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From: Bowler Richard
Sent: 22 July 2014 12:45
To: Dolby Darren
Cc: Licensing
Subject: FW: Licence Review Application - Mansfield Snooker Club
Attachments: [Untitled].pdf

Darren,

I have this morning had a conversation with Mr Darr, the PLH for Mansfield Snooker Club regarding the email below.

I advised that in view of the case history and following a review of the current conditions, we believe the licence requires updating. This will, in the long run, be as much to the benefit of the business as it will to the enforcing agencies as it will ensure the conditions are up-to-date, enforceable and fit for purpose.

I remain unclear as to what Mr Darr's position on our comments is. I would therefore ask, for the avoidance of doubt, that the email below be submitted as a formal representation for the consideration of the committee.

Mr Darr has advised me that he intends to speak with his solicitor and then come back to me following our discussion. It may be that we are able to reach agreement on this department's proposals prior to the date of the hearing. If this is the case, I will advise you accordingly.

As an aside, he made reference to the previous complaints we have received and disputed that many/any of these were associated with his club. I would note for reference that 13 of the 16 are noise complaints, the other 3 relate to waste disposal/accumulations.

I am able, should you feel it would be of help, to provide further detail on each of the complaints however I feel this would be unnecessary and would divert attention from the issue at hand. I would expect that the Licensing team was heavily involved in our investigations at that time also, I am unable to include in that reference any complaints made direct to your team.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Regards

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From: Bowler Richard
Sent: 08 July 2014 11:46
To: Licensing
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Subject: Licence Review Application - Mansfield Snooker Club

Good Morning,

Pollution Control is in receipt of the above application to review a premises licence. The information contained within it causes us a great deal of concern and we would make the following comments:

This premise has a considerable history of complaints regarding noise. Having checked the system, I note that we have received no new complaints since 2012 although we are aware that involvement on the part of the Police and the Licensing team has continued. Prior to that, 16 separate complaints are recorded as being dealt with by this department from 2004 onwards. This department therefore supports the Police's application for review of the premises licence.

We have reviewed the public nuisance conditions attached to the licence and it would appear that these are in need of update. It would also appear that additional conditions are required to help ensure the premises are run effectively. Given the history of the premise from a public nuisance/noise point of view and the issues detailed in the Police's representation, we would recommend that the committee make the following changes to the licence in respect of the public nuisance objective:

	Current Conditions	Recommended Amendments/Additions
1.	Low lit lighting shall be provided outside the premises (and in the private car park) during the hours of darkness when any licensable activity takes place on the premises.	No lighting installed in, on or outside the premises shall cause a public nuisance. Note, assessment of compliance with this condition, where required, will be through assessment of compliance with relevant sections of the Institution of Lighting Professionals (ILP) document "Guidance Notes for the Reduction of Obtrusive Light" (2011) or any document that supersedes this.
2.	Litter shall be prevented at all times and where identified regularly cleared from the vicinity of the premises	Any litter or refuse generated must be contained within the boundaries of the premises and regularly cleared.
3.	Noise Control Measures: The designated premises supervisor or nominated representative shall receive and respond to complaints throughout the duration of all noisy events. All external doors and windows will be kept closed other than for access/egress in room for events involving music.	The premises licence holder, or a responsible person nominated by them in writing, shall receive and respond to complaints throughout the duration of all licensable activities. These complaints shall be recorded and the records made available to the local authority upon request. Such records shall be retained for a minimum of 2 years.
4.		All external doors and windows must be kept closed, other than for access and egress, when events involving amplified music or speech are taking place.
5.	Prominent, clear notices will be displayed to all exits requesting customers to respect the needs of local residents and the area in a quiet and orderly manner	Prominent, clear notices shall be displayed at all exits requesting customers and staff to respect the needs of local residents and leave the premises and the area quietly.
6.		The holder of the premises licence shall ensure that noise caused by persons using, arriving at or departing from the premises shall not cause nuisance or unreasonable disturbance to the occupiers of residential properties.
7.		The holder of the premises licence shall ensure that no music or amplified speech originating from the premises shall be audible inside any residential property at any time. Note: For the purposes of this condition noise may be considered inaudible when it is at a low enough level that it is not recognisable as emanating from the source in question and/or it does not alter the perception of the ambient noise environment that would prevail in the absence of the source in question.

In addition to the above, it is noted that the current application allows the playing of recorded and/or live music (and similar activities) from 12:00 to 04:00 and the performance of dance (and similar activities) from 18:00 to 04:00. Given that the primary use of the premise is as a snooker club, the committee may also wish to consider the addition of one or both of the following conditions in order to help limit the impact of the premise on surrounding residents:

8.	Music played at the premises shall be background only. For the purposes of this condition, 'background' means music that is inconspicuous i.e. it is possible to hold a conversation at normal volume with the music playing.
9.	If, in the opinion of the local authority, there is unacceptable noise disturbance attributable to functions held within the club, a microphone activated, volume regulatory device (noise limiter) shall be installed within 21 days. The device shall be connected to all permanent music equipment and all available AC mains power sockets, within the area around a stage, within a performance area or near to a control desk. The device shall be hardwired into the premises electrical system to prevent it from being bypassed by the operator. Note: The noise limiter shall be set in accordance with the requirements of the local authority. Subsequent to the installation of the noise limiter, the local authority may review and adjust the settings at any time.

