

IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act
2012 (the Act)

AND

IN THE MATTER

of an application by **THE DUKE HOSTEL LIMITED** for the renewal and variation of an on-licence pursuant to s.120 and s.127 of the Act in respect of premises situated at 27-31 Guinness Street, Greymouth known as the "THE DUKE HOSTEL"

BEFORE THE GREY DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

The Duke Hostel Limited has made an application for the renewal and variation of an on-licence for premises situated at 27-31 Guinness Street, Greymouth and known as "The Duke Hostel".

The applicant is an incorporated company, number 9429046568984 and holds a current on-licence number 55/ON/07/2018 with current licensed hours of Monday to Sunday, 9am to 1am the following morning.

A variation is sought to reduce the licence hours to Monday to Sunday, 12.00pm to 10.00pm.

The general nature of the business is that of a hostel and bar.

The shareholders are Glenn HOPPING and Daniel HOPPING. Glen HOPPING is the sole director.

The premises are zoned town centre in the Te Tai o Poutini Plan and this activity is permitted within this zone.

The principal entrance to the premises is from 27-31 Guinness Street, Greymouth.

The bar area of the premises shall be designated supervised as per the plan attached to the application.

DECISION

The District Licensing Committee Chairperson, acting pursuant to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 **grants** an application by The Duke Hostel Limited for the renewal of an ON-Licence in respect of premises at 27-31 Guinness Street, Greymouth and known as "The Duke Hostel", subject to the following conditions:

CONDITIONS OF LICENCE

1. Alcohol may be sold or supplied for consumption on the premises only on the following days and during the following hours: **Monday to Sunday, 12.00pm to 10.00pm.**
2. No alcohol is to be sold on the premises on Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Christmas Day or before 1.00pm on ANZAC Day to any person other than persons who are present on the premises to dine or are lodging on the premises.
3. The whole of the licensed area is designated as Supervised.
4. The licensee must have available for consumption on the premises, at all times when the premises are open for the sale of alcohol, a reasonable range of non-alcoholic refreshments.
5. Drinking water is to be provided freely at no cost to patrons from a water supply prominently situated on the premises.
6. Low-alcohol beverages must be available for sale and supply on the premises.

7. Food must be available for consumption on the premises at all times the premises is open for the sale of alcohol, in accordance with the example menu submitted with the application for this licence, or menu variations of a similar range and standard.

8. A properly appointed certificated or Acting or Temporary manager must be on duty at all times when the premises are open for the sale and supply of alcohol and their full name must be on a sign prominently displayed in the premises.

9. Advice about alternative forms of transport from the licensed premises is available to patrons.

10. The following other steps must be taken to promote the responsible consumption of alcohol:

a. All service staff must be trained in their responsibilities under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012;

b. Evidence of age documents will be requested where appropriate;

c. The Licensee must ensure the provisions of the Act relating to the sale and supply of alcohol to minors and intoxicated persons are observed, and signage displayed detailing restrictions on the sale and supply of alcohol to such persons.

11. The Licensee must ensure the following items are prominently displayed:

a. A sign at the principal entrance to the premises, so as to be easily read by patrons, stating the ordinary hours of business during which the premises will be open for the sale of alcohol;

b. A copy of the licence, and of the conditions of the licence, attached to the premises so as to be easily read by persons attending the premises.

12. The licence is subject to the payment of licence fees as required by the Sales and Alcohol (fees) Regulations 2013.

The premises are as set out on the plan submitted with the application and date stamped 5 November 2025. A note to this effect is to be made on the licence.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The business carried out upon the premise is that of a hostel and bar and are of a kind for which an on-licence may be granted.

The applicant has operated their on-licence for a number of years without incident.

There is one duty manager listed on the application, Glen HOPPING, who is experienced in the industry. Mr. HOPPING has additionally advised that Sarah BOUT, a certified duty manager who has previously assisted with events at the premises, is available if required.

The applicant did not initially seek any changes to the licenced hours on his application, however Police and the Medical Officer of Health were concerned about the number of current licensed hours considering the applicants responsibilities for the entire complex, and that he is the sole Duty Manager. They recommended a reduction in hours to 4.00pm to 10.00pm.

The applicant, in consideration of Police and the Medical Officer of Health's concerns, reassessed the hours in relation to how the licensed area is used and has revised his licensed hours to Monday to Sunday, 12.00pm to 10.00pm. With the addition of a second duty manager, the committee is confident the applicant can effectively manage these licensed hours while meeting all requirements of the Act.

