on 01 November 2024.

Licensable activities authorised by the licence & times the licence authorises the carrying out of licensable activities:

The sale by retail of alcohol:

Monday to Sunday - 11.00 to 00.00

Late Night Refreshment:

Monday to Friday - 23.00 to 01.00

Saturday and Sunday - 23.00 to 03.00

Where the licence authorises supplies of alcohol:

Alcohol may be served ON the premises

Alcohol may be served OFF the premises

Civil Penalty

A civil penalty of £200,000 was issued to Excellent Takeaway Limited on 24 April 2025 for employing five individuals who had no right to work in the UK. No payment has been received for this penalty, and due to insolvency, the case was referred to a third-party debt collection agency.

Historic Enforcement Visit: 05 March 2014

Immigration Enforcement also visited Oriental House on 05 March 2014. On this occasion the officers observed a very similar scenario to the most recent inspections. Some of the workers encountered on the premises upon seeing the officers attempted to flee and were assisted by other staff members who encouraged them to leave. The visit resulted in four arrests.

Enforcement Visit: 05 February 2025

Entry to the premises was gained at approximately 18:40 hours under Section 179 of the Licensing Act 2003. Upon the officers' arrival, several workers on site attempted to flee via the rear of the premises.

Of the eight individuals found working at the premises, five were identified as not holding right to work:

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██████ was encountered outside the rear of the premises, in a staff only area, whilst smoking a cigarette. The officers recognised him as being the subject of the visit to the next-door premises.

An illegal working interview was conducted with ██████ where he stated that he did not work at Oriental House but occasionally helped due to his lack of accommodation. He stated that he had been helping at the premises for approximately one month, with the task of cutting ingredients. He helped 2 to 3 days per week, for about one hour each time, and he confirmed that these days and hours were consistent.

██████ confirmed that he was not paid for his assistance but was provided with food and allowed to stay upstairs at the premises.

██████ also confirmed that no immigration or right to work checks were conducted prior to being allowed to stay or assist at the premises. He stated that the arrangement was made out of sympathy.

Home Office checks showed ██████ entered the UK in 2014 on a business visit visa with no right to work. Upon the expiry of his visa, he failed to leave the country and made no attempt to regularise his immigration status. At the time of the enforcement visit, ██████ was an overstayer since October 2014 who never held the right to work in the UK.

It is to note that ██████ was later encountered at the premises during a compliance visit. After seeing the officers, he went back in the kitchen and disappeared.

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Upon entering the premises' kitchen, the officers observed ██████ attempting to flee through the rear gate.

An illegal working interview was conducted with ██████ where he admitted to working at the business for approximately four months, primarily assisting in the kitchen. He worked five days a week, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and confirmed that his schedule remained consistent each week. When asked who provided him

with the job, [REDACTED] was unable to name the person responsible, nor could he identify who assigned his daily tasks. In terms of remuneration, [REDACTED] reported receiving £300 per week, paid in cash. He also confirmed that no checks were carried out regarding his right to work or immigration status prior to being offered the position.

Home Office records showed that [REDACTED] entered the UK on a visit visa valid from 14 July 2023 to 14 July 2025. [REDACTED] has never held the right to work in the UK.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was encountered in the basement area of the restaurant, wearing an apron (as shown in the image below) and actively engaged in food preparation. He was observed cutting a piece of fish on a white cutting board. Upon noticing the presence of the officers, [REDACTED] attempted to quickly walk away into another section of the premises.



[REDACTED] when encountered in the kitchen

An illegal working interview was conducted with [REDACTED] where he admitted to working at Oriental House for approximately nine years. His primary responsibilities included preparing fried rice and fried noodles. He worked ten hours per day, from Tuesday to Sunday. When asked who provided him with the job, he stated that he only knew the boss's surname—Wong—and had only seen him around the premises. He explained that tasks are managed collectively among staff, with each person making their own arrangements.

In terms of remuneration, the [REDACTED] stated that he received £450 per week, which included accommodation and food. He was paid both in cash and via bank transfer on a weekly basis.

When questioned about pre-employment checks, [REDACTED] stated that he believed the employer checked his right to work or immigration status and added that he thought he had the right to work.

Home Office checks showed [REDACTED] last valid leave expired on 31 January 2025. There were no outstanding applications at the time of the enforcement visit.

[REDACTED]

Upon entry to the premises, officers observed [REDACTED] at the rear of the restaurant. On seeing the officers, he ran out of the building. He was identified as one of the individuals previously arrested during a visit to a different premises.

