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LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

17 October 2011

Present:- Councillor S J Tagg – in the Chair

Councillors Mrs Cornes and Mrs Williams

Also in PC Graham Owen, Staffordshire Police.

Attendance: Mr Colin Mortimer, Resident

Mrs Mortimer, Resident Mr Carl Titterton, Applicant

491. * APPLICATION FOR A VARIATION TO A PREMISE LICENCE - KEELE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS UNION

Having taken into account the Licensing Act 2003 and the guidance issued under Section 182 of the Act, the Councils Statement of Licensing Policy and also the fact that the Police, Environmental Health and a number of interested parties had objected to the application on the basis that to grant the application would undermine the Crime and Disorder, Public Nuisance and Public Safety objectives. The Committee considered those Licensing objectives in the light of what had been said and listened to the arguments and were persuaded that:

To grant the application applied for would not promote the Licensing objectives.

Evidence had been presented by the Police that the conditions they had agreed with the applicant would overcome any Crime and Disorder issues. The Sub Committee also took into account the fact that the Environmental Health Department had withdrawn their objection. Evidence had however been given and submitted in writing that noise nuisance was currently being experienced by residents within the vicinity of the premises.

Subject to the Conditions that will be referred to the Committee were prepared to grant a variation of the Licence for the premises on the following basis:

For indoors only the Sub-Committee were prepared to grant the hours applied for.

For outdoors the Sub-Committee were not disposed to grant a variation in respect of the amendment to the licence applied for.

The Sub-Committee agreed to points 1 + 3.

In respect of point 2, subject to the maximum amount of people agreed with the Fire Authority to be indoors.

The Sub-Committee agreed to an increased number for the garden area, again to be agreed with the Fire Authority.

The applicant had withdrawn amendment No.4

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The special events extended hours applied for both inside & outside would be limited to 5 events per annum.

The reason for the Sub-Committee's decision was that evidence had been submitted and given that noise nuisance was being experienced at nearby Residential premises and the Sub-Committee had endeavoured to ensure that this was kept to a minimum.

The conditions which the Committee were disposed to impose in addition to relevant Mandatory conditions and also conditions that were consistent with those listed by the applicant in the Operating Schedule were:

The conditions agreed with the Police as set out in the agenda with the provision that CCTV would cover the external licensed area and if possible be tied in with any existing monitoring in the University Campus.

Condition 14 in the police conditions would also be amended to refer only to the 5 events allowed per annum referred to previously.

S J TAGG Chair