

LICENSING BOARD INFORMATION SHEET

TYPE OF APPLICATION: VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE
PREMISES: RICHMOND ARMS, 327 NORTH DEESIDE ROAD, ABERDEEN

DESCRIPTION

- Variation to on sales and off sales opening hour to 10:00 on Sunday.
- Change of address for Premises Manager.

OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS

- Community Council

POLICY

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 |

| City Centre | Earliest Opening Hour | Latest Terminal Hour |
|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Sunday to Thursday | 1000 | 0200 |
| Friday & Saturday | 1000 | 0300 |

Off-Sale Premises

Maximum trading hours for off-sale premises are set by statute. The Board have no power to grant off-sales hours prior to 1000 or after 2200 hours. It should be noted that these are the maximum permitted hours and the Board may restrict these hours if it can be shown to be necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

| Earliest Opening Hour | Latest Terminal Hour |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| All off-sales premises | 1000 2200 |

PROTECTING AND IMPROVING PUBLIC HEALTH

The Board recognise that excessive consumption of alcohol can cause or exacerbate a number of health problems. All applicants will be expected to demonstrate measures to be taken to protect public health, and all licence holders will be expected to maintain those standards and take all necessary steps to prevent excessive consumption.

Whilst licensing is an important tool in the protection of public health it will not be sufficient in isolation and accordingly the Board will be interested in hearing from and working alongside relevant partners and interested parties where appropriate.

Factors to be considered in connection with this particular licensing objective include, but are not limited to:

- Access to alcohol by vulnerable persons
- Excessive consumption
- Irresponsible promotion of alcohol
- Education of unit strength of alcohol

What the Board Will Do:

- Utilise local conditions on licences where appropriate.
- Liaise with public health organisation, the local licensing forum and other relevant parties.
- Monitor the number and capacity of premises, public health data and overprovision policies.
- Contribute to raising awareness of the licensing system.

What the Board Will Expect of Licence Holders/Applicants

- Proactive layout of off-sales premises to discourage impulse buying.
- Adequate staff training, including refusals policy and incident recording.
- Availability of low/non-alcoholic products and soft drinks.
- Licensed hours reflective of operating hours.
- Awareness of irresponsible promotions.

What the Board Will Expect of Partner Agencies:

- Effective communication of relevant trends and information.
- Provision of accurate statistics to assist with Board policy and decision making.
- Participation in efforts to increase public awareness of initiatives to protect and improve public health.

