

Item No. 6.	Classification: Open	Date: 10 January 2020	Meeting Name: Licensing Sub-Committee
Report Title		Licensing Act 2003: Pub in the Park, Dulwich Park, College Road, London SE21 7EB	
Ward(s) of group(s) affected		Dulwich Village	
From		Strategic Director of Environment and Leisure	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the licensing sub-committee considers an application made by Brand Events TM Limited for a premises licence to be granted under the Licensing Act 2003 in respect of the premises known as Pub in the Park, Dulwich Park, College Road, London SE21 7EB.
2. Notes:
 - a) This application forms a new application for a premises licence, submitted under Section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003. The application is subject to representations from responsible authorities and is therefore referred to the sub-committee for determination.
 - b) Paragraphs 8 to 11 of this report provide a summary of the application under consideration by the sub-committee. A copy of the full application is attached as appendix A.
 - c) Paragraphs 12 to 17 of this report deal with the representations submitted in respect of the application. Copies of the representations submitted responsible authorities are attached to this report in Appendix B. Representations from other persons are attached at Appendix C. A map showing the location of the premises is attached to this report as Appendix F with some additional documentation available in Appendix E.
 - d) A copy of the council's approved procedure for hearings of the sub-committee in relation to an application made under the Licensing Act 2003, along with a copy of the hearing regulations, has been circulated to all parties to the meeting.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Licensing Act 2003

3. The Licensing Act 2003 received royal assent on 10 July 2003. The Act provides a new licensing regime for:
 - The sale of and supply of alcohol
 - The provision of regulated entertainment
 - The provision of late night refreshment.
4. Within Southwark, this council wholly administers the licensing responsibility.

5. The Act requires the licensing authority to carry out its functions under the Act with a view to promoting the four stated licensing objectives. These are:
 - The prevention of crime and disorder
 - The promotion of public safety
 - The prevention of nuisance
 - The protection of children from harm.
6. In carrying out its licensing functions, a licensing authority must also have regard to:
 - The Act itself
 - The guidance to the act issued under Section 182 of the Act
 - Secondary regulations issued under the Act
 - The Licensing authority's own statement of licensing policy
 - The application, including the operating schedule submitted as part of the application
 - Relevant representations.
7. The premises licence application process involves the provision of all relevant information required under the Act to the licensing authority with copies provided by the applicant to the relevant responsible bodies under the Act. The application must also be advertised at the premises and in the local press. The responsible authorities and other interested parties within the local community may make representations on any part of the application where relevant to the four licensing objectives.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

The premises licence application

8. On 15 November 2019 Brand Events TM Limited applied to this council for the grant of a premises licence in respect of Pub in the Park, Dulwich Park, College Road, London SE21 7EB. The premises are described in the application as being:

“Tom Kerridge presents Pub in the Park’ is a three-day food and music festival celebrating gastropub dining from across the UK. Under an invitation from Tom Kerridge, celebrity chefs will be producing Michelin starred dining, replicating dishes from each of their own pubs, whilst the audience enjoys live music and boutique shopping in a relaxed pub garden atmosphere.

The first Pub in the Park (PITP) took place in Marlow in May 2017. In 2018 we took this unique concept to four towns, Marlow, Bath, Tunbridge Wells and Knutsford drawing in over 67,000 people across the four shows. In 2019, we expanded into eight towns, Marlow, Leeds, Knutsford, Bath, Warwick, Tunbridge Wells, Chiswick and St Albans where we attracted 120,000 visitors. Following on from a successful tour, we plan to take the event in 2020 to Marlow, Essex, Warwick, Bath, Dulwich, Tunbridge Wells, Hackney, Hampshire, Chiswick and St. Albans. Each Pub in the Park will celebrate the best of British pub dining, combined with great live music, chef demonstrations, and other festival fun.

The event site is located across from West Lawns within Dulwich Park which is an open park accessed from Court Lane and College Road.

The park is 29 hectare green space featuring a lake, a playground, benches & sports facilities.

Licensed activity such as the sale of alcohol and music entertainment will take place predominantly from temporary demountable structures, within the event site. The sale and consumption of alcohol will take place both within these structures and to outside areas within the event site.

Such likely activities include bars, wine and craft ale tasting sessions, restaurant style operations and music stages. Note; the premises license being applied for proposes a capacity of 5,999 persons on site at any one time. For clarity this includes all public, staff, contractors, chefs, performers and any other persons directly related to and specifically attending the PitP event, within the proposed footprint.

The license application is for an event to take place yearly and on an on-going basis.”

9. The application and is summarised as follows:

- The sale by retail of alcohol (both on and off sales):
 - Friday from 17:00 to 22:15
 - Saturday and Sunday from 11:00 to 22:15
- The provision of regulated entertainment in the form of films and recorded music (both indoors and outdoors):
 - Friday from 17:00 to 22:45
 - Saturday and Sunday from 11:00 to 22:45
- The provision of regulated entertainment in the form of live music (outdoors only):
 - Friday from 17:00 to 22:45
 - Saturday and Sunday from 11:00 to 22:45
- Opening hours:
 - Friday from 17:00 to 22:45
 - Saturday and Sunday from 11:00 to 22:45.

10. The proposed designated premises supervisor of the premises is Katie Caines who has a personal licence by London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham.

11. The premises licence application form provides the applicant’s operating schedule. Parts A, B, C, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, and M of the operating schedule set out the proposed licensable activities, operating hours and operating control measures in full, with reference to the four licensing objectives as stated in the Licensing Act 2003. Should a premises licence be issued in respect of the application the information provided in part M of the operating schedule will form the basis of conditions that will be attached to any licence granted subsequent to the application. A copy of the application and premises plan is attached to this report in Appendix A.

