

AGENDA ITEM

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COMMITTEE: LICENSING PANEL

DATE: 15TH MAY 2008

SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE – EURO SNOOKER CLUB, FIRST AND SECOND FLOOR 6/8 & 10/10A GORDON STREET

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IMPLICATIONS:

LEGAL

COMMUNITY

SAFETY

EQUALITIES

ENVIRONMENT

FINANCIAL

OTHER

STAFFING

WARDS AFFECTED: SOUTH

PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this report is to enable the Licensing Panel to consider the application received from Abdullah Ulgut, for the variation of a Premises Licence in respect of Euro Snooker Club, First and Second Floor 6/8 & 10/10A Gordon Street

RECOMMENDATION

2. That the Licensing Panel determine the application of Abdullah Ulgut for the variation of a Premises Licence in respect of Euro Snooker Club, First and Second floor 6/8 & 10/10A Gordon Street

BACKGROUND

3. An application was received on 17th March 2008 for the variation of the Premises Licence that will extend the time during which alcohol may be supplied on the premises . from the current permitted hours of 12.00 to 2.00 the following day to 24 hours.
4. The Applicant states that the premises is a social snooker situated on the first and second floor of premises on the main high road with permanent position . A map showing the location of these Premises, along with an

aerial image, and a plan of the premises submitted by the applicant, is attached at Appendix A (pages 8/7 - 8/10)

5. In addition to the above, the following non standard timings are sought by the applicant:

None

6. The Applicant has sought the following seasonal variation:

None

7. The following adult entertainment or activities that may give rise to concern in respect of children are detailed as follows:

None

8. The applicant has requested that the following conditions, terms or restrictions currently imposed on the licence be removed as a consequence of the variation being sought:

None

9. The latest date for representations to be received was the 14th April 2008.

PROMOTION OF LICENSING OBJECTIVES

11. The operating schedule submitted by the applicant describes the additional steps he intends to take in order to promote the licensing objectives. These are as follows:

General

1. Extra two employees will be employed during new opening hours.
2. CCTV recording 24 hours and personal attention.
3. Strictly 18 years and over members permitted.
4. Precaution of attracting children in and around the area.
5. Precaution to prevent any nuisance during and after the permitted hours.
6. All the necessary extinguishers and exits highlighted with visible signs. All exit ways to be clear at all times. Stock room will be kept in a tidy and hygienic manner.

The Prevention of Crime and Disorder

1. Registered members only
2. At no time during the permitted hours more than 50 members are allowed on the premises at any one time apart from on special occasions (i.e. football matches) where additional staff will be allocated according to the increase.

3. Premises have 4 CCTV recording for 24 hours on first floor and 4 CCTV on second floor and 1 CCTV at main entrance to monitor customers' behaviour which records will be kept for a minimum of 28 days.
4. For extra hours there will be a member of staff monitoring entrance of premises at all time to prevent any disorder and crime.
5. Red care alarm system connected to police for rapid response in situations of disorder which may be endangers the customers and staff on the premises
6. Strictly no sale of alcohol to persons under age of 18, drunken person or non members.

Public Safety

1. There are 3 fire exits in the first floor and 4 fire exits on second floor, 5 fire extinguishers on first floor and 5 extinguishers on second floor, emergency fire points and fire safety signs show way out in case of emergency
2. There is entrance and exit for disabled people this enable their safe evacuation in the event of an emergency.
3. There are First Aid Kits
4. Premises comply with relevant building regulation
5. Fire Test Certificate

The Prevention of Public Nuisance

1. Due to the nature of the business no music or loud noise will be an issue
2. No alcohol allowed be taken out of the premises or consumed around the premises.
3. As a company policy we strictly apply rules relating to the sale of alcohol to prevent nuisance
4. There will be members of staff monitoring the entrance of premises making sure that the late leaving customers do so quietly
5. As a company policy we strictly apply the rules relating the sale of alcohol to prevent any nuisance
6. General viewing on the television will be football matches and the like or general new bulletins

The Protection of Children from Harm

1. To prevent any attraction that may be an issue to children we have allocated an area on the premises that is not visible from the outside for the fruit/game machines and pool tables
2. Members ID will only be issued following proof of valid identity document such as passport/ driving licence.
3. There will be electronic door buzz monitored by camera only member with ID will be allowed into the premises.
4. Strictly no children are allowed on the premises even where accompanied by any member.

A copy of the application form, including the operating schedule, is attached at Appendix B (pages 8/11 - 8/19) and a copy of the current licence is attached at Appendix C (pages 8/20 - 8/27).

RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES

12. Representations have been received from responsible authorities and are detailed as follows:

Police

A copy of the representation is attached at Appendix D together with a letter from Sean Titterington to the licensee dated 19 March 2008 (pages 8/28 - 8/31) The police are concerned that the club may become an all night drinking club rather than a snooker club; people can become members immediately by completing a form; there are no door staff; the CCTV is inadequate; items could be thrown from the windows onto Gordon Street; fittings are loose and could be used as weapons

Fire and Rescue Services

A copy of the representation is attached at Appendix E (pages 8/32) An inspection of the premises on 11 April 2008 found that deficiencies highlighted in January 2008 had not been rectified.

Environmental Health or Health and Safety Executive

None

Planning

None

Trading Standards

None

Child Protection

None

INTERESTED PARTIES

13. None

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

14. The following provisions of the Licensing Act 2003 apply to this application:

Section 34 (variation of premises licence)

OBSERVATIONS

15. In determining this application, the Licensing Panel must, having regard to the representations received, either grant the application in full or take such of the following steps as it considers necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives. The steps are:
- (a) Modify the conditions of the licence volunteered by the applicant in the operating schedule, by altering or omitting or adding to them
 - (b) Reject the whole or part of the application

16. The licensing objectives are:

- The Prevention of Crime and Disorder
- The Prevention of Public Nuisance
- The Protection of Children from Harm
- Public Safety

The representations received in respect of this application relate to the Prevention of Crime and Disorder, the Prevention of Public Nuisance and public Safety.

17. The following paragraphs of the licensing authority's statement of licensing policy applies to this application

Section 7 (Prevention of Crime & Disorder)
Section 8 (Public Safety)
Section 9 (Prevention of Public Nuisance)

18. Representations can only relate to the additional hours requested in the application for variation: .

APPENDICES

The following Appendices are attached to this report:-

Appendix A: Maps and plans showing location of the premises
(pages 8/7 - 8/10)

Appendix B: Application form including the operating schedule
(pages 8/11 - 8/19).

Appendix C: Current Premises Licence
(pages 8/20 - 8/27).

Appendix D: Representation from the Police and letter from Sean Titterington to the licensee dated 19 March 2008. (pages 8/28 - 8/31).

Appendix E: Representation from Fire and Rescue (page 8/32)

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS
LICENSING ACT 2003

Guidance issued under S182 of the Licensing Act 2003
Luton Borough Council's Statement of Licensing Policy