An illegal working interview was conducted with [REDACTED] where he initially denied working at the premises. He explained that he was at the restaurant to wish the manager a happy new year, describing the manager—identified as [REDACTED]—as a family friend. [REDACTED] later admitted to occasionally working at the restaurant once or twice a week, having been informed by the boss of another restaurant (where he was previously arrested) that Oriental was short-staffed. When asked why he fled the premises, [REDACTED] claimed that he was instructed to do so by a woman wearing a hat.

[REDACTED] stated that he received food from [REDACTED] in return for his work and confirmed that he did not pay income tax or hold a National Insurance number.

When asked about pre-employment checks, [REDACTED] just said that everyone was aware that he did not have the right to work.

Home Office records show that [REDACTED] entered the UK on a seasonal worker visa valid from June 2022 to December 2022. He overstayed his visa and in October 2024 applied for leave to remain in UK which is still ongoing. At the time of the visit, [REDACTED]'s bail conditions did not permit him the right to work in the UK.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was encountered in the premises' kitchen and refused to engage with the officers.

An illegal working interview was conducted with [REDACTED]. He admitted to having been working at the business but only for two days. His role involved carrying out any tasks requested of him, working approximately four hours per day. [REDACTED] explained that he was recommended for the position by a friend, identified as one of the other

illegal workers present, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that he received a payment of £20 per day along with food and confirmed that living accommodation was also provided as part of the arrangement.

[REDACTED] did not provide any further information and appeared highly reluctant to engage with the officers.

Home Office checks showed [REDACTED] entered the UK in March 2017 and claimed for protection. His protection claim was withdrawn due to absconding in September 2017. At the time of the visit [REDACTED] was an absconder since 2017 and had no right to live and work in UK.

Compliance Visit 25 June 2025

Following the visit on 05 February 2025, Immigration Enforcement conducted a compliance inspection at Oriental House on 25 June 2025. Upon arrival, officers were greeted by a female staff member. Shortly thereafter, a male worker emerged from the kitchen to the front of the premises—identified as [REDACTED], who had been arrested during the visit on 05 February 2025 due to no right to live and work in UK. Upon recognising the officers, he quickly retreated into the kitchen and disappeared.

This reaction was mirrored by approximately four to six other staff members, some of whom had also been arrested during prior visits. These individuals, recognised by the officers, fled through the rear exit of the premises and down the street. Attempts to gather further information from the manager were unsuccessful, as he refused to engage with the officers, stating he was occupied with cooking duties in the kitchen.

Reasons for Review

Section 36 and Schedule 4 of the Immigration Act 2016 amended the Licensing Act 2003 to introduce immigration safeguards in respect of licensing applications made in England and Wales on or after 06 April 2017. The intention is to prevent illegal working in premises licensed for the sale of alcohol or late-night refreshment.

Immigration Enforcement has conducted three separate visits to Oriental House, and, on each occasion, people present at the business have attempted to flee from the officers. Notably, some of the illegal workers were encountered twice at Oriental House and once at a nearby affiliated business. This repeated presence of illegal workers suggests that the business owner not only routinely employs individuals without the legal right to work but has also failed to take any corrective action following previous enforcement visits.

The individuals encountered all admitted to working in exchange for food, accommodation, and cash payments. They further stated that no checks were carried out by the employer regarding their immigration status or their right to work prior to employment. In some cases, workers confirmed that the employer was aware of their lack of legal entitlement to work in the UK. With multiple incidents of non-compliance, going back several years, the employer appears to have total disregard for immigration laws, and therefore failing to uphold the prevention of crime and disorder objective.

Furthermore, the employment of illegal workers provides an unfair competitive advantage and deprives the UK economy of tax revenue. During the interviews conducted, workers confirmed receiving food, accommodation and money as forms of payment. Illegal workers are generally paid off the books, often in cash, meaning National Insurance contributions or Income Tax are not paid to the relevant government departments. Employers of illegal workers exploit these employees, by providing accommodation and food, instead of payment for the work they carry out, or providing them with correct remuneration, inline with the minimum wage. This is an indicator of labour exploitation.

All employers are legally obligated to conduct right-to-work checks, and comprehensive guidance is readily available online. It is a criminal offence to work without the legal right to do so, and such offences can only occur with the cooperation or negligence of the premises licence holder or their agents. Furthermore, it is an offence to employ an individual when there is reason to believe they are not legally permitted to work.

In addition, a civil penalty referral notice was served based on the findings of officers. This referral was considered by the Civil Penalty Compliance Team.

