

# **Licensing Act Sub-Committee**

## **Agenda**

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**Date:** Wednesday, 6th May, 2015  
**Time:** 9.30 am  
**Venue:** Committee Room 3 - Municipal Buildings, Earle Street, Crewe  
CW1 2BJ

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The agenda is divided into 2 parts. Part 1 is taken in the presence of the public and press. Part 2 items will be considered in the absence of the public and press for the reasons indicated on the agenda and at the foot of each report.

### **PART 1 – MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT**

1. **Appointment of Chairman**

To appoint a Chairman for the meeting.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

To provide an opportunity for Members and Officers to declare any disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in any item on the agenda and for Members to declare if they have pre-determined any item on the agenda.

3. **Application to Vary a Premises Licence - The Vine Inn, 42 Hospital Street, Nantwich, Cheshire CW5 5RP (Pages 45 - 76)**

To consider an application to vary a Premises Licence submitted by Hydes' Brewery Limited, The Beer Studio, 30 Kansas Avenue, Salford, M50 2GL in respect of The Vine Inn, 42 Hospital Street, Nantwich, Cheshire CW5 5RP.

### **THERE ARE NO PART 2 ITEMS**

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## CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

**Procedure for Hearings – Licensing Act 2003****The Licensing Committee**

The full Licensing Committee consists of fifteen elected Members of the Council. From this full Committee will be drawn sub-committees of three members to deal with licensing functions under the Licensing Act 2003. The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Licensing Committee shall have the discretion to refer a matter up to a hearing of the full Licensing Committee.

**Officers at Hearings**

- § **The Committee Officer** introduces all parties and records the proceedings
- § **The Legal Adviser** provides independent advice to the Members on legal matters and procedure.
- § **The Licensing Officer** will introduce the matter and outline the application; the officer will also answer any questions Members may have.

**PROCEDURE**

NOTE: If the Sub-Committee has not already elected a Chairman, that will be the first item of business.

<b>1</b>	<b>Chairman</b>	The Chairman will: (i) call the matter to be considered (ii) call for any declarations of interest (iii) ask all parties to introduce themselves (iv) summarise the procedure to be followed at the hearing (v) will consider any request made by a party for another person to appear at the hearing (v) will advise the parties of any maximum period of time in which it has to present its case (if a maximum is imposed this shall be equal for all parties)
<b>2</b>	<b>Licensing Officer</b>	Will introduce and summarise the application, highlighting areas of contention or dispute.
<b>3</b>	<b>Committee Members</b>	May ask questions of the Licensing Officer
<b>4</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	Will present his/her case, calling witnesses, as appropriate.  <i>(If necessary, applicant will produce any notices required by law. Legal Adviser will draw attention to this if required.)</i>

5	<b>Responsible Authorities</b>  (who have made representations)	Each in turn may ask <u>questions</u> of the applicant, by way of clarification.
6	<b>Other Persons</b>  (who have made representations)	To be invited to ask <u>questions</u> of the applicant, by way of clarification.  <i>It is normal practice for a spokesperson only to speak on behalf of a group of residents.</i>
7	<b>Committee Members</b>	Each in turn may ask <u>questions</u> of the applicant.
8	<b>Applicant</b>	May make a <u>statement</u> or ask his witnesses to clarify any matters which he feels are unclear, or may have been misunderstood.
9	<b>Responsible Authorities</b>	Will make their representations.
10	<b>Applicant</b>	Or his representative or witnesses to ask <u>questions</u> of Responsible Authorities represented at the meeting, by way of clarification.
11	<b>Other Persons</b>  (who have made representations)	May ask <u>questions</u> of the Responsible Authorities represented at the meeting, by way of clarification.  <b>(Note: This is not the point at which they should be stating their objections.)</b>
12	<b>Committee Members</b>	May ask <u>questions</u> of the Responsible Authorities represented at the meeting
13	<b>Other Persons</b>  (who have made representations)	Those who have objected to the application will be invited <b><u>to make observations on the application</u></b> and present the bases of their objections.
15	<b>Applicant</b>	Or his representative or witnesses may ask <u>questions</u> of the other persons, by way of clarification.
16	<b>Committee Members</b>	May ask <u>questions</u> of the other persons.
17	<b>Chairman</b>	To invite both <b>Responsible Authorities</b> and <b>Other Persons</b> to make their closing addresses.
18	<b>Applicant</b>	Or his representative will <u>briefly summarise the application</u> and comment on the observations and any suggested



		conditions.
19	<b>Committee</b>	<u>Will retire</u> to consider the application. The Committee may request the Legal Advisor to advise on legal issues.
20	<b>Committee</b>	<p>Will return to <u>give its decision</u>, with reasons, which will be announced by the Chairman and subsequently confirmed in writing to the applicant and to all the parties that made representations.</p> <p>In cases where a decision cannot be given at the end of the hearing, parties will be advised of the decision within five working days.</p>

### Notes

1. The hearing shall normally be held in public. There may be occasions on which the Committee find it necessary to exclude members of the press and public; any such decision will be taken on the basis that the public interest in doing so outweighs the public interest in the hearing, or that part of the hearing taking place in public.
2. The Chairman may require any person behaving in a disruptive manner to leave the hearing and may (a) refuse to permit that person to return, or (b) permit him/her to return only on such conditions as the authority may specify, but any such person may submit in writing any information which they would have been entitled to provide orally if they had not been required to leave.
3. Prior to the hearing each party shall have given notification and served documentation (eg statements of witnesses or reports of experts) as required. Late representations and evidence will only be considered with the agreement of all parties.
4. Anyone entitled to be heard may be represented by any person, whether or not that person is legally qualified.
5. Hearsay will be permitted but the Sub-Committee will be reminded to give it appropriate weight.
6. Due note shall be taken of the provisions of the Hearings Regulations 2005.
7. The Chair may, in the interests of expediency or convenience of the parties, vary the procedure from time to time, provided notice is given to the parties and the rules of natural justice are observed.

## **Summary of Procedure**

1. Chairman appointed (if this has not been done previously).
2. Chairman to call for declarations of interest and request that all parties introduce themselves.
3. Chairman summarises the procedure for the hearing
4. The Licensing Officer summarises the application
5. Applicant to present his/her case.
6. Applicant to be questioned by all parties (to clarify points only) following which, he/she can clarify any other matters which he/she feels may have been misunderstood when the application was presented.
7. Applicant to be questioned by the Committee.
8. Responsible Authorities to make their representations following which they can be questioned by all parties by way of clarification.
9. Other Persons will be invited to present the bases of their objections, following which they can be questioned by all parties by way of clarification.
10. The applicant will be invited to sum up his/her case
11. Committee/Sub-Committee withdraws to make its decision
12. Committee/Sub-Committee returns to announce its decision to all present.



**CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**  
**STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY**  
**(LICENSING ACT 2003)**  
**POLICY DATED JANUARY 2014 TO JANUARY 2019**

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 Cheshire East Council (**the Council**) is the Licensing Authority for the area of Cheshire East under the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003 (**the Act**).
- 1.2 The Local Authority's current Statement of Licensing Policy was published on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2009. A review of that policy is due by January 2014. This Statement of Licensing Policy (**the Policy**) is the result of the review and is published by the Council in accordance with section 5 of the Act. The Policy provides information and guidance to applicants and persons who are likely to be affected by an application (e.g residents and businesses) and Responsible Authorities or anyone interested in these matters. It will clarify the manner in which the Council will approach matters relating to licensing. Whilst the policy provides framework guidance regarding the considerations it will take into account when determining any licence application, the Council, as the Licensing Authority, will ultimately determine each individual application on its own merits.
- 1.3 Cheshire East's mission is for 'Cheshire East to be a great place to live, work, visit and enjoy'. The mission statement complements the aims of this Policy. There are a number of Corporate Objectives some of which link with this Policy. They include:
  - Cheshire East has a strong and resilient economy
  - People live well and for longer
- 1.4 The context of the Policy includes the Local Authority's statutory responsibility under the Health and Social Care Act 2012 for the health of the population of Cheshire East and it is noted that it is a priority of the local Health and Wellbeing Board to reduce alcohol related harm.
- 1.5 The context of the Policy includes the Local Authority's statutory duty under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to have regard to the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder, misuse of drugs and alcohol and reoffending in its area.
- 1.6 The Policy takes into account the guidance issued under section 182 of the Act. The latest guidance was published by the Home Office in June 2013. A copy of the guidance may be accessed via the Home Office website [www.homeoffice.gov.uk](http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk)
- 1.7 In accordance with section 4 of the Act, the Licensing Authority shall have regard to the Policy in the exercise of its functions in respect of Licensable Activities and qualifying Licensable Activities in accordance with Section 1

and Schedules 1 and 2 of the Act. The following is a summary of what comprises Licensable Activities:

- The sale by retail of alcohol
- The supply of alcohol by or on behalf of a club to, or to the order of a member of the club
- The provision of regulated entertainment:
  - performance of a play
  - exhibition of a film
  - indoor sporting event
  - boxing or wrestling entertainment
  - performance of live music
  - playing of recorded music
  - performance of dance
  - entertainment of a similar description to the above

**There are certain exemptions to this definition, which relate to incidental live and recorded music, and spontaneous music, singing and dancing, which are set out in full in the Act.**

- The provision of late night refreshment (supply of hot food or drink from a premises between 23:00 and 05:00 hours)

1.8 The Licensing Authority has noted that the vicinity test in respect of relevant representations has been removed and consequently any person can now make a representation.

1.9 In formulating the Policy, the Licensing Authority has consulted all Responsible Authorities, holders of licences under the Act and the public within Cheshire East.

1.10 This policy will be for a 5 year period and a review will take place in accordance with statutory procedures and will take into full account of any relevant information received by way of consultation or otherwise.

## **2. The Aim of the Policy and Statutory Licensing Objectives**

2.1 The aim of the Policy is to secure the safety and amenity of communities within the Cheshire East area, whilst facilitating a sustainable entertainment

industry. The Local Authority recognises the need of residents for a safe and desirable environment in which to work and live and the importance of well-run licensed premises in a vibrant and diverse local economy. The Local Authority will promote the safety of residents and visitors whilst out at night and on their journey home.

- 2.2 In accordance with the guidance issued by the Secretary of State, the Local Authority recognises the need to encourage and promote a broad range of entertainment, particularly live music, dancing and theatre for the wider cultural benefits of our communities. A natural concern to prevent disturbance in the neighbourhood will always be balanced with the wider cultural benefits of our communities
- 2.3 The Local Authority has a duty to protect the amenity of its residents. This extends to the business community, who can expect the Local Authority to ensure that the environment is attractive and sustainable for the conduct of their business.
- 2.4 It is the Local Authority's duty to exercise its licensing functions with a view to promoting the four Licensing Objectives set out in section 4 of the Act:
- **The prevention of crime and disorder**
  - **Public safety**
  - **The prevention of public nuisance**
  - **The protection of children from harm**
- 2.5 Each objective is of equal importance. There are no other statutory licensing objectives, so that the promotion of the four objectives is a paramount consideration at all times.
- 2.6 The legislation also supports a number of other key aims and purposes. These are vitally important and should be principal aims for everyone involved in licensing work. They include:
- protecting the public and local residents from crime, anti-social behaviour and noise nuisance caused by irresponsible licensed premises
  - giving the police and licensing authorities the powers they need to effectively manage and police the night-time economy and take action against those premises that are causing problems
  - recognising the important role which pubs and other licensed premises play in our local communities by minimising the regulatory burden on business, encouraging innovation and supporting responsible premises



- providing a regulatory framework for alcohol which reflects the needs of local communities and empowers local authorities to make and enforce decisions about the most appropriate licensing strategies for their local area
- encouraging greater community involvement in licensing decisions and giving local residents the opportunity to have their say regarding licensing decisions that may affect them

2.7 The Licensing Authority will have proper regard to amongst other issues:

- Location and environmental impact of the proposed activity
- Suitability of the applicant
- Suitability of the premises to the application
- Operation and management of the premises
- Monitoring, review and enforcement

### **Policy Considerations**

2.8 This policy does not prejudice the requirement for the Licensing Authority to consider each application on its own merits.

