

# Licensing Act Sub Committee Hearing

Tuesday 2 March 2010

Members of the Panel:	Councillors Atkinson, Fleet and Tumilty
Application Premises:	Trinity Guest House, Seaton Carew
Officers present:	Sylvia Pinkney, Consumer Services Manager Tony Macnab, Solicitor Jo Wilson, Democratic Services Officer
Applicant:	Kelly Daniels Lynne Basnett
Responsible Authorities	Alan Ions, Police Representative Rebecca Smith, Counsel for the Police
Interested parties	Christine Arton, Resident Alison Bates, Resident Joan Pout, Resident Paul and Sandra Moore, Residents
Decision:	
<p>The Licensing Authority hereby approves the application for a new premises licence for the sale of alcohol subject to modifying the condition relating to operating hours on Mondays to Saturday inclusive so that the premises shall stop serving alcohol at 10.30 pm and close at 11 pm.</p> <p>The licensing authority considered that relevant representations were made by interested parties and the police responsible authority in respect of the licensing objective relating to the prevention of public nuisance.</p> <p>Most of the representations related to noise emanating from the premises and also noise and disturbance likely to be caused by patrons leaving the premises. In addition representations were made concerning the lack of car parking space at the premises and also noise likely to be caused by taxis waiting to collect patrons who had not arrived in their own vehicles.</p> <p>The applicant provided a sound insulation performance report for the premises which demonstrated that noise emanating from the premises would not cause a problem.</p> <p>The applicant also gave evidence that 10 parking spaces were available at the premises however the police's opinion was that no more than 6 or 7 cars could be parked.</p> <p>In respect of the perceived problem of taxis collecting patrons and creating noise nuisance the applicant produced a letter from a taxi company confirming their agreement to be the designated taxi company for the</p>	

premises. The company gave a guarantee that all drivers collecting or dropping off patrons would be made aware to arrive and depart as quietly as possible. They would ensure that they parked in an orderly manner, would not leave engines idling unnecessarily and would not sound horns as a signal of their arrival so as not to disturb any local residents.

The Licensing sub-committee recognised the concerns of the interested parties on the possibility of late night disturbance in the vicinity and therefore felt the interested parties concerns' could be alleviated if the premises closed half an hour earlier than requested in the application Mondays to Saturdays. They considered that modifying the operating hours in this way would promote the licensing objective relating to the prevention of public nuisance

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