

From: Stephanie Reynolds
Sent: 23 April 2020 08:36
To: 'Shaun Keasey'
Subject: RE: [External]: RE: New Licence Application

Shaun,

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- must be appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives;
- must be precise and enforceable;
- must be unambiguous and clear in what they intend to achieve;

The reason it is encouraged is for the above reasons.

Your door policy clearly states that there will be a search policy of all persons, how could this be maintained if there were no female door staff? How would this be upholding the licensing objectives?

Conditions must be enforceable and precise, which is why I have amended some of the wording you had submitted, in order to ensure that they conform with the Sec 182 guidance.

In relation to the CIZ, it is up to you as the applicant to evidence how you will not contribute to the CI, there is no mention of “the spirit” of the licensing act.

Please see below another amended version for your consideration.

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- *The conditions in force under this licence.*

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The premises will adhere to the door/search policy written by the premises. If/when changes are made to this policy these are to be forwarded to Wolverhampton Police Licensing to update records.

Regards,

Steph Reynolds
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From: Shaun Keasey [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 April 2020 14:23
To: Stephanie Reynolds
Cc: WV Licensing; [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: [External]: RE: New Licence Application

Steph,

Thanks for your email and hope you're well.

Please find my response to your email of 22/4 at 12.13pm below.

You stated in your email of 20/4 at 10.30am 'hopefully we can mediate.'

I believe the adaptations of our original proposals for license condition (b) Crime and Disorder demonstrated our willingness to accommodate your concerns.

Unfortunately your reply is not, we believe, mediation, rather an insistence that we word our application under your instructions.

This is not in the spirit of licensing applications.

The license, in the spirit of the act, needs to be workable.

S182 guidance 1.16 states "The use of wording such as "must", "shall" and "will" is **encouraged**."

I believe it uses the word 'encouraged' rather than 'essential' because it is understood that not all operational issues are absolute.

For example...

Quite rightly the application states that "Doorstaff **will** be on site," "The premises **will** maintain a high definition CCTV system," "A doorstaff logbook **will** be kept on site" and "All staff involved in the sale of alcohol **will** be trained in Challenge 25."

These conditions are absolute and should be enforceable.

However...

"**Where available** the second member of doorstaff will be female" and "The premises license holder shall ensure that at all times, **where practically possible**...there is at least one competent...person able to administer first aid."
"

...are examples of good working practise that promote the licensing objectives but can be affected by day to day events such as illness or other immediate situations.

If required even these can be 'enforced' by an examination of rota's and Door Staff Log Books.

As an experienced operator in Wolverhampton I can, with a degree of confidence, state that female doorstaff **are not** always available through SIA companies.

The same applies for First Aid trained staff. We could indeed 'train a number of staff' but that doesn't mean that there will always be one available.

None of the statements are, I believe, ambiguous, but do promote the licensing objectives, are enforceable where necessary, and demonstrate good working practise where appropriate.

I am happy for the disclosed dress code/door & search policy to be included for reference, but not as part of the operating schedule as it will adapt as the business becomes established.

I am aware that the site is within a Cumulative Impact Zone.

Over the past few years Wolverhampton has seen a massive decline in the number of venues available. I do not believe that the addition of a coffee/cocktail bar will have a detrimental effect on the cumulative impact of licensed venues within the city centre.

We are happy that our revised condition is within the spirit of the licensing act.

With best wishes,

Shaun

From: Stephanie Reynolds <s.a.reynolds@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk>

Date: Wednesday, 22 April 2020 at 12:13

To: 'Shaun Keasey' <[REDACTED]>

Cc: WV Licensing <wv_licensing@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk>

Subject: RE: [External]: RE: New Licence Application

Shaun,

I have reviewed your proposals based on what I suggested.

I am not concerned regarding the dress code, it was something you implied, therefore I wanted to know if this was going to be a condition of entry.

Regarding the pavement area outside for off sales. It is impossible for me to assess this matter as this is not in the plans, and as you have stated has not been approved as yet. Therefore a suggestion would be that off sales and the reference to the outdoor area be removed from this application. Once this has been granted the licence can be varied.

In relation to the wordings on the licence, as I stated, they need to be enforceable, so words such as where possible or practical are not sufficient.

If a female member of door staff is not available, then there are plenty of SIA companies that you could use. This has never been an issue with any other venue that I am aware of. The same would go if they were to go sick, a replacement could be found.

The same process is available for First Aid trained staff, you could train a number of staff, so should one call in sick etc, there is another one.

This is about promoting the licensing objectives, whilst having conditions that are enforceable and not ambiguous.

There should always be a contingency plan, rather than looking at the licence conditions as being too prescriptive.

S182 Guidance 1.16 Licence conditions – general principles

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- must be appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives;
- must be precise and enforceable;
- must be unambiguous and clear in what they intend to achieve;
- should not duplicate other statutory requirements or other duties or responsibilities placed on the employer by other legislation;
- must be tailored to the individual type, location and characteristics of the premises and events concerned;
- should not be standardised and may be unlawful when it cannot be demonstrated that they are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives in an individual case;
- should not replicate offences set out in the 2003 act or other legislation;
- should be proportionate, justifiable and be capable of being met;
- cannot seek to manage the behaviour of customers once they are beyond the direct management of the licence holder and their staff, but may impact on the behaviour of customers in the immediate vicinity of the premises or as they enter or leave; and
- should be written in a prescriptive format

My question regarding the necessity of your requested opening hours Sunday – Thursday is a simple question. What are the reasons for requesting those hours on those days please?

