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From: Greg Bickerdike [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2024 3:46 PM
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Subject: PRE1385 - RE: North Street Social, North Street, Wolverhampton WV1 1RE

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Dear Licensing,

I write on behalf of the Licensing Authority as a Responsible Authority to submit formal representations to the above application under the licensing objectives of the Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Prevention of Public Nuisance, and Public Safety.

The premises is located within the City Centre. There is a rebuttable presumption that applications within a C.I.Z will be refused unless the applicant can demonstrate that there will be no negative cumulative impact on one or more of the licensing objectives.

There is insufficient information within the operating schedule to show how the applicant will address these licensing objectives. Some of the conditions are also unenforceable.

I will be looking to mediate with the applicant in order to address these concerns by way of amendments to the operating schedule prior to a Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee hearing.

We are prepared to:

- Allow glasses at some points, however this would then require glass collectors.
- Allow the SIA staff to relinquish their dispersal duties once patrons have left the area.
- Allow the member of staff dedicated to identifying vulnerable people to undertake glass collecting duties, which will also give them a reason to have close interactions with patrons and identify any issues. This person may be responsible for the whole venue.
- Allow all other variations not mentioned below.

Changes proposed:

From: The premises licence holder shall ensure that all drinking glasses used within the premises are of toughened or safety glass or polycarbonate/ plastic to the appropriate safety standard, in that they shall not produce sharp shards when broken.

To: The premises licence holder shall ensure that all drinking glasses used within the premises, during ticketed events, events involving an external promoter or sports screenings, are of toughened or safety glass or polycarbonate/ plastic to the appropriate safety standard, in that they shall not produce sharp shards when broken.

From: SIA registered door supervisors wearing hi visibility vests and body-worn cameras shall be provided outside of the premises until all customers have left the immediate vicinity of the premises.

To: SIA registered door supervisors shall be provided outside of the premises for until all patrons have left the vicinity or 30 minutes after closing, (whichever is earliest) to assist in the safe and orderly dispersal of patrons from the premises. Body cameras and high visibility vests, tabards or jackets shall be worn by door supervisors when employed in this function.

From: Dedicated staff will be employed to assist the door staff with responsibility of identifying potentially intoxicated individuals and to help them; accordingly, there shall be a minimum of one such staff member on each floor of the premises whenever licensable activities take place.

To: At least one member of staff will be employed to assist the door staff with responsibility of identifying potentially intoxicated individuals and to provide assistance as required. Accordingly, there shall be a minimum of one such staff member undertaking this whenever licensable activities take place. They will be easily distinguishable by patrons and will also be responsible for collecting glasses.

Modification opposed:

Door supervisors shall each be equipped with a two-way radio to facilitate communication between themselves/management when licensable activities are taking place on the first floor.

Replacement opposed:

All door supervisors on duty, working at the premises will wear body worn cameras from their start of duty through to the end of their duty. Body worn cameras should be worn continuously throughout their tour of duty.

Security Industries Agency (SIA) registered Door Supervisors will be employed at the premises every Thursday, Friday and Saturday and all bank holidays, including the day prior to the bank holiday, and when holding any events including student events. There shall be a minimum of 2 SIA registered Door Supervisors on duty from 8pm. Premises to conduct a risk assessment on suitable numbers of SIA registered door personnel, at all times. The above a minimum only. A ratio of 1:50 thereafter.

A search policy shall be in place and will include procedures for the confiscation of prohibited articles, such as drugs and weapons.

A clearly visible notice will be placed at each entrance to the premises advising those attending that it is a condition of entry that customers agree to being searched and that the police will be informed if anyone is found in possession of controlled substances or weapons. Searching will be a condition of entry, and all persons wanting to enter, or re-enter will be subject of the full search policy on every occasion. This is to include all staff, performers, DJ's and any other entertainment and entourage.

A knife arch will be in place on all entrance points to the first floor and will be used as a condition of entry to the first floor. This knife arch and any knife wands will be maintained in good working order and if it breaks WMP are to be informed and action taken to repair at the earliest opportunity.

Search procedure will be as follows:

- 1) All pockets to be emptied/bags searched
- 2) Metal detecting wands will then be used to scan from head to toe
- 3) Full body pat down from head to toe
- 4) Walk through the knife arch
- 5) If the Knife arch is activated, another full body pat down to be conducted.

ID scanner shall be a condition of entry to the first floor every Thursday, Friday and Saturday and all bank holidays, including the day prior to the bank holiday, and when holding any events including student events. CCTV to cover this area also. All information obtained from the ID scanner to be made available to any RA upon request.

Removal opposed:

All controlled drugs (or items suspected to be) found at the premises must be placed in this box as soon as practical. Whenever this box is emptied, all its contents must be given to WMP for appropriate disposal.

From 8pm at least one of the SIA door supervisors shall be female. Where this is not possible, details must be recorded why in the incident book. Furthermore, this shall be reported in writing to the Licensing Authority within 48 hours.

Kind regards,

Greg Bickerdike
Licensing Manager

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