

# LICENSING BOARD INFORMATION SHEET

**TYPE OF APPLICATION: VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE  
PREMISES: PALM COURT HOTEL**

## DESCRIPTION

- Amendment of the terminal hour for the function suites and bar area to 02:00 Friday to Sunday
- Inclusion of additional space in the external area.

## OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS

- Braeside and Mannofield Community Council
- Member of the Public x 3

## CONDITIONS

The applicant has agreed to the imposition of the External Drinking Area Conditions.

## POLICY

### 7. SUPPLEMENTARY POLICY – LICENSED HOURS

Whilst all applications will be dealt with on their own merits the Board considers it necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives to set parameters with respect to licensed hours. Any application seeking hours outwith those detailed below will be expected to satisfy the Board that there are legitimate grounds for departing from policy and demonstrate that the granting of such hours would not be contrary to the licensing objectives

#### On-Sale Premises

The Board considers it appropriate to distinguish hours within the city centre from outlying areas. The city centre area is that shown delineated on the undernoted map. The hours stated below are the earliest acceptable opening hour and latest acceptable terminal hour, and not the maximum permissible hours. The terminal hours stated below are the latest permissible and will not be appropriate for all

premises. It will be the responsibility of the licence holder or applicant to demonstrate that the premises is suitable for the hours sought.

Additional conditions will normally be added to all premises seeking licensed hours after 1am including but not limited to CCTV, door stewards and radiolink.

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

The Board considers 15 hours continuous trading to be reasonable within any 24-hour period and so the opening or terminal hour should be adjusted accordingly to comply with this requirement. The opening hours for casinos remains in line with the statutory hours in terms of the Gambling Act 2005, namely 1200 – 0600 daily.

Outwith City Centre	Earliest Opening Hour	Latest Terminal Hour
Sunday to Thursday	1000	0000
Friday & Saturday	1000	0100
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Sunday to Thursday	1000	0200
Friday & Saturday	1000	0300

## **9. 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