

Section 35(3)(a) Application for the Variation of a premise licence for the Royal Oak, 18 Goodramgate, York YO1 7LG

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-008924
3. Name of applicants: Punch Taverns PLC.
4. Type of authorisation applied for: Variation of premises licence.
5. Summary of application: The nature of the application is as follows
 1. to permit structural alterations including the addition of a new dining area and alfresco area to the ground floor, new fixed seating, the remodelling of the bar servery, additional toilets on first floor and removal of male toilets on the ground floor.
 2. to extend the licensable area to include these new areas on the ground floor and an additional room on the first floor.

Background

6. A copy of the existing premise licence including a plan of the existing layout is attached at Annex 1.
7. A copy of the application to vary the licence including a plan of the proposed new layout is attached at Annex 2.

Promotion Of Licensing Objectives

8. The operating schedule submitted by the applicant offers no additional steps to address the licensing objectives other than those already attached to the existing premises licence.

Special Policy Consideration

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

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

Summary of Representations made by Responsible Authorities

12. City of York Council Environmental Protection Unit: Make representation on the grounds of the prevention of public nuisance licensing objective. A copy of this representation is attached at Annex 3
13. A map showing the location of the premise and surrounding area is attached at Annex 4

Summary of Representations made by Interested Parties

14. No representations were received from interested parties.
15. 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

16. There are no planning issues or conditions relevant to this application.

Options

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

Analysis

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

Corporate Strategy

27. 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.
28. The promotion of the licensing objectives will support the Council's strategy to make York a safer city with low crime rates and high opinions of the city's safety record.

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. 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.
31. 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

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

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Wards Affected: Guildhall West

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Background Papers:

- Annex 1** - Copy of existing premises licence.
- Annex 2** - Copy of application form.
- Annex 3** - Representations from Interested Parties
- Annex 4** - Map showing general area from which representations received.
- Annex 5** - Mandatory Conditions.
- Annex 6** - Legislation and Policy Considerations.