

LICENSING BOARD INFORMATION SHEET

TYPE OF APPLICATION: VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE

PREMISES: THE RAJ SPICE, ZARA HOUSE, BURNSIDE HOUSE, DYCE, ABERDEEN

DESCRIPTION

- Amendment of terminal hour on Fridays and Saturdays from 00:00 to 01:00. Amendment to operating plan to include seasonal variations.
- Amendment to operating plan to include outdoor drinking area.
- Amendment to children and young persons access
- Amendment to include televised sports, theatre, film and dance.
- Amendment to include other activities to include karaoke, quiz nights, comedians and magicians, children and young persons entertainers and other entertainment.
- Ancillary take away facilities for food and drink.

OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS

- Police
- Building Standards

POLICY

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.

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.

What the Board Will Expect of Partner Agencies:

- Communication of relevant information.
- Sharing of best practice or initiatives designed to improve standards.
- Participation in mediation in the event of issues or licence review hearings as a last resort.

A link to examples of the standard local conditions can be found in the Supplementary Policy on General Licensing Matters.