Under Section 15 of the Immigration, Asylum and Nationality (IAN) Act 2006, employers can face a civil penalty if they employ someone who does not have the legal right to work in the UK. The civil penalty process is administered by a separate team.

The Civil Penalty Compliance Team (CPCT) issued a civil penalty of £200,000 to Excellent Takeaway Limited on 24 April 2025 for employing five individuals who had no right to work in the UK. No payment has been received for this penalty and, due to insolvency action, the case was referred to a third-party debt collection agency.

Section 182 guidance at point 11.27 states that certain activity should be treated particularly seriously, including employing someone who is disqualified from that work by reason of their immigration status in the UK. Point 11.28 of the guidance states that it is expected that revocation of the licence—even in the first instance—should be seriously considered.

Immigration Enforcement submits that, for commercial gain, those responsible for managing the premises knowingly employed individuals who were not legally permitted to work. Given the deliberate nature of these actions, a warning or any measure short of a formal review is deemed inappropriate. Accordingly, Immigration Enforcement has proceeded to review the premises licence.

Outcome Sought

The objective of the Licensing Act 2003 (the Act) is to provide a clear, transparent framework for making decisions about applications by individuals or businesses wishing to sell or supply alcohol or provide certain types of regulated entertainment and late-night refreshment.

There are four licensing objectives which underpin the Act, and which need to be taken into account and promoted throughout the licensing process.

The licensing objectives are:

- the prevention of crime and disorder
- public safety
- the prevention of public nuisance and
- the protection of children from harm.

Oriental House under the control of Xin He WANG has been found employing illegal workers. The licence holder has deliberately overlooked the rules and laws in place to prevent crime and disorder. The licence holder would have been aware of his responsibilities to uphold the licensing objectives as they are clearly defined as part of the premises licence application.

Immigration Enforcement asks that the premises licence is **revoked**.

Merely remedying the existing situation (for instance by the imposition of additional conditions or a suspension) is insufficient to act as a deterrent to the licence holder and other premises' licence holders from employing illegal workers and facilitating disqualified immigrants to work illegally.

This submission and appended documents provide the licensing subcommittee with background arguments and information pertinent to that contention. These provide the sub-committee with a sound and defensible rationale as to why it should **revoke** the licence.

Appendix – Supporting Evidence

Entry_to_Premises_Oriental_House,_2_St_Botolph's_Circus,_Colchester,_Essex,
_CO2_7EF_(Visit_Address)_

Encounter_ -Complete

Illegal_Working-Employee_

Encounter_ -Complete

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Encounter_ -Complete

Illegal_Working-Employee_

Entry to Premises					
Details					
Type of work	Visit				
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Created by	[REDACTED]				
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Power of Entry					
Entry gained?	No				
Time of attempted entry	18:35				
Reason for non-entry	Upon entry to premises multiple members of staff fled from premises. Leaving a few younger females who were not qualified to give consent stating they only worked part time and did not know about any of the employment records or checks. Female members of staff stated they had only been there for a short period of time.				
Subject Declaration					
I confirm that I give consent for Immigration Enforcement to enter the premises. My rights have been explained to me and I understand that I may withdraw the consent.					
No signature provided					
Notice to Occupier					
Are you the officer that served the Notice to Occupier?					
Notes					
No notes entered.					

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Languages spoken	Mandarin						
Interpreter used?	Yes						
Interpreter details	██████████						
Does the individual understand the interpreter?	Yes						
Encounter							
Encountering officer	██████████ - Officer						
Is this encounter related to a Small Boats event?	No						
Is this person the subject of the visit?	No						
Prior to Schedule 2 examination, did you suspect an Immigration Offence?	Yes						
Why do you suspect the person of an immigration offence?	individual was recognised as being the subject of the visit to the next door premises						
Where was the person located?	Outside the rear of the premises smoking a cigarette						

Declared immigration status	Overstayer
How and when did the subject last enter the UK?	2014 by plane at Heathrow
CIDPID/CEPR	██████████
Are there any vulnerabilities/trafficking/safeguarding issues?	No
Are you taking enforcement action?	Yes
References (Person ID, HO Ref, Port Ref, BRP)	
Biographic search results	Systems checked Atlas Result of checks Overstayer Does the person have an open absconder status on Atlas Person Alerts? No Status returned by system checks
Photo of Subject	
Do you want to take a photograph of the subject?	Yes
Powers used	Paragraph 18(2) Schedule 2 Immigration Act 1971

Photo of subject



subject

Identity Documentation

Document 1

Identity

[REDACTED]

Document type

Document reference

Issuing authority

Document issue date

Document expiry date

Country of issue (if different from nationality above)

Is the person the rightful holder of the document?

