
Licensing Act 2003 Sub Committee

22 March 2007

Report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services

Section 35(3)(a) Application for the Variation of a premise licence for The Lighthouseman, 124 Fulford Road, York

Summary

1. This report seeks Members determination of an application for the variation of a premise licence, which has been made under the Licensing Act 2003.
2. Application reference number: CYC-008986.
3. Name of applicant: A S & J Robinson.
4. Type of authorisation applied for: Variation of existing premises licence.
5. Summary of application: The nature of the application is to extend the licensed area for the supply of alcohol to the beer garden and external areas and to remove Condition 11 (Public Nuisance) listed under Annex 2 of the existing licence which stipulates 'The beer garden/external areas of the premise are closed to customers at 22:00 hours each day'.

Background

6. A copy of the application to vary the licence is attached at Annex 1.
7. A copy of the existing premises licence is attached at Annex 2.

Promotion Of Licensing Objectives

8. The operating schedule submitted by the applicant shows that, in addition to existing conditions attached to the current licence, the licensing objectives would be met as follows:
9. The prevention of crime and disorder: No additional steps.
10. Public safety: No additional steps.
11. The prevention of public nuisance: Sign to be put on exit door asking patrons to respect residents and be quiet. Followed with careful monitoring.

12. The protection of children from harm: No additional steps.

Special Policy Consideration

13. This premise is not located within the special policy area.

Consultation

14. 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.
15. All procedural aspects of this application have been complied with.

Summary of Representations made by Responsible Authorities

16. There were no representations from responsible authorities.

Summary of Representations made by Interested Parties

17. Representations have been received from the interested parties listed at Annex 3 (confidential). Their representations are attached at Annex 4.
18. The addresses of the interested parties are indicated on the map attached as Annex 5 (confidential). A further map indicating the general area from which representations were received is attached at Annex 6. There were two representations from Sandringham Street and three from New Walk Terrace. 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.
19. 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.

Planning Issues

20. There are no planning issues relevant to this application.

Options

21. By virtue of s18(4) of the Act, the Committee have the following options available to them in making their decision:-

22. Option 1: Grant the variation of the licence in the terms applied for.
23. Option 2: Grant the variation of the licence with modified/additional conditions imposed by the licensing committee.
24. Option 3: Grant the variation of the licence to exclude any of the licensable activities to which the application relates and modify/add conditions accordingly.
25. Option 4: Reject the application.

Analysis

26. The following could be the result of any decision made this Sub Committee:-
27. Option 1: This decision could be appealed at Magistrates Court by any of the representors.
28. Option 2: This decision could be appealed at Magistrates Court by the applicant or any of the representors.
29. Option 3: This decision could be appealed at Magistrates Court by the applicant or any of the representors.
30. Option 4: This decision could be appealed at Magistrates Court by the applicant.

Corporate Priorities

31. 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.
32. The promotion of the licensing objectives will support the Council's priority to reduce the actual and perceived impact of violent, aggressive and nuisance behaviour on people in York.

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

34. All Members of the Licensing Act 2003 Committee have received full training on the Act and the regulations governing hearings. They are aware that any decision made which is unreasonable or unlawful could be open to challenge resulting in loss of image, reputation and potential financial penalty.
35. The report details the options available to the panel in determining the application and recommends that a decision be reached. There are no risks involved with this recommendation.

Recommendations

36. Members determine the application.

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Wards Affected: Fishergate

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Background Papers:

- Annex 1** - Copy of application form to vary existing licence
- Annex 2** - Copy of existing licence
- Annex 3 (Confidential)** - List of Interested Parties
- Annex 4** - Representations from Interested Parties
- Annex 5 (Confidential)** - Map of area indicating addresses of Interested Parties
- Annex 6** - Map showing general area from which representations received
- Annex 7** - Mandatory Conditions
- Annex 8** - Legislation and Policy Considerations