

NOTIFICATION OF DECISION OF LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

APPLICATION FOR SUMMARY REVIEW OF PREMISES LICENCE UNDER SECTION 53(A) OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003

Date of Review: 11 March 2014

Premises: Solstice/Radius, Northminster Road, Peterborough, PE1 1SQ

Applicants: Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Decision:

The ability to employ an 'In House Door Supervisor Team' is revoked, by imposing the following conditions onto the Premises License:

1. All Licensable activity will cease at 02:00am
2. All SIA Registered door supervisors must be employed from a recognised and qualified SIA registered Door Supervisor Security Company that is approved by the Licensing Authority.
3. A minimum of 8 SIA registered door supervisors will be employed at all times a licensable activity takes place from 21:00 hours on each Friday and Saturday night. A minimum of 2 SIA door supervisors will be employed where capacity is expected to exceed 100 on any other night. They will be employed on the main access door and at strategic points around the venue to:
 - a. Prevent the admission of drunk and disorderly persons.
 - b. Maintain an orderly queue outside the venue
 - c. Count those entering and leaving the premises to ensure building capacity is not breached.
 - d. Assist customers leaving the venue to ensure they leave in a quiet and orderly fashion.
 - e. To keep out excluded persons circulated via the NightSafe Pub Watch Scheme.
 - f. Search and exclude those persons suspected of carrying illegal drugs or offensive weapons.
 - g. Maintain effective communication via City Link Radio, or other means with Peterborough CCTV or the Police when requesting assistance.

4. All door staff shall be trained in the requirements of the Challenge 25 policy, the identification & recognition of drunks and the correct procedures to be followed when refusing service.
5. The premises licence holder and / or the designated premises supervisor shall ensure door supervisors are properly briefed and trained to manage queues in a safe and efficient manner.
6. All door supervisors employed at the entrance / exit of the licensed premises will wear high visibility clothing and display their SIA badge in an arm badge holder.
7. All door staff engaged in searching persons (as a condition of entry) shall be fully trained in the use of their powers to do so.
8. Where a licensed premises engages in searching persons, the premises licence holder and / or designated premises supervisor shall ensure that door supervisors of both sexes are on duty.
9. The premises licence holder and / or designated premises supervisor shall ensure that the following details for each door supervisor are contemporaneously entered into a bound register kept for that purpose :

Full Name

SIA badge number in full

The time they begun duty

The time they completed their duty

The full details of any agency through which they have been allocated work at the premises.

10. The premises licence holder and / or designated premises supervisor or in their absence another responsible person to keep an 'incident report register' in a bound book in which full details of all incidents are recorded. This shall be completed as soon as possible and in any case no later than the close of business on the day of the incident. The time and date when the register was completed, and by whom, is to form part of the entry. The register is to be kept on the premises at all times and shall be produced to an authorised officer of the Licensing Authority or Police Officer (inc any Licensing PCSO) when required. The register should be retained for a minimum of 12 months.
11. All door supervisors shall be capable of communicating instantly with one another by way of radio or other simultaneous system of communication.

OUTLINE OF FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Sub-Committee considered representations made by the police contained within the application and certificate in support of the expedited review. The representation detailed an incident which took place on 9th March 2014 between the hours of 02:30am and 2:50am;
2. Due to the seriousness of the incident, the Sub-Committee contacted by telephone the Police Licensing Officer, PC Robinson, to seek reassurances that the proposed interim conditions would be effective; and
3. The Sub-Committee were satisfied that they had sufficient information to make a decision.

CONSIDERATIONS BY THE SUB-COMMITTEE

4. The Sub-Committee considered whether in the light of the representations made by the police, if it was necessary to take interim steps to address the immediate problems with the premises.
5. The Sub-committee considered paragraph 3 of the Home office guidance and the powers available to it under Section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003 namely:
 - The modification of the conditions of the premises licence;
 - The exclusion of the sale of alcohol (or other licensable activities) from the scope of the licence;
 - The removal of the designated premises supervisor; and
 - The suspension of the licence.
6. The Sub-Committee considered that the interim step of modifying the conditions of the premises licence was necessary to prevent the likelihood of further serious disorder and that the hours of operation for licensable activities should be curtailed and that further conditions surrounding the management of door supervisors should be attached to the licence as recommended by the Police.

REPRESENTATIONS BY THE PREMISES LICENCE HOLDER UNDER SECTION 53(B)(6) OF THE ACT

7. The premises licence holder is entitled to make representations on the interim steps taken. If representations are made, the licensing authority must hold a hearing within 48 hours of receipt (excluding non-working days). At the hearing the licensing authority must consider if the interim steps taken are necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives and determine whether to withdraw or modify the steps taken.

Councillor Thacker M.B.E

11 March 2014

Licensing Act 2003 Sub-Committee - Chairman