2.9 Nothing in the policy will

- Undermine the rights of any individual to apply under the terms of the Act for a variety of permissions and have the application considered on its individual merits; or
- Override the right of a person or a body or a Responsible Authority (as defined in the Act) to make representations on an application or to seek a review of a licence or certificate in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

2.10 All persons have equal rights to make representations concerning applications for premises licenses (and hours of trading) and to receive appropriate consideration to their representations. Irrelevant, frivolous and vexatious representations will be disregarded.

2.11 Following Relevant Representations the Licensing Authority will only depart from this Policy where there is satisfactory evidence/information that the Licensing Objectives will be met in full. In cases where a departure occurs, the Licensing Authority shall provide reasons for the departure.

- 2.12 If an application for a licence or certificate has been made lawfully and there have been no Relevant Representations from Responsible Authorities or other persons, the Licensing Authority will grant the application, subject only to conditions consistent with the operating schedule and any relevant mandatory conditions.
- 2.13 To achieve its aims the Local Authority is committed to working in partnership with the Responsible Authorities, local businesses, residents and others towards ensuring the continued success of this Policy in achieving the statutory objectives of the Act. In considering these issues the Local Authority will focus on the four statutory Licensing Objectives.

### **3. Matters within the Control of the Premises Licence Holder**

- 3.1 The Licensing Authority recognises that licensing law is not the primary mechanism for the general control of individuals once they are away from a licensed premises, and therefore away from the direct control of the premises licence holder. Accordingly, in exercising its licensing functions the Licensing Authority will focus on matters which are within the control of the individual licensee and others who are granted relevant permissions. Nevertheless licensees should take reasonable steps to prevent the occurrence of crime and disorder and public nuisance immediately outside their premises, e.g. on the pavement, in a beer garden or in a smoking shelter, where and to the extent these matters are within their control.
- 3.2 The Licensing Authority will expect applicants to consider and make appropriate provisions to ensure that harm is not caused to the Licensing Objectives as a result of activity in, or in the vicinity of, the licensed premises.
- 3.3 It will normally be the responsibility of the premises licence holder to ensure that the managers, designated premises supervisor and door supervisors are competent and appropriately trained.

### **4. Planning and need for Licensed Premises**

- 4.1 When exercising its licensing functions the Licensing Authority will not be influenced by questions of need. The issue of whether or not there is a need for a particular premises is a commercial matter, which is not relevant to the Licensing Authority's considerations.
- 4.2 The Planning Regulation and Licensing Regulation functions are separate statutory regimes. The Licensing Authority recognises that there should be a clear separation of the planning, building control and licensing regimes in order to avoid duplication. The Licensing Authority when exercising its licensing functions will not consider whether there has been any alleged

breach of planning conditions. Planning Permission will usually be required prior to the use of premises for Licensable Activities.

- 4.3 The Licensing Authority is not bound by decisions made by the Planning Authority and vice versa.
- 4.4 There may be circumstances when, as a condition of planning permission, a terminal hour has been set for the use of premises for commercial purposes. Where these hours are different to the licensed hours, the earlier closing time must be observed. Premises operating in breach of their planning permission would be liable to enforcement action under planning law.
- 4.5 It should be noted that Building Regulations govern a variety of issues, which directly contribute to the Licensing Objectives, including means of escape, structural integrity, accessibility and public safety. Building Regulation Approval and Completion Certificates may be required prior to the use of the premises for licensable activities.

## **5. Integrating Strategies**

- 5.1 The Licensing Authority will consider the Local Authority's approved strategies and policies where they are relevant to the exercise of its function as the Licensing Authority.
- 5.2 The Local Authority recognises that Licensed Premises are an important contributor to the local economy. Any licence application will be considered by taking certain factors into account. These include:
  - Employment opportunities
  - The enhancement the proposal might have on the attractiveness of the wider area
  - The general impact in attracting visitors to the area
- 5.3 In undertaking its statutory licensing function the Licensing Authority may have regard to:
  - Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and requirement that the Local Authority do all that it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in its locality
  - The European Convention on Human Rights (which is given effect by the Human Rights Act 1998), which places a duty on public authorities to protect the rights of individuals in a variety of circumstances
  - Any other relevant legislation drawn to its attention

5.4 The Licensing Authority will seek to discharge its responsibilities identified by other Government Strategies, insofar as they impact on the objectives of the Licensing Act. Examples of these strategies are:

- In accordance with Guidance the Licensing Authority will seek to establish a Safe Scheme so that proper liaison and partnership working with all relevant stakeholders will ensure that appropriate Action Plans for Tackling Alcohol Related Crime, Disorder and Nuisance are in place
- Safer Clubbing
- Local Authorities Coordinators of Regulatory Services and Trading Standards Institute Code of Best Practice on Test Purchasing
- Alcohol Harm and Reduction Strategy
- Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy
- Enforcement Concordat, under which the Local Authority has developed an Enforcement Strategy

## **6. Anti-Social Behaviour**

6.1 The Licensing Authority recognises that in addition to the requirements for it to promote the Licensing Objectives, the Local Authority has a duty under section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to do all it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder within its area.

6.2 The objective of the licensing process is to allow the retail sale of alcohol and the provision of other Licensable Activities in a manner that ensures the public's safety and which is neither to the detriment of residents, nor gives rise to loss of amenity. It is the Licensing Authority's aim to facilitate well run and managed premises with premises licence holders displaying sensitivity to the impact of their premises on local residents.

6.3 In accordance with the Guidance, the Licensing Authority does not regard this policy as a mechanism for the general control of anti-social behaviour by individuals once they have left the immediate vicinity of the licensed premises.

6.4 Recurring problems of alcohol-related anti-social behaviour, crime and disorder or serious public nuisance can occur in an area, which are not directly attributable to specific premises. In such cases, particularly if supported by the Police, the Licensing Authority may consider whether an Early Morning Alcohol Restriction Order (EMROs) might address the problems. These Orders are considered later in this Policy.

## **7. Prevention of Crime and Disorder**

- 7.1 The Licensing Authority will have regard to the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (See Section 6.1 above). Any conditions attached to the premises licence should reflect any local crime prevention strategy. Including, the Safer Cheshire East Partnership Plan or a subsequent replacement plan.
- 7.2 The Licensing Authority will consider whether the premises make or will make a detrimental contribution to levels of crime and disorder, and whether the Operating Schedule is based on an adequate risk assessment, undertaken by the applicant, of the likelihood of crime and disorder occurring as a result of the application.
- 7.3 In order to meet its duty to prevent and reduce crime this Policy will have regard to the likely impact of licensing on related crime and disorder in the area. The Licensing Authority will consider the location of the premises and the impact, operation and management of the Licensable Activities. In particular these issues may include:
- Whether the layout, lighting and fittings of the premises have been designed so as to minimise conflict and opportunities for crime and disorder
  - Whether the Operating Schedule includes appropriate management measures to prevent crime and disorder
  - Door supervision together with the maintenance of an incident book
  - Use of toughened glass or plastic glasses
  - Mechanisms for combating drug dealing and use
  - Use of CCTV cameras
  - Membership of any Pubwatch or similar scheme
  - Use of ID scan equipment
- 7.4 The Licensing Authority may impose conditions on licences or certificates. These may include the following conditions (although the list is not exhaustive). The decision to impose conditions and their extent will depend upon the risks of crime and disorder at the particular premises
- Appropriate ratio of tables to chairs to customers and for areas to be allocated for seated customers
  - A requirement for Security Industry Authority door supervisors to control numbers and to deny entry to individuals who appear drunk, disorderly or intent on crime

- A requirement that drinking vessels do not form a sharp edge when broken
- Restrictions on drinking in areas within and outside the premises
- Procedures for checking the ages of young people who appear under the age of 21 or 25 to ensure alcohol is not sold to those under 18 and that those under 16 are accompanied in alcohol-led premises
- Appropriate 'early warning' communication systems with the Police and with other licensed premises
- The installation of CCTV
- Clear policies and measures to prevent illegal drugs being brought onto and used on the premises
- Searching of customers and staff

7.5 The Licensing Authority will carefully consider Police representations and other conditions relating to the deterrence and prevention of crime and disorder and initiatives to reduce crime will be drawn up in liaison with the police to deal with particular premises or types of premises where concerns may arise.

### **Safer Clubbing**

7.6 The Licensing Authority wishes to promote the principles of 'Safer Clubbing'. The current Home Office Guidance on the subject is recommended to relevant Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate holders. Following relevant representations appropriate licensing conditions may be imposed to control the environment at relevant premises in support of the 'Safer Clubbing' objectives.

### **Drugs**

7.7 Following Relevant Representations, conditions may need to be imposed for certain types of venues to seek to eliminate the sale and consumption of drugs and to create a safer environment for those who may have taken them. These conditions will take into account the above-mentioned 'Safer Clubbing' advice issued by the Home Office. In all cases where conditions are to be imposed advice will be sought from the Drug and Alcohol Action Team and the Police.

7.8 The Licensing Authority, Police and Licence Holders need to be aware that power is available under the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 that allows for the closure of a licensed premises by the Police where there is production,

supply or use of Class A drugs and/or serious nuisance or crime and disorder. This provides an extra tool to the Police in enabling instant action with regards to premises where there is a Class A drug problem.

### **Door Supervisors**

- 7.9 Following Relevant Representations the Licensing Authority may consider that certain premises require supervision for the purpose of promoting the reduction of crime and disorder, and to generally provide a safer operation of the premises. In such cases licensed door supervisors (registered by the SIA) must be employed at the premises either at all times or at such times as certain licensable activities are taking place, at a number and ratio to be determined by the Licensing Authority. (This excludes stewards/glass collectors who are not involved in the security of the premises and do not therefore require registration with the SIA).

### **CCTV**

- 7.10 Licence holders may wish to install cameras for the protection of staff, customers and for the prevention of crime on or in the vicinity of the premises. In exercising its licensing functions, the Licensing Authority may for the purpose of promoting any of the Licensing Objectives, impose as a condition of the licence the installation of a CCTV system. It should be noted that in such cases the Licensing Authority may take into account the type and quality of recordings, the location of cameras, storage and the availability of recordings to the Licensing Authority and Police.

### **Cinema Exhibitions (see also under Protection of Children from Harm)**

- 7.11 No film shall be exhibited at a licensed premises which is likely to:
- Lead to disorder
  - Incite hatred or violence towards any section of the public on grounds of colour, race or ethnic or national origin, disability, religious beliefs, sexual orientation or gender

## **8. Public Safety**

- 8.1 The Licensing Authority wishes to promote high standards of public safety in relation to premises and activities within the scope of the Act.
- 8.2 The Licensing Authority recognises that the Public Safety Objective is concerned with the physical safety of the customers using the relevant premises and not with Public Health, which is dealt with by other legislation.



- 8.3 Where the Local Authority Director of Public Health submits a relevant representation the relevant Licensing Objective is likely to be Public Safety. This may include where a premises has undermined the objectives in respect of accidents and injury and other harms that may be caused by alcohol consumption. These issues may also impact on the prevention of crime and disorder objective and/or the protection of children from harm objective.
- 8.4 Where activities are organised by volunteers or a committee of a club or a society the Licensing Authority considers it good practice that the same level of Health and Safety protection is provided as if an employer/employee relationship existed, irrespective of whether there are strict legal duties applicable under Health and Safety legislation.
- 8.5 Following Relevant Representations, where the Licensing Authority considers that general health and safety duties do not adequately cover certain Licensable Activities, conditions may need to be attached to the licence to ensure public safety.
- 8.6 Organisers of temporary/large scale events will be encouraged to seek advice and information from the Local Authority's Event Safety Advisory Group prior to submitting any application.

### **Fire Safety**

- 8.7 The Licensing Authority will have due regard to the representations of Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service regarding licensing applications.
- 8.8 Following Relevant Representations, the Licensing Authority may impose appropriate conditions in relation to fire safety matters in consultation with Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service.
- 8.9 The Licensing Authority will only include an occupant capacity condition on a Premises Licence or a Club Premises Certificate where there is a genuine fear or a genuine problem with overcrowding and it is considered appropriate for public safety. This figure will be arrived at in consultation with Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service. If an occupant capacity is fixed in accordance with any risk assessment required by The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 that figure will be used.
- 8.10 Where the special provisions of Section 177 of the Act (dancing, amplified and unamplified music in premises with a capacity of no more than 200 persons) are utilised, the Licensing Authority reserves the right to confirm with Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service the safe capacity of the premises.

