

Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

Application For Variation of Premises Licence: Mains of Scotstown, Jesmond Square East, Bridge of Don, AB22 8WT

In terms of Section 22 (1)(b) (iii), I make the following representation to the Licensing Board as to the conditions which the Licensing Standards Officer considers should be imposed with this variation.

In regards to the licensing objective - Protecting Children from Harm:

The Licensing Standards Officer (LSO) and a representative from the NHS met with the management team at the Premises. At the meeting a discussion was held in regards to children's access to the bar and the proposal for the removal of the 'consuming food' element to the access terms.

The outcomes of the meeting are listed below;

1. The management team suggested that accompanied children will have access to the bar Monday to Friday from 11am to 5pm. The LSO is satisfied with the times suggested, however, we understand that this has to be agreed upon by the agent and the Licence Holder also. If no agreement is reached, the LSO will revert back to her representation and appeal to the Licensing Board for the modification to be agreed upon or explored further in order to protect children from harm.
2. We agreed that during these type of events, the bar would have the potential to be a more adult orientated environment and that it is not an appropriate time for children to have access. I am satisfied that management will take responsibility in determining whether children will have access to the premises prior to the event.
3. It was also agreed by the management team, that the adult who has the responsibility for looking after the child during the visit will have no more than 2 drinks containing 'alcohol' and the adult will be required to consume a meal. The Licensing Standards Officer supports this suggestion by the management team, this will lead to the child being exposed to alcohol in a more social and family friendly environment; by seeing the adult partake in a meal whilst restricting the amount of alcohol the parent or guardian will consume.
4. Whilst the bar is predominately 'alcohol sales' led, it was also agreed that children will not approach the bar. Children will always be accompanied by an adult.

In regards to the licensing objective - Preventing Public Nuisance:

The applicant wishes to operate an external licensed area at the Premises. The Premises is adjacent to residential properties and for this reason I have the following

points that should be incorporated into their Operating plan, in order to reduce the potential for a public nuisance concern for residents nearby.

1. Music will not be played within the external area.
2. The external area will not be in operation after 2200 hours.

The management team informed us that they would discuss the outcomes of the meeting with the Licence Holder and the agent and if all parties agreed they would therefore amend the application.

If the application is amended to include the points raised above, the LSO will have no further concern in regards to variation of Q5 and Q6 of their Operating plan.

Regards

Licensing Standards Officer
Aberdeen City Council