Is the document falsified?

Is the document in the possession of the Home Office?

Suspected fraudulent

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Illegal Working - Employee

Details


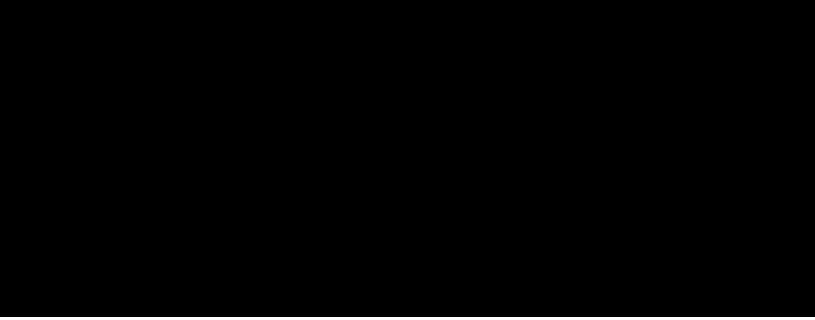
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Language of Interview

What language is the interview carried out in?	Mandarin
Interpreter used?	Yes
Details of interpreter	██████████
Does the individual understand the interpreter?	Yes

Obligation

How long have you been working at this business?	I don't work here, I don't have anywhere to live so sometimes I help out here
Okay so do you help out here?	Sometimes
How long have you been helping out at oriental house?	1 month, when they are busy I help a little bit
What is your job role/ what are your duties?	I help cut things sometimes
What days/ hours do you work each week?	2 to 3 days per week and each time for 1 hour
Do you work the same hours/ days every week?	Yes

Control	
Who gave you this job (name and role in business)?	I don't know the name
Who tells you what days/ hours to work?	I don't know the name
Remuneration	
How are you paid (money, accommodation, food)?	No money they just give me food and let me stay upstairs
Pre-employment Checks	
Did the employer check your right to work or immigration status before they offered you the job?	No they let me stay here out of sympathy
Additional Questions	
No details provided.	
Photographs	
No photographs.	
Declaration	
I confirm that I have understood all the questions and that the details are true and correct.	
Interviewee signature 	 05-02-2025 18:16:53
Observations	
Observations	Seen in staff only area
Do you suspect this person of illegal working?	Yes
Management Checks Complete	
Date management checks complete	02-04-2025 14:12:14

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Interpreter used?	Yes				
Interpreter details	██████████				
Does the individual understand the interpreter?	No				
Encounter					
Encountering officer	██████████ Officer				
Is this encounter related to a Small Boats event?	No				
Is this person the subject of the visit?	No				
Prior to Schedule 2 examination, did you suspect an Immigration Offence?	Yes				
Why do you suspect the person of an immigration offence?	upon entry to premises individual attempted to flee out of rear gate subsequently arrested.				
Where was the person located?	Kitchen/rear courtyard				

Declared immigration status	No status
How and when did the subject last enter the UK?	July 2024 via airport but can't remember which.
CIDPID/CEPR	██████████
Are there any vulnerabilities/trafficking/safeguarding issues?	No
Are you taking enforcement action?	Yes
References (Person ID, HO Ref, Port Ref, BRP)	
Biographic search results	Systems checked Atlas, Person Check Result of checks Trace Does the person have an open absconder status on Atlas Person Alerts? No Status returned by system checks
Photo of Subject	
Do you want to take a photograph of the subject?	Yes
Powers used	Paragraph 18(2) Schedule 2 Immigration Act 1971

Photo of subject



Individual

Identity Documentation

No documentation provided.

Notes

No notes entered.

Illegal Working - Employee

Details

Type of work	Visit	
Visit reference	[REDACTED]	
Created by	[REDACTED]	
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Language of Interview

What language is the interview carried out in?	Mandarin
Interpreter used?	Yes
Details of interpreter	[REDACTED]
Does the individual understand the interpreter?	Yes

Obligation

How long have you been working at this business?	4 months
What is your job role/ what are your duties?	I help in the kitchen
What days/ hours do you work each week?	5 days a week 5pm-9pm
Do you work the same hours/ days every week?	Yes

Control

Who gave you this job (name and role in business)?	I don't know the name.
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Who tells you what tasks/ duties to do each day?	I don't know their name.
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Remuneration

How are you paid (money, accommodation, food)?	I get paid in cash.
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If money, how much and how do you receive it?	£300 a week
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Pre-employment Checks