Representations from responsible authorities

12. The representation from the council's environmental protection team is made under the grounds of the prevention of public nuisance due to concerns with noise levels, the lack of a dispersal policy and a lack of an event management plan. The representation is available in Appendix B.
13. The representation from the council's licensing authority seeks additional information, including a dispersal policy and an event management plan. The representation is available in Appendix B.

Representations from other persons

14. Representations have been received from five other persons, namely three individual residents, the Dulwich Society and the Friends of Dulwich Park. All cite concerns with noise, access, egress and use of the Park for private ventures. These representations are available in Appendix C.

Conciliation

15. The applicant was sent copies of all the submitted representations. At the point this report was submitted, no representations had been conciliated.

Premises history

16. The premises does already have a premises licence in place, held by the council, for regulated entertainment only. A copy of that licence is available for information in Appendix D. It would be common practice for an event of this magnitude to apply for its own premises licence.
17. Due to the numbers of attendees expected to the event, temporary events notices (TENs) would not be suitable. Whilst TENs have been granted at the park previously, none have been sought by the current applicant.

Map

18. A map showing the locality of the Park is attached to this report as Appendix E. Local licensed premises have not been listed in this report as none are comparable to an event of this scale.

Additional documents

19. Throughout the consultation process, meetings with residents and stakeholders have taken place, including a safety advisory group on 10 December 2019. Some additional documentation has been provided by the applicant, however, notably missing at the point this report was submitted is an event management plan. The applicant has submitted an event management plan for a similar event at different locations, but this is not relevant to the application in Dulwich.
20. The following additional documents have been submitted and are available in Appendix E:

Document	Description
1	Noise Management Plan
2	Medical Plan

3	Security Dot Plan
4	Traffic Dot Plan

Southwark Council statement of licensing policy

21. Council assembly approved Southwark's statement of licensing policy 2019 - 2021 on 27 March 2019. The policy came into effect on 28 March 2019. Sections of the statement that are considered to be of particular relevance to the sub-committee's consideration are:

- Section 3 - Purpose and scope of the policy. This reinforces the four licensing objectives and the fundamental principles upon which this authority relies in determining licence applications.
- Section 5 – Determining applications for premises licences and club premises certificates. This explains how the policy works and considers issues such as location; high standards of management; and the principles behind condition setting.
- Section 6 – Local cumulative impact policies. This sets out this authority's approach to cumulative impact and defines the boundaries of the current special policy areas and the classifications of premises to which they apply. To be read in conjunction with Appendix B to the policy.
- Section 7 – Hours of operation. This provides a guide to the hours of licensed operation that this Authority might consider appropriate by type of premises and (planning) area classification.
- Section 8 – The prevention of crime and disorder. This provides general guidance on the promotion of the first licensing objective.
- Section 9 – Public safety. This provides general guidance on the promotion of the second licensing objective.
- Section 10 – The prevention of nuisance. This provides general guidance on the promotion of the third licensing objective.
- Section 11 – The protection of children from harm. This provides general guidance on the promotion of the fourth licensing objective.

22. The purpose of Southwark's statement of licensing policy is to make clear to applicants what considerations will be taken into account when determining applications and should act as a guide to the sub-committee when considering the applications. However, the sub-committee must always consider each application on its own merits and allow exceptions to the normal policy where these are justified by the circumstances of the application.

23. Within Southwark's statement of licensing policy, the premises is not situated in any of Southwark's cumulative impact areas and is situated within a residential area.

Resource implications

24. A fee of £1,100.00 has been paid by the applicant company in respect of this application being the statutory fee payable for premises within non-domestic rateable value bands A.

Consultation

25. Consultation has been carried out on this application in accordance with the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003. A public notice was published in a local newspaper and similar notices were exhibited outside of the premises for a period of 28 consecutive days.

Community impact statement

26. Each application is required by law to be considered upon its own individual merits with all relevant matters taken into account.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Director of Law and Democracy

27. The sub-committee is asked to determine the application for a premises licence under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003.
28. The principles which sub-committee members must apply are set out below.

Principles for making the determination

29. The general principle is that applications for premises licence applications must be granted unless relevant representations are received. This is subject to the proviso that the applicant has complied with regulations in advertising and submitting the application.
30. Relevant representations are those which:
 - Are about the likely effect of the granting of the application on the promotion of the licensing objectives
 - Are made by an interested party or responsible authority
 - Have not been withdrawn
 - Are not, in the opinion of the relevant licensing authority, frivolous or vexatious.
31. If relevant representations are received then the sub-committee must have regard to them, in determining whether it is necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives to:
 - To grant the licence subject to:
 - The conditions mentioned in section 18 (2)(a) modified to such extent as the licensing authority considers necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives
 - Any condition which must under section 19, 20 or 21 be included in the licence.

- To exclude from the scope of the licence any of the licensable activities to which the application relates.
- To refuse to specify a person in the licence as the premises supervisor.
- To reject the application.

Conditions

32. The sub-committee's discretion is thus limited. It can only modify the conditions put forward by the applicant, or refuse the application, if it is necessary to do so. Conditions must be necessary and proportionate for the promotion of one of the four licensing objectives, and not for any other reason. Conditions must also be within the control of the licensee, and should be worded in a way which is clear, certain, consistent and enforceable.
33. The four licensing objectives are:
 - The prevention of crime and disorder
 - Public safety
 - The prevention of nuisance
 - The protection of children