The Licensing Inspector's report indicates that the amenity and good order of the locality will not be adversely affected by more than a minor extent should this application be granted, and that the applicant is suitable to hold this licence. She does not oppose the application.

The Police and Medical Officer of Health do not oppose the application. No undertakings are sought by the agencies.

This application was duly notified on Council website and no objections were received from members of the public.

Accordingly, I deal with the matter on the papers.

There is no evidence before the Committee which would suggest that the applicant would manage the premises in any way which would contravene the requirements of the Act and it is satisfied as to the matters that it must have regard to as set out in sections 4, 105, 106 and 131 of the Act.

DATED at GREYMOUTH this 22nd day of December 2025



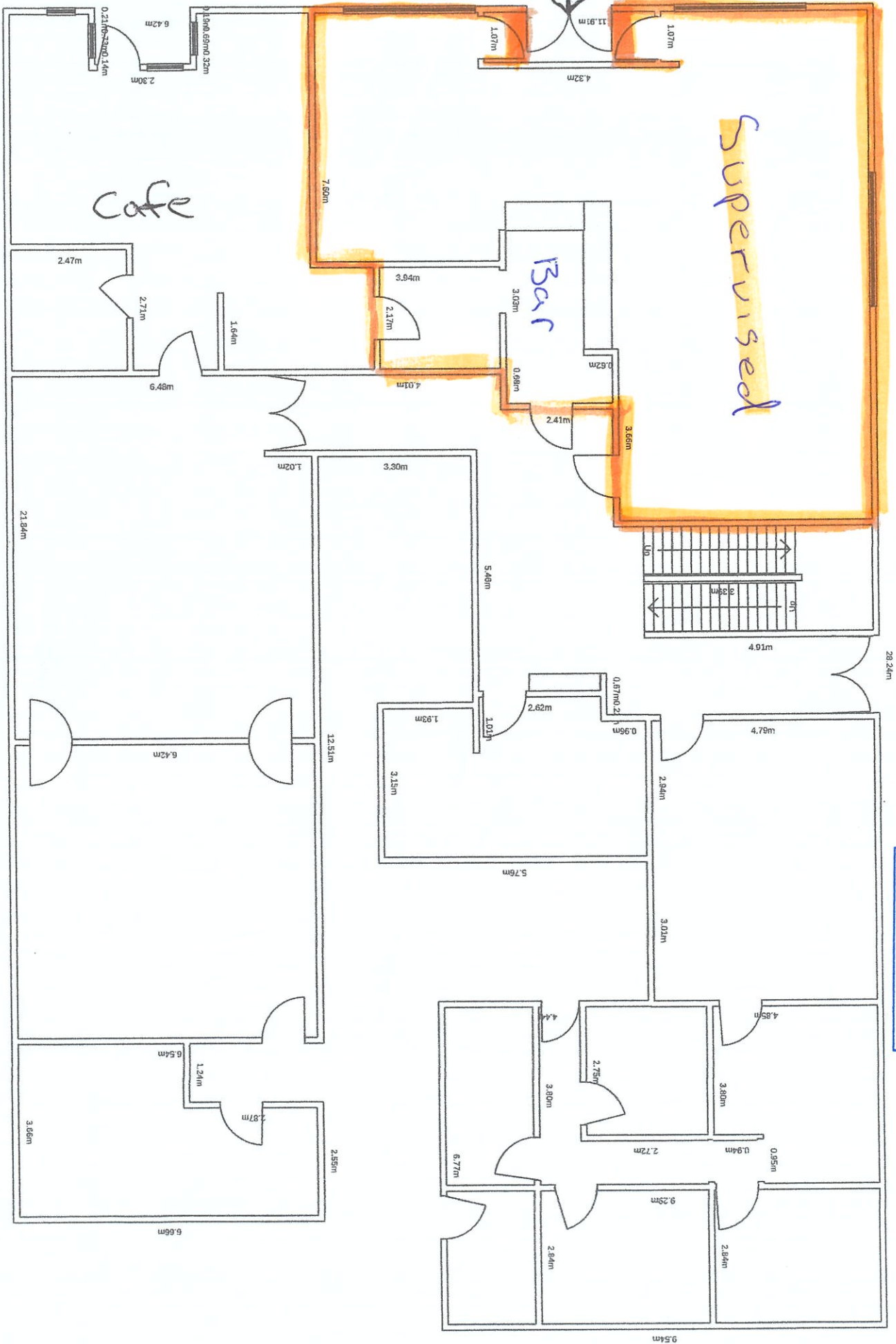
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