

# Licensing Sub-Committee report



6 September 2021

Report of: Licensing Officer  
 Application: New Premises Licence  
 Premises: Club 124, 140 Queensway, Bletchley  
 Applicant: Club 124 Limited  
 Date of Application: 12 July 2021  
 Application Ref: 159218

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## 1. Application

1.1 This is an application for a new premises licence (see **Annex A**). The premises are proposed to operate as a bar for consumption of alcohol on the premises (no off sales). The premises are not currently trading and are on the first floor of the Agora Centre. Since the application was submitted there have been several changes to address representations received and the application before the Sub-Committee is as below. This is now different (reduced times and activities) from those stated in **Annex A**, but is now:

(a) **Application for Sale of Alcohol**

Monday to Thursday

18:00 to 00:30

Friday

18:00 to 01:30

Saturday

10:00 to 01:30

Sunday

10:00 to 00:30

(b) **Opening Hours**

The same as above but with 30 minutes to the terminal hour.

(c) **Late Night Refreshment**

In line with alcohol hours from 23:00 hrs.

Regulated entertainment no longer forms part of the application.

The licensed area is shown as per the plan at **Annex A** and encompasses part of the first-floor area of what is a large building.

- 1.2 The application contains an operating schedule at section 18 that details the steps the applicant would take if the licence was granted. This has been converted into clear unambiguous requirements at **Annex B**. These are the proposed conditions to be applied to the licence by the applicant interpreted from their operating schedule.
- 1.3 For assistance, photographs showing the premises and its position will be provided prior to the hearing.
- 1.4 Within the 28-day consultation period the Council received five representations.

## 2. Responsible Authorities

- 2.1 The Licensing Authority has received one representation from Environmental Health in terms of the potential for noise disturbance (see **Annex C**). This was resolved because of the reduction in hours proposed by the applicant and is withdrawn.
- 2.2 Trading Standards made a representation in respect of Protecting Children from Harm. Conditions were agreed and are listed at **Annex D** and the representation was withdrawn.
- 2.3 The Fire Authority made a representation on public safety due to inadequate fire precautions (see **Annex E**). This is also linked to the ground floor of the premises and no fire alarm. Issues arising on the floor below would put people at risk in this premises given its location.
- 2.4 Thames Valley Police have made a representation under Crime and Disorder (see **Annex F**). They are concerned that the hours as now proposed are still excessive and that the operating schedule is not sufficiently clear or adequate as detailed in **Annex B**.

## 3. Other Persons

- 3.1 'Other Persons' is the legal term that encompasses residents, businesses and others who feel that granting of a licence would undermine one or more of the Licensing objectives in some way.
- 3.2 In this instance the Council has received one representation from Leon Residents Association (see **Annex G**). This has been withdrawn following the reduction in hours proposed by the applicant and agreement of relevant conditions at **Annex D**.

## 4. Officer Observations

- 4.1 There is potential for both outstanding representations to be overcome prior to the hearing and an update will be given at that time.
- 4.2 This premises will operate as a member's club but under a premises licence. This means that to gain entry it would be members and in this case one guest only and so the premises would not be open to the public like a public house. The maximum capacity proposed is 90 persons.

## 5. Determination of the Application by the Sub-Committee

- 5.1 The Sub-Committee is required to determine the application in accordance with the Licensing Act and must, having regard to the representations, take such steps that it considers appropriate for the promotion of the Licensing Objectives.
- 5.2 The steps that the Sub-Committee can take are:
  - (a) modify the terms of the application in granting a licence;
  - (b) rejecting the application or part of the application; or
  - (c) grant the licence as applied for.
- 5.3 The four 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.
- 5.4 When carrying out its functions under the Act, and determining an application, the Licensing Authority must have regard to the Guidance issued by the Home Secretary under section 182 of the Act and its own Statement of Licensing Policy.
- 5.5 Extracts from the Guidance appropriate to this application are attached at **Annex H**. A full copy is available online or from the Licensing Team.
- 5.6 Extracts from the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy relevant to this application are attached at **Annex H**. A full copy is available online or from the Licensing Team.

### Contact Officer

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## List of Background Papers

Milton Keynes Council Statement of Licensing Policy 2018-2023.

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/environmental-health-and-trading-standards/licensing/alcohol-and-entertainment/milton-keynes-council-licensing-policy>

Home Office Revised Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 - April 2018.

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/705588/Revised\\_guidance\\_issued\\_under\\_section\\_182\\_of\\_the\\_Licensing\\_Act\\_2003\\_April\\_2018\\_.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/705588/Revised_guidance_issued_under_section_182_of_the_Licensing_Act_2003_April_2018_.pdf)