

# Temporary closure of Croydon Magistrates' Court from September 2019



The enabling works required need to be completed before we move additional court business into Croydon as part of wider work to make the best use of the most suitable buildings in the court estate, including the closure of Camberwell Green Magistrates' Court.

We have been working with contractors on what needs to be done to the Croydon Magistrates' Court building to enable it to accommodate this extra work. The most recent and detailed reports have shown that more work is needed than was originally anticipated and will need the installation of site hoarding and internal scaffolding in the public concourse. As this would create too much disruption we will temporarily close the court for a few months while the work is carried out.

While the court is temporarily closed:

- Criminal cases will be heard in Camberwell, Wimbledon and Lavender Hill
- Family cases will be heard at Wandsworth County Court.

## **November 2019 update**

We have been working closely with the contractor and following completion of the works our plan is to implement a phased return of work into Croydon. This will help us facilitate both the listing of work that was temporarily moved out of Croydon, as well as the work currently listed at Camberwell Green. The phases for work to return to Croydon are:

- Week commencing 20 January 2020 (all adult trials)
- Week commencing 27 January 2020 (guilty advised plea and not guilty advised plea cases, family and youth work)
- Week commencing 3 March 2020 (all custody cases and non- Crown Prosecution Service cases).

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1. 19 November 2019 Update on phased return of work into Croydon.

2. 12 August 2019 Clarification that family cases will be heard at Wandsworth County Court
  3. 23 July 2019 First published.
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## [Growing export opportunities for UK businesses in the Caribbean](#)

The Department for International Trade (DIT) recently hosted an event in Bristol in partnership with the Caribbean Development Bank and the Caribbean Council, showcasing the growing number of opportunities for UK companies in Caribbean markets.

A new analysis of HMRC data by DIT shows that the UK exported £1.2 billion to the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) in the four quarters to the end of Q1 2019 – an increase of 76.1% from the four quarters to the end of Q1 2018, with the export of services alone (£1 billion) accounting for 83.6% of this total.

Swindon-based company David Jarvis Associates was present at the Bristol event and is already tapping into demand for British goods and services in CARICOM, having recently secured an opportunity to support the production of the National Spatial Plan for the Jamaican Government.

The company's team of consultants, which consists of chartered town planners, urban designers and landscape architects, will produce technical reports after extensive assessment of the island. The reports will guide the Jamaican Government on where to locate housing, industry, infrastructure and tourism in a climate resilient and sustainable way.

**David Jarvis Associates Chairman, David Jarvis DipLA PPLI said:**

Attending DIT events is invaluable as you get to meet in-country representatives from a selection of countries. In addition, at the Bristol event there were two speakers from the Caribbean Development Bank, and they mentioned some projects that their board had only approved in the few days prior, so we got to hear about the opportunity first.

Doing business in the Caribbean and places like the Middle East is made much easier because the contract language is English – it is much simpler for me to talk to ministers and permanent secretaries about our services without worrying about a language barrier.

Securing this opportunity with the Jamaican Government has been really rewarding and I would encourage other businesses to consider exporting because if we can find international success, so can you.

Since being founded in 1982, David Jarvis Associates has worked extensively with governments, public authorities and the private sector all over the world on contracts involving post-mineral extraction, strategic environmental impact assessments and design projects.

With an annual turnover of £2 million and a host of multi-national clients who work across over 70 countries, the company works anywhere in the world where there is a demand for its services. In addition to its recent contract with the Jamaican government, David Jarvis Associates is also working on a project in the United Arab Emirates, with a Trinidad brief also in the pipeline.

#### **HMTC for Latin America and the Caribbean Joanna Crellin said:**

The Caribbean is an excellent entry point for SME exporters, offering opportunities covering a wide range of sectors from food and drink, healthcare, to security and defence.

There are significant opportunities in infrastructure and energy as the Caribbean region is rapidly emerging as an offshore oil and gas hub with countries like Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago and Jamaica presenting a myriad of possibilities for UK energy suppliers.

And even on islands that are less focussed on oil and gas, there are opportunities for UK businesses to engage on renewable projects in solar, wind and geothermal.

Earlier this year DIT signed the CARIFORUM-UK Economic Partnership Agreement to ensure that companies can continue trading with the Caribbean on the same terms as they do today after Britain leaves the EU.

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## **[Turks and Caicos: post-cabinet meeting statement 7 August 2019](#)**

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at the Hilly Ewing Building, Providenciales.

