

Chair - Councillor A M Loughran

Present (for all or part of the meeting):-

Councillors:

R P Cooke

R M Sutherland

Also present:-

Officers in attendance:-

Mr S Turner

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Legal Services Manager

Ms K McKinney

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Senior Licensing Officer

Mr A Bailey

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Scrutiny Officer

Also in Attendance:-

Ms N Cawley

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Environmental Health Officer

Mr L Henderson

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The Dog House

LSC3 Variation of Premises Licence - The Dog House, Stafford

Considered the report of the Licensing Officer in relation to an application for a full variation of the Licence for the Dog House, Martin Street, Stafford.

On 15 June 2022 the Council received an application for a full variation of the licence for the Dog House, Martin Street, Stafford. The application was made by Lee Henderson, director of The Dog House Stafford Limited who were the premises licence holders. Mr Henderson was the Designated Premises Supervisor of The Dog House.

The purpose for the variation of the licence was to allow for longer opening hours, extension to the current licensable activities and the removal of the requirement to have door staff on Fridays and Saturdays. Additional licensable activities, namely the provision of live and recorded music until 02:30 were also included in the variation application.

There had been one relevant representation objecting to this variation from the Council's Environmental Health section.

Ms K McKinney attended the meeting on behalf of the Head of Operations and introduced the report for Members.

Ms N Cawley, Environmental Health Officer outlined her case in objection to the Variation Application.

All parties were given the opportunity to question the Environmental Health officer.

The applicant outlined his case in support of the Variation Application.

All parties were given the opportunity to question the applicant.

The Environmental Health Officer was then given the opportunity to sum up her case.

The applicant was then given the opportunity to sum up his case.

The Sub Committee then considered the matter in private.

Recording of the meeting was paused and then restarted when all parties were back in the room.

All parties were invited back into the meeting for the Sub Committee's decision.

RESOLVED:- The application to vary the times when door staff are to be employed was granted. The licence would now require SIA accredited door staff on Fridays and Saturdays from 11pm to closing time.

However, the application to extend the current opening hours and the hours for licensable activities was refused.

For clarity the opening times would be -

Sunday, Monday - 08:00 to 00:30

Tuesday to Saturday - 08:00 to 01:00

- REASONS:-
- (a) The Committee considered the contents of the report, the representations made and the evidence from each person, and considered the statutory guidance and the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.
 - (b) The Committee noted that the Council's Environmental Health department raised concerns regarding noise nuisance from the premises, and opposed the increase in opening hours unless a number of conditions were imposed to deal with noise attenuation.
 - (c) The Committee considered the evidence from the Applicant, and noted he was unable to pay for secondary glazing or a noise limiter at the current time

- (d) The Committee was concerned about noise escape given that the premises is a listed building with large sash windows, that provided little noise attenuation. The Committee was concerned that later opening hours would allow later noise from patrons entering and exiting the premises and later noise from patrons smoking outside the premises.
- (e) The Committee decided not to allow an extension of opening hours due to concerns around noise escape to the flats in near proximity to the premises, and considering the licensing objective relating to public nuisance.

CHAIR