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**LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE**

**19 December 2007**

**Present:-** Councillor Cooper in the Chair

Councillors Hambleton and Mrs Simpson

P R Washington	- Clerk
David Turner	- Resident
Mark Lovatt	- Applicant
Steve Thirsk	} - Staffs Police
Fiona Peel	

**778. \* BULLS VAULTS, HASSELL STREET, NEWCASTLE**

**Issues**

Representations had been received from Staffordshire Police and a resident within the vicinity of the premises.

**Decision**

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 the police had objected to the application on the basis that to grant the application would undermine the crime and disorder objective and upon hearing the evidence given by an interested party the Sub-Committee considered the licensing objectives in the light of what had been said and having listened to the arguments in relation to the cumulative impact policy and the other matters that had been referred to and we were persuaded that to grant the hours initially applied for would fail to promote the licensing objectives. However following the applicant's amendment to the proposals, the Sub-Committee were persuaded that on balance an amendment to the hours, subject to conditions, would not have a detrimental effect to the circumstances in the locality therefore.

Subject to the conditions referred to, the Sub-Committee were prepared to grant a variation of the Licence for the premises on the following basis:

Sunday 10am to 12.30am (sale of alcohol) close at 1am.  
Monday & Tuesday 10am to 12.30am (sale of alcohol) close at 1am.  
Wednesday & Thursday 10am to 1am (sale of alcohol) close at 1.30am.  
Friday & Saturday 10am to 1.30am (sale of alcohol) close at 2am.

With a last admission policy on Friday and Saturday of 1am.

All other licensable activities to terminate 15 minutes before closing.

The Sub-Committee are also disposed to grant an additional hour on Bank Holidays and the day preceding a Bank Holiday.

The Sub-Committee considered that the premises would become a magnet for alcohol fuelled persons from other premises if later hours were granted and similarly later hours would hinder the dispersal from the town centre leading to the potential for disorder.

The Sub-Committee having taken into account the incidents which the Police have referred to but are heartened by the proposals suggested by the applicant.

The Sub-Committee were therefore disposed to grant the amended application.

The conditions which the Sub-Committee were disposed to impose in addition to those referred to in the agenda subject to the amendments of the last admission policy are:-

- (1) Windows and doors to be closed on Hassell Street during the provision of public entertainment.
- (2) There shall be at least 3 door staff covering points of entry at the premises on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights who must be in place by 8pm at the latest.
- (3) There shall be no admittance to the premises after 1am on Fridays and Saturdays.

**J COOPER**  
**Chair**