Did the employer check your right to work or immigration status before they offered you the job?	No
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Additional Questions

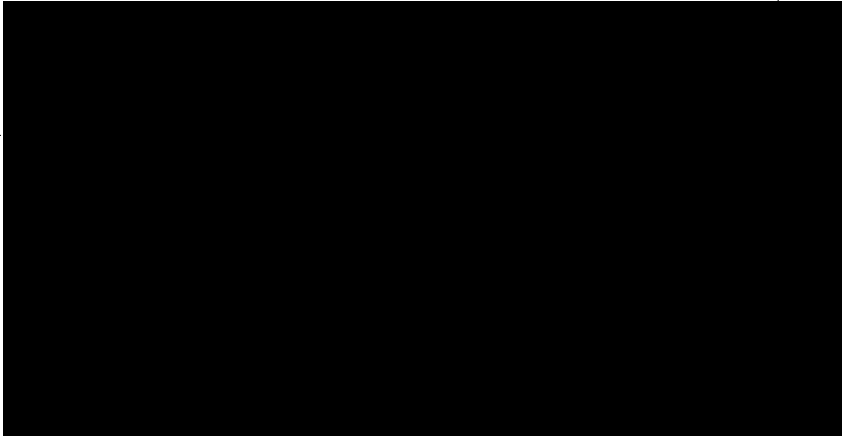
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Photographs

No photographs.

Declaration

I confirm that I have understood all the questions and that the details are true and correct.

Interviewee signature [REDACTED]	 05-02-2025 18:22:39
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Observations

Observations

Do you suspect this person of illegal working?	Yes
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Management Checks Complete

Date management checks complete	02-04-2025 14:07:16
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Interpreter used?	Yes						
Interpreter details	Big Word						
Does the individual understand the interpreter?	Yes						
Encounter							
Encountering officer	██████████ Officer						
Is this encounter related to a Small Boats event?	No						
Is this person the subject of the visit?	No						
Prior to Schedule 2 examination, did you suspect an Immigration Offence?	Yes						
Why do you suspect the person of an immigration offence?	Individual was encountered working in the lower part of the restaurant as you access from the rear. individual was cutting a piece for fish on a white cutting board. individual tried to quickly walk into another part of the premises when officers entered.						

Where was the person located?	In the basement/bottom area of the restaurant
Declared immigration status	I am okay
How and when did the subject last enter the UK?	States for 25 years
CIDPID/CEPR	[REDACTED]
Are there any vulnerabilities/trafficking/safeguarding issues?	No
Are you taking enforcement action?	Yes
References (Person ID, HO Ref, Port Ref, BRP)	[REDACTED]
Biographic search results	Systems checked Person Check Result of checks Does the person have No an open absconder status on Atlas Person Alerts? Status returned by system checks
Photo of Subject	
Do you want to take a photograph of the subject?	Yes
Powers used	Paragraph 18(2) Schedule 2 Immigration Act 1971

Photo of subject



Picture of individual

Identity Documentation

Document 1

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Illegal Working - Employee

Details

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Language of Interview

What language is the interview carried out in?	Mandarin
Interpreter used?	Yes
Details of interpreter	S
Does the individual understand the interpreter?	Yes

Obligation


How long have you worked at Oriental?	I have worked here for 9 years
What is your job role/ what are your duties?	I am charge of the fried rice and the fried noodles
What days/ hours do you work each week?	I work ten hours per day Tuesday to sunday at oriental

Control

Who gave you this job (name and role in business)?	I know the bosses sir name is Wong I have only seen him around
Who tells you what tasks/ duties to do each day?	When I work here we all take care of everything here and make our own arrangements

Remuneration	
How are you paid (money, accommodation, food)?	I get 450 pounds per week. I get accommodation and food included in my salary
How are you paid (money, accommodation, food)?	I get paid in cash and bank transfer and weekly too
Pre-employment Checks	
Did the employer check your right to work or immigration status before they offered you the job?	I think they did I think I have the right to work
Additional Questions	
No details provided.	
Photographs	
No photographs.	
Declaration	
I confirm that I have understood all the questions and that the details are true and correct.	
Subject has refused to provide a signature.	
Employee read the contents of the interview themselves	No
Contents read back to the employee in the language used during the interview	Yes
Observations	
Observations	Individual was encountered working in the lower part of the restaurant as you access from the rear. individual was cutting a piece for fish on a white cutting board. individual tried to quickly walk into another part of the premises when officers entered.
Do you suspect this person of illegal working?	Yes
Management Checks Complete	
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Languages							
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Interpreter used?	No						
Encounter							
Encountering officer	██████████ - Officer_Admin						
Is this encounter related to a Small Boats event?	No						
Is this person the subject of the visit?	No						
Prior to Schedule 2 examination, did you suspect an Immigration Offence?	Yes						
Why do you suspect the person of an immigration offence?	male has run out of the restaurant when officers entered the premises						
Where was the person located?	Rear of the restaurant						
Declared immigration status	Family human rights application						
How and when did the subject last enter the UK?	2022, on skilled worker visa						

