

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

REPORT TO: LICENSING ACT SUB-COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting:	Monday 9th January 2017
Report of:	Jennifer Knight, Licensing Officer
Subject/Title:	Application for Variation to the Premises Licence at The Stanneylands Hotel, Stanneylands Road, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 4EY

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 The report provides details of an application for a variation to a premises licence, and the proposed operating schedule together with details of relevant representations received in relation to the application.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Licensing Act Sub-Committee is requested to determine the application for a Variation to the Premises Licence by The Mere Boutique Limited, in respect of:

**The Stanneylands Hotel,
Stanneylands Road,
Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 4EY**

- 2.2 Acting in the capacity of Licensing Authority, Members must seek to promote the Licensing Objectives, and where Members consider matters have engaged one or more of the objectives, they may exercise their discretion. The licensing objectives are:

- (a) The prevention of crime and disorder
- (b) Public safety
- (c) The prevention of public nuisance
- (d) The protection of children from harm

- 2.3 Members of the Licensing Sub-Committee are reminded that they may not exercise discretion in any case, merely because it considers it desirable to do so. Careful consideration should be given to application and relevant representations in light of the proposed operating schedules.

- 2.4 The Sub-Committee in respect of this application must have regard to the Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 and the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.

2.5 Finally, Members are also reminded that in determining the application in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003, Members must also have regard to:

- The rules of natural justice
- The provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

3.1 The Licensing Act Sub-Committee has the power to determine this application in accordance with the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003 and the Council's Constitution.

4.0 Wards Affected

4.1 Wilmslow Lacey Green

5.0 Local Ward Members

Cllr Don Stockton

6.0 Policy Implications

6.1 The Licensing Authority has adopted a Statement of Licensing Policy in accordance with section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003.

6.2 Whilst having regard to the general principles within the Statement, Members may wish to consider the following:

- 6.2.1 The representations relate to the Prevention of Crime and Disorder and the Prevention of Public Nuisance Licensing Objectives. The Licensing Authority sets out at paragraphs 7 and 9 respectively, of its Statement of Licensing Policy how it will deal with representations under these objectives. At paragraph 9.1 the Statement of licensing policy confirm that a broad interpretation of what constitutes a public nuisance will be taken
- In considering the potential impact of licensed premises on the surrounding locality the Licensing Authority, when in receipt of any Relevant Representations will take into account the type of entertainment activity proposed hours of operation, the capacity of the premises, the character of the areas and the proximity to local residents. Consideration will be given to the potential steps which could be taken to reduce the risk of nuisance occurring. This will particularly apply in areas where there is residential accommodation in the proximity of the premises. Para 9.2
- The Statement of Licensing Policy has a specific section relating to noise nuisance. This section is reproduced for the benefit of the sub-committee at appendix 3

- 6.3 Members should provide reason(s) for any decision taken and should set out the reasoning where they determine to depart in any way from the Policy or Guidance.

7.0 Financial Implications

- 7.1 Not applicable.

8.0 Legal Implications

- 8.1 In accordance with the provisions of section 18 of the Licensing Act 2003 the Licensing Authority must, having regard to the representations, take such steps (if any) as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives. Section 18(4) provides that the authority may:

- (a) Grant the licence subject to the relevant mandatory conditions and conditions consistent with the operating schedule
- (b) Modify the application to such extent as the Authority considers appropriate for the promotion of the Licensing Objectives
- (c) Exclude from the scope of the licence any of the Licensable Activities to which the application relates
- (d) Refuse to specify a person in the licence as the Premises Supervisor
- (e) Reject the application.

- 8.2 Members are reminded that should any conditions be added, they should be practical, enforceable and appropriate to promote the Licensing Objectives.

- 8.3 Members are also reminded of the statutory obligation placed on the Local Authority under section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to through all of its various functions, and Licensing is one of those functions to do all that it can to prevent Crime and disorder, Anti-social Behaviour, behaviour adversely affecting the environment and re-offending.

9.0 Risk Management

- 9.1 Section 181 and Schedule 5 of the Licensing Act 2003 make provision for appeal to the Magistrates' Court of any decision made by the Licensing Authority.

10.0 Background and Options

- 10.1 The application was initially received on the 10th November 2016. The application is for the Variation of a Premises Licence under section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003.

10.2 The operating schedule indicates that the relevant licensable activities applied for are:

- Sale and supply of alcohol
- Live Music
- Recorded Music
- Performance of Dance
- Anything Similar to Music and Dance
- Late Night Refreshment

The proposed variation is to extend the licensable areas to include the bedrooms for Mini Bar provision.

The proposed variation is to remove all conditions set at Annex 2 of the Licence including obsolete conditions under the heading “Conditions converted from public entertainment licence” and replace with those set out in Annex A.

Annex A is included in the application form at Appendix 1

10.2 The operating schedule indicates that the relevant licensable activities applied for an extension of hours are for:

- Sale and supply of alcohol
- Live Music
- Recorded Music
- Performance of Dance
- Anything Similar to Music and Dance
- Late Night Refreshment

10.3 The hours applied for are as follows:

Sale and supply of alcohol (for consumption on and off the premises)

10:00 to 02:00 Monday to Sunday

Sales of alcohol to residents and their bona fide guests will be permitted 24 Hours per day.

Persons who are not residents for bona fide guests/friends of residents will Not be able to purchase alcohol after 02:00 hours daily.

Alcohol sales will be permitted in rooms 24 hours using mini bars.

Live Music (Indoors)

10:00 to 02:00 Monday to Sunday

Recorded Music (Indoors)

10:00 to 02:00 Monday to Sunday

Performance of Dance (Indoors)

10:00 to 02:00 Monday to Sunday

Anything of a similar description to the above (Indoors)

10:00 to 02:00 Monday to Sunday

Late Night Refreshment (Indoors)

23:00 – 05:00 Monday to Sunday

Facility for provision of hot food and drink after 02:00 to hotel residents
And their bona fide guests.

Seasonal Variations for all licensable activities applied to continue

From the end of the permitted hours on New Years Eve to the
Commencement of hours on New Years Day.

10.4 A copy of the application form is attached as Appendix 1.

10.5 Relevant Representations are attached as Appendix 2.

Responsible Authorities:

10.8 Cheshire Police have advised they have no representations

Other Persons:

10.6 The Council has received 1 written objections to the application

11.0 Access to Information

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Premises Licence Application Form including Annex A and proposed
Layout

Appendix 2 – Objection

Appendix 3 – Relevant parts of Licensing Policy

Appendix 4 – Premises Licence Summary including existing plan

Appendix 5 – Site plan of premises