

Report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services

Section 18(3)(a) Application for a premise licence for Nexus, 25 Tanner Row, York, YO1 6JP

Summary

1. This report seeks Members determination of an application for the grant of a premise licence, which has been made under the Licensing Act 2003.
2. Application reference number: CYC-012194.
3. Name of applicant: Mr Lindsay Judson & Mr Russell Brown.
4. Type of authorisation applied for: Grant of premises licence.
5. Summary of application: The nature of the application is to substantially increase the overall area of the current premises and seeks to increase the maximum occupancy of the premises from 600 persons to 1750 persons.

Background

6. This premise already operates under a premises licence issued under the Licensing Act 2003. A copy of the existing licence is attached at Annex 1.
7. A copy of the application is attached at Annex 2.

Promotion Of Licensing Objectives

8. A comprehensive operating schedule submitted by the applicant shows how the licensing objectives will be met. Full details of the operating schedule form part of the application.

Special Policy Consideration

9. The premises fall within an area that has been identified as one where the concentration of a significant number of licensed premises has a considerable impact on the licensing objectives. As part of a series of measures to address the problems of a city centre increasingly blighted by alcohol misuse, this area has been made the subject of a special policy that addresses the impact of the concentration of licensed premises in this particular part of the city centre. The special policy was approved by the licensing committee on 1 April 2005 and

considered by full council on 12 April 2005, a copy of the special policy statement is attached at Annex 9.

Consultation

10. Consultation was carried out by the applicant in accordance with s13, and s17(5) of the Act and Regulation 42, Parts 2 and 4 of the Licensing Act 2003 (Premises Licences and Club Premises Certificates) Regulations 2005, which concern the displaying of a notice on the premises and an advertisement in a local paper giving details of the application and serving a copy of the application on all responsible authorities. The applicant complied with all statutory requirements. In addition the relevant ward councillors and/or parish council were notified by way of register.

Summary of Representations made by Responsible Authorities

11. A representation has been received from North Yorkshire Police relating to the crime and disorder and prevention of public nuisance licensing objectives. This is attached at Annex 3.

Summary of Representations made by Interested Parties

12. Representations have been received from the interested parties listed at Annex 4 (confidential). Their representations are attached at Annex 5.
13. The addresses of the interested parties are indicated on the map attached as Annex 6 (confidential). A further map indicating the general area from which representations were received is attached at Annex 7. The representations were received from the Micklegate, Toft Green, Tanner Row and Bishophill areas of York. An "interested party" is defined at s13(3) of the Act as being a person living in the vicinity of the premises, a body representing persons who live in that vicinity, a person involved in a business in that vicinity, or a body representing persons involved in such businesses.
14. Members are reminded that representations are only "relevant" if they relate to the likely effect of the grant of the licence on the promotion of at least one of the licensing objectives.

Options

15. By virtue of s18(4) of the Act, the Committee have the following options available to them in making their decision:-
16. Option 1: Grant the licence in the terms applied for.
17. Option 2: Grant the licence with modified/additional conditions imposed by the licensing committee.
18. Option 3: Grant the licence to exclude any of the licensable activities to which the application relates and modify/add conditions accordingly.

19. Option 4: Reject the application.

Analysis

20. The following could be the result of any decision made this Sub Committee:-
21. Option 1: This decision could be appealed at Magistrates Court by any of the representors.
22. Option 2: This decision could be appealed at Magistrates Court by the applicant or any of the representors.
23. Option 3: This decision could be appealed at Magistrates Court by the applicant or any of the representors.
24. Option 4: This decision could be appealed at Magistrates Court by the applicant.

Corporate Objectives

25. The Licensing Act 2003 has 4 objectives the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm.
26. These directly contribute to the Council's Safer City priority and corporate aim 4.
27. In addition the licensing objectives of public safety and prevention of public nuisance contribute towards corporate objective 1.4 – protection of residents from pollution, public health and safety hazards.

Implications

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- **Financial** - N/A
 - **Human Resources (HR)** – N/A
 - **Equalities** – N/A
 - **Legal** – This decision could be appealed at Magistrates Court by the applicant or any of the representors.
 - **Crime and Disorder** - The Committee is reminded of their duty under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to consider the crime and disorder implications of their decisions and the authority's responsibility to co-operate in the reduction of crime and disorder in the city.
 - **Information Technology (IT)** – N/A

- **Property** – N/A
- **Other** – none

Risk Management

30. In compliance with the Councils risk management strategy any decision made which is unreasonable or unlawful could be open to legal challenge resulting in loss of image reputation and potential financial penalty.
- 31 Measured in terms of impact and likelihood, the risk score has been assessed at less than 16. This means that at this point the risks need only to be monitored as they do not provide a real threat to the objectives of this report.

Recommendations

32. Members determine the application.

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Wards Affected: Micklegate

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Background Papers:

- Annex 2** - Copy of existing premises licence
- Annex 3** - Application form
- Annex 4** - Representations from Responsible Authorities
- Annex 5 (Confidential)** - List of Interested Parties
- Annex 6 (Confidential)** - Map of area indicating addresses of Interested Parties
- Annex 7** - Representations from Interested Parties
- Annex 8** - Map showing general area from which representations received
- Annex 9** - Mandatory Conditions
- Annex 10** - City Centre Special Policy Statement
- Annex 11** - Legislation and Policy Considerations