

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

REPORT TO: LICENSING ACT SUB-COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting:	10am Monday 24 April 2017
Report of:	Jennifer Knight, Licensing Officer
Subject/Title:	Application for Variation to the Premises Licence at Arley Hall and Gardens, Arley, Northwich, Cheshire, CW9 6NA

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 a Premises Licence by Arley Hall and Gardens, in respect of:

Arley Hall and Gardens, Arley, Northwich, Cheshire, CW9 6NA

- 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 High Legh

5.0 Local Ward Members

Councillor Olivia Hunter

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 2nd March 2017. The application is for Variation to 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:

The applicant has not proposed any changes to current licensable activities or times for licensable activities on the licence.

Proposal to extend the capacity limit from 5000 to 14,999

To add the following condition -

A traffic management contractor has been procured to work with Arley Estate management team to develop a traffic management plan to ensure the smooth arrival of attendees to any large scale event on the Estate and minimise the disruption to the local area. This plan will be shared with the

SAG group, ESAG and the local parish council at least 1 month prior to each event where the expected capacity is expected to exceed 5,000.

The Licence Holder will also work closely with representatives from the local Highways Departments together with the Events Planning Office at the police Force Planning & Resilience Unit at Constabulary HQ.

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

The opening times of the premises

10.3 The hours applied for are as follows:

Monday to Sunday 09:00 to 18:00

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

10.5 Relevant Representations are attached as Appendix 2.

Responsible Authorities:

No representations have been received by the Council.

Other Persons:

10.6 The Council has received 10 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, plan and proposed condition

Appendix 2 – Objections

Appendix 3 – Relevant section of the Licensing Policy

Appendix 4 – Premises Licence Summary

Appendix 5 – Site plan of premises