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LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

1 November 2007

Present:- Councillor Cooper in the Chair

Councillors Jones and Slater

P R Washington Lisa Roberts Alison Bromley Adam Snow Helen Morris Susan Williams Brian Williams Lesley Walters William Walsh Michael Harris Clerk

Newcastle Borough Council Enforcement

Objectors

Staff Police

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Issues

Representations had been received from Staffordshire Police and Environmental Services. Following negotiations between the parties, the conditions to be attached to a licence had been agreed.

Representations that had been received from local residents however remained outstanding.

Decision

The Sub-Committee having taken into account the Licensing Act 2003 and the Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Act, the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and also the fact that a number of interested parties had objected to the application were persuaded that, to grant additional hours for the provision of regulated entertainment would not promote the licensing objectives.

The Sub-Committee were however persuaded that, in view of the conditions that had been agreed between the applicant, the Police and Environmental Services and also those that had been offered by the applicant, on balance, the varying of the licence to include live music, dancing and karaoke would not offend the licensing objectives. However, in view of the evidence given, the Sub-Committee were minded to restrict the time period for the provision of such additional regulated entertainment. Therefore, subject to the conditions set out below, the Sub-Committee were prepared to grant a variation of the licence for the premises on the following basis:-

Live music, dancing and karaoke from Sunday to Thursday from 11.00am to 10.00pm and Friday and Saturday from 11.00am until 10.30pm.

The conditions which the Sub-Committee imposed were:-

- The telephone number of the premises shall be provided to neighbours to encourage good communication and provide a harmonious environment for the area.
- Members of staff shall monitor the exterior of the premises after 10.00pm until closure of the public house every 30 minutes for the purposes of minimising disturbance to residents in the vicinity of the premises from regulated entertainment, cars, taxis and private hire vehicles and patrons in the car park.
- All windows in the premises shall be closed during the provision of regulated entertainment.
- That fire doors at the premises shall be fitted with automatic closers and the licensee use his best endeavours to ensure that these doors are kept closed.
- That recorded music be permitted in all areas.
- Live music, dancing and karaoke shall be permitted for private events in the function room only.
- Live music, dancing and karaoke shall be permitted at the premises for a maximum of 20 occasions each year where it is open to the public and not restricted to the function room.
- No children shall be allowed in the bar area after 9.00pm save for access to use the toilet facilities and for access/egress to the function room.

J COOPER Chair