Decision of Licensing Authority – Interim Steps pending review (section 53B Licensing Act 2003)

The Licensing Authority has received an application from the Police for a review of the premises licence relating to the White Horse, 22 Pillory Street, Nantwich under section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003 on the basis of serious disorder.

The Licensing Committee has considered whether it is necessary to take interim steps in relation to the premises and has considered the interim steps suggested by the Police within the review application.

The Committee has determined to impose the following conditions as an interim step;

1. That no persons under the age of 21 shall be permitted to enter the premises.

This condition is imposed with immediate effect.

2. That a 'Challenge 25' proof of age scheme shall be in operation in relation to all sales of alcohol

This condition is imposed with effect from 1 May 2009

These conditions 1 & 2 have been imposed on the basis of evidence of sales to underage persons and also evidence that staff have not complied with the requirements of the existing proof of age scheme.

3. That the Designated Premises Supervisor is required to regularly attend Pub watch meetings and to ensure that people subject of pub watch bans are excluded from the premises.

This condition is imposed with immediate effect

This condition is imposed on the basis of evidence that individuals responsible for the disorder at the premises were subject to Pubwatch bans.

4. That a personal licence holder is required to be on duty at the premises between the hours of 19.00 and 01.00 or until such time as sales of alcohol have ceased.

This condition is imposed with effect from 1 May 2009

This condition has been imposed on the basis of evidence that sales of alcohol have been made to underage persons and that there has been insufficient control of this licensable activity at the premises.

5. That a minimum of two Security Industry Authority door supervisors are on duty at the premises every Friday and Saturday, and any Sunday preceding a Bank Holiday Monday, from 20.00 until the premises closes to the public.

This condition is imposed with immediate effect

This condition has been imposed as a result of the evidence of lack of control of patrons at the premises and the disorder that resulted therefrom.

Members were mindful that this decision was made on the basis of the evidence before them at the time and that they would approach any further decision of any future hearing with an open mind and on the basis of evidence presented to them at such a hearing.