You have made no reference to this application being in a CIZ, as you may or may not be aware....

The effect of a Cumulative Impact Policy is the rebuttable presumption that any application for a new or varied licence will be refused where premises are located within the area covered by the policy unless the applicant is able to demonstrate, through evidence, that the granting of a new or varied licence will not add to the cumulative effect currently experienced or undermine promotion of the licensing objectives.

I also think it is pertinent to include on the operating schedule a copy of your disclosed Dress Code/Door & Search Policy for reference.

In light of all the above my proposals for conditions remain...as below.

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Regards,

Steph Reynolds
PS 6222
Licensing

From: Shaun Keasey [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 April 2020 13:08
To: Stephanie Reynolds
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [External]: RE: New Licence Application

Hi Steph,

Hope you're well.

Firstly to answer some specific points:

The dress code I stated was 'Dress to Impress' and means exactly what it says.
The style of dress is unimportant as it could be interpreted in many ways.

The pavement area will be applied for separately once it is possible to liaise with representatives of WCC and Wolverhampton BID to determine appropriate dimensions.

Your question re: the necessity for the opening hours requested Sunday to Thursday is puzzling.
Would you clarify.

The use of 'where possible' and 'should' are very relevant as this license will be a working document that demonstrates and promotes good practise. Not all things are absolute at all times...

- *a female member of doorstaff may not be available at all times, or may have to leave with an illness*
- *a first aid trained member of staff may have to leave with an illness, or call in sick at late notice*

Were these two examples to happen, an 'absolute' condition would force the business to close.

Please find my rewording of license condition (b) Crime and Disorder below:

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All staff involved in the sale of alcohol will be trained in 'Challenge 25' to ensure that no person who appears intoxicated or under the age of 18 is served alcohol. This training is to be documented and refreshed every 12 months.

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Please also find attached a copy of our proposed Door Policy.

I believe the above is a fair, professional and workable statement and look forward to your representation being withdrawn.

With best wishes,

Shaun

From: [Shaun Keasey](#)

Sent: 20 April 2020 11:14

To: [Stephanie Reynolds](#)

Subject: RE: [External]: RE: New Licence Application

Steph,

Thanks for your response.

We are happy to discuss and develop the application, however, your re-wording of Licensing Objectives section (b) The Prevention of Crime and Disorder appears to be draconian and overly prescriptive.

I will read through in more detail and amend to a position I feel is more appropriate and forward to you.

With best wishes,

Shaun

From: [Stephanie Reynolds](#)
Sent: 20 April 2020 10:30
To: [Shaun Keasey](#)
Subject: RE: [External]: RE: New Licence Application

Shaun,

Thanks for the below email.

I have made representations to the Licensing Team regarding this application, but hopefully we can mediate to accommodate these concerns.

What is your search policy and can we have a copy of it please?
You mentioned in the below email about a dress code, is there a condition of entry re dress code please? If so can I have a copy of it please?
You make reference to off sales for the outdoor pavement area. I cannot see this area on the plans. Is this a seated area at the front/rear of the premises?
Also what is the necessity for the opening hours requested Sunday to Thursday?

I have some concerns that the operating schedule that you submitted is not appropriate or manageable as it contains words such as "where possible and should". As you are aware these are not enforceable when used in such context.

I have detailed below alteration to the wordings that you have submitted in your application.

Please read through and come back to me if you have any concerns. I am not back in the office until Wednesday, so it will have to be via email.

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Regards,

Steph Reynolds
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Licensing

From: Shaun Keasey [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 April 2020 14:48
To: Stephanie Reynolds <s.a.reynolds@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk>
Subject: [External]: RE: New Licence Application

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Steph,

Hope you're well.

Thanks for your email.

The venue is to be called 'Bogart's' (after Humphrey Bogart) and the interior theme will be chic and classy with a single bar and seated areas building towards a small area with a grand piano. Classic Hollywood stars will be displayed through pictures, prints and video displays.

The focus throughout the day will be on coffees, beers, wines and snacks. There will be occasional live music from a pianist or small live group.

From late evening into the night it will operate as a 'funky and chic' cocktail bar with the focus on good company and enjoyment.

The main evening music policy will be 'Disco Funk' such as:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e_kzpx1m6jQ&fbclid=IwAR0PcwcJFISntrVXP3Z99htXdthXBCnIYUV6LXg7_rP52jWYo8vlhe_5lyQ

&

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FCKjoI4CTxk>

Proposed initial opening times will be Sunday-Thursday 10:00-02:30, Friday & Saturday 10:00-03:30. This will no doubt be amended as trade patterns clarify.

We will be operating a classic clientele policy of 'dress to impress...' especially during later hours. 'Challenge 25' will, of course, be implemented.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

With best wishes,

Shaun

From: [Stephanie Reynolds](#)

Sent: 15 April 2020 14:17

To: '[Shaun Keasey](#)'

Subject: New Licence Application

Shaun,

I have received your application. Can I have some information as to what this premises will be please?

Is it a nightclub or bar is it set at a specific genre/entertainment etc, who are your targeted clientele?

Some more information would be helpful please, along with proposed opening days/times.

Many thanks,

Steph Reynolds

