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LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

9 May 2007

Present:- Councillor Cooper in the Chair

Councillors Mrs Cornes, Hambleton

P W Clisby	Clerk
Sgt S Thirsk	} Staffordshire Police
Lisa Roberts	
Mark Burrows	} The Albion Doorstaff
Stephen Teaque	
Paul Brougham	
Mark Lovatt	DPS & Agent – The Albion

84. * **THE ALBION, HIGH STREET, NEWCASTLE**

Issues

Representations had been received from Staffordshire Police.

Decision

The Sub-committee have listened carefully to all of the evidence presented today and are mindful of the Government guidance, the Council's Licensing Policy and the licensing objectives set out in the Act.

Firstly, as there were no objections to the use of the premises on some days from 8.00 a.m. then that variation is allowed. Similarly live music can be provided during British Summer Time during daylight hours.

As regards the additional hours requested the Sub-committee considers that if the hours requested are granted then it is likely that these will be detrimental to public safety and the prevention of crime, disorder and nuisance.

However, it is considered that some increase with conditions controlling the situation would be acceptable, in particular given that there is an over-24 policy in place. It is considered that a longer period for dispersal may be of benefit.

On Wednesday, Friday and Saturday all licensable activities shall cease at 2.30 a.m. the next morning with the premises closing to the public at 3.00 a.m. There shall be an extra hour on bank holidays and on the day preceding. However, there shall be a strict last admission at 1.00 a.m. on all those evenings above. Three SIA qualified door supervisors shall be provided on Wednesday evenings and five on Fridays and Saturdays. Two headcams will be provided to be used by door supervisors, one on each door on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Before the additional hours are implemented, a dispersal policy shall be agreed with the licensing authority. The conditions proposed by the operating schedule will be applied. All previous conditions shall be retained in particular CCTV.

Although there is no condition the Sub-committee recommends the use of polycarbonate glasses where feasible.

The decision to grant the variation allowed is not without concern. Accordingly the situation will have to be carefully managed and the parties are reminded that the licence could be subjected to review should any problems arise.

Variation to have effect when the conditions are complied with.

J COOPER
Chair