## **9. Prevention of Public Nuisance**



- 9.1 If Relevant Representations are received the Licensing Authority, when making an objective judgment about what constitutes a nuisance in respect of an application or review of a premises licence or certificate, will take a broad common law meaning when considering matters such as:
- Noise from premises
  - Waste
  - Litter
  - Car parking
  - Light pollution
  - Noxious odours
- 9.2 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.

### **Noise and Vibration**

- 9.3 In order to enforce the provisions of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (which relate to noise nuisance) the Police, Environmental Health Officers and Licensing Officers will liaise to ensure that adequate control measures are properly used to protect the local environment. Any action taken will be conducted in accordance with relevant enforcement policies
- 9.4 Consideration will be given to whether the operating schedule contains adequate measures to prevent noise and vibration, generated from within the premises, outside it, or from an open site, that may cause disturbance. Stricter conditions will be considered on premises in areas that have dense residential accommodation or have residential accommodation close to them. Noise includes music and human voices. Measures in the Operating Schedule may include installation of soundproofing, air conditioning, acoustic lobbies, sound limitation devices or locking doors at specified hours. If the proposed operating schedule fails to address noise nuisance issues, the Environmental Health Department may request that an independent acoustic report is conducted. Environmental Health may use any recommendations from such a

report to propose amendments to the Operating Schedule or suggest conditions for the consideration of any (Sub) Committee.

- 9.5 Applicants will be expected to have included measures in their Operating Schedules that make adequate provision to:
- Restrict the generation of any noise within the premises and from activities associated with the premises in the vicinity, or from an open air site
  - Limit the escape of any noise from the premises or open air site
  - Restrict any noise emissions to below levels that could affect people in the vicinity going about their business, at work and when at home both while relaxing and while sleeping
  - Minimise and control any noise from customers arriving and departing from the premises
- 9.6 The Licensing Authority will not impose conditions on licensed premises that cannot be directly controlled, or on matters not related to the vicinity of the premises.
- 9.7 If it is considered that any noise emanating from within the curtilage of a licensed premises is causing a public nuisance, under the provisions of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003, an Authorised Officer can require its immediate closure for a period of up to 24 hours. It should be noted that the 'test' is a lesser one than that required to determine a Statutory Noise Nuisance and the statutory defence of 'best practicable means' is not available.
- 9.8 The Licensing Authority further recognises the Government's view that licensing hours should not inhibit the development of thriving and safe evening and night-time local economies which are important for investment and employment locally and attractive to domestic and international tourists. Whilst providing consumers with greater choice and flexibility is an important consideration, the Licensing authority takes the view this should always be carefully balanced against the duty to promote the four licensing objectives and the rights of local residents to peace and quiet.
- 9.9 The Licensing Authority will not seek to impose uniform closure times in relation to alcohol licensed premises and will consider each application on its merits. However, where premises are situated in sensitive areas, in circumstances where the Licensing Authority's discretion has been engaged through the receipt of relevant representations, consideration will be given to the imposition of conditions aimed at limiting the impact of noise and

disturbance on residents. Such conditions may, for example, include the use of door supervisors, or measures to prevent the escape of sound from within the premises. Licensees and certificate holders are reminded that they should take reasonable steps to prevent the occurrence of crime and disorder and public nuisance in outside areas such as beer gardens or smoking shelters and in areas such as pavements immediately outside their premises, where and to the extent that , these matters are within their control.

### **Eating, Drinking and Smoking Outside Premises**

9.8 The Licensing Authority will take the following into consideration:

- Whether people standing or sitting outside are likely to cause obstruction or other nuisance
- Whether premises are under or near residential accommodation
- The hours of sale of alcohol in open containers or food for consumption outside the premises
- Measures to make sure that customers move away from outside premises when such sales cease
- Measures to collect drinking vessels and crockery, cutlery and litter
- The extent and location of areas proposed to be set aside for the consumption of food and alcoholic drink for smoking
- Whether there is a need for door supervisors to prevent or to control customers congregating in outdoor areas to smoke, consume food or drink (whether supplied by the premises or not), between certain hours or at all times.

### **Other Environmental Impacts**

9.9 Consideration will be given to whether Operating Schedules contain adequate measures to prevent:

- Litter, smells, fumes, dust, tobacco or other smoke, or other emissions
- Street fouling
- Light pollution
- Congestion of the pavement or roadway, impeding reasonable access

arising from the proposed licensable activity that may cause nuisance to people in the vicinity.

9.10 If the sale of alcohol in open containers or food for consumption outside the premises has been proposed, the following considerations are relevant:

- Whether measures would be undertaken to prevent nuisance caused by the storage, handling and collection of refuse and recyclable materials
- Whether late night premises are likely to generate litter and whether the sale of take-away food is proposed and the measures planned to prevent littering in the vicinity and to clear up any litter that occurs
- The steps proposed to prevent queuing or, if some queuing is inevitable, to divert queues away from residential properties and entrances to neighbouring premises, and to manage the queue to prevent disturbance and obstruction
- The steps taken to prevent disturbance by patrons arriving at or leaving the premises
- The steps taken to ensure staff leave the premises quietly
- The arrangements made or proposed for parking by patrons and the effect of parking on local residents
- Whether taxis and private hire vehicles serving the premises are likely to disturb local residents
- Whether routes to and from the premises on foot or by car or service or delivery vehicles pass residential premises
- Whether other measures to prevent nuisance such as the use of CCTV or the employment of SIA registered door supervisors are necessary
- The measures proposed to prevent the consumption or supply of illegal drugs, including any search procedures
- The likelihood of any violence, public disorder or policing problem arising if a licence were to be granted
- If the applicant has previously held a licence within the Cheshire East area, the details of any enforcement action arising from that premises
- Whether the premises would result in increased refuse storage or disposal problems, or additional litter in the vicinity of the premises.

## **10. Protection of Children from Harm**

10.1 Protection of Children from harm includes the protection of children from moral, psychological and physical harm. This includes protection from premature exposure to strong language and sexual expletives. The Act does not prevent children having free access to premises selling alcohol for consumption on those premises, although the Licensing Authority when in receipt of Relevant Representations may impose conditions necessary for the prevention of harm to children. Where there are matters that give rise to serious concerns and the restriction of access may not ensure adequate protection of children from harm, children should be excluded. Examples of what may give rise to these concerns include:

- Where there have been convictions for serving alcohol to minors or where the premises has a reputation/evidence for underage drinking (to include any action undertaken regarding test purchases in relation to the supply of alcohol)
- There is a known association with drug taking or dealing
- There is a strong element of gambling on the premises
- Entertainment of an adult or sexual nature is provided

*Note: The Act makes it an offence to permit children under the age of 16 who are not accompanied by an adult to be present on premises used exclusively or primarily for the supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises.*

10.2 Matters which the Licensing Authority will take into consideration include:

- Whether there are effective measures to check the age of those young people who appear under 25, to ensure alcohol is not sold to those under 18 and those under 16 are accompanied in alcohol led premises
- Whether the supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises is the exclusive or primary purpose
- The hour to which accompanied children under 16 are proposed to be on the premises where the exclusive or primary purpose of the services provided at the premises is the supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises
- The likelihood of children being attracted to the premises e.g. by the nature of activities or facilities provided, whether or not these are licensed
- Whether there is evidence of heavy, binge or underage drinking on the premises

- 10.3 Where Relevant Representations have been received and it is considered necessary that the access of children should be restricted to protect them from harm then conditions may be attached to the licence. These may include:
- Limitation on the hours when children may be present
  - Restrictions to the age of persons on a premises (e.g. to over 18's only)
  - Restrictions on access to certain parts of the premises
  - Limitations or exclusions when certain activities may take place
  - Require an accompanying adult to be present at all times
- 10.4 Where large numbers of children are likely to be present on any licensed premises, for example, a children's show or pantomime, then the Licensing Authority may require the presence of an appropriate number of adult staff (who will have provided a satisfactory Disclosure and Barring Service check) to ensure their safety and protection from harm. The exact ratio is to be assessed in respect of each individual application and is dependent on the type and size of the premises and the control measures in place as outlined within the operating schedule, and importantly the particular group of children likely to visit the premises in question.

**Cinema Exhibitions (see also under Prevention of Crime and Disorder)**

- 10.5 Where the exhibition of films is permitted the Licensing Authority will expect age restrictions to be complied with in accordance with the British Board of Film Classifications (BBFC) recommendations. Where a film has not been classified by the BBFC the Licensing Authority will consider whether it is appropriate to provide a local classification. When setting a local classification the Licensing Authority will have regard to the BBFC's guidelines.
- 10.6 In considering applications, the Licensing Authority will take into account any evidence that age restrictions for cinema exhibitions have not been adhered to.

**11. Cumulative Impact**

- 11.1 The Licensing Authority does not consider that there are areas where Cumulative Impact occurs presently nor is there a need at this time for the Licensing Authority to adopt a special policy relative to designating 'Stress Areas'.

- 11.2 Where there is a concentration of licensed premises this can lead to serious problems of nuisance and disorder arising in the area itself and even some distance away from the premises. In such circumstances the impact of those premises when taken as a whole can be far greater than that arising from individual premises and it may not be possible to distinguish individual premises as being the sole cause or even a major contributing factor, of a particular problem. It is the **Cumulative Impact** of all the premises which causes problems for the wider area.
- 11.3 It is clear however, that the vicinity within which licensed premises are or may be located is a major consideration in determining whether a licence should be granted and what conditions should be attached to it should representation be received. Due consideration will be given to the direct impact of the operation of the premises on members of the public living, working or engaged in normal activity in the vicinity of the premises.
- 11.4 It should be noted that 'Cumulative Impact' should not be confused with the issue of 'need', which relates to commercial demand for licensed premises. 'Need' is not a matter to be taken into account by the Licensing Authority.
- 11.5 Where a particular area becomes saturated with licensed premises making it a focal point for large groups of people to congregate, this might create exceptional problems of disorder, noise and other nuisance and in such circumstances the grant of further Premises Licenses or Club Premises Certificates may undermine the Licensing Objectives.
- 11.6 Notwithstanding these concerns each application has to be considered on its own individual merits. Where an objector is seeking to establish that the grant of a licence or certificate would result in a cumulative impact which undermines one or more Licensing Objectives, the following shall apply:

#### **Objections on the grounds of Cumulative Impact**

- 11.7 In cases where objectors seek to establish that an application should be refused on the grounds that it would result in or further contribute to cumulative impact which would undermine one or more of the Licensing Objectives the objector shall:
- Identify the boundaries of the area from which it is alleged problems are arising
  - Provide full details and evidence as to the seriousness of the nuisance and disorder caused in the area
  - Identify the licensing objective(s) which it is alleged will be undermined with specific regard to:

- The occupancy figure for the proposed premises
- The nature of the licensed activity to be carried on at the premises and its patrons.

### **Identifying Stress Areas**

11.8 Where as a result of an objection under paragraph 11.7 above and the Licensing Authority is satisfied that there is a serious or chronic concern about nuisance and disorder in a particular area and has refused an application on the grounds of Cumulative Impact the area shall be declared as a '*Stress Area*'. In doing so the Licensing Authority shall:

- Follow the statutory procedure s outlined in the Home Office Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Act
- Identify the boundaries of the area
- Identify the licensable activities causing the nuisance and/or disorder
- Monitor and review the '*Stress Area*'

### **Applications for a New Premises Licence in a Stress Area**

11.9 New premises licenses will not be granted for the activities identified as causing nuisance and/or disturbance in Stress Areas except where:

- No objections are received to the application, or
- The grant of the licence will not undermine the Licensing Objectives

11.10 In considering such applications the Licensing Authority will have particular regard to:

- The occupancy figure for the proposed premises
- The proximity of the premises to others in the Area licensed for similar activities and the occupancy figures for those other premises
- Whether the proposed premises will act as a replacement for others in the Area that no longer has a licence
- The proposed methods of management outlined in the applicants' operational plan
- The proposed hours of operation
- Transport provision for the Area



### **Existing Premises Licenses in Stress Areas**

- 11.11 The above factors cannot be used as a justification for removing an existing licence. If representations are received about existing licensed premises relating to matters other than cumulative impact and which undermine the Licensing Objectives then appropriate action may be taken.

