

Operating Schedule

Proposed change of use of part of basement from car park and storage space to drinking establishment (suis generis) including removal of wall mounted air conditioning units to former loading bay, demolition of non-original internal walls, excavation works and internal alterations to accommodate bar, seating areas and toilets

Double Down Cocktail Bar, Lloyds House, Jacksons Row, Manchester, M2 5ND

Double down cocktail bar will be a high end cocktail bar with a capacity of around 90 seated guests and up to eight staff members. Planned opening times will be 11am to 3am Monday to Saturday and 11am to 1.30am on Sundays during which licensable activities will take place, specifically the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises. Hot food will not be offered but cold snacks will be both sold and offered complimentary as accompaniment to beverage, free potable water will also be served to all guests on arrival automatically. Music will solely be pre-recorded played at a volume conducive to easy conversation, area for dancing will not be provided. Double Down will be operated by Cocktail Takeover Ltd. owner and operator of Speak in Code also found on Jacksons row.

Guests will be met with low level music, relaxed atmosphere and world class cocktails in a fully seated table service venue similar to our other bar, Speak in Code. Seating will be a mixture of low dining table height and taller bar stools. As proven and experienced operators of award winning bars, we are confident that Double Down will be a positive and uplifting addition to Manchester's local community and a boost to tourism.

We will also continue our current environmental impact company values into Double Down. These include but are not limited to, entirely plant based venue with zero animal products used, a target of zero waste from a reuse, recycle and refusal to take certain packaging products into the venue. We also prioritise local producers, growers and trades which uplifts our community and reduces our carbon footprint and minimises waste.

Your target market is 25-40 year old professionals with medium to high disposable income.

Prevention of crime and disorder

As a fully seated, table service, high end cocktail bar we will have a tight control on intoxication and as per our sister venue, Speak in Code will operationally function more like a restaurant. Cocktails will be the focus and will be priced well above £10 per drink and price based drink promotions will not be used, as such binge drinking and younger guests of 18-21 will be deterred.

Our well trained staff will ensure that guests entering the venue are all above legal drinking age and are not intoxicated. Nathan Larkin, director of Cocktail Takeover and DPS for Speak in Code will take the role of DPS overseeing Double Down as well and we will appoint at least one more Personal Licence holder amongst our experience and professional team.

The opening of this venue will also transform a part of Jacksons row that is dark, dirty and an eyesore for the area that could be a potential draw for crime, to a clean well presented and well lit entrance to a high end venue.

CCTV will cover all internal customer areas except bathrooms and multiple views covering the entrances and exits. Plan of areas covered will be submitted to police prior to opening. CCTV will be stored and available for a minimum of 28 days.

Incident register will be kept on site and made available to relevant authorities at all times

Dispersal policy will be provided but at current time we can guarantee that due to the nature of table service, groups will naturally leave at staggered times meaning little interaction or loitering in the street.

As per our other venue, we will work with local compliance officers to ensure license restrictions are appropriate and closely adhered to.

Crime impact statement has also been provided.

Ensuring Public Safety

Within the venue we will ensure staff are trained on responsible service of alcohol, first aid, COSHH, ID checking procedures and will have regular meetings to ensure the highest possible standards.

First aid box will be made available on site at all times.

Regular safety checks will be carried out by staff

Prevention of public nuisance

Guests leaving the proposed venue will, as mentioned, be leaving a fully seated, table service cocktail bar. The venue will be a relaxed, high end environment more like a restaurant than a pub or nightclub, we know from our other venue that guests will leave calmly and quietly and are extremely unlikely to be of any public nuisance.

Signage asking guests to leave quietly will be placed at the exit and doors and windows will be closed at all times except for ingress and egress.

Venue itself has undergone an acoustic assessment showing clearly that noise will be entirely contained within the venue itself

Bins will be kept entirely within the same building ensuring noise of bottles and view from the street does not disturb residents, workers or passers-by.

Protection of children from harm

As well as the above measures controlling inebriation adults who may be parents we will also have a strict over 18 policy for entry and will use a challenge 21 ID policy. Prominent signage will displayed at the entrance and points of sale clearly stating the challenge 21 policy

Signage will be used to inform guests of this and staff will be trained to ensure under 18's do not make it into the venue.

Cocktail Takeover Ltd

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