

# **Licensing Act Sub-Committee**

## **Supplementary Agenda**

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**Date:** Monday, 14th September, 2020

**Time:** 2.00 pm

**Venue:** Virtual

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3. **Application for a Premises Licence at Silk Museum Schoolroom, Park Lane, Macclesfield, Cheshire, SK11 6TJ (Pages 3 - 6)**

The following documents were received following publication of the committee agenda:

- 1) Additional Information from objector; and
- 2) Email response from applicant in respect of objections received.

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27<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Resident,

We are writing to you as you live in the vicinity of the Park Lane underpass. There is a longstanding issue with anti-social behaviour and criminal activity both in the underpass and in the surrounding area.

Some of you have reported incidents to the Police and local councillors, and we'd like to build on this community engagement to work together and find a viable long-term resolution to a situation that's been going on for some considerable time.

There is a perception that 'nothing is being done', although police patrols have been increased and we are reviewing CCTV coverage and lighting in the area following recent reports from residents.

However, we need to focus on stopping those involved gathering in the area and this is where we need your help. In order to apply for permanent measures to be put in place a strong evidence base is required. This means contacting the Police by telephone whenever an incident is occurring or when you notice that damage has occurred e.g.

- **Crime in progress** such as you see someone damaging a car – ring 999
  - **Crime in progress** such as you see someone running off after damaging a car – ring 999 and say which direction they are heading
  - **Crime** but there are no suspects nearby such as you notice damage to your car after the event – ring 101
  - If you feel threatened but are safe in your home ring 101
  - **General noise and music** - if it is coming from groups in the underpass ring 101. For noisy neighbours - contact the Environmental Health team on 0300 123 5015 (office hours) or online at [https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/environment/environmental\\_health/noise\\_nuisance/noise\\_nuisance.aspx](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/environment/environmental_health/noise_nuisance/noise_nuisance.aspx)
- In addition, please keep a log of dates/times, how long the noise lasted and how it affected you.

It's important to persevere with waiting for a 101 call to be answered, as this will help the police to build an accurate picture of the overall issue including the number of incidents, 'peak' times and the impact on residents.

We also need people to make formal statements. Statements are the only way we have of taking more formal action. In many cases incidents are resolved by the ASB Unit however for those that need formal action we can only do this with statements to present to a court.

If you are willing to get involved, or have any questions, please get in touch with your councillors (contact details below).

The restrictions on public gatherings announced on March 23<sup>rd</sup> to deal with the Covid-19 pandemic should halt the problem in the short term, however please be assured that we are aiming for a long-term resolution.

Yours sincerely,

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**Macclesfield Central Police team**

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**From:** Kate Hassall  
**Sent:** 09-Sep-2020 10:34  
**To:** LICENSING (Cheshire East)  
**Subject:** RE: [OFFICIAL] RE: Notice of Hearing - Silk Museum

Good morning,

We have taken residents' views into consideration and would like to offer some additional information to clarify and support our application and allay some of the fears and misconceptions about our planned activities.

Objectors raised concerns that the addition of evening activities, including the provision of alcohol, would add to the current drug and alcohol problem in the area as well as potentially encouraging vandalism and loud noise during weekends.

We'd like to reassure residents that our aim is to support adults in the local community by providing a range of social activities in a safe, private space for evening events such as bingo nights, quizzes and supper clubs. These events will be monitored and managed by SUSO staff and will finish by 10pm. In order to raise money to continue supporting adults with learning difficulties in the local community, we would like to be able to offer limited alcohol during these small events. The events will be private, invitation only gatherings and will require attendees to pre-book.

All Trustees and Staff at SUSO are aware of the endorsement to the 'Challenge 25' and will adhere to the following:

- SUSO and all its staff will adhere to all the points of the 'Challenge 25' Policy requirements listed below.
- DPS is allocated.
- Training will be provided to all staff on forms of identification required for the sale of alcohol, and what they need to do in capturing refusals of alcohol. All training will be auctioned at induction, documented, and signed off by all staff, and reviewed every 6 months. This will also become part of our Induction process
- Logs will be created and used daily for the refusal of alcohol/signed off no refusals that day as appropriate.
- Posters will be put in prominent positions on the premises

We would really just like to have the flexibility of holding these private events at different times during the week, some may only be held once a month and not all will occur at weekends.

Kind regards,

Kate Hassall  
**Project Manager**  
**SUSO**

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