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LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

22 June 2007

Present:- Councillor Hambleton in the Chair

Councillors Mrs Reddish and Mrs Williams

Sgt S Thirks - Staffordshire Police

Lisa Roberts - Staffordshire Police

Todd Woodhouse - Applicant

300. * **LACE GENTLEMEN'S CLUB – TEMPORARY EVENT NOTICE**

The Sub-Committee considered the licensing objective relating to crime and disorder in the light of what had been said by the Police and had listened to the arguments.

The Sub-Committee were concerned that there was a lack of provision to assist with the dispersal of patrons at the terminal hour and were not convinced that there were proper controls in place to prevent crime and disorder at or in the vicinity of the premises. The reasons behind this were:

Firstly in connection with the dispersal, the Sub-Committee were concerned that there was no infra-structure in place within the Town Centre to deal with the problem. There would be no taxi marshals and CCTV would not be in operation in the Town Centre;

Secondly the Sub-Committee were concerned that the premises would be an attraction for persons who would be in drink from other premises after they had closed and;

Finally the police had given evidence that there may be an increase in crime and disorder in the vicinity at the premises and at the proposed terminal hour the exit of person from the premises would add to the identified 'Hotspot' area at a time when police resources would be at their lowest level.

In view of the above, the Sub-Committee considered that to grant the application would fail to promote the Crime and Disorder licensing objective.

The Sub-Committee were therefore disposed to refuse the application.

T HAMBLETON
Chair