

Licensing Sub-Committee

Tuesday, 7th May, 2019

PRESENT: Councillor M Harland in the Chair

Councillor G Wilkinson

1 Election of the Chair

RESOLVED – That Councillor M Harland be elected as Chair.

2 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations.

3 Application for the variation of a Premises Licence for South Stand, Emerald Headingley Stadium, St Michaels Lane, Headingley, Leeds, LS6 3BR

The report of the Chief Officer, Elections and Regulatory presented an application to vary a Premises Licence held by South Stand, Emerald Headingley Stadium, St Michaels Lane, Headingley Lane, Leeds, LS6 3BR.

Prior to the hearing all parties present agreed to the hearing going ahead in the presence of two Members.

The variation was to add the provisions of live music, recorded music and the performance of dance on Sundays from 12:00 until 22:30 hours.

The application had received representations from local residents largely relating to concerns about noise nuisance. There had not been any representations from the responsible authorities.

The following were in attendance for this application:

- Mr Willis, Chadwick Lawrence
- Susan Ward, Applicant
- John Hill, Designated Premises Supervisor
- Nicky Ford, Local Resident

The applicant's representative addressed the Sub-Committee. Issues highlighted included the following:

- An acoustic report had been carried out and the applicant had agreed to carry out the mitigating measures as recommended in the report.
- Should the licence be granted, it would only be used on occasions of Leeds Rhinos and Yorkshire Carnegie matches.
- The proposed mitigation measures had been endorsed by Environmental Health.
- Business would be conducted so as not to be a public nuisance.
- Noise would be monitored at various locations when the public address system was in operation.

- The applicant intended to work with local residents. There had been a stadium liaison group meeting in January 2019 and a further meeting was planned this month.
- It was reported that there were currently 5 Leeds Rhino games scheduled. This could increase with cup games, up to approximately 9 games. Yorkshire Carnegie fixtures had not yet been announced but there could be 16 or 17 games in total.

A local resident addressed the Sub-Committees with concerns and objections to the application. These included the following:

- Concern regarding the level of consultation – the forthcoming consultation meeting was not known about.
- Local residents were confused due to the various applications that had been submitted.
- Reference was made to previous investigations carried out by Environmental Health due to noise disturbance.
- Concern that the application was purely to make money from additional events.
- Noise from the stadium prevented people from enjoying their personal space. There were already noise problems in the area. The resident said that she did not mind the noise from crowds attending sporting events but was concerned about noise from music events.
- There was an increasing number of children living in the area.
- Disturbance due to high footfall when the stadium was in use.

In response, the applicant's representative reported that all procedures had been followed with regard to advertising the applications and made further reference to the forthcoming public consultation meeting. There was no intention to hold any music events and the application for live music would generally be used for Sunday fixtures should it be granted.

Further to questions from the sub-committee, the applicant informed the meeting that they had an obligation to host a Stadium Liaison Group and that this was chaired by Headingley Councillors.

The Licensing Sub-Committee carefully considered the report of the Chief Officer, Elections and Regulatory, the Statement of Licensing Policy and the representations submitted and made at the hearing.

RESOLVED – That the application be granted as applied for.

4 Application for the grant of a Premises Licence for North Stand, Emerald Headingley Stadium, St Michaels Lane, Headingley, Leeds, LS6 3BR

The report of the Chief Officer, Elections and Regulatory presented an application for the grant of a Premises Licence for North Stand, Emerald Headingley Stadium, St Michaels's Lane, Headingley, Leeds, LS6 3BR.

Prior to the hearing all parties present agreed to the hearing going ahead in the presence of two Members.

The application was for:

Sale by retail of alcohol:

Monday to Sunday 10:00 until 02:00 hours

Late Night Refreshment:

Monday to Sunday 23:00 until 01:30 hours

Live Music

Performance of Dance:

Monday to Sunday 08:00 until 23:30 hours

Recorded Music:

Monday to Sunday 08:00 until 01:30 hours

The application had received representations from local residents largely relating to concerns about noise nuisance. There had not been any representations from the responsible authorities.

The following were in attendance for this application:

- Mr Willis, Chadwick Lawrence
- Susan Ward, Applicant
- John Hill, Designated Premises Supervisor

The applicant's representative addressed the Sub-Committee. Issues highlighted included the following:

- The North Stand served both the Rugby and Cricket grounds.
- The facilities in the stand would be used on match days and for other events such as weddings and corporate events.
- The previous North Stand had two licences and had a music licence for 24 hours a day. This application was a significant reduction.
- With regard to activities in respect of the banqueting suite for cricket and rugby hospitality it was not anticipated that these would continue past midnight. There would only be occasional use for the full licensed hours.
- There had been no objections from the responsible authorities.
- Reference was made to the acoustic report that had been carried out for the South Stand. The applicant had sought advice for mitigation of noise disturbance and would apply constraints to sound limits and regularly monitor noise levels. Environmental Health had agreed that this met with licensing objectives.
- The applicant would continue to work with local residents.

In response to a question, it was reported that the smoking area was on an outdoor concourse and had to be accessed via a lift/stairs. It was an approximate 40 metre walk and this should prevent any sound escaping.

The Licensing Sub-Committee carefully considered the report of the Chief Officer, Elections and Regulatory, the Statement of Licensing Policy and the representations submitted and made at the hearing.

RESOLVED – That the application be granted as applied for subject to the incorporation of the sound mitigation measures set out at paragraphs 2.4 and 3 of the addendum to the acoustic report dated 3 May 2019 as conditions.