

From: [Ricardo Barradas](#)
To: [Tania Jardim](#)
Subject: Re: 182-184 Alma Road - License
Date: 17 June 2026 15:25:57
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Dear Tania,

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me and for your helpful guidance.

Having now reviewed the representations received, I fully understand why local residents may have concerns about the application. I would therefore like to provide further clarification regarding my intentions and the proposed business model for NIKITA Bar & Kitchen.

NIKITA is intended to operate as a food-led restaurant and café inspired by the food, hospitality and culture of Madeira, Portugal. The business will provide breakfast, coffee, lunch and evening meals, with food remaining the primary focus of the operation at all times.

The premises are not intended to operate as a public house, nightclub, entertainment venue or drink-led establishment.

The use of the words "Bar & Kitchen" within the business name is simply a branding and marketing decision intended to distinguish the business and reflect the availability of both food and drink. It is not intended to indicate that the premises will operate as a public house or bar-led venue.

I was born and raised in Madeira, where hospitality venues commonly operate as restaurants, cafés and traditional snack bars. In Madeira, food and drink are naturally served together as part of the overall customer experience. It is common for customers purchasing drinks to be offered small complimentary snacks or tapas-style servings as a gesture of hospitality.

NIKITA aims to bring that same culture of hospitality to Bournemouth. The provision of complimentary snacks or small tapas-style accompaniments reflects a food-led dining culture and is not intended to create a drink-led environment. In many cases these small complimentary servings are used to introduce customers to the menu and encourage them to order additional food. The objective is to promote the restaurant's food offering and hospitality rather than alcohol consumption.

I have also made a substantial financial commitment to creating a genuine restaurant. Approximately £15,000 has been invested in replacing and upgrading the commercial extraction and ventilation system, which required complete replacement and modernisation. In addition, significant investment has been made in the kitchen and food preparation facilities, bringing the total investment in the kitchen area to approximately £30,000.

This level of investment has been made specifically to support the preparation and service of food and demonstrates my commitment to operating a genuine restaurant and kitchen. It would make little commercial sense to invest such significant sums in commercial kitchen infrastructure if the intention was to operate primarily as a bar or drinking establishment.

The lease for the premises also restricts its use to a licensed restaurant and it is my intention to operate fully within that character.

Following discussions with Licensing and Planning, I am willing to amend the proposed operating hours so that they align with the current planning permission. The revised proposal would be for opening hours of 08:00 to 23:00 Monday to Saturday and 08:00 to 22:00 on Sundays, with a one-hour extension on Bank Holiday weekends, Christmas Eve, Boxing Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

At present, I have not yet decided which day of the week the business will close to allow staff a regular day off. For that reason, I have requested permission to trade seven days per week, although the intention is that the business will normally close on one day each week once staffing arrangements have been finalised.

I am also willing to retain the existing requirement that alcohol remains ancillary to food. Whilst I appreciate there are differing views regarding the necessity of such a condition in modern hospitality, my immediate objective is to establish a successful restaurant and café business and to demonstrate to residents that NIKITA will operate responsibly, respectfully and as a genuinely food-led venue.

I have spent many years working in hospitality both in Madeira and the United Kingdom and, for the past two years, I have also been involved in the operation and administration of a licensed hospitality business in Boscombe. Throughout that time I have understood the importance of operating responsibly and maintaining positive relationships with neighbouring residents and businesses.

In order to provide further reassurance to local residents, I would be willing to offer the following voluntary measures:

- No live music, DJs or karaoke.
- No external speakers or amplified music outside the premises.
- Clear notices requesting customers to respect neighbouring residents and leave the area quietly.
- Doors and windows to remain closed after 21:00 except for access and egress.
- Continued compliance with Environmental Health requirements restricting deliveries and waste collections during late evening and early morning hours.
- Maintenance of CCTV and incident recording procedures in accordance with licence requirements.

I am keen to establish a positive relationship with neighbouring residents from the outset. Should any resident wish to discuss the proposal further, raise concerns or better understand the intended operation of the business, I would be happy to speak with them directly.

My contact number is [REDACTED].

I genuinely hope this helps clarify the nature of the business being proposed and demonstrates my commitment to operating responsibly whilst maintaining positive relationships with neighbouring residents.

I would be grateful if this email could be shared with the parties who have submitted representations as part of the mediation process.

Kind regards,

Ricardo Barradas
Director

Barr Invest Limited
NIKITA Bar & Kitchen

From: [Ricardo Barradas](#)
To: [Tania Jardim](#)
Subject: Re: 182-184 Alma Road - License
Date: 24 June 2026 10:26:15
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Dear Tania,

Thank you for your email.

Having reflected further on the proposed amendments, I can confirm that I am willing to amend the standard operating hours as previously discussed.

The proposed hours would therefore be:

Premises Opening Hours

Monday to Saturday: 08:00 to 23:00

Sunday: 08:00 to 22:00

Supply of Alcohol

Monday to Saturday: 11:00 to 23:00

Sunday: 11:00 to 22:00

In relation to special occasions, I would wish to retain a one-hour extension on Bank Holiday weekends and New Year's Day.

However, I would like to retain the originally requested extension until 01:00 on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, as these are traditional celebratory occasions when customers would reasonably expect a restaurant to remain open later than usual.

I trust this clarifies my position, however please let me know if you require any further information.

Kind regards,

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From: Tania Jardim <tanja.jardim@bcpcouncil.gov.uk>
Sent: Wednesday, 24 June 2026 10:19:12
To: Ricardo Barradas [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: 182-184 Alma Road - License

Dear Ricardo,

Thank you for getting back to me so promptly.

By way of further clarification, you have indicated that you wish to retain the proposed extensions for Bank Holiday weekends, Christmas Eve, Boxing Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Could you please confirm whether you are referring to the extension as set out in your original application (i.e. until 01:00), or to your more recent proposal below, which provides for a one-hour extension on those occasions?

Apologies for the number of queries, however, it is important to ensure that the position is clear and transparent, so as to avoid any potential confusion.

Kind regards

Tania



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From: Ricardo Barradas [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 June 2026 09:55
To: Tania Jardim <taniam.jardim@bcpcouncil.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: 182-184 Alma Road - License

Dear Tania,

Thank you for your email.

I can confirm that I am willing to amend both the opening hours and the hours for the supply of alcohol.

The proposed amended hours would therefore be:

Premises Opening Hours

- Monday to Saturday: 08:00 to 23:00
- Sunday: 08:00 to 22:00

Supply of Alcohol

- Monday to Saturday: 11:00 to 23:00
- Sunday: 11:00 to 22:00

I would also wish to retain the proposed extension for Bank Holiday weekends, Christmas Eve, Boxing Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

I trust this clarifies my position. Please let me know if you require anything further.

Kind regards,

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From: Tania Jardim <tania.jardim@bcpcouncil.gov.uk>

Sent: Wednesday, 24 June 2026 09:50:40

To: Ricardo Barradas [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: 182-184 Alma Road - License

Dear Ricardo,

Further to our previous correspondence, and while preparing my report for the Licensing Sub-Committee, a query has arisen. You have indicated a willingness to reduce the opening hours in line with those permitted under planning, however, could you please confirm whether you are also prepared to amend the hours for the supply of alcohol accordingly?

Kind regards
Tania



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