CIDPID/CEPR	██████████
Are there any vulnerabilities/trafficking/safeguarding issues?	No
Are you taking enforcement action?	Yes
References (Person ID, HO Ref, Port Ref, BRP)	
Biographic search results	Systems checked Result of checks Does the person have an open absconder status on Atlas Person Alerts? No Status returned by system checks
Photo of Subject	
Do you want to take a photograph of the subject?	Yes
Powers used	Paragraph 18(2) Schedule 2 Immigration Act 1971
Photo of subject	 <p>the individual</p>

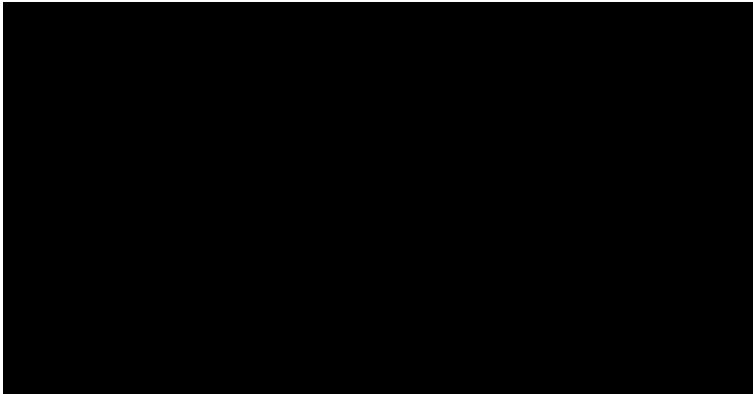
Identity Documentation

No documentation provided.

Notes

No notes entered.

Illegal Working - Employee					
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Interpreter used?	No				
Obligation					
How long have you been working at this business?	I'm not working here				
why are you in this premesis	I know the manager and came to say happy new year				
how do you know the manager	Family friend, [REDACTED]				
What days/ hours do you work each week?	Once or twice a week				
why did you run out of premesis	The lady with a hat told me to run,				
Control					
Who gave you this job (name and role in business)?	The boss at the other restaurant where you arrested me last time said they are sort staff here so I came to help				
Who tells you what tasks/ duties to do each day?	I don't know the name				
Remuneration					
How are you paid (money, accommodation, food)?	Food				

who let's you have food	████
Do you pay income tax or have a National Insurance number?	Not yet
Pre-employment Checks	
Did the employer check your right to work or immigration status before they offered you the job?	Yes everyone knows I can't work
Additional Questions	
No details provided.	
Photographs	
No photographs.	
Declaration	
I confirm that I have understood all the questions and that the details are true and correct.	
Interviewee signature (████ ████	 05-02-2025 18:06:47
Observations	
Observations	When officers entered the premises he has run out of the back of the restaurant and been arrested. He was previously arrested at another visit and has been granted bail/ new application. He states he came here to eat food and the manager █████ let's him cook
Do you suspect this person of illegal working?	Yes
Management Checks Complete	
Date management checks complete	02-04-2025 14:03:57
Reviewer(s)	████

Encounter							
Details							
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Interpreter used?	Yes						
Interpreter details	██████████						
Does the individual understand the interpreter?	Yes						
Encounter							
Encountering officer	██████████ - Officer						
Is this encounter related to a Small Boats event?	No						
Is this person the subject of the visit?	No						
Prior to Schedule 2 examination, did you suspect an Immigration Offence?	Yes						
Why do you suspect the person of an immigration offence?	The individual refused to engage with officers.						
Where was the person located?	Kitchen area						

Declared immigration status	Asylum claim
How and when did the subject last enter the UK?	20 March 2017 Gatwick Airport
CIDPID/CEPR	██████████
Are there any vulnerabilities/trafficking/safeguarding issues?	No
Are you taking enforcement action?	Yes
References (Person ID, HO Ref, Port Ref, BRP)	
Biographic search results	Systems checked Atlas, Person Check Result of checks Asylum withdrawn 2017 Does the person have an open absconder status on Atlas Person Alerts? Yes Status returned by system checks
Photo of Subject	
Do you want to take a photograph of the subject?	Yes
Powers used	Paragraph 18(2) Schedule 2 Immigration Act 1971

Photo of subject



photo of individual

Identity Documentation

No documentation provided.

