

Licensing Act Sub Committee Hearing

Friday 16th September 2011

Members of the Panel:	Councillors Griffin, Jackson and A Lilley
Application Premises:	G.L.E Bar, 58 Church Street
Officers present:	Sylvia Pinkney, Public Protection Manager Tony Macnab, Solicitor Jo Stubbs, Democratic Services Officer
Applicant	Allan Barclay
Respondents	Mike Hill, Counsel for the police PC Yasmin Hussain PC Andy Thorpe
Decision:	

The Licensing Sub-Committee considered the application for a variation of the premises licence to enable the sale of alcohol to 1.30am and for the provision of regulated entertainment and the provision of late night refreshment to 2.00am. In addition the application included a variation in respect of Christmas Eve and New Years Eve to extend the licensable activities until 4.00am.

The Police, Responsible Authority, did not have any objection to the variation other than for Christmas Eve and New Years Eve provided that conditions relating to the provision of CCTV and door supervisors were attached to the licence.

The Police considered that all four licensing objectives would be promoted in particular by the inclusion of a condition relating to the provision of door supervisors

The Police considered that it was necessary in order to promote the licensing objectives that two door supervisors must be employed at the premises from 11.00pm until closing time on Fridays and Saturdays and also on Sundays preceding a bank holiday Monday. The Police gave evidence that there had been 94 incidents over half of which involved violence and anti-social behaviour occurring after midnight in the Church Street area since the beginning of this year which enforced the necessity for door staff to be employed to ensure the safety of revellers on their premises. The Police said that 43 offences had occurred after 2.00am of which 34 are violent or anti-social behaviour incidents.

The applicant had previously agreed to conditions relating to the provision of CCTV so the only matters in dispute related to the hours of operation on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve and the provision of door staff.

The applicant stated that the premises are family friendly and that the

provision of door staff would spoil the ambiance of the premises. In addition he disagreed that it was a necessary requirement as he was to employ SIA registered door staff to work on the bar and that if there were any problems they could leave their bar duties and act as door supervisors. The applicant stated that if there were problems on the premises then the persons causing the problems would be asked to leave and if they did not then he would call the police.

The applicant stated that the premises would have door supervisors employed when it was necessary. In addition the applicant stated that he wished for the premises to be allowed to operate until 4.00am on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve as he proposed to have ticket only functions and would have door supervisors deployed at that time.

The Licensing Sub-Committee considered that the promotion of the licensing objectives would be promoted if a minimum of two door supervisors were employed as requested by the Police. The Licensing Sub-Committee considered that a door supervisor could not undertake bar functions and door supervisor functions at the same time and were required to be on the door outside of the premises.

The Licensing Sub-Committee did not consider that the licensing objectives would be promoted if the premises were allowed to operate until 4.00am due to the increased level of violence and anti-social behaviour occurring in Church Street after 2.00am.

The Licensing Sub-Committee therefore granted the application for a variation of the premises licence to enable the sale of alcohol to 1.30am and for the provision of regulated entertainment and the provision of late night refreshment until 2.00am subject to previously agreed conditions relating to CCTV and that there be a condition that a minimum of two SIA door supervisors must be employed from 11.00pm until closing time on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays preceding a bank holiday Monday.

CHAIR