

LICENSING BOARD INFORMATION SHEET

TYPE OF APPLICATION: VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE
PREMISES: OLD BLACKFRIARS, 52 CASTLEGATE, ABERDEEN

DESCRIPTION

- The addition of outdoor drinking during and outwith core hours
- Amendment to children and young persons access so they will be permitted entry until 10pm
- Amendment to layout plans to reflect outdoor drinking
- Amendment to layout plan matrix to show where activities are permitted

OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS

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POLICY

19 OUTSIDE SEATING AREAS

19.1 The Board recognises a growing trend for outside seating areas in licensed premises. The Act allows the consumption of alcohol off the premises in these areas. However Aberdeen City Council has a byelaw prohibiting the consumption of alcohol in designated public places. This is part of the overall strategy to make safe all the public areas within the city. The text of the byelaw is available at Appendix 1 and on Aberdeen City Council website at: www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/licensing

19.2 The Board will expect any licence holder who intends to provide outside seating, tables, or other outside facilities to hold a licence which includes the outside area and to have the necessary planning permission. Where the premises do not currently include such an outside area the Board will expect licence holders to vary the licence. Applicants, who propose to provide outdoor areas, should ensure that their use will not cause disturbance or nuisance to the occupiers of other premises in the vicinity. The Board may impose where necessary local conditions such as the provision of CCTV camera(s) to assist in the management and control of such areas and in support of the licensing objectives. These areas should be shown on the layout plan.

19.3 Aberdeen City Council operates a scheme whereby a permit may be applied for to occupy the footway with tables and chairs. This scheme is operated under the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984. The Board expects that licence holders will not only comply with any conditions attached to such a permit but will also put into place effective management controls, supervision and other measures to ensure that the use of such areas by patrons or by any other persons does not have a negative impact in the vicinity

LICENSING OBJECTIVE – PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM HARM

28.1 The Board wishes to see child safe premises thriving in the city. It welcomes applications from those who wish to operate licensed premises which accommodate children and families. In determining any such application the risk of harm to children will be paramount.

28.2 Where applicants wish to operate such premises, the Board expects them to appreciate that this places additional responsibilities upon them at the same time as recognising that parents and other adults accompanying children also have responsibilities.

28.4 The following examples of control measures are given to assist applicants.

- effective and responsible premises management
- adoption of best practice guidance
- imitations on the hours when children may be present, in all or parts of the premises
- imitations or exclusions by age when certain activities are taking place
- imposition of requirements for children to be accompanied by an adult
- acceptance of accredited proof of age cards with photographs, or passports
- measures to ensure children do not purchase, acquire or consume alcohol
- measures to ensure children are not exposed to incidences of violence or disorder
- appropriate training and supervision of those employed to secure protection of children from harm.

Imposition of reasons for children to be present and/ or accompanied by a responsible person / adult who shall have responsibility for, and supervise such children and young persons will normally only be admitted to licensed premises for the purpose of consuming light refreshments or a meal, partaking in a relevant sporting activity or attending a pre-arranged function