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## [Embedding public health in Coventry's licensing policy statement](#)



### **Case in brief**

Coventry City Council has a duty under the [Licensing Act 2003](#) to carry out its functions with a view to promoting the alcohol licensing objectives and operate in line with the Council's statement of licensing policy (SLP). Under the terms of the Act, the Council's SLP must be renewed every 5 years.

Coventry focused the principles of their SLP on the Licensing Act's 4 licensing objectives:

1. The prevention of crime and disorder.
2. Ensuring public safety.
3. The prevention of public nuisance.
4. The protection of children from harm.

### **The approach used**

The Licensing Act 2003 allows the scrutiny of licence applications by people working or living near licensed premises, interested parties and several public bodies. Directors of public health (DsPH) are also considered responsible authorities.

In Coventry, a public health practitioner represents the directors of public health on all licensing matters. All responsible authorities, including public health, meet regularly to review applications and share intelligence. This is used, for example, to trigger operations to seize illegal alcohol or identify premises selling alcohol to under-18s.

The resulting partnership provides an opportunity for the Council to consider health and wellbeing issues during the refresh of the SLP. So, Coventry has

now embedded public health and health equality issues throughout the policy.

## Outcome

Coventry added several new paragraphs to the SLP acknowledging that public health is now a responsible authority.

The policy recognises that Coventry's directors of public health will:

- explore the impact of alcohol-related incidents on emergency services, such as the West Midlands Ambulance Service
- consider the proximity of licensed premises to schools, youth centres, playgroups, and family centres
- share anonymised A&E data with other responsible authorities relating to young people and alcohol-related incidents
- analyse data on attendance at A&E and the use of ambulance services following alcohol-related incidents
- collate anonymised data on incidents relating to specific premises and present them to licensing sub-committees when representations are made
- support the police by making it easier to access health information such as anonymised A&E data for alcohol-related admissions, for example, as part of a licence review application
- provide Trading Standards with evidence of the health impact of illicit or counterfeit alcohol
- support the sharing of health information such as anonymised A&E data with other responsible authorities where it links to public safety
- provide evidence on the impact of the health and wellbeing of vulnerable groups such as street drinkers, and the effect this has on antisocial behaviour
- engage with Coventry Safeguarding Children Board to share relevant information such as data on young people accessing substance misuse services
- investigate links between ambulance callouts and attendance to irresponsible practices at specific licensed premises

## Other important principles considered

[Fair Society, Healthy Lives \(the Marmot Review\)](#) found people from more deprived areas who drink alcohol are more likely to have problematic drinking patterns and dependence than those from more affluent areas. Also, binge drinking in under-18s is associated with deprivation, and unemployment is associated with alcohol consumption.

In line with the principles of the Marmot Review, Coventry City Council agreed to develop common policies to reduce the scale and impact of health inequalities across the city. Coventry's [statement of licensing policy](#) came into effect in January 2016.

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1. 12 August 2019 Updated information.

## UKEF supports Startle's expansion into the American market

### **About the transaction: Startle**

Region	Surrey
Sector	Creative industries, sports economy and retail
Export destination	USA
UKEF support	Export working capital scheme

In 2018, Startle secured a five-year, \$4.5 million deal to supply to a national retail brand with over 1,500 stores in the US. Startle's integrated technology includes highly-featured background music systems and is interactive, allowing consumers to choose the music that is played in a bar, shop or restaurant through a social media bot. In 2018, the company secured a five-year, \$4.5 million deal to supply to a national retail brand with over 1,500 stores in the US.

### **Gaining UKEF support**

Delivering a significant deal like this on time would have required Startle to spend working capital on hardware that could be better spent on further growing the company, so it had to explore new ways of financing, including the use of working capital loans. Startle turned to us and we worked with Santander to set up a working capital facility.

We guaranteed 80% of a £660,000 loan, which meant Startle could deliver on time to the customer, meeting all the conditions of its contract. The loan agreement and guarantee were structured to match payments with revenues from the customer, allowing Startle to more successfully manage cash flow.

Since this successful delivery, the company has gone on to recruit two more salespeople in the US and is now able to export its services more easily. The company has also recruited two more people in the UK.

Adam Castleton Chief Executive Officer, Startle, said:

UKEF's support and Santander's professionalism have been vital to the successful delivery of this contract and in our continuing expansion into the American market. This contract was a landmark moment for Startle and the financial support offered by UKEF and Santander has formed a key component of our growth. This is how banks and government should work together to support business.

Wedad Kurukgy, Export Finance Manager, Southern Region said:

UKEF finance can be invaluable for exciting companies that demonstrate significant growth potential. Startle's success has shown the company has significant scope for future expansion. I look forward to working with the company as they continue to build on this exciting potential and expand their overseas footprint.

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