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LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

20 December 2006

Present:- Councillor Cooper in the Chair

Councillors Hambleton and Miss Reddish

P R Washington - Clerk

W N Witt - Licensee/Applicant
Sgt S Thirsk - Staffordshire Police

771. * IRONMARKET, 21 IRONMARKET, NEWCASTLE TEMPORARY EVENT NOTICE

Issue

Representations had been received from Staffordshire Police concerning relevant time scales and crime and disorder implications.

Decision

The Sub-Committee having taken into account the Licensing Act 2003 and the Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Act and also the fact that the police had objected to the application on the basis that:

Firstly, Section 104(1) of the Act had not been complied with in that at least 10 working days notice of the event had not been given to the police and

Secondly, that as the result of the lack of notice it had not been possible to fulfil an appropriate risk assessment with regard to the full impact the application could have on crime and disorder or to establish and plan appropriate resourcing into the area to meet any identified needs to prevent the same bearing in mind that the premises fell within Newcastle Town Centre's cumulative impact zone and had disorder previously connected with them;

Considered the relevant licensing objective being the prevention of crime and disorder, in the light of what had been said and having listened to the arguments were persuaded that the police objection ought rightly be upheld for the following reasons:

Section 104(1) of the Licensing Act 2003 provides that 10 working days notice must be given to the Police before the day of the event. As the relevant notice was not given an appropriate risk assessment could not be undertaken to prevent the possibility of crime and disorder.

The Sub-Committee were therefore disposed to refuse the application and a notice would be issued to that effect.

J COOPER Chair