### **Applications for variations to existing Premises Licenses in Stress Areas**

- 11.12 Applications for variations to existing Premises Licenses in Stress Areas will not be granted where those modifications directly affect the issue of Cumulative Impact in the Stress Area or otherwise undermine the Licensing Objectives. An example of where a modification may directly affect the issue of cumulative impact would be where an application was received to extend premises and significantly increase the occupancy level of the premises.

## **12. Applications for New Grants and Variation of Existing Terms and Conditions**

- 12.1 In the absence of any Relevant Representations in respect of any application made to the Licensing Authority, it is the duty of the Authority to grant the licence or certificate subject only to conditions that are consistent with the Operating Schedule and any Mandatory Conditions prescribed in the Act. This will also apply to any applications made in respect of premises within an identified Stress Area.
- 12.2 The EU Services Directive (Directive 2006/123/EC) and the Provision of Services Regulations 2009 require the Authority to enable an electronic application facility. This is available through [www.GOV.uk](http://www.GOV.uk) for Premises Licence applications, renewals and variations and for Club Premises Certificates, renewals and variations. An automatic grant is not available for these applications since visits to premises are required in order to ensure the Licensing Objectives would be promoted. In addition the consideration of a licence needs to take into account the management of the premises.
- 12.3 The Licensing Authority will consider the same issues in respect of a variation and a renewal as they do in respect of an application for a new grant.
- 12.4 The Licensing Authority may take into account any non-compliance of other statutory requirements brought to its attention. Particularly where these undermine the Licensing Objectives, as non-compliance with other statutory requirements may demonstrate that the premises are unsuitable for the activities proposed or that the management of the premises is not adequate to protect the public from harm or nuisance.

- 12.5 The Licensing Authority will consider whether appropriate measures have been put into effect by the applicant to mitigate any adverse impact.

### **13. Temporary Events**

- 13.1 Arrangements are made under Part 5 of the Act for the temporary carrying on of licensable activities which are not authorised by a premises licence or a club premises certificate.
- 13.2 The Licensing Authority will provide advice about, amongst other things, public safety. Organisers of temporary/large scale events will be encouraged to seek advice and information from the Local Authority's Event Safety Advisory Group prior to submitting any application.
- 13.3 Legislation states that a minimum of ten working days notice should be given to the Licensing Authority of temporary events (or five working days in respect of a late temporary event). In accordance with the Act, 'Working Day' excludes Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays. The Licensing Authority cannot and will not accept notification of a Temporary Event Notice or a late Temporary Event Notice outside the statutory time limit.
- 13.4 The Licensing Authority acknowledges that in exceptional circumstances, some Temporary Events may and do have an impact upon crime and disorder. Therefore, in cases of large scale events, organisers should consider providing as much notice as possible. The Licensing Authority considers two months notice to be advisable in relation to such events.
- 13.5 The Licensing Authority expects organisers to give due consideration to the four licensing objectives and to consider local residents and those attending events, in areas such as:
- Health and Safety
  - Noise Pollution
  - Use of Temporary Structures
  - Road Closures
  - Use of Pyrotechnics or Fireworks
  - Controlling Anti-Social Behaviour
- 13.6 The Licensing Authority may advise applicants to consult with Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service and North West Ambulance Service for guidance with regards to assessing possible risks.

- 13.7 Applicants will also be reminded that giving a Temporary Event Notice does not relieve the premises user from planning law and any requirement to obtain the appropriate planning permission where it is required.

## **14. Operating Schedule**

- 14.1 It is recommended that that applicants contact Responsible Authorities when preparing their operating schedules. This is likely to reduce subsequent objections.
- 14.2 This Statement of Licensing Policy sets out criteria and considerations, which relate to the Licensing Objectives, which applicants should have in mind when drawing up their Operating Schedule.

## **15. Hours of Operation**

- 15.1 The Licensing Authority will determine licensing hours based on the individual merits of each application.
- 15.2 The Licensing Authority will consider whether longer licensing hours will achieve a gradual dispersal of people leaving licensed premises and therefore promote the Licensing Objectives.
- 15.3 The Licensing Authority recommends that applicants indicate within the operating schedule that consideration has been given to the extent the licensing hours applied for will impact on local residents and the surrounding area.
- 15.4 The Licensing Authority will consider licensing shops, stores and supermarkets to sell alcohol for consumption off the premises at any time when the retail outlet is open for shopping unless there are good reasons, based on the licensing objectives, for restricting the hours. Consideration may be given to restricting the licensing hours of individual shops in circumstances where representations received indicate that the premises is a focus of disorder and disturbance.

## **16. Conditions**

- 16.1 The Licensing Authority may, when considering the content of the Operating Schedule, select appropriate conditions from the Home Office Guidance, pool of Conditions, where it is deemed appropriate to ensure that the Operating Schedule reflects the four Licensing Objectives.
- 16.2 Where appropriate, following receipt of Relevant Representations, the Licensing Authority, may attach conditions to the grant of a licence which seeks to regulate the behaviour of persons as they leave licensed premises.

- 16.3 Where existing law already places statutory obligations on applicants the Licensing Authority will not usually impose the same or similar duties by way of condition.

## **17. Enforcement and Review**

- 17.1 It is the intention of the Licensing Authority to work proactively with the Cheshire Police and other enforcement agencies. Proportionate targeting of agreed problem and high-risk licensed activities needing greater attention will be applied. A corresponding lighter touch for well run, lower risk premises will also be applied.
- 17.2 The Review of licences or certificates provides a key protection for the community where the Licensing Objectives are being undermined. The Review system should allow the Licensing Authority to apply a light touch bureaucracy to the grant or variation of a licence or certificate. The Licensing Authority may then take a more robust approach when problems relating to the Licensing Objectives arise later in respect of any premises.
- 17.3 At any stage following the grant of a premises licence or a club premises certificate, a Responsible Authority or any other person, may ask the Licensing Authority to review the licence or certificate because of a matter arising at the premises in connection with any of the four licensing objectives. The Licensing Authority shall refer to Guidance when assessing whether any Relevant Representations are irrelevant, vexatious, frivolous or repetitious.
- 17.4 Although the Act does not require premises inspections to be undertaken, they will take place at the discretion of the Licensing Officers charged with this role and will take place as judged necessary. This will ensure that the Licensing Authority manages resources efficiently and that 'effective enforcement' is directed at 'problem premises'.
- 17.5 Where any conditions have been applied to a Premises Licence or Club Premises Certificate and Authorised Officer of the Local Authority may inspect the premises at any reasonable time for the purpose of checking that the conditions are being complied with.

### **Door Supervisors**

- 17.6 The Security Industry Authority (SIA) plays an important role in preventing crime and disorder by ensuring that door supervisors are properly trained and licensed. Specific enquiries or premises visits may occur in order to ascertain that SIA Licenses are being executed in the correct manner and not as a tool for crime and disorder such as fronts for serious and organised criminal activity. Intelligence led operations by the SIA, Licensing Authority and/or Police will be conducted without notice

## **18. Early Morning Alcohol Restriction Orders (EMROS)**

- 18.1 Under Section 172 A to E of the Act, the Licensing Authority has the power to make an EMRO prohibiting the sale of alcohol for a specified period between the hours of 24:00 and 06:00. They are designed to address recurring problems with licensed premises, serious public nuisance and other instances of alcohol-related anti-social behaviour which is not directly attributable to specific premises.
- 18.2 The Licensing Authority will consider evidence that such a decision is appropriate for the promotion of the Licensing Objectives. Consideration will be given to evidence provided by partners, Responsible Authorities and the Local Community Safety Partnership as well as evidence the Licensing Authority has gathered to determine whether an EMRO would be appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives. The Licensing Authority will consider the problems that have been identified. A range of evidence may be considered, including local crime and disorder statistics, statistics on anti-social behaviour offences, health related statistics (e.g. alcohol related emergency attendances and hospital admissions, environmental health complaints, complaints recorded by the Local Authority, residents' questionnaires, evidence from local councillors and evidence obtained through local consultation).
- 18.3 It is acknowledged by the Licensing Authority that an EMRO is restrictive, whilst also being a powerful tool to address recurring problems of alcohol-related crime and disorder, serious public nuisance and alcohol-related anti-social behaviour. Prior to making an EMRO the Licensing Authority will consider whether any other measures (implemented by themselves or with partners) may address the problems that have been identified, in particular other measures might include:
- Development of a Cumulative Impact Policy
  - Reviewing the licenses of specific problem premises
  - Encouraging the creation of business-led practice schemes
  - Use of powers of the Local Authority to designate an area where alcohol may not be consumed publicly (Designated Public Places Order)
  - The confiscation of alcohol in designated areas
  - Police enforcement of the general law concerning disorder and anti-social behaviour

- Prosecution for the offence of selling (or allowing such a sale of) alcohol to a person who is drunk
- Use of Police powers to close down any licensed premises instantly for up to 24 hours in respect of which a TEN has effect

18.4 In taking any decision to make an EMRO, the Licensing Authority will follow the statutory process and will invite representations.

## **19. Late Night Levy**

19.1 Under Section 125 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 the Local Authority can adopt a Late Night Levy, following a consultation process, outlined by the Home Office. It allows the Local Authority to charge an additional fee to any licensed premises that has a licence for the sale of alcohol (on and off sales) after 12 midnight and up to 06:00 in order to cover the additional costs associated with late night alcohol trading. Legislation allows this to start from midnight but it is up to the Local Authority to decide when they wish to apply it.

19.2 Any income raised by the Levy must be split with the local Police force; the Police would receive a minimum of 70% of funds raised and the Local Authority's 30% must be used to fund services which make the late night economy a more welcoming place.

19.3 The Local Authority will consider implementing a Late Night Levy if appropriate.

## **20. The Licensing Process**

20.1 Applications can be made on the prescribed forms that can be found on the Home Office website.

20.2 Applications can also be made via the government website [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk). In order to fulfil its obligations under the Provision of Services Regulations 2009 (and the EU Services Directive) the Council will continue to enable the application process and payment online. Tacit consent is however not applicable for applications under the Licensing Act 2003 since the suitability of an applicant and the suitability of premises are under consideration.

## **21. Delegation and Decision Making**

21.1 One of the major principles underlying the Licensing Act 2003 is that the licensing functions contained within the Act should be delegated at an appropriate level to ensure an efficient and cost effective service.

- 21.2 The Licensing Authority is committed to the principle of delegating its powers to ensure that these objectives are met and has arranged for its licensing functions to be discharged in accordance with the Home Office Guidance. The table at Appendix 1 sets out the agreed delegation of decisions and functions to the Licensing Committee, Sub-Committees and Officers
- 21.3 The Act itself creates a presumption that applications will be granted unless a Relevant Representation (objection) is raised. Where a function is delegated to an officer, that officer will be responsible for liaising between the applicants, objectors and Responsible Authorities to ensure that any licence granted is subject to any appropriately agreed conditions and relevant mandatory conditions
- 21.4 Where objections are made, an officer of the Licensing Authority may liaise with the Applicant, objectors and the Responsible Authorities to see if agreement is possible to conditions which would overcome the objections, without the need for the matter to go before the Committee or Sub-Committee. Only where objections are raised which cannot be reconciled will matters be referred to either the Sub-Committee or the Full Committee for determination.
- 21.5 Contested Licensing Applications and Review Hearings are administrative in nature and the (Sub) Committee will ensure that any meetings are conducted as informally as possible. However, some degree of formality is needed to ensure that all parties receive a fair hearing. Procedural requirements will be established to ensure that all parties are able to express their views openly and fairly. The (Sub) Committee procedure is inquisitorial rather than adversarial and, whilst applicants, objectors and Responsible Authorities are entitled to bring legal representation with them if they wish, this is by no means a requirement or a necessity.
- 21.6 Whilst the (Sub) Committee usually meets in public, it does have the power to hear certain applications in private. The Committee, however, will always reach its decision in private. A public announcement of the decision is normally made at the end of the Hearing together with an outline of the reasons for that decision. However on occasion this may not be possible, due to time constraints and/or the complexity of the issues under consideration, in which case a written decision will be issued as soon as possible after the Hearing.
- 21.7 The procedure which will generally be used by the (Sub) Committee, unless the Chairman of the (Sub) Committee takes the view that natural justice and fairness require a change to be made to the process, is set out at Appendix 2.

