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LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

4 December 2006

Present:- Councillor Cooper in the Chair

Councillors Hambleton and Slater

Tony Watkin	- Clerk
Todd Woodhouse	- Applicant
Lisa Sharkley	- Solicitor for the Applicant
R Windsor	- Supporter
I Jones	- Barrister for Objectors
O Davies	- Barrister for Objectors
P Basterfield	- Clergy (Objector)
W Mash	- Clergy (Objector)
C Chadwick	- Clergy (Objector)
R G Redgewell	- Objector
A Creber	- Clergy (Objector)
Mr & Mrs Stantham	- Objectors

770. * LACE GENTLEMEN'S CLUB, NELSON PLACE, NEWCASTLE

Issues

Representations had been received from persons within the vicinity of the premises and members of the Clergy.

Decision

Having taken into account the Licensing Act 2003, the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and the Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Act, and the fact that neither the Environmental Health Officers nor the Police had objected to the application and given due consideration to the relevant representations both in writing and verbally, in line with the licensing objectives, the Sub-Committee decided to grant a premise licence.

Hours Premise to be Open to the Public

Sunday to Saturday inc 1100 to 0230 hours in the following morning

Supply of Alcohol

Sunday to Saturday inc 1100 to 0200 hours in the following morning

In addition to the mandatory conditions, the following will apply:-

Licence Conditions – Lace Gentlemen's Club

- (i) The Prevention of Crime and Disorder
 - (a) CCTV is to be installed giving internal coverage of the public areas and external coverage of the areas to be used for entertainment

and to be maintained by the police minimum standard and to be recording during all opening hours. The recordings are to be kept for 28 days and produced on request by a responsible authority. Minimum coverage to include front entrance/exit, rear fire door and bar area.

- (b) No adult entertainment shall start until 9pm and shall cease by 2am the following morning.
 - (c) Adult entertainment shall only be given by the performers and no audience participation should be permitted. In particular, performers shall not touch customers in any way or simulate sex acts. Customers may not touch or attempt to touch the performer in any way or simulate sex acts. Performers shall perform individually i.e. there shall be no multiple dancing.
 - (d) During opening hours, no customers under the age of 18 will be allowed on the premises.
 - (e) A notice stating “no customers under the age of 18 will be admitted” shall be displayed prominently at the entrance to the premises so that persons entering the premises can easily read it.
 - (f) There shall be no signage outside the premises indicating that table dancing or adult entertainment takes place on the premises.
 - (g) On entry to the premises, notices will advise customers on rules of conduct and that when they enter the public areas of the premises, there will be adult entertainment and erotic dancing.
 - (h) Nite Net radio communications link with other town centre premises shall be established.
 - (i) During opening hours the toilets shall be checked at regular intervals by staff, to be a minimum of at least every hour and also randomly. A log book recording such checks shall be made and kept for a minimum of six months.
 - (j) That where any group of five or more members of the public are permitted entry at least one member of that group shall be asked to produce identification and a record of that person’s name and address shall be made.
 - (k) That there shall be provided at the premises only Door Supervisors who are registered with the Security Industry Authority. There shall be a minimum of one such door supervisor at all times and on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays there shall be a minimum of two such door supervisors.
 - (l) That no films with a certification higher than ‘18’ shall be exhibited at the premises.
- (ii) Public Safety

To train all staff, before the premises open, in respect of health and safety including the carrying out of risk assessment for fire safety and evacuation procedures.

(iii) The Prevention of Public Nuisance

- (a) There shall be a last admission policy of 01.00 hours.
- (b) The premises to be an active member of Pubwatch.
- (c) To implement a Dispersal Policy. Staff are to play their part in the safe dispersal of customers from the premises, part of this process to be a well promoted free taxi booking service.
- (d) Music volume to gradually decrease during the wind down period and lighting levels to gradually increase during the same period. Music to be inaudible at the boundary of nearest noise sensitive premise.

(iv) The Protection of Children from Harm

For the protection of children from harm, condition (iv)(a) shall be deleted and replaced with the following conditions:

- (a) No person under the age of 18 years shall be permitted on the premises when they are being used for the purposes of supply of alcohol and/or the provision of regulated entertainment.
- (b) Persons who appear to be under the age of 18 years shall be required to produce proof of age by way of a recognised proof of age card accredited under the Proof of Age Standards Scheme (PASS) or a photo driving licence or passport.

J COOPER
Chair