

Licensing Act Sub Committee Hearing

Thursday, 6 July 2010

Members of the Panel:	Councillors Fleet, Griffin, and Rogan
Application Premises:	19 Church Street, Hartlepool
Officers present:	Tony Macnab, Solicitor Sylvia Pinkney, Public Protection Manager Sarah Bird, Democratic Services Officer
Applicant:	Seied Siroos Ahmadi
Interested Parties	Inspector Tony Green, Cleveland Police Marie Nevison, Cleveland Police Solicitor Rashal Singh
Decision:	
<p>The Licensing Authority considered the application for a variation of the premises licence for the provision of late night refreshment and recorded music until 1.00 am Sunday to Wednesday, inclusive and until 4.45 am on Thursday to Saturday inclusive and also the night preceding a Bank Holidays.</p> <p>The Police responsible authority objected to the application relating to the variation of hours until 4.45 am on the basis that the application would not promote the licensing objectives relating to the prevention of crime and disorder and the prevention of public nuisance.</p> <p>Evidence was brought before the Committee that the premises had remained open beyond their current licensed hours on two occasions on 9 May 2010 and 16 May 2010.</p> <p>Evidence was also brought before the Committee that an incident had occurred during the early hours of 16 May 2010 when Police were trying to close a nearby alcohol licensed premises and that members of the public who had congregated outside those premises were later seen in Pizza Hart whilst it remained open beyond its current licensed hours.</p> <p>The Police responsible authority have no objection to the premises closing at 1.00 am on Sunday to Wednesday inclusive.</p> <p>The Police submitted that if the premises licence was to be varied to allow it to open until 4.45 am then a number of conditions should be imposed including one relating to the provision of an SIA registered door supervisor.</p> <p>The Licensing Authority was not satisfied that the application to vary until 4.45 am would promote the licensing objectives relating to the prevention of crime and disorder and the prevention of public nuisance.</p> <p>The Licensing Authority did however consider that the licensing objectives</p>	

could be promoted by varying the licence so that the premises can remain open until 3.00 am on Thursdays to Saturdays inclusive and on the night preceding the Bank Holiday subject to the imposition of the following condition relating to the provision of a CCTV system.

- A CCTV system must be installed that complies to a minimum standard set in partnership with Cleveland Police. The system must be maintained at regular intervals and must record whenever the premises are open for business. Recordings must be kept for a minimum of 28 days and must be made immediately available to responsible authorities upon request.
- Staff must be trained and capable of downloading CCTV evidence onto DVD discs and it shall be made available to Responsible Authorities upon request.
- Notices be displayed and maintained on the premises warning customers that CCTV cameras are in operation.

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