

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE**19 MAY 2010**

SUBJECT	LICENSING ACT 2003 – DETERMINATION OF APPLICATION TO VARY A PREMISES LICENCE AT THE SARACENS HEAD, 45-47 HIGH STREET SOUTH, DUNSTABLE
REPORT OF	Head Of Service Public Protection
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The Application

- An application has been submitted by Inncourt Licensing Consultants on behalf of The Arizona Group, to vary an existing premises licence for the premises known as The Saracens Head, 45-47 High Street South, Dunstable as shown below. Copy application at Appendix A.

Activity	Current Provision	The Application
Regulated Entertainment	Live music, performance of dance, anything similar, facilities for making music, dancing & similar (Indoors) Mon to Sun 10.00hrs to 23.00hrs Recorded music (Indoors) Sun to Wed 10.00hrs to 00.30hrs. Thur to Sat 10.00hrs to 01.00hrs	Extension on Fri & Sat to 24.00hrs. (New Years Day, Boxing Day, Xmas Eve 27-30 December until 01.00hrs. Bank holiday Sun & Mon until 24.00hrs). Extension on Fri & Sat to 03.00hrs (+ non standard timings as above)
Late Night Refreshment	Sun to Wed 23.00hrs to 00.30hrs Thur to Sat 23.00hrs to 01.00hrs	Extension on Thur to 01.30hrs. Extension on Fri & Sat to 03.30hrs
Supply of Alcohol	Sun to Wed 10.00hrs to 00.30hrs Thur to Sat 10.00hrs to 01.00hrs	Extension on Fri & Sat to 03.00hrs (+ non standard timings as above)
Hours of Opening	Sun to Wed 10.00hrs to 00.30hrs Thur to Sat 10.00hrs to 01.30hrs	Extension on Fri & Sat to 03.30hrs (+ non standard timings as above)

3. The premises is situated adjacent to residential properties and faces onto High Street South, Dunstable. The general area is a mixture of residential and commercial properties. A copy of the location map is attached at Appendix B.

Relevant History

4. Since this licence was granted on 11 November 2005, there have been 4 recorded noise complaints, all regarding loud music from the premises, the last being in August 2007.

Promotion of Licensing Objectives

5. In addition to the current conditions consistent with the operating schedule (Appendix C) the applicant has volunteered the following conditions to be added regarding the protection of children from harm.
 - Challenge 21 policy to be in place and appropriate signage displayed.
 - Only accept recognised/approved proof of age cards – passport//Portman group cards/photo ID driving licence.
 - To have documented training system in place for all staff.
 - Refusals book.
 - Premises to have house rules regarding children and to be the responsibility of the DPS to make available for inspection on request.

Representations from Responsible Authorities

6. There are no representations from responsible authorities.

The Fire Service originally made a representation regarding fire safety deficiencies, but this was withdrawn when all remedial action required was undertaken

Representations from Interested Parties

7. Representations have been received from 4 interested parties, and the relevant objective is the Prevention of Public Nuisance. Copies of these representations are attached at Appendix D.

Licensing Policy

8. Members' attention is drawn to the Council's Licensing Policy, in particular section 7.3, which refers to the relevant licensing objective which is The Prevention of Public Nuisance.

Secretary of State's Guidance

9. The sub committee must have regard to the Secretary of State's Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003, and Annex G refers to the relevant objective.

Observation and General Guidance

10. The Sub-Committee must consider the application and/or any submissions made in writing, and determine the application.
11. The Sub-Committee determination must be based upon:-
 - The merits of the application.
 - The promotion of the four Licensing objectives.
 - The Policy of the Licensing Authority.
 - The Guidance issued by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport.
12. The Sub-Committee must provide reasons for their decision

Background Papers: Licensing Act 2003, DCMS Guidance, Central Bedfordshire Council Licensing Policy
Location of Papers: Licensing Section
File Reference: 014665

Appendices:

- A - Application
- B - Location Map
- C - Operating Schedule
- D - Representations