

REPORT TO ALCOHOL & ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING COMMITTEE

REPORT OF: **HEAD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & LICENCING**

REPORT NO. **ENV 300**

DATE: **23 SEPTEMBER 2005**

TITLE:	THE LICENSING ACT 2003 APPLICATION FOR CONVERSION AND VARIATION TO A LICENCE – NORTHFIELDS, DRIFT ROAD, STAMFORD
FORWARD PLAN ITEM:	NOT APPLICABLE
DATE WHEN FIRST APPEARED IN FORWARD PLAN:	NOT APPLICABLE
KEY DECISION OR POLICY FRAMEWORK PROPOSAL:	NOT APPLICABLE

COUNCIL AIMS/ PORTFOLIO HOLDER NAME AND DESIGNATION:	COUNCILLOR P MARTIN-MAYHEW (COMMUNITY SAFETY)
CORPORATE PRIORITY:	LICENCING CATEGORY 'Y'
CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS:	SEE REPORT DETAILS
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT IMPLICATIONS:	NOT APPLICABLE
BACKGROUND PAPERS:	STATEMENT OF LICENCING POLICY

1. INTRODUCTION

The application is for the conversion of an existing Justices' Licence at a public house and to vary the activity and operating hours, drinking up time and licensable activities. To remove embedded restrictions. The application and map are attached at Appendix 1.

The Licensing Act 2003 transfers responsibility for the licensing of public houses from the Magistrates Courts to the local authority.

For a six month period from 7 February 2005, currently licensed business premises are able to convert their existing Justices' Licences into a premises licence. However, if the business wishes to vary any of the existing terms and conditions of their Justices Licence, the applicant needs to follow a set procedure which includes consultation with interested parties, who are able to address the variations that have been applied for. If an interested party makes a representation objecting to a variation to the licence, the matter will be determined by the Alcohol and Entertainment Licensing Committee.

The Premises Licence, once granted, lies dormant until the second appointed day, 24 November 2005, at which time the licence becomes operative and the Justices' Licence is no longer valid.

The Northfields public house currently holds a Justice's Licence for retail sale of alcohol for consumption either on or off the premises. Drinking up time is currently 20 minutes. They have applied for a variation in the activity and operating hours generally and on special occasions, an additional 25 minutes drinking up time and additional licensable activities. Further, the applicant applies to remove all embedded restrictions under the Licensing Act 1964, the Children and Young Persons Act 1933, the Cinematograph (Safety) Regulations 1955 and The Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol etc) Act 1985.

The police submitted a letter of representations. The letter was submitted within the 28 day time limit and is attached as Appendix 2.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee determines, with regard to the licensing objectives, the application concerning the variations that have been requested.

3. DETAILS OF REPORT

Conversion of Existing Justices' Licence under Transitional Arrangement

The public house currently holds a Justices' Licence for the sale of alcohol for consumption, either on or off the premises.

On sales

11:00 to 23:00	Weekdays
12:00 to 22:30	Sundays
12:00 to 22:30	Good Friday
12:00 to 15:00	Christmas Day
19:00 to 22:30	Christmas Day
11:00 to 23:00	New Year's Eve
12:00 to 22:30	New Year's Eve (when on Sunday)

In addition, for New Year's Eve – Licensee can remain open from the end of permitted hours until the start of permitted hours on the following day.

Off sales

08:00 to 23:00	Weekdays
10:00 to 22:30	Sundays
12:00 to 15:00	Christmas Day
19:00 to 22:30	Christmas Day
08:00 to 22:30	Good Friday

Application for Variation Requiring Committee Determination

The applicant has applied for a variation in their activities as follows:

Films

11:00 to 00:00	Sunday to Wednesday
11:00 to 01:00	Thursday to Saturday

When hours for sale of alcohol are extended hereunder these hours are also extended.

Further, the applicants apply for non – standard timings in the following terms:
To the extent that the variation in part B1 is not granted or does not permit:
To permit sale of alcohol and such regulated entertainment as authorised hereunder until 01:00 every Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday at Bank Holiday weekends, Christmas Eve, Boxing Day and also to the extent that the variation in part B1 paragraph 4 is not granted to open to the same hour on up to 20 occasions per annum at applicants' discretion upon 7 days prior notice to the police (if required by them)

Indoor sporting events

11:00 to 00:00 Sunday to Wednesday
11:00 to 01:00 Thursday to Saturday

When hours for sale of alcohol are extended hereunder these hours are also extended.

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Live Music

11:00 to 00:00 Sunday to Wednesday
11:00 to 01:00 Thursday to Saturday

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Recorded music

11:00 to 00:00 Sunday to Wednesday
11:00 to 01:00 Thursday to Saturday

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Performances of dance

11:00 to 00:00 Sunday to Wednesday
11:00 to 01:00 Thursday to Saturday

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Provision of facilities for making music

11:00 to 00:00 Sunday to Wednesday
11:00 to 01:00 Thursday to Saturday

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Provision of facilities for dancing

11:00 to 00:00 Sunday to Wednesday
11:00 to 01:00 Thursday to Saturday

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Late night refreshment

23:00 to 00:00 Sunday to Wednesday
23:00 to 01:00 Thursday to Saturday

When hours for sale of alcohol are extended hereunder these hours are also extended.

Supply of Alcohol

11:00 to 00:00 Sunday to Wednesday
11:00 to 01:00 Thursday to Saturday

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New Year's Eve: 10:00 to New Year's Day – terminal hour as proposed

To permit the premises to open for licensable activities to show the broadcast of televised sporting events of national or international interest outside normal operating hours such opening times for this purpose to be confirmed upon 7 days prior notice in writing to the police before the premises intend to open, such notification to include the opening times and sporting event which is to be shown.

Drinking up time: Drinking up time is increased to 45 minutes.

In order to accommodate the above extension of operating hours, and increase in drinking time, the premises opening time will be:

11:00 to 00:45 Sunday to Monday
11:00 to 01:45 Thursday to Saturday

Further, where non – standard timings are in operation, the premises will close 45 minutes after the end of the non – standard timings above.

The four licensing objectives of prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm, have been addressed in the application.

The application has been advertised and the statutory consultees consulted.

The council received one letter of representations from the police. They state in their letter that the applicants have agreed to amend their alcohol hours as follows:

11:00 to 00:00	Sunday to Thursday
11:00 to 01:00	Friday and Saturday

The premises will close 30 minutes after the sale of alcohol but the doors of the premises will close to entry or re – entry at 00:00 on Friday and Saturday. They also state that the applicant has agreed to install recording facilities to the CCTV system and to keep all recordings for 28 days. We have not yet received the applicant's confirmation.

4. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND ASSESSED

None

5. COMMENTS OF DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND STRATEGIC RESOURCES

Not applicable

6. COMMENTS OF CORPORATE MANAGER, DEMOCRATIC AND LEGAL SERVICES (MONITORING OFFICER)

As the application has been properly made during the transition period the existing licence must be converted to a new premises licence subject to all the current conditions and restrictions and any embedded conditions

In this application the applicant also wishes to simultaneously vary the licence. As relevant representations have been received concerning the variations, members are required to determine the application regarding the variations requested and either grant the application with or without additional conditions or to refuse the variation as it considers necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives

7. COMMENTS OF OTHER RELEVANT SERVICE MANAGER

Not applicable

8. CONCLUSION

The application is for the conversion of an existing Justices' Licence at a Stamford public house and to vary the activity and operating hours, drinking up time and licensable activities. The police submitted a letter of representation and report they have negotiated amendments with the applicant.

9. CONTACT OFFICER

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