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Crime Impact Statement: Lite

The Alchemist, One New York Street

Outdoor Seating Area

For Emery Planning Partnership

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Executive Summary

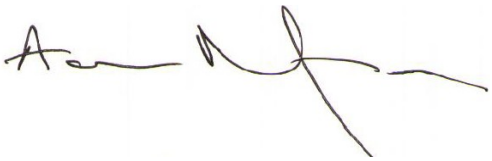
☐ **Significant material changes are advised**

☐ **Proposal is satisfactory in principle but minor changes are advised**

☒ **Proposal is generally acceptable subject to the advice in this report**

There have been 17 calls to the Police in the past 12 months from these premises, only one of which resulted in a crime being recorded (personal theft). The remaining calls for assistance have been of a more minor nature within the premises or related to incidents outside of the premises on the street, for example, asking the Police to intervene in disorder on the street, not apparently related to these premises. On one occasion the Police have been called in relation to misuse of the outdoor seating by a vagrant.

Overall, I am satisfied that the seating area is well set out and managed, and I am happy to support its continued use as such.



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1 The Site

1.1.1 The Alchemist is a restaurant situated on the southern side of New York Street, and is one of the commercial units on the ground floor of One New York Street. An external seating area has been operating for approximately 12 months – *see image right*.



1.1.2 New York Street is a busy, city centre, one-way street on the northern edge of Chinatown. The immediate area is dominated by office accommodation and restaurants.

1.1.3 The street itself has undergone public realm improvements in recent years, which has positively changed the ambience of the street.

2 Crime Statistics & Analysis

All data below is based on crimes recorded between 1st May 2012 and 30th April 2013.

2.1 Crime Count

Figure 1: Recorded Crime in Km² Centred on Site

Burglary Dwelling	Burglary Other	Criminal Damage	Less Serious Wounding	Misc. Thefts	Robbery	Serious Wounding	Theft from Motor Vehicle	Theft of Motor Vehicle	Theft of Pedal Cycle
21	125	171	421	605	187	22	214	27	211

2.1.1 The volume of crime in this area is high due to its location within the city centre. The volumes of violent crimes, theft, robbery and vehicle crime are exceptionally high and the rate of burglary at commercial premises is much greater than normally experienced in the City of Manchester.

2.2 Miscellaneous Theft (Restaurants): Risk Analysis

The data below relates to theft offences within/against restaurant premises, recorded in Manchester city centre.

2.2.1 Day Range: The risk of theft peaks at the weekend. On these days, nightclubs, bars and public houses in the city centre area experience higher levels of patronage. Licensed premises are usually open for longer at the weekend and the opportunity for offenders to commit theft is much greater.

2.2.2 Time Range: The risk increases late at night and into the early hours of the morning. This is when bars and nightclubs area busiest and the opportunities for theft arise at a greater frequency. The most frequently stolen items are customer belongings, such as handbags, purses, wallets and mobile phones. Mobile phone theft is particularly prevalent.

2.3 Wounding: Risk Analysis

The information below relates to woundings committed within a Km² centred on the site.

2.3.1 Day Range: Violent crime peaks on weekend nights when a greater number of people visit city centre area to attend licensed premises, often drinking for longer periods, consuming more alcohol.

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2.3.2 Time Range: The risk increases in the late evening and into the early hours of the morning, peaking between 1am and 4am. At these times, those attending licenses premises are more likely to be intoxicated and violent disorder is more likely to breakout in licensed premises, taxi ranks and take-aways.

2.4 Criminal Damage and Robbery: Breakdown

The information below relates to criminal damage and robbery committed within a Km² centred on the site.

2.4.1 Criminal Damage Targets: The makeup of the criminal damage split in this area shows that property is almost twice as likely to be targeted as vehicles. Common incidents of criminal damage include smashing windows, graffiti, and damage to vehicle bodywork.

2.4.2 Robbery Targets: In the city centre, robbery against the person is much more prevalent than robbery of businesses. The risk of robbery increases when victims take quieter, more secluded routes through the city in the evening and at night.

2.5 Common Use-Specific M.O.s (Modus Operandi)

2.5.1 Theft of personal items (handbags, wallets and mobile phones)

Solution *There should be a degree of separation between patrons and the passing public, and a robust barrier to delineate the seating area from the footway and prevent casual intrusion. The tables and chairs should include features that are designed to facilitate secure storage of belongings, e.g. 'Chelsea Clips', or similar, to reduce the opportunities to steal personal effects. The internal layout of the premises can also help to dissuade offenders targeting the premises; they should be generally uncluttered, allowing clear views of all spaces and avoiding any pinch points or areas of concealment. Active, visual management of the premises also can help to deter offenders.*

3 Design Considerations

3.1.1 The proposed layout of the seating, tables and barriers is appropriate in this location.

3.1.2 There is sufficient space on the footpath to comfortably accommodate the layout of tables and chairs.

3.1.3 The lack of reported incidents relating to the external seating suggests that the space is well managed, so the benefits of additional ambience, activity and surveillance on the street outweigh any negative issues that may arise in the future relating to disorder or street crime.

4 Useful References

4.1.1 Design for Security recommends that designers and developers refer to:

Safer Places (2004) ODPM, London

Seven attributes of sustainable communities that are particularly relevant to crime prevention are detailed within Chapter 2 of this ODPM publication. Annex 3 also contains many useful references. You can download 'Safer Places' at www.designforsecurity.org

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A Contact register

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20/05/2013	Clare Gascoigne	CIS instruction
21/05/13		Site visit
05/06/2013	Clare Gascoigne	Report issued

B Associated Documents

This report is based on the following drawings and supplementary information submitted by the applicant.

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PLEASE NOTE - In the event of any subsequent material changes to the scheme, it will be necessary for Design for Security to reassess the comments made within this report.

C CIS Version History

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