

Licensing Panel

Friday, 15 January 2010

10.00am

Present:

Cllr William Dyke (Chairman)

Cllrs: Greta Goatley
John Loughlin

Martin Goodman	Corporate Lawyer
Christina Hills	Senior Licensing Officer
Allan Glasson	Senior Environmental Health Officer - Applicant
Mark Lees	Environmental Health Technician
Richard Beckett	Environmental Health Technician
Christopher Wakeford	Committee & Scrutiny Assistant

Also in Attendance:

Paul Diment	Liquor Licensing Officer (Kent Police)
Boyd Collins	Respondent (Premises License Holder)

Interested Parties:

June Robinson
Irene Lambert
Jennifer Girling
Christine Townsend

13. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

14. The Long Hop, Wrotham Road, Meopham

The Panel considered an application by the Environmental Protection Section, Regulatory Services Department, Gravesham Borough Council for the review of the Premises licence for The Long Hop, Wrotham Road, Meopham.

The grounds for applying for the review were to address the licensing objective 'Prevention of Public Nuisance' and relates to disturbance caused to local residents by non-compliance with Licence conditions.

The application sought to vary the premises licence so as to:-

1. Remove the following condition:-
 - all windows be kept closed after 11.00.

and replace with:-

- all windows and doors to be kept closed save for means of access and egress after 23:00 until the start of the next licensing period.

2. Remove the following condition:-

- live music will end at 00:00 except on New Years Eve and New Years Day.

and replace with:-

- live music will end at 23:00 except on New Years Eve and New Years Day.

3. Remove the following condition:-

- all live music/karaoke events will be controlled by ensuring that all windows and doors are kept closed save for the purpose of access and egress. All live music, karaoke and amplified voices will only take place inside the premises.

and replace with:-

- all live music / karaoke / events which use a public announcement (PA) system will be controlled by ensuring that all shutters to external ventilators are completely closed and all windows and doors are kept closed save for the purposes of access and egress for the duration of the event. All such events will only take place inside the premises.

It is considered that these conditions will benefit the situation as it reduces by one hour the times when live music events occur at the Long Hop.

15. Determination

Having considered all representations from the applicant, respondent, responsible authorities and interested parties, the panel resolved that the amended conditions, as detailed above, be attached to the Premises Licence GM/PRE/0506/0213 with the following exception:-

- condition 3 will only be imposed after the Fire Service have reviewed the matter and confirmed that it is acceptable. If the Fire Service does not deem condition 3 acceptable it will not be imposed.

Resolved that the application be granted subject to conditions.

Close of meeting

The meeting ended at 11.55 am.