## **22. Exclusions**



- 22.1 In formulating this Statement of Licensing Policy in accordance with Guidance and recognising the need to treat each application on its individual merits the Licensing Authority makes specific exclusions, which are detailed below.

### **Commercial Demand**

- 22.2 The commercial demand for additional premises licenses (as distinct from cumulative impact) will not be a matter for the Licensing Authority, such matters being a specific consideration for the Planning Authority.

### **Zoning and licensing hours**

- 22.3 Fixed predetermined closing times for particular areas will not form part of the Policy and restriction on trading hours will be considered only where appropriate to meet Licensing Objectives.

### **Children**

- 22.5 Nothing in this Statement of Policy shall limit or require access of children to premises unless there is an overriding necessity to prevent harm to children. Areas that will give rise to particular concern are highlighted elsewhere in this Policy.

### **Standardised conditions**

- 22.6 The Policy does not provide for 'standard conditions' to be imposed so as to avoid the imposition of disproportionate and burdensome requirements. Conditions attached to licenses or certificates, if deemed appropriate in particular circumstances, will be tailored to reflect the individual operation of the premises in question. Conditions will not be imposed which are beyond the responsibility or control of the premises licence holder.

## **23. Consultation**

- 23.1 In reviewing this Policy the Licensing Authority has consulted widely to ascertain an appropriate licensing framework for its area. Various bodies have been consulted including:
- Cheshire Constabulary
  - Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service
  - Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Board
  - Current licence holders
  - Representatives of the local licensing trade



- Representatives of local businesses and residents
- Community Safety Partnership and Event Safety Advisory Group
- Borough Councillors
- Parish and Town Councils
- Macclesfield Charter Trustees
- Council Officers

## **24. Changes to Legislation**

24.1 This Statement of Licensing Principles reflects the law in force in June 2013. The following are some of the main changes which are currently proposed:

- An authorisation for an indoor sporting event or a performance of a play or dance may be required only when the audience exceeds a specified number (1000 for an indoor sporting event and 500 for the performance of a play or dance) or the entertainment does not take place between 8am and 11 pm on any day
- It is intended that it will be made clear that a contest exhibition or display which combines boxing or wrestling with one or more martial arts (a 'combined fighting sport') is licensable under the Act as a boxing or wrestling entertainment rather than an indoor sporting event

24.1 As changes to legislation occur the Local Authority will implement them using the principles stated in this Statement.

## **25. Review of the Statement of Licensing Policy**

25.1 The adoption of a revised Statement of Licensing Policy is reserved to Full Council. However if a review were necessary during the 5 year period for which the Policy is adopted this can be undertaken by the relevant Cabinet member and the Council's Licensing Committee which would make a recommendation to Council.

### Table of delegations of licensing functions

Functions under the Licensing Act will be dealt with as follows:

Matter to be Dealt with	Full Committee	Sub-Committee	Officers
Application for Personal Licence		If a police objection	If no objections made
Application for Personal Licence with unspent convictions		All Cases	
Application for premises Licence/Club Premises Certificate		If a relevant representation made	If no relevant representation made
Application for provisional statement		If a relevant representation is made	If no relevant representation is made
Application to vary Premises Licence/Club Premises Certificate		If a relevant representation made	If no relevant representation made
Application to vary designated Personal Licence holder		If a police objection	All other cases
Request to be removed as designated Personal Licence Holder			All cases
Application of transfer of Premises Licence.		If a police objection	All other cases
Application for Interim Authorities		If a police objection	All other cases
Application to review Premises Licence/Club Premises Certificate		All cases	
Decision on whether a complaint is irrelevant, frivolous, vexatious, etc			All cases
Decision to object when Local		All cases	

<b>Matter to be Dealt with</b>	<b>Full Committee</b>	<b>Sub-Committee</b>	<b>Officers</b>
Authority is a consultee and not a lead authority			
Determination of a relevant objection to a Temporary Event Notice		All cases	
Power to issue a Counter Notice in respect of a Temporary Event			All cases
Determination of a minor variation			All cases
Decision to exercise the Licensing Authority's powers as a Responsible Authority			All cases

## CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

**Procedure for Hearings – Licensing Act 2003****The Licensing Committee**

The full Licensing Committee consists of fifteen elected Members of the Council. From this full Committee will be drawn sub-committees of three members to deal with licensing functions under the Licensing Act 2003. The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Licensing Committee shall have the discretion to refer a matter up to a hearing of the full Licensing Committee.

**Officers at Hearings**

- **The Committee Officer** introduces all parties and records the proceedings
- **The Legal Adviser** provides independent advice to the Members on legal matters and procedure.
- **The Licensing Officer** will introduce the matter and outline the application; the officer will also answer any questions Members may have.

**PROCEDURE**

NOTE: If the Sub-Committee has not already elected a Chairman, that will be the first item of business.

<b>1</b>	<b>Chairman</b>	The Chairman will: (i) call the matter to be considered (ii) call for any declarations of interest (iii) ask all parties to introduce themselves (iv) summarise the procedure to be followed at the hearing (v) will consider any request made by a party for another person to appear at the hearing (v) will advise the parties of any maximum period of time in which it has to present its case (if a maximum is imposed this shall be equal for all parties)
<b>2</b>	<b>Licensing Officer</b>	Will introduce and summarise the application, highlighting areas of contention or dispute.
<b>3</b>	<b>Committee Members</b>	May ask questions of the Licensing Officer
<b>4</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	Will present his/her case, calling witnesses, as appropriate.  <i>(If necessary, applicant will produce any notices required by law. Legal Adviser will draw attention to this if required.)</i>

5	<b>Responsible Authorities</b>  (who have made representations)	Each in turn may ask <u>questions</u> of the applicant, by way of clarification.
6	<b>Other Persons</b>  (who have made representations)	To be invited to ask <u>questions</u> of the applicant, by way of clarification.  <i>It is normal practice for a spokesperson only to speak on behalf of a group of residents.</i>
7	<b>Committee Members</b>	Each in turn may ask <u>questions</u> of the applicant.
8	<b>Applicant</b>	May make a <u>statement</u> or ask his witnesses to clarify any matters which he feels are unclear, or may have been misunderstood.
9	<b>Responsible Authorities</b>	Will make their representations.
10	<b>Applicant</b>	Or his representative or witnesses to ask <u>questions</u> of Responsible Authorities represented at the meeting, by way of clarification.
11	<b>Other Persons</b>  (who have made representations)	May ask <u>questions</u> of the Responsible Authorities represented at the meeting, by way of clarification.  <b>(Note: This is not the point at which they should be stating their objections.)</b>
12	<b>Committee Members</b>	May ask <u>questions</u> of the Responsible Authorities represented at the meeting
13	<b>Other Persons</b>  (who have made representations)	The local residents who are objecting to the application will be invited <b><u>to make observations on the application</u></b> and present the bases of their objections.
15	<b>Applicant</b>	Or his representative or witnesses may ask <u>questions</u> of the Local Residents, by way of clarification.
16	<b>Committee Members</b>	May ask <u>questions</u> of the Local Residents.
17	<b>Chairman</b>	To invite both <b>Responsible Authorities</b> and <b>Local Residents</b> to make their closing addresses.
18	<b>Applicant</b>	Or his representative will <u>briefly summarise the application</u> and comment on the observations and any suggested

		conditions.
19	<b>Committee</b>	<u>Will retire</u> to consider the application. The Committee may request the Legal Advisor to advise on legal issues.
20	<b>Committee</b>	<p>Will return to <u>give its decision</u>, with reasons, which will be announced by the Chairman and subsequently confirmed in writing to the applicant and to all the parties that made representations.</p> <p>In cases where a decision cannot be given at the end of the hearing, parties will be advised of the decision within five working days.</p>

### Notes

1. The hearing shall normally be held in public. There may be occasions on which the Committee find it necessary to exclude members of the press and public; any such decision will be taken on the basis that the public interest in doing so outweighs the public interest in the hearing, or that part of the hearing taking place in public.
2. The Chairman may require any person behaving in a disruptive manner to leave the hearing and may (a) refuse to permit that person to return, or (b) permit him/her to return only on such conditions as the authority may specify, but any such person may submit in writing any information which they would have been entitled to provide orally if they had not been required to leave.
3. Prior to the hearing each party shall have given notification and served documentation (eg statements of witnesses or reports of experts) as required. Late representations and evidence will only be considered with the agreement of all parties.
4. Anyone entitled to be heard may be represented by any person, whether or not that person is legally qualified.
5. Hearsay will be permitted but the Sub-Committee will be reminded to give it appropriate weight.
6. Due note shall be taken of the provisions of the Hearings Regulations 2005.
7. The Chair may, in the interests of expediency or convenience of the parties, vary the procedure from time to time, provided notice is given to the parties and the rules of natural justice are observed.

## **Summary of Procedure**

1. Chairman appointed (if this has not been done previously).
2. Chairman to call for declarations of interest and request that all parties introduce themselves.
3. Chairman summarises the procedure for the hearing
4. The Licensing Officer summarises the application
5. Applicant to present his/her case.
6. Applicant to be questioned by all parties (to clarify points only) following which, he/she can clarify any other matters which he/she feels may have been misunderstood when the application was presented.
7. Applicant to be questioned by the Committee.
8. Responsible Authorities to make their representations following which they can be questioned by all parties by way of clarification.
9. Other Persons will be invited to present the bases of their objections, following which they can be questioned by all parties by way of clarification.
10. The applicant will be invited to sum up his/her case
11. Committee/Sub-Committee withdraws to make its decision
12. Committee/Sub-Committee returns to announce its decision to all present.

### **Mandatory Conditions**

#### **Mandatory conditions where licence authorises supply of alcohol**

Where a premises licence authorises the supply of alcohol, the licence must include the following conditions:

1. No supply of alcohol may be made under the premises licence—
  - (a) at a time when there is no designated premises supervisor in respect of the premises licence, or
  - (b) at a time when the designated premises supervisor does not hold a personal licence or his personal licence is suspended.
2. Every supply of alcohol under the premises licence must be made or authorised by a person who holds a personal licence

#### **Mandatory condition: exhibition of films**

1. Where a premises licence or club premises certificate authorises the exhibition of films, the licence/certificate must include a condition requiring the admission of children to the exhibition of any film to be restricted in accordance with this section.
2. Where the film classification body is specified in the licence/certificate, unless condition (3) (b) applies, admission of children must be restricted in accordance with any recommendation made by that body.
3. Where
  - (a) the film classification body is not specified in the licence, or
  - (b) the relevant licensing authority has notified the holder of the licence that this subsection applies to the film in question,

Admission of children must be restricted in accordance with any recommendation made by that licensing authority

#### **Mandatory condition: door supervision**

1. Where a premises licence includes a condition that at specified times one or more individuals must be at the premises to carry out a security activity, the licence must include a condition that each such individual must:
  - (a) be authorised to carry out that activity by a licence granted under the Private Security Industry Act 2001; or
  - (b) be entitled to carry out that activity by virtue of section 4 of that Act



**Prohibited conditions: plays**

1. In relation to a premises licence or club premises certificate which authorises the performance of plays, no condition may be attached to the licence as to the nature of the plays which may be performed, or the manner of performing plays, under the licence.

