
Licensing Act 2003 Sub Committee

3 April 2008

Report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services

Section 35(3)(a) Application for the Variation of a premise licence for Nexus, 25 Tanner Row, York, YO1 6JP

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-009085
3. Name of applicant: McMillan York Ltd, 1 Rougier Street, York, YO1 6HZ
4. Type of authorisation applied for: Variation of premises licence.
5. Summary of application: The nature of the application is to extend the existing hours for the supply of alcohol and the provision of regulated entertainment and late night refreshment. Also to amend the existing internal floor layout as the applicant proposes to move and extend the existing dance floor and to locate an additional dance floor on the first floor.

Background

6. A copy of the existing premise licence is attached at Annex 1.
7. A copy of the application to vary the licence is attached at Annex 2.
8. A table listing the existing hours of operation and proposed hours of operation is attached at Annex 3.

Promotion Of Licensing Objectives

9. The applicant considers that existing licence conditions address the promotion of the four licensing objectives and therefore does not propose any additional measures.

Special Policy Consideration

10. 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

11. 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.
12. All procedural aspects of this application have been complied with.

Summary of Representations made by Responsible Authorities

13. A representation was received from North Yorkshire Police on the grounds of the prevention of crime and disorder, but was subsequently withdrawn when the applicant agreed to the following condition being attached to the licence: 'Last entry into the venue shall be no later than 03:00 hours'.

Summary of Representations made by Interested Parties

14. A representation has been received from the interested party listed at Annex 4 (confidential). A copy of the representation is attached at Annex 5.
15. The address of the interested party is indicated on the map attached as Annex 6 (confidential). A further map indicating the general area from which the representation was received is attached at Annex 7.
16. 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.
17. 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

18. Planning permission (Ref 07/2790) has been granted for a new entrance to the premises to be located through 31 George Hudson Street subject to the applicant submitting a scheme of noise insulation to meet the approval of the Planning Section. This matter is still pending.

Options

19. By virtue of s18(4) of the Act, the Committee have the following options available to them in making their decision:-
20. Option 1: Grant the variation of the licence in the terms applied for.
21. Option 2: Grant the variation of the licence with modified/additional conditions imposed by the licensing committee.
22. 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.
23. Option 4: Reject the application.

Analysis

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

Corporate Priorities

29. 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.
30. 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

32. 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.
33. 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

34. Members determine the application.
Reason: To address the representations received as required by the Licensing Act 2003.

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Background Papers:

- Annex 1** - Copy of existing premises licence
- Annex 2** - Copy of application form
- Annex 3** - Table of existing and proposed hours
- Annex 4 (Confidential)** - Details of Interested Party
- Annex 5** - Copy of representation from Interested Party
- Annex 6 (Confidential)** - Map of area indicating address of Interested Party
- Annex 7** - Map showing general area from which representation received
- Annex 8** - Mandatory Conditions
- Annex 9** - Copy of City Centre Special Policy Statement
- Annex 10** - Legislation and Policy Considerations