

Decision Notice



Licensing Act 2003

Decision of the Council's Licensing Acts Panel held on 10 Sept 2012 regarding an application for a variation to a premises licence for The Guildhall, Abingdon

Reason for Hearing

To determine the application for a variation to a premises licence for The Guildhall, Abingdon, made under section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003, ("the Act").

Evidence

The Sub-Committee considered the licensing officer's report and accompanying documentation and heard submissions from the applicant and his legal representative, and other interested parties.

Decision

The Sub-Committee hereby grants the application for a variation to the premises licence to The Guildhall, Abingdon. The licence is granted as applied for subject to any amendments and conditions as set out below:

The hours permitted for licensable activities shall be:

Weekday and weekends, excluding bank holidays and New Year's Eve

Regulated entertainments: Sun – Thurs 09:00 – 00:00
Fri – Sat 09:00 – 01:00

Sale of alcohol (on/off sales): Sun – Thurs 11:00 – 23:30
Fri – Sat 11:00 – 00:30

The day before bank holidays (including Christmas Eve, but excluding Maundy Thursday and New Year's Eve)

Regulated entertainments: 09:00 – 01:00
Sale of alcohol (on/off sales): 11:00 – 00:30

New Year's Eve

Regulated entertainments: 09:00 – 01:00
Sale of alcohol (on/off sales): 11:00 New Year's Eve – 23:00 New Year's Day

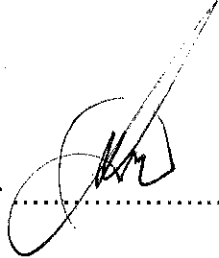
Reasons for the Decision

The panel took into account the evidence submitted by all parties, including local residents, the relevant provisions of the Act, the Secretary of State's guidance issued under section 182 of the Act, and the council's licensing policy.

The panel found that, having heard the concerns of the Interested parties and considered policy LA4 (noise control to suit late night trading), there is a significant risk of noise nuisance being caused by dispersal of patrons at the extended hours originally applied for. In order to address this risk, the panel decided that it would be appropriate to reduce the hours applied for, the hours should be reduced to those set out above (and now agreed by the Applicant). The application was otherwise in accordance with the licensing objectives.

Informatives

1. If any party wishes to obtain a copy of the minutes of the sub-committee meeting; they can do so by contacting Susan Harbour Democratic Services, telephone (01235) 540306, email susan.harbour@southandvale.gov.uk
2. Any party may appeal against the panel's (under section 181 of the Act). Any appeal must be to the Magistrates' Court within 21 days of the date of this decision notice.

Signed by Councillor (Ron Mansfield)
Chair of panel

Date17/9/2012.....