Notes

No notes entered.

Management Checks Complete

Date management checks complete 07-02-2025 10:17:52

Reviewer(s)



Illegal Working - Employee

Details

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Creation date	05-02-2025 18:27:09				

Language of Interview

What language is the interview carried out in?	Mandarin
Interpreter used?	Yes
Details of interpreter	See encounter
Does the individual understand the interpreter?	Yes

Obligation

How long have you been working at this business?	2 days
What is your job role/ what are your duties?	I do anything that's asked of him
What days/ hours do you work each week?	4hrs per day
Who gave you this job	Recommended by a friend
Does that friend work here today	No.
How is friend linked to the business	My friend is to the left of me.
Who is your friend	[REDACTED]
How much have you been paid	£20 per day and food.

Is living accommodation a part of the job	Yes
Control	
No details provided.	
Remuneration	
No details provided.	
Pre-employment Checks	
No details provided.	
Additional Questions	
No details provided.	
Photographs	
No photographs.	
Declaration	
I confirm that I have understood all the questions and that the details are true and correct.	
Interviewee signature ([REDACTED])	 05-02-2025 18:34:37
Observations	
Observations	Very reluctant to speak with officers.
Do you suspect this person of illegal working?	Yes
Management Checks Complete	
Date management checks complete	07-02-2025 10:17:54
Reviewer(s)	[REDACTED]



05 December 2025

Alcohol & Late-Night Refreshment Team,
Interventions & Sanctions Directorate,
Home Office,
3rd Floor,
Apollo House,
36 Wellesley Road
Croydon,
CR9 3RR

IE.AlcoholReviews@homeoffice.gov.uk

Re: Premises Licence Review - Oriental House, CO2 7EF

Dear Sirs,

Home Office Immigration Enforcement (HOIE) are leading on this case providing evidence for these proceedings. The fact that HOIE lead on such cases reflects that those Responsible Authorities are often best placed to make applications in regards the prevention of crime and disorder (including the prevention of illegal working) within their local area. In this case, Home Office Immigration Enforcement are the appropriate Responsible Authority to take enforcement action.

HOIE's work with Essex Police includes sharing data under the Licensing Act 2003. Section 185 of the Act provides that Responsible Authorities may share data with each other for these purposes.

The absence of specific Essex Police representations on such a case does not mean that Essex Police are not supporting HOIE. It reflects the fact that we work closely with HOIE to identify people who are working illegally.

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In the case that Essex Police had discovered the HOIE's findings, then Essex Police would have been the Responsible Authority making this application in regards to the prevention of crime and disorder, including the prevention of illegal working.

Essex Police fully support reviewing the premises licence as the most appropriate course of action.

Yours faithfully,

Eloise Clackson 42082865
Alcohol Licensing Officer



Colchester Borough
Council
Premises Licence

Granted under the Licensing Act 2003 s18

Colchester Borough Council
Licensing Team
PO Box 889
Town Hall
Colchester CO1 1FL

Premises licence number: 004899

PART 1 - PREMISES DETAILS	
Oriental House 2 St. Botolphs Circus Colchester	
Post town:	Post code: CO2 7EF
Telephone number at premises: 01206 760150	

Date Licence Granted: 3rd October 2005 Annual Fee Date: 2nd October 2009

Regulated Activities authorised by this licence:	
Performance of Plays	
Film Exhibitions	
Indoor Sporting Events	
Boxing or Wrestling Entertainment	
Performance of Live Music	
Playing of Recorded Music	Licensed
Performance of Dance	
Other Music or Dance Entertainment (see Schedule)	Licensed
Facilities for Making Music	
Facilities for Dancing	
Other Facilities for Music & Dance	
Late Night Refreshment	Licensed
Sale by Retail of Alcohol	Licensed

