

# LICENSING BOARD INFORMATION SHEET

**TYPE OF APPLICATION:** VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE

**PREMISES:** LORD BYRON, BYRON SQUARE, ABERDEEN

## DESCRIPTION

- Variation to amend the description of the premises licence to reflect, "The premises are a standalone property located in a shopping precinct which is within a housing estate. The premises comprise public bar, lounge bar, pool/function room/general area, kitchen and general facilities required for the public house with a manager's office. The premises are located across one level and have an external licensed area. The premises are located within a mixed domestic and commercial area in Byron Square, Aberdeen".
- To allow outdoor drinking facilities during core licensed hours.
- Amendment to the areas children and young persons are permitted access.
- Variation to operating plan.
- Variation to layout plan.

## OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS

- None

The applicant has accepted the External Areas Conditions.

## POLICY

### Protecting Children and Young Persons from Harm

The Board recognises that the question of access to licensed premises by children and young persons is not one that can be answered with a one size fits all type of approach. The suitability of premises will depend on a number of factors including layout of the premises, activities or services available, and typical customer demographic.

Applicants and licence holders should also be aware that access for children and young persons will bring with it additional responsibilities and may result in additional conditions being attached to the licence.

#### What the Board Will Do:

- Assess all applications for suitability of access for children and young persons.
- Impose additional conditions where necessary to protect children and young persons from harm.
- Limit the hours during which children and young persons have access if appropriate.
- Limit activities which may take place on the licensed premises during hours in which children and young persons have access if appropriate.

#### What the Board Will Expect of Licence Holders/Applicants

- Consider the ambience of premises and what is appropriate in terms of children and young persons' access.
- Ensure facilities are appropriate to the areas of the premises to which children and young persons are to be afforded access.
- Vigilance against underage drinking and proxy purchasing.
- Strict enforcement of Challenge 25.
- Comprehensive and up to date staff training.

Restrict access for children and young persons to appropriate hours and parts of the premises

#### **Supplementary Policy – External Drinking Areas**

The Board recognises that the incorporation of outdoor areas within the licensed footprint of premises can enhance the operation of such premises but considers that it also attracts additional responsibilities on the part of the licence holder to uphold the licensing objectives.

Before an application to licence an outdoor area will be considered the area in question must benefit from the necessary planning permission and, if required, a pavement permit from the Roads Department of Aberdeen City Council.

All outdoor areas must be delineated on the layout plan forming part of the premises licence and outdoor drinking should be included as an activity within the body of the licence.

The Board will expect premises who currently utilise unlicensed outdoor areas to incorporate such areas within the premises licence by way of variation.

Applicants and licence holders must demonstrate that the areas will not contravene the licensing objectives, in particular with regard to noise, litter and antisocial behaviour. The areas must be regularly monitored, and glassware removed.

The Board will routinely attach additional conditions where an outdoor area is licensed including but not restricted to:

- Outdoor area to be clearly demarcated onsite.
- Use of the area to cease at 2200 hours.
- No amplified music or entertainment to take place in the outdoor area.

The terminal hour may be further restricted, and drinks may be required to be decanted into alternatives to glassware if appropriate.