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Charnwood

LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

Members Record of Decision

Quorn Grange Hotel, 88 Wood Lane, Quorn,
Loughborough, LE12 8DB

Hearing: 3rd August 2020

Constitution of the Panel:

CHAIRMAN: CLLR FORREST

Other Panel Members: CLLR RANSON & CLLR POPLEY

CLLR PALING (observing only as a reserve member)

Clerk: LISA GILLIGAN

Licensing Manager Present: GRACE DOWSON

Rachel Cluer (Licensing Officer)

Democratic Service Manager: KAREN WIDDOWSON

NICKY CONWAY (Democratic Service Officer)

Principal Solicitor: Nicola Ford


Information & Development Manager: MATT GUDGER

For Premises

Licence Holder: Richard Langham and John Smith

Objectors: Guy & Diane Thornton, Cam Whyld, Chris Hackworth

CHARNWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL

Signature:	
Chairman:	CLLR FORREST
	10. AUGUST 2020

Decision on the Application

In reaching its decision, the Sub-Committee has taken into consideration all relevant written and oral representations and submissions made. The Sub-Committee has had regard to the licensing objectives, in particular public nuisance, together with the deregulation of live music by virtue of the Live Music Act 2012.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The application was submitted on 10 June 2020 for variation of the Premises Licence to reflect the addition of a new 25 bedroom wing. The application was not to make any change to licensable activities as the outside area is currently licensed and the Live Music Act 2012 permits music between 08:00 – 23:00.

The Applicant was seeking to regularise the licence position having been originally asked by the Licensing Authority in 2019 to submit a variation application following the extension of the hotel.

The Applicant and Mr Smith provided reassurances that they are fully committed to improving the situation for local residents acknowledging that the previous management team had not done enough and they wanted to build trust. They confirmed that:

- Fireworks would be banned from use in the hotel
- Improved communication with local residents
- Increased parking space available
- No intention to host festivals
- Events weren't planned every day/week
- Self – imposed limits in terms of regularity
- Music would only be incidental to the plays
- Entertainment will take place on the hours of daylight

The Sub-Committee has also considered the representations made by the Objectors that granting the licence would cause public nuisance, in particular, noise and parking/traffic problems. The Objectors were primarily concerned about:

- Timing of external live music events and whether amplified or not, the ability to be intrusive.
- Increase traffic to the hotel
- Disturbance and effect on young children

The Objectors welcomed the assurance that there would be no fireworks moving forward.

No representations have been received from any of the Responsible Authorities.

DECISION AND REASONS

The Sub- Committee were sympathetic to the concerns raised by the objectors - the issues they had faced in the past and the potential for public nuisance that could arise before 23:00. But were also mindful that the Live Music Act 2012 had liberalised the regulation of live music disallowing any existing conditions that would have limited the relaxation. The Sub – Committee were encouraged by the evidence of the Applicant and the commitment to improving the situation for local residents. They were also impressed by the positive dialogue between the parties and hope this continues moving forward.

Parking and traffic were not a consideration for the Sub- Committee in relation to this application. The Sub- Committee were satisfied that the premises will be run in a way that promotes the licensing objectives.


The Sub – Committee are satisfied by a UNANIMOUS decision that the Application should be GRANTED as applied for subject to the following two conditions:

- A Noise Impact Assessment of the licensed activities at the premises must be carried out to the satisfaction of the licensing authority. Proposed steps to prevent noise must, if necessary, also be submitted for inclusion the operating schedule.
- No fireworks or pyrotechnics shall be used other than with the prior consent of the licensing authority.

The Sub – Committee would also remind all parties that should there be evidence of public nuisance in the future then it was open to the local residents and any of the Responsible Authorities to seek a review of the licence. If such a review were sought the Sub-Committee could impose conditions relating to live music as if it were regulated, including limiting the hours permitted.

There is a right to appeal to the Magistrates Court within 21 days from the date on which the party is notified of the determination of the decision of the Sub-Committee Panel.

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Rider:

Failure to comply with any of the conditions of the premises licence is a criminal offence, which can result in a sentence of up to 6 months imprisonment and/or an unlimited fine.