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Your ref

25 September 2014

Dear Sirs

**Corn Exchange – Call Lane, Leeds, LS1 7BR
Response to Police Representation**

Thank you for your letter of representation, dated 16 September 2014 in relation to the above premises.

Having considered the representation and liaised with our client, we would like to amend the premises licence application so that the concerns that the West Yorkshire Police have can be alleviated.

We, therefore, propose the following:-

- i. **Time Applied For:** The applicant would like to reduce the hours to midnight for all licensable activities and closing of the premises.
- iii **Necessity for Doorstaff:** Door staff will be provided on the basis that there will be one trained SIA member of staff per 100 customers for general events. Having conducted a Risk Assessment for each event, should more door staff be required then these will be employed. Should the Police upon receipt of notice of an event require door staff beyond this minimum level then the Police request should be adhered to.
- iii **Frequency of Events:** The initial application stated that there would be a maximum of 100 events per year, the applicant is willing to reduce this to 75 events per year, a reduction in 25% of the original figure.
- iv **Dispersal of 500 Customers and How Will This Be Managed:** As stated, dispersal will now take place when the premises closes at midnight and not to 01:30. In relation to customer levels this will be reduced to a maximum of 400 customers per event, from the initial 500 customers. Please also find enclosed dispersal plan.

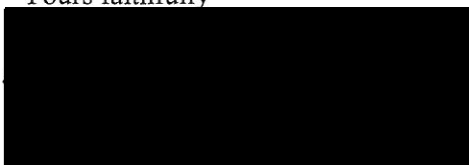
Specific to the application, the following conditions will now read:

2. The maximum number of events per year for this premises licence is restricted to 75.
5. The maximum capacity for the ground floor is 400 customers and the maximum capacity for the basement is 400 customers.
8. Door supervisors will be provided on the basis of one member of doorstaff per 100 customer, with further doorstaff to be employed at the management's discretion, having conducted a risk assessment for each event. Should the Police upon receipt of notice of an event require door staff beyond this minimum level, then the Police request should be adhered to, with the total number of doorstaff not to exceed six.

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It is hoped that these further concessions will make the proposed operation an exceptional case. Should there be any further conditions that the West Yorkshire Police consider would be appropriate, in order to meet their concerns, the operator would be grateful if you could please confirm.

Yours faithfully



CC - Sue Holden – Leeds City Council
- Gary Mann – Environmental Protection Team

Radford, Victoria

From: Arkle, Catherine <catherine.arkle@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk>
Sent: 01 October 2014 11:32
To: 'Chris Rees-Gay'
Cc: Susan.Holden(GCSx); Entertainment Licensing; Mann, Gary; Ward, Mike (Environmental Prote; david.shaw1@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk
Subject: RE: Corn Exchange - Premises Licence [NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]

Chris

Sorry I haven't been back in touch.

Having noted your comments made in your letter dated 25th September I can state as follows:

- i) The reduction in times applied for, to midnight, is to some extent welcomed but I still have reservations about the amended 400 customers then exiting the premises in to the immediate area at a time when the alcohol related crime and disorder is starting to peak. It's also the time that most people who attend the late night bars and clubs in the area are present which is probably why the crime stats start to rise from midnight onwards.
- ii) The offer in relation to door staff – I would prefer the wording of the last sentence to be changed to 'Should the Police upon receipt of notice of an event require door staff beyond this minimum level then the Police request WILL be adhered to'.
- iii) Reduction in events per year noted.
- iv) I note the reduction in the maximum number of customers per event to 400. I cannot find the dispersal policy/plan to which you refer in your letter however and, as mentioned before, my concerns remain about this number of people exiting in to a crime hotspot area right at the time when the peak period begins.

Furthermore I do have concerns that there was mention of the possibility of some events being 'pay on the door' for tickets. This would allow for members of the general public to gain access on payment as opposed to what I thought the venue was trying to achieve with the offer of the condition in box a of Section M – 'Licensable activities will only take place at a pre-booked event'. I have seen conditions on licences before which have tried to prevent general members of the public accessing venues for a variety of reasons, and conditions have been worded around 'ticketed events only'. The operators have then just bypassed this by selling tickets on the door to the general public.

I am not sure that what has been offered makes the application an exceptional case Chris.

Regards

Cath

From: Chris Rees-Gay [mailto:chris@woodswhur.co.uk]
Sent: 30 September 2014 16:06
To: Arkle, Catherine
Subject: RE: Corn Exchange - Premises Licence

Dear Cath,

I wondered if you have had an opportunity to consider the below.

Thanks

Chris

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Cc: 'Holden, Susan'; gary.mann@leeds.gov.uk; entertainment.licensing@leeds.gov.uk
Subject: Corn Exchange - Premises Licence

Dear Cath,

Please see attached letter proposing amendments to the application, in order to alleviate Police concerns.

I should be grateful if you would please confirm receipt of this email and the attached letter.

You will also note that I have copied in Sue and Gary, as they have also made representation as I feel that they should be made aware of the proposed amendments.

Kind regards

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