**Licensing Act 2003 (Mandatory Licensing Conditions) Order 2010**

1. The responsible person shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that staff on relevant premises do not carry out, arrange or participate in any irresponsible promotions in relation to the premises. An irresponsible promotion means any one or more of the following activities, or substantially similar activities, carried on for the purpose of encouraging the sale or supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises in a manner which carries a significant risk of leading or contributing to crime and disorder, prejudice to public safety, public nuisance, or harm to children:
  - (a) games or other activities which require or encourage, or are designed to require or encourage, individuals to:
    - (i) drink a quantity of alcohol within a time limit (other than to drink alcohol sold or supplied on the premises before the cessation of the period in which the responsible person is authorised to sell or supply alcohol), or
    - (ii) drink as much alcohol as possible (whether within a time limit or otherwise)
  - (b) provision of unlimited or unspecified quantities of alcohol free or for a fixed or discounted fee to the public or to a group defined by a particular characteristic (other than any promotion or discount available to an individual in respect of alcohol for consumption at a table meal, as defined in section 159 of the Act)
  - (c) provision of free or discounted alcohol or any other thing as a prize to encourage or reward the purchase and consumption of alcohol over a period of 24 hours or less
  - (d) provision of free or discounted alcohol in relation to the viewing on the premises of a sporting event, where that provision is dependent on:
    - (i) the outcome of a race, competition or other event or process, or
    - (ii) the likelihood of anything occurring or not occurring
  - (e) selling or supplying alcohol in association with promotional posters or flyers on, or in the vicinity of, the premises which can reasonably be

considered to condone, encourage or glamorise anti-social behaviour or to refer to the effects of drunkenness in any favourable manner

2. The responsible person shall ensure that no alcohol is dispensed directly by one person into the mouth of another (other than where that other person is unable to drink without assistance by reason of a disability).
3. The responsible person shall ensure that free tap water is provided on request to customers where it is reasonably available.
4. The premises licence holder or club premises certificate holder shall ensure that an age verification policy applies to the premises in relation to the sale or supply of alcohol. The policy must require individuals who appear to the responsible person to be under 18 years of age (or such older age as may be specified in the policy) to produce on request, before being served alcohol, identification bearing their photograph, date of birth and a holographic mark.
5. The responsible person shall ensure that:
  - (a) where any of the following alcoholic drinks is sold or supplied for consumption on the premises (other than alcoholic drinks sold or supplied having been made up in advance ready for sale or supply in a securely closed container) it is available to customers in the following measures:
    - (i) beer or cider: ½ pint;
    - (ii) gin, rum, vodka or whisky: 25 ml or 35 ml; and
    - (iii) still wine in a glass: 125 ml; and
  - (b) customers are made aware of the availability of these measures.

Conditions 1- 3 and 5 do not apply where the Premises Licence authorises the sale and supply of alcohol only for consumption off the premises.

## CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

### REPORT TO: LICENSING ACT SUB-COMMITTEE

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<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 09.30am</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	Mrs N Cadman, Licensing Officer
<b>Subject/Title:</b>	<b>Application to Vary a Premises Licence at The Vine Inn, 42 Hospital Street, Nantwich, Cheshire, CW5 5RP</b>

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#### 1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 The report provides details of an application to vary 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 to vary a Premises Licence by Hydes' Brewery Limited, The Beer Studio, 30 Kansas Avenue, Salford, M50 2GL in respect of:

The Vine Inn  
42 Hospital Street  
Nantwich  
Cheshire  
CW5 5RP

- 2.2 The premises currently benefits from a Premises Licence, which is set out at appendix 1.
- 2.3 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
- 2.4 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 current and proposed operating schedules.
- 2.5 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.

- 2.6 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 Nantwich South & Stapeley

### **5.0 Local Ward Members**

- 5.1 Cllr Peter Groves  
Cllr Andrew Martin

### **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 received relate to the Prevention of Public Nuisance and the Prevention of Crime and Disorder Objectives. The Licensing Authority sets out a paragraph 7 and 9 of its Statement of Licensing Policy how it will deal with representations under these objectives.
- 6.2.2 The Statement of Licensing Policy also deals with issues of Anti-social behaviour at paragraph 6.
- 6.3 Members should provide reason(s) for any decision taken and should set out they 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, received on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015, is for the grant of a 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 extension of hours are:

- § Sale and supply of alcohol
- § Live Music
- § Recorded Music

The application is also to extend opening times at the premises, to amend the plan of the premises by removing fixed seating and extending the bar server and to remove conditions 1,2,4,5 and 7 of Annex 2 of the existing Premises Licence and replace with amended conditions as per the application.

10.3 The hours applied for are as follows:

### **Sale and supply of alcohol**

Monday to Sunday 10.00 to 01.00

Non-standard timing: from the end of permitted hours on New Year's Eve to the start of permitted hours on New Year's Day.

**Live and Recorded Music (to take place indoors only)**

Monday to Sunday 10.00 to 01.00

Non-standard timing: from the end of permitted hours on New Year's Eve to the start of permitted hours on New Year's Day.

**Hours Premises are Open to the Public**

Monday to Sunday 08.00 to 01.00

Non-standard timing: from the end of permitted hours on New Year's Eve to the start of permitted hours on New Year's Day

(for clarification, page 2 of the application form states opening hours to 01.00, page 8 states opening hours to 01.30. The public notice advertised stated opening hours to 01.00, so for the purposes of this application the opening hours are to 01.00.)

10.4 A copy of the application form is attached as Appendix 2.

10.5 Relevant Representations

Responsible Authorities:

10.6.1 The Police in their response state: Please note agreement that the following two conditions should be attached to the premises licence at the Vine Inn, 42 Hospital Street, Nantwich, CW5 5RP in order to promote the licensing objectives as a consequence of the recent application to vary the premises licence at the venue:

1. A CCTV system will be installed at the premises to the satisfaction of the Police Licensing Officer. It must record at all times the premises are open to the public. Unedited images must be securely retained for at least 28 days and copies made freely available upon request to a constable or an employee of the Police Authority or Local Authority.
2. The Premises Licence Holder will ensure that a comprehensive risk assessment is conducted, at intervals of not more than 31 days, into the need for door supervisors to be on duty at the premises. This risk assessment will be recorded in writing, produced to a constable and authorised officers of the local authority on request, and a copy retained at the premises for a period of at least 6 months from the date of the assessment.

These conditions have been agreed by the applicant.

10.6.2 The Environmental Health Officer wishes to approve the application with conditions which have been agreed with the applicant. The following conditions should be applied: Prevention of Public Nuisance - In order to protect the interest of local residents and ensure that the licensing objective of public nuisance prevention is upheld: all necessary steps shall be taken to ensure that any noise from the premises shall not be at a level which could cause a noise nuisance at the boundary of the nearest residential premises, therefore:

All external windows and doors shall be closed whilst regulated entertainment is taking place, except for normal access and egress.

Thirty minutes before the end of the time permitted for the provision of regulated entertainment the, music levels shall be gradually reduced to a lower volume and tempo.

There were no responses from any of the other Responsible Authorities.

Other Persons:

10.6.4 The Council has received written objections from 3 neighbouring residents. A copy of these representations is attached as Appendix 3 of this report.

The 3 neighbouring residents were made aware of the conditions recommended by the Police and the Environmental Health Officer, which were agreed by the applicant. The 3 neighbouring residents advised the Licensing Authority that they did not feel the addition of the agreed conditions would address their concerns and wished their objections to stand.

## **11.0 Access to Information**

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

Name: Mrs N Cadman

Designation: Licensing Officer

Tel No: 01270 685957

Email: nikki.cadman@cheshireeast.gov.uk

## **APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – Existing Premises Licence Summary and conditions

Appendix 2 - Premises Licence Variation application

Appendix 3 - Written objections from neighbouring residents

Appendix 4 - Map of area

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Part B  
PREMISES LICENCE SUMMARY

Cheshire East Borough Council

Premises licence number	306
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Premises details

Postal address of premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description

**The Vine Inn  
42 Hospital Street**

Post town	<b>Nantwich</b>	Post code	<b>CW5 5RP</b>
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Telephone number	<b>01270 624172</b>
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Where the licence is time limited the dates

**Not applicable**

Licensable activities authorised by the licence

**Sale by retail of alcohol  
Provision of regulated entertainment**

The times the licence authorises the carrying out of licensable activities

<b>Monday</b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>00:00</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>00:00</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>00:00</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>00:00</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>00:00</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>00:00</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12:00</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>00:00</b>

The opening hours of the premises

<b>Monday</b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>01:00</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>01:00</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>01:00</b>
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<b>Friday</b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>01:00</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>01:00</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12:00</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>01:00</b>

Where the licence authorises supplies of alcohol whether these are on and/or off supplies  
**On and off**

Name, (registered) address of holder of the premises licence

**Hydes Brewery Plc  
The Beer Studio  
30 Kansas Avenue  
Salford  
M50 2GL**

**TEL: 0161 226 1317**

Registered number of holder, for example company number, charity number (where applicable)

**Registered Number: 126186**

Name of designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises the supply of alcohol

**Daniel Strong**

State whether access to the premises by children is restricted or prohibited

**No children under 18 allowed on the premises unless accompanied by an adult.**

**Licence Issued: 21<sup>st</sup> July 2014**

**Signed On Behalf of Cheshire East Borough Council**

Annex 1 - Mandatory conditions

1. No supply of alcohol may be made under the Premises licence:
  - At a time when there is no Designated Premises Supervisor in respect of the Premises licence, or
  - At a time when the Designated Premises Supervisor does not hold a Personal licence, or his/her Personal licence is suspended.
2. Every supply of alcohol under the Premises licence must be made or authorised by a person who holds a Personal licence.

**LICENSING ACT 2003 (MANDATORY LICENSING CONDITIONS) ORDER 2010**

**MANDATORY CONDITIONS**

**Condition 1**

(1) The responsible person shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that staff on relevant premises do not carry out, arrange or participate in any irresponsible promotions in relation to the premises.

(2) In this paragraph, an irresponsible promotion means any one or more of the following activities, or substantially similar activities, carried on for the purpose of encouraging the sale or supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises in a manner which carries a significant risk of leading or contributing to crime and disorder, prejudice to public safety, public nuisance, or harm to children—

(a) games or other activities which require or encourage, or are designed to require or encourage, individuals to—

(i) drink a quantity of alcohol within a time limit (other than to drink alcohol sold or supplied on the premises before the cessation of the period in which the responsible person is authorised to sell or supply alcohol), or

(ii) drink as much alcohol as possible (whether within a time limit or otherwise);

(b) provision of unlimited or unspecified quantities of alcohol free or for a fixed or discounted fee to the public or to a group defined by a particular characteristic (other than any promotion or discount available to an individual in respect of alcohol for consumption at a table meal, as defined in section 159 of the Act);

(c) provision of free or discounted alcohol or any other thing as a prize to encourage or reward the purchase and consumption of alcohol over a period of 24 hours or less;

(d) provision of free or discounted alcohol in relation to the viewing on the premises of a sporting event, where that provision is dependent on—

(i) the outcome of a race, competition or other event or process, or

(ii) the likelihood of anything occurring or not occurring;

(e) selling or supplying alcohol in association with promotional posters or flyers on, or in the vicinity of, the premises which can reasonably be considered to condone, encourage or glamorise anti-social behaviour or to refer to the effects of drunkenness in any favourable manner.

**Condition 2**

The responsible person shall ensure that no alcohol is dispensed directly by one person into the mouth of another (other than where that other person is unable to drink without assistance by reason of a disability).

**Condition 3**

The responsible person shall ensure that free tap water is provided on request to customers where it is reasonably available.

**Condition 4**

(1) The premises licence holder or club premises certificate holder shall ensure that an age verification policy applies to the premises in relation to the sale or supply of alcohol.

(2) The policy must require individuals who appear to the responsible person to be under 18 years of age (or such older age as may be specified in the policy) to produce on request, before being served alcohol, identification bearing their photograph, date of birth and a holographic mark.

**Condition 5**

The responsible person shall ensure that—

(a) where any of the following alcoholic drinks is sold or supplied for consumption on the premises (other than alcoholic drinks sold or supplied having been made up in advance ready for sale or supply in a securely closed container) it is available to customers in the following measures—

(i) beer or cider: ½ pint;

(ii) gin, rum, vodka or whisky: 25 ml or 35 ml; and

(iii) still wine in a glass: 125 ml; and

(b) customers are made aware of the availability of these measures

Annex 2 - Conditions consistent with Operating Schedule

1. Proof of age scheme in operation.
2. No irresponsible sales promotions or discounted prices of alcoholic Beverages shall be offered to customers
3. No noise or vibration will emanate from the premises so as to cause a nuisance to nearby properties.
4. Prominent and clear notices will be displayed at all exits requesting the public to respect the needs of local residents and to leave the premises and the area quietly.
5. No-one under the age of 18 will be allowed to enter or remain on the premises unless accompanied by an adult.
6. Licensable activities permitted at the premises are as follows:-

**LIVE & RECORDED MUSIC ( INDOORS)**

**20:00 – 23:30 ( Mon – Sun)**

**SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL**

**11:00 – 00:00 ( Mon – Sat )**

**12:00 – 00:00( Sun)**

7. The hours for the sale of alcohol are extended throughout the period between New Years Eve and the commencement of normal licensing hours on New Years Day.  
The hours for regulated entertainment are extended to 00:30 on New Years Eve and from 12:00 to 23:30 on Good Friday, Easter Saturday and Easter Sunday.