The times the licence authorises the carrying out of licensable activities:		
a) The sale by retail of alcohol :-		
Monday	11.00 to 00.00	
Tuesday	11.00 to 00.00	
Wednesday	11.00 to 00.00	
Thursday	11.00 to 00.00	
Friday	11.00 to 00.00	
Saturday	11.00 to 00.00	
Sunday	11.00 to 00.00	
Seasonal Variations		
Non-Standard Times	From 10.00 New Year's Eve until 23.00 New Year's Day	
b) The provision of regulated entertainment and entertainment facilities: –		
	Performance of Plays	Exhibition of Films
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday		
Seasonal Variations		
Non-Standard Times		
	Indoor Sporting Events	Boxing or Wrestling Entertainment
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday		
Seasonal Variations		
Non-Standard Times		
	Performance of Live Music	Playing of Recorded Music
Monday		12.00 to 00.30
Tuesday		12.00 to 00.30
Wednesday		12.00 to 00.30
Thursday		12.00 to 00.30
Friday		12.00 to 00.30
Saturday		12.00 to 00.30
Sunday		12.00 to 00.30
Seasonal Variations		
Non-Standard Times		

	Performance of Dance	Other Music or Dance Entertainment
Monday		12.00 to 00.30
Tuesday		12.00 to 00.30
Wednesday		12.00 to 00.30
Thursday		12.00 to 00.30
Friday		12.00 to 00.30
Saturday		12.00 to 00.30
Sunday		12.00 to 00.30
Seasonal Variations		
Non-Standard Times		
	Facilities for Making Music	Facilities for Dancing
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday		
Seasonal Variations		
Non-Standard Times		
	Other Facilities for Music & Dance	Late Night Refreshment
Monday		23.00 to 01.00
Tuesday		23.00 to 01.00
Wednesday		23.00 to 01.00
Thursday		23.00 to 01.00
Friday		23.00 to 01.00
Saturday		23.00 to 03.00
Sunday		23.00 to 03.00
Seasonal Variations		
Non-Standard Times		

The Opening Hours of the Premises	
Monday	11.00 to 01.30
Tuesday	11.00 to 01.30
Wednesday	11.00 to 01.30
Thursday	11.00 to 01.30
Friday	11.00 to 01.30
Saturday	11.00 to 03.30
Sunday	11.00 to 03.30
Seasonal Variations	
Non-Standard Times	

Where the licence authorises supplies of alcohol, whether these are on and/or off supplies:

Alcohol may be served ON the premises
 Alcohol may be served OFF the premises

PART 2	
Name, (registered) address, telephone number and e-mail (where relevant) of holder(s) of premises licence	
Licence Holder 1	Licence Holder 2
Mr Xin He Wang 2 St. Botolphs Circus Colchester CO2 7EF Tel: 01206 760150 E-mail:	Tel: E-mail:

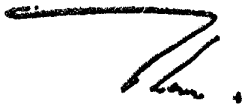
Registered number of holder; for example, company number, charity number (where applicable):

Name, address and telephone number of designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises the supply of alcohol:

Mrs Fui Fun Cheng

Personal licence number and issuing authority of personal licence held by designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises the supply of alcohol:

xxx



Simon Harvey
Licensing Manager

25th November 2008
Date of issue

Annex 1 – Mandatory Conditions

Alcohol

1. No sale/supply of alcohol shall be made when there is no Designated Premises Supervisor in respect of the Premises Licence.

2. No sale/supply of alcohol shall be made when the Designated Premises Supervisor does not hold a Personal Licence or when his/her Personal Licence is suspended.

3. Every sale/supply of alcohol under the Premises Licence shall be made, or authorised by a person who holds a Personal Licence.

Door Supervision

Where a premises licence includes a condition that at specified times one or more individuals must be present at the premises to carry out a security activity, they must be licensed by the Security Industry Authority

Annex 2 – Embedded Restrictions

Annex 3 – Conditions Carried Forward on Conversion

Annex 4 – Conditions Consistent with the Operating Schedule

General - all objectives

The Premises are situated in a busy business location with some residential units. The applicants are mindful of their responsibilities to their neighbours and try to ensure their clients leave the premises quietly, in particular the 'takeaway' clients who frequent the premises at later times.

The supply of alcohol is strictly controlled, anybody appearing to be under the age of 21 is requested to provide photo ID proving they are at least 18 years old, failure to provide suitable ID is refused to be served alcohol.

Prevention of Crime & Disorder

The Premises are well policed by the applicants and other experienced staff. Anybody who appears to be under the influence of alcohol is requested to leave the premises.

Public Safety

The bar areas are regularly policed to ensure there is no obstruction of emergency exits. There is also emergency lighting illuminating exits and fire equipment is regularly inspected and maintained.

Prevention of Public Nuisance

The premises attract a regular clientele and they in general are well behaved. Regular reminders are issued to customers to leave the premises in an orderly fashion to limit noise.

Protection of Children

Children are not allowed in the bar area although they do attend functions and when dining in the restaurant they are however accompanied.

Annex 5 – Conditions Attached after a Hearing by the Licensing Authority

