

Please note the information below which is for the attention of the licensing sub committee at the hearing into the application to vary the premises licence at Bar 33, 33 Wheelock Street, Middlewich.

A review of the incidence of Criminal Damage and Disorder involving fighting and assaults in Wheelock Street, Middlewich shows that the number of incidents is significantly higher during those periods when Bar 33, formerly known as Cassie's, was operating as simply a bar and doing so later at night.

Also during the period from when they obtained a licence with their later hours in April 2009, which allowed them to operate to 02:00 on Friday and Saturday nights, until they surrendered the licence in January 2010 the following incidents happened inside or directly outside Bar 33:

- 02/05/09 at 01:30 – Report of 8 males fighting upstairs at Bar 33 followed by one of them walking off up Wheelock Street and smashing a window at a nearby shop with a fire extinguisher. Another male punched, and smashed, a ground floor window at the Alhambra restaurant below Bar 33.
- 24/05/09 at 00:30 – Report of 40 males fighting outside Bar 33, lots of blood and ambulance requested (the Police Operator taking the call could hear screaming in the background). Numerous Police patrols attended and three males were arrested.
- 21/06/09 at 00:54 – An argument which started inside Bar 33 concluded outside when two females in their early 20s were assaulted by being punched and pulled to the floor by their hair. A 60 year old male passerby who attempted to intervene was assaulted by being kicked.
- 19/07/09 at 01:30 – A male was deliberately elbowed in the face whilst in the gents toilets at Bar 33 causing his nose and lip to bleed and chipping one of his teeth. He exits the toilets and tells a staff member what happened, asking them to call the Police. The staff member dismisses the explanation and instead expels him from the premises.
- 06/12/09 at 01:00 – Whilst on the dance floor at Bar 33 a 20 year old female is assaulted by having her hair pulled so violently that she suffers a whiplash injury to her neck.
- 01/01/10 at 03:00 – A 24 year old female outside Bar 33 is punched in the face by an unknown male causing injury.

In addition to the above there have been a number of occasions when conditions were breached on the previous premises licence at 33 Wheelock Street, when known as Cassie's and also operated by the this applicant's family. The previous premises licence, which would pretty much mirror the one applied for now, was only surrendered by this applicant in January 2010 under threat of, and to stave off, a criminal prosecution and a premises licence review.

I have noted the time and date of the hearing in your notice and ask you to note, in accordance with Regulation 8 of the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) regulations 2005, that it is my intention to attend the hearing and I will be accompanied by Police Sergeant Penny Jones in order that we may amplify our representation.

Please further note that I have copied this message to the applicant, Man Wai Lee, at the same time as sending it to you.

kind regards

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