Annex 3 - Conditions attached after a hearing by the licensing authority

None

Annex 4 - Plans

~~See attached.~~

## Cheshire East Borough Council

## Application to vary a premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003

## PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form.  
 If you are completing this form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary.  
 You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

We Hydes' Brewery Limited

being the premises licence holder, apply to vary a premises licence under section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below

<b>Premises licence number</b> 306
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## Part 1 – Premises Details

<b>Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description</b>			
The Vine Inn 42 Hospital Street			
<b>Post town</b>	Nantwich	<b>Post code</b>	CW5 5RP

Telephone number at premises (if any)	01270 624172
Non-domestic rateable value of premises	£0.00

## Part 2 – Applicant details

<b>Daytime contact telephone number</b>			
<b>E-mail address (optional)</b>			
<b>Current postal address if different from premises address</b>	The Beer Studio 30 Kansas Avenue Salford		
<b>Post Town</b>	Manchester	<b>Postcode</b>	M50 2GL



**Part 3 - Variation**

Please tick yes

Do you want the proposed variation to have effect as soon as possible? ☐**Alterations to have effect upon the completion of works as notified to the Licensing Authority in writing**

If not, from what date do you want the variation to take effect?

Day		Month		Year	

**Please describe briefly the nature of the proposed variation (Please see guidance note 1)**

To permit the supply of alcohol and regulated entertainment including live and recorded music Monday to Sunday 1000hrs to 0100hrs; opening times Monday to Sunday 0800hrs to 0100hrs. To amend the plans by removing fixed seating and extending the bar servery. Such alterations to have effect upon the completion of works as notified to the Licensing Authority in writing.

If your proposed variation would mean that 5,000 or more people are expected to attend the premises at any one time, please state the number expected to attend

**Part 4 Operating Schedule**

Please complete those parts of the Operating Schedule below which would be subject to change if this application to vary is successful.

**Provision of regulated entertainment**

Please tick yes

- |   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| a) plays (if ticking yes, fill in box A)  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| b) films (if ticking yes, fill in box B)  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| c) indoor sporting events (if ticking yes, fill in box C)   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| d) boxing or wrestling entertainment (if ticking yes, fill in box D)  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| e) live music (if ticking yes, fill in box E)   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| f) recorded music (if ticking yes, fill in box F)   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| g) performances of dance (if ticking yes, fill in box G)  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| h) anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) (if ticking yes, fill in box H) | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

**Provision of late night refreshment** (if ticking yes, fill in box I)☐**Sale by retail of alcohol** (if ticking yes, fill in box J)☒**In all cases complete boxes K, L and M**

**A**

<b>Plays</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b>Will the performance of a play take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</b> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish		Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mon			<b>Please give further details here</b> (please read guidance note 3)		
Tue					
Wed			<b>State any seasonal variations for performing plays</b> (please read guidance note 4)		
Thur					
Fri			<b>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of plays at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</b> (please read guidance note 5)		
Sat					
Sun					

**B**

<b>Films</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b>Will the exhibition of films take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</b> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish		Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mon			<b>Please give further details here</b> (please read guidance note 3)		
Tue					
Wed			<b>State any seasonal variations for the exhibition of films</b> (please read guidance note 4)		
Thur					
Fri			<b>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the exhibition of films at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</b> (please read guidance note 5)		
Sat					
Sun					



## C

<b>Indoor sporting events</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b>Please give further details</b> (please read guidance note 3)
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon			<b>State any seasonal variations for indoor sporting events</b> (please read guidance note 4)
Tue			
Wed			
Thur			<b>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for indoor sporting events at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</b> (please read guidance note 5)
Fri			
Sat			
Sun			

## D

<b>Boxing or wrestling entertainments</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b>Will the boxing or wrestling entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</b> (please read guidance note 2)	
Day	Start	Finish	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mon			<b>Please give further details here</b> (please read guidance note 3)	
Tue				
Wed			<b>State any seasonal variations for boxing or wrestling entertainment</b> (please read guidance note 4)	
Thur				
Fri			<b>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for boxing or wrestling entertainment at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</b> (please read guidance note 5)	
Sat				
Sun				

## E

<b>Live music</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b>Will the performance of live music take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</b> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	<b>Please give further details here</b> (please read guidance note 3)		
Mon	10:00	01:00			
Tue	10:00	01:00	For occasional musicians to perform		
Wed	10:00	01:00			
Thur	10:00	01:00	<b>State any seasonal variations for the performance of live music</b> (please read guidance note 4)		
Fri	10:00	01:00			
Sat	10:00	01:00	<b>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of live music at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</b> (please read guidance note 5)		
Sun	10:00	01:00			
			From the end of permitted hours on New Year's Eve to the start of permitted hours of New Year's Day.		

## F

<b>Recorded music</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b>Will the playing of recorded music take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</b> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	<b>Please give further details here</b> (please read guidance note 3)		
Mon	10:00	01:00			
Tue	10:00	01:00	Occasional recorded music to be played		
Wed	10:00	01:00			
Thur	10:00	01:00	<b>State any seasonal variations for the playing of recorded music</b> (please read guidance note 4)		
Fri	10:00	01:00			
Sat	10:00	01:00	<b>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the playing of recorded music at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</b> (please read guidance note 5)		
Sun	10:00	01:00			
			From the end of permitted hours on New Year's Eve to the start of permitted hours of New Year's Day.		

**G**

<b>Performances of dance</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b>Will the performance of dance take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</b> (please read guidance note 2)		Indoors <input type="checkbox"/>
					Outdoors <input type="checkbox"/>
					Both <input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish			
Mon			<b>Please give further details here</b> (please read guidance note 3)		
Tue					
Wed			<b>State any seasonal variations for the performance of dance</b> (please read guidance note 4)		
Thur					
Fri			<b>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of dance at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</b> (please read guidance note 5)		
Sat					
Sun					

**H**

<b>Anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g)</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b>Please give a description of the type of entertainment you will be providing</b>	
Day	Start	Finish	<b>Will this entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</b> (please read guidance note 2)	
Mon			Indoors <input type="checkbox"/>	
			Outdoors <input type="checkbox"/>	
			Both <input type="checkbox"/>	
Tue			<b>Please give further details here</b> (please read guidance note 3)	
Wed				
Thur			<b>State any seasonal variations for entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g)</b> (please read guidance note 4)	
Fri				
Sat			<b>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</b> (please read guidance note 5)	
Sun				



I

<b>Late night refreshment</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b>Will the provision of late night refreshment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</b> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors <input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors <input type="checkbox"/>
				Both <input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	<b>Please give further details here</b> (please read guidance note 3)	
Mon				
Tue				
Wed				
Thur			<b>State any seasonal variations for the provision of late night refreshment</b> (please read guidance note 4)	
Fri			<b>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the provision of late night refreshment at different times, to those listed in the column on the left, please list</b> (please read guidance note 5)	
Sat				
Sun				

J

<b>Supply of alcohol</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b>Will the supply of alcohol be for consumption</b> (Please tick box) (please read guidance note 7)	On the premises <input type="checkbox"/>
				Off the premises <input type="checkbox"/>
				Both <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	<b>State any seasonal variations for the supply of alcohol</b> (please read guidance note 4)	
Mon	10:00	01:00		
Tue	10:00	01:00		
Wed	10:00	01:00		
Thur	10:00	01:00	<b>Non-standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the supply of alcohol at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</b> (please read guidance note 5)	
Fri	10:00	01:00	From the end of permitted hours on New Year's Eve to the start of permitted hours of New Year's Day.	
Sat	10:00	01:00		
Sun	10:00	01:00		

K

<b>Please highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children</b> (please read guidance note 8)
None

**L**

<b>Hours premises are open to the public</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b>State any seasonal variations</b> (please read guidance note 4)
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon	08:00	01:30	
Tue	08:00	01:30	
Wed	08:00	01:30	
Thur	08:00	01:30	
Fri	08:00	01:30	
Sat	08:00	01:30	
Sun	08:00	01:30	<b>Non standard timings. Where you intend the premises to be open to the public at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list</b> (please read guidance note 5)

From the end of permitted hours on New Year's Eve to the start of permitted hours of New Year's Day.

Please identify those conditions currently imposed on the licence which you believe could be removed as a consequence of the proposed variation you are seeking  
 To remove conditions 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7 in Annex 2 and replace them with amended conditions.

Please tick yes

- I have enclosed the premises licence ☒
- I have enclosed the relevant part of the premises licence ☐

If you have not ticked one of these boxes please fill in reasons for not including the licence, or part of it, below

Reasons why I have failed to enclose the premises licence or relevant part of premises licence

**M** Describe any additional steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives as a result of the proposed variation:

**a) General – all four licensing objectives (b,c,d,e)** (please read guidance note 9)

As in box b), d) and e)

**b) The prevention of crime and disorder**

1. An incident log shall be kept at the premises, and made available on request to an authorised officer of the City Council or the Police, which will record the following:

- all crimes reported to the venue
- all ejections of patrons



- any complaints received concerning crime and disorder
- any incidents of disorder
- all seizures of drugs or offensive weapons
- any refusal of the sale of alcohol
- any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service.

2. Staff will have regular walk rounds to monitor the premises from Midnight until closing.

**c) Public safety**

As in box b), d) and e)

**d) The prevention of public nuisance**

3. Notices shall be prominently displayed at all exits requesting patrons to respect the needs of local residents and businesses and leave the area quietly

4. Notices shall be prominently displayed at any area used for smoking requesting patrons to respect the needs of local residents and use the area quietly

5. Patrons permitted to temporarily leave and then re-enter the premises, eg to smoke, shall not be permitted to take drinks or glass containers with them

**e) The protection of children from harm**

6. A Challenge 21 proof of age scheme shall be operated at the premises where the only acceptable forms of identification are recognised photographic identification cards, such as a driving licence, passport or proof of age card with the PASS Hologram.- challenge 21 is fine

7. A record shall be kept detailing all refused sales of alcohol. The record should include the date and time of the refused sale and the name of the member of staff who refused the sale. The record shall be available for inspection at the premises by the police or an authorised officer of the City Council at all times whilst the premises is open

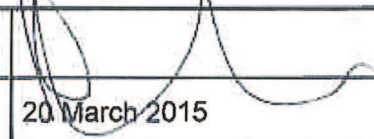
**Please tick yes**

- I have made or enclosed payment of the fee or ☒
- I have not made or enclosed payment of the fee because this application has been made in relation to the introduction of the late night levy ☐
- I have sent copies of this application and the plan to responsible authorities and others where applicable ☒
- I understand that I must now advertise my application ☒
- I have enclosed the premises licence or relevant part of it or explanation ☒
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected ☒

**IT IS AN OFFENCE, LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING LEVEL 5 ON THE STANDARD SCALE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION**

**Part 5 – Signatures** (please read guidance note 10)

**Signature of applicant (the current premises licence holder) or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent** (please read guidance note 11). **If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.**

Signature	
Date	20 March 2015
Capacity	Poppleston Allen – Solicitors for & on behalf of the applicant

**Where the premises licence is jointly held signature of 2nd applicant (the current premises licence holder) or 2nd applicant's solicitor or other authorised agent** (please read guidance note 12). **If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.**

Signature	
Date	
Capacity	

**Contact name (where not previously given) and address for correspondence associated with this application** (please read guidance note 13)

Angela Gardner  
Poppleston Allen Solicitors  
37 Stoney Street  
The Lace Market

Post town	Nottingham	Post code	NG1 1LS
Telephone number (if any)	<del>0115 9540167</del>		
If you would prefer us to correspond with you by e-mail your e-mail address (optional)			
<del>agardner@poppleston.co.uk</del>			

**Notes for Guidance**

**This application cannot be used to vary the licence so as to extend the period for which the licence has effect or to vary substantially the premises to which it relates. If you wish to make that type of change to the premises licence you should make a new premises licence application under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003.**


1. Describe the premises. For example the type of premises, its general situation and layout and any other information which could be relevant to the licensing objectives. Where your application includes off-supplies of alcohol and you intend to provide a place for consumption of these off-supplies you must include a description of where the place will be and its proximity to the premises.
2. Where taking place in a building or other structure please tick as appropriate. Indoors may include a tent.
3. For example state type of activity to be authorised, if not already stated, and give relevant further details, for example (but not exclusively) whether or not music will be amplified or unamplified.



4. For example (but not exclusively), where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.
5. For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.
6. Please give timings in 24 hour clock (e.g. 16:00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.
7. If you wish people to be able to consume alcohol on the premises please tick on, if you wish people to be able to purchase alcohol to consume away from the premises please tick off. If you wish people to be able to do both please tick both.
8. Please give information about anything intended to occur at the premises or ancillary to the use of the premises which may give rise to concern in respect of children regardless of whether you intend children to have access to the premises, for example (but not exclusively) nudity or semi-nudity, films for restricted age groups or the presence of gaming machines.
9. Please list here steps you will take to promote all four licensing objectives together.
10. The application form must be signed.
11. An applicant's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
12. Where there is more than one applicant, both applicants or their respective agents must sign the application form.
13. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.





Revision	Amendment	Date
Project	VINE, 42 HOSPITAL STREET NANTWICH, CW5 8EP	
Client	HYGDES	
 <p>CHICHESTER ROAD, KESWICK, CUMBRIA LA5 2JN Tel: 01524 832200 Fax: 01524 832201 E: info@hygdes.co.uk W: www.hygdes.co.uk</p>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Existing	EXISTING & PROPOSED FLOOR PLANS - LICENSING	
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Date	Mar 2015	V/H/LC01

**From:****Sent:** 16 April 2015 16:35**To:** LICENSING (Cheshire East)**Subject:** The Vine Inn, 42 Hospital Street, Nantwich CW5 5RP

Objection to above application for variation

I am objecting about potential public nuisance, potential crime and disorder and a risk to public safety.

My name is        I am the owner of the four storey building at    Hospital Street Nantwich direct next door (no gap) to the applicants two storey premises at The Vine Inn 42 Hospital Street.

Hospital street consists of two separately let flats second and third floor and commercial offices on the ground floor.

The Vine Pub is situated in the middle of a residential area on Hospital street with a 6 bed house opposite, 4 flats across Hospital Street and 2 flats next door. Consideration needs to be given to all these residents and family (there are young children) and there right to a reasonable peace and quality of life without unnecessary disruption.

As owner of the building I have lived on the second floor and third floor flats and have experienced late night music at the Vine on occasions. In my experience it prevents local residents from enjoying not only normal sleep but also normal indoor leisurely activities such as watching television. With any extension in hours this problem will become even more unreasonable in a residential area denying residents a quality of life most weekdays and at weekends into the early hour of the following day.

The building around are all to my knowledge grade listed buildings with poor insulation, no double glazing and thin walls. The street itself is narrow with tall building, any sound does reverberates around the buildings in the street.

The front door step to my building has often been littered with cigarette butts, beer bottles and glasses from the pub next door which I judge to be a public nuisance. I accept that if you live next door to a pub this may happen but undoubtedly these issues would grow if the variation is allowed without condition.

The bedroom of the flat on the first floor is situated at the front of the building and therefore subject to normal noise pollution from the street. With more opening hours comes more music comes more people on the street and the inevitable more noise and lower quality of life for the residents.

I'm not unreasonable person and understand a pubs desire to extend there trade. But is it reasonable to impose this nuisance at the cost of the local public's quality of life.

I would like to suggest the following conditions that will help and go so way to a reasonable compromise.

Entertainment as proposed ends at the reasonable time 11.30pm

Entertainment as proposed is only indoors ie not in beer garden

Proposed variations to entertainment and hours do not apply on Sunday and Monday's

All windows and doors remain closed during music (obviously people have to exit etc) - the sound travels

CCTV is installed on the street side to discourage public nuisance

Authorised doormen/security operate from 2 hours before closing time to ensure a reduced risk of public disorder on the street side

Given the location of the applicant and its proximity to residential homes then I think these conditions are in keeping with the area should go some way to safeguard the public.

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Regards

**From:****Sent:** 20 April 2015 14:16**To:** CADMAN, Nikki**Subject:** Re: Premises Licence Variation - The Vine Inn, Nantwich - Additional EHO conditions agreed

Hi Nikki

Thanks for the conditions email. Does it make any difference? No not really.

It's interesting to note that environmental health are heading in the same direction as we are but have just not gone anywhere near far enough to ensure the one applicant does not cause a public nuisance to lots people in a predominantly residential area. The conditions suggested are not only insufficient but also very vague and seem impossible to measure.

How gradually is gradual ie what speed does the reduction take place? Who decides on the tempo?

Clear and simple cut off points will be less ambiguous and lead to less hassle and aggravation in the future.

**From:****Sent:** 20 April 2015 15:01**To:** CADMAN, Nikki**Subject:** Re: NOTICE OF HEARING - THE VINE INN, 42 HOSPITAL STREET, NANTWICH

Hi Nikki

Response to the Police suggestions

1. A CCTV system will be installed at the premises to the satisfaction of the Police Licensing Officer. It must record at all times the premises are open to the public. Unedited images must be securely retained for at least 28 days and copies made freely available upon request to a constable or an employee of the Police Authority or Local Authority.

Response or questions - will the cameras be located on the exterior of the building ie street front door area, in addition to internal?

2. The Premises Licence Holder will ensure that a comprehensive risk assessment is conducted, at intervals of not more than 31 days, into the need for door supervisors to be on duty at the premises. This risk assessment will be recorded in writing, produced to a constable and authorised officers of the local authority on request, and a copy retained at the premises for a period of at least 6 months from the date of the assessment.

Response or questions - Given the location of the pub is in a predominately residential area we'd suggest that door supervisors be placed on the premises for six months beginning from the granting of licence with a comprehensive risk assessment thereafter to assess the need or otherwise. The said risk assessment be shared with the local residence (a defined group) via email. To include a section for the residents to make a record of events that occur, emanating from the pub, and effecting there quality of life.

Surely it is reasonable to try and maintain the current peaceful environment by installing door supervisor, without supervisors the local residents will suffer a deteriorating situation with little or no recourse. As they did not ask for this change the pub should do everything possible to reduce the risk of public nuisance.

The Police suggested approach the pub is playing 'game keeper and poacher' and may only have a financial incentive to record only a favourable situation. Without a proactive and involved approach many residents may well suffer sleepless disturbed nights without being able influence or change the situation.



Proposed variation of hours The Vine Inn Public House, Hospital Street, Nantwich

## OBJECTION

My Name is . I am a tenant at Hospital Street, Nantwich and have been resident at the property for the last 5 years. The property is adjacent to The Vine Inn.

I wish to object to the application currently lodged with yourselves by The Vine Inn regarding the variation in opening hours and the hours in which alcohol may be served and entertainment provided.

My objection is on the following grounds:

1. That the variation of hours will result in an increase in public nuisance
2. That the variation of hours will result in an increase of crime and public disorder.

I support my objection with the following comments.

The living room and bedroom of my flat is situated at the front of the building and therefore has it's share of normal noise from the street both day and night. They are a matter of feet from the front door on The Vine. Although noise can be a problem on Friday and Saturday evenings, the noise from The Vine and the area outside is, by and large, at a tolerable level. This is due in no small part to the present nature of the pub and its patrons. It has the reputation of a 'drinkers pub' and does not seem to attract the 'noisy' element.

However I am extremely concerned that the proposed extended hours together with accompanying entertainment and live music will attract an altogether different clientèle.

More opening hours and more music will, in my opinion, inevitably entice more people to The Vine, especially if the plans for an internal refurbishment go ahead. More people inside will naturally lead to more people congregating outside; especially on warm summer evenings when the pub's front door is likely to be left open. On occasions when there has been live music staged in the pub, the noise levels are much greater and increase dramatically when the front door is open.

I'm understand the current owners desire to extend their trade and applaud their efforts to want to smarten the pub up. However I do not think that the sought after increase in business should be at the expense of the peace and quiet of local residents; especially in the early hours of the morning. The requested variation in hours can only have a detrimental impact on my quality of my life and the lives of my fellow residents.

The noise problem has an attendant issue, that of crime and public disorder. It is wholly conceivable that the attraction of later opening hours will bring with it an increased risk of public disorder in the immediate environs of the pub. It is inevitable that issues with litter and petty vandalism will increase.

I ask that the Council acknowledge that fact that The Vine shares Hospital Street with a number of residential properties and rejects the application on the grounds mentioned above.

17<sup>th</sup> April 2015

**From:****Sent:** 21 April 2015 09:07**To:** CADMAN, Nikki**Subject:** Re: FW: NOTICE OF HEARING - THE VINE INN, 42 HOSPITAL STREET, NANTWICH

Dear Mrs Cadman,

Many thanks for the email with regard to The Vine Inn application and the amendments requested by The Police.

Although stating that CCTV cameras would be installed it does not specify whereabouts on the building; this would need clarification as I contend that most public order issues would occur outside the premises.

The proposal regarding the door staff seems at best retrospective and in practice wholly self policing. I would suggest that the proposal does not address the provision of a deterrent should the licence variation application be granted.

As things stand, the proposed amendments by the applicants do not address the concerns outlined in my objection, and it would be my intention to attend the hearing on May 6th.

Yours faithfully,

**From:****Sent:** 20 April 2015 15:55**To:** CADMAN, Nikki**Subject:** Re: Premises Licence Variation - The Vine Inn, Nantwich - Additional EHO conditions agreed

Good afternoon Nikki,

In response to your email regarding additional conditions pertaining to the application by The Vine Inn.

May I respectfully suggest that the amendments you mention regarding noise and nuisance do not really address my concerns and seem very vague in both outline and implementation.

I contend that the proposed revised arrangements would be far too open to interpretation and any future complaint by tenants difficult to define.

I therefore stand by the outline of my original objection on the grounds stated.

Yours faithfully

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: 18 April 2015 16:21

To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)

Cc:

Subject: Section 34 objection to Vine Inn, Hospital Street

Dear Sirs

I am writing to log an objection to the proposed extension for the sale of alcohol and provision of live music at The Vine Inn, Hospital Street, Nantwich. As a family we reside directly opposite The Vine at and often have to deal with their customers loud and raucous behaviour, particularly when they flaunt their legal opening times and often run late night 'lock-ins'. This is a residential street that needs no more rowdiness than exists today. The Vine also run live music which often extends past 11pm which is loud enough to be heard in our bedroom and wakes our children.

In Nantwich there are ample late night pubs and bars that stay open late and we don't need another one, particularly not in a residential area.

I find the request quite unbelievable. When the Vine attracts the older, local clientele it can be a quiet pub but extending the opening hours will attract the idiots that think its ok to shout and run riot on Hospital Street. You only have to walk down the street on a Sunday morning to see the smashed windows on the small local shops and if we encourage more late night drinking and stupidity on hospital street we will drive out these small businesses that make Nantwich so unique.

Finally, we have called the authorities on a number of occasions in any given year with regard the high level of noise pollution. This application will only make the issue worse.

Quite frankly it will drive the wrong behaviour from revellers and the wrong behaviour from our shop keepers as they vote with their feet and leave town.

Yours sincerely

Sent from my iPad



**From:****Sent:** 20 April 2015 13:01**To:** CADMAN, Nikki**Cc:****Subject:** Re: NOTICE OF HEARING - THE VINE INN, 42 HOSPITAL STREET, NANTWICH

Thank you for your email.

I'm afraid the conditions make no difference to the rejection. Noise pollution is a big issue which cannot be captured by cameras. When live music plays it is too loud and too late. This is a residential area. It is totally unacceptable and not required. There are plenty of late night venues and Nantwich doesn't need more.

Regards

Sent from my iPhone

**From:****Sent:** 20 April 2015 20:56**To:** CADMAN, Nikki**Subject:** Re: NOTICE OF HEARING - THE VINE INN, 42 HOSPITAL STREET, NANTWICH

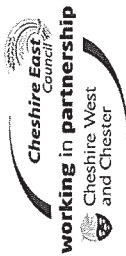
Thank you for your mail but I'm afraid it doesn't. The fundamental issue is the late licence with music. Circa. once a month they have live music on a Thursday and it's so loud. The White Horse is only 200 yards away and have a late licence with music (not live). I do not believe this should be granted. It would guarantee a traders exodus and disgruntled residents who are passionate about this town. The Vine is a local Dabbers drinking pub, we have enough late night revellers pubs in Nantwich and there is no room for the Vines proposal.

Regards

Sent from my iPhone



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