To assist with the decision making process, I have attached to this email an annotated map of the area around the Snooker Club which shows the proximity of residents.

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

Regards

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The Licensing Team
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23rd July 2014

Dear Sir/Madam

Alcohol License Application Reference 069719

**Mansfield Snooker Club
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I am the Chair of Millfield & New England Regeneration Partnership (MANERP) which represents residents who live in the Millfield and New England areas of Peterborough. The reason for writing is to support Cambridgeshire Police in their application to review the above license.

As you are aware, the Millfield and New England area of Peterborough for several years has had a history of anti-social behaviour fuelled by alcohol and drug abuse. This has been exacerbated by the rapid growth of a number of outlets retailing alcohol. The area is also within the boundary of the "Operation Can-Do" initiative which has brought together the city council, police, NHS, residents associations and other partner agencies to jointly combat the serious issues being faced in this area.

The "Operation Can-Do" initiative has been robust but it is still hasn't achieved the goals that it and its partners need to achieve. The area is very sensitive and volatile because of the ease of access to the purchase of alcohol often sold at a low price in order to attract customers or be competitive.

These premises have for some time has been troublesome to say the least, and MANERP feel that it has become a breeding ground for serious criminal behaviour. There is no doubt in our mind that the night staff in particular are severely intimidated and frightened by the main perpetrators of the problems. It seems clear to us that the situation is intolerable and that the police and Licensing Officers have tried their best to assist the owner in eliminating the problems, but alas to no avail.

Alcohol

The venue is also surrounded by residential housing and has suffered a massive amount of alcohol related anti-social behaviour late at night and well

into the late/early hours of the morning. Residents and their children have had to suffer this behaviour for far too long and are entitled to expect to sleep at night without such callous disregard for the neighbours who live there.

The present owners have clearly demonstrated that they have scant regard for their neighbours and this seems to override their responsibilities and duty to abide by the regulations and conditions set out in their current Premises Licence. It would seem to us that the only thing that matters to them is to maximise their turnover in alcohol sales no matter how it impacts on the surrounding area.

We would ask the Licensing Committee to consider the following submissions from MANERP:

- We would agree with the police insofar as allowing the premises to operate during the day from 8.00 am to 11.00 pm. However, we feel that there should be no sale of alcohol prior to 10.00am and not 8.00am as suggested by the police.
- We would suggest that the sale of alcohol ceases at 10.30pm in order to allow the 30 minute drinking up time to be used. This would ensure that the premises are closed at 11.00pm.
- We would agree with the police that the alcohol license should be for “On Sales” of alcohol only and that this must be made abundantly clear to the Premises License Holder and the DPS.
- We support the police view regarding the standard and quality of CCTV which we feel must be greatly improved under the direction of the police to ensure that the activities and behaviour of members and staff can be clearly monitored.
- We would support the police in all the other points laid out in their license review application.
- We would also suggest that the license is automatically reviewed in three months’ time and again in six months’ time in order to ensure that the Premises License Holder and the DPS are complying with whatever conditions are or may be placed on the license. This would send a clear signal to the Premises License Holder that his License may very well be restricted even further or even revoked if there isn’t significant change for the better.

The Millfield and New England area has a phenomenal number of outlets selling alcohol for both “On” and “Off” Sales (around the seventy plus mark) which has contributed significantly to anti-social behaviour. The current joint partnership between Peterborough City Council, Cambridgeshire Police and other partner agencies through “Operation Can-Do” has highlighted the need to review a number of outlets to ensure that the conditions of the licences that are issued are being upheld.

We feel that it is imperative that the four licensing principles are fully adhered to if we are to make any headway towards the goals that the Op Can Do team is striving to achieve. We therefore make this representation under all four of the Licensing Objectives, namely:

- a) The prevention of crime and disorder
- b) Public safety
- c) The prevention of public nuisance
- d) The Prevention of children from Harm

At MANERP, our aim is to try to regenerate an area that has been sadly neglected for many years and the largest problem of all revolves around the ease, and availability at which alcohol can be purchased and subsequently abused.

We therefore respectfully request that this representation be considered by the Licensing Committee in their deliberations for the reasons stated above.

Yours Sincerely

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Subject: Re: License Review - Mansfield Snooker Club, 119a Lincoln Road.

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Good all

I am in full support with Brian's objection if need be I will attend licensing committee to support the recommendation.

Regards

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On 23 Jul 2014, at 22:43, "Brian Gascoyne" <briangascoyne@hotmail.com> wrote:

Dear Colleagues

I attach the MANERP Representation regarding the Licensing Review for The Mansfield Snooker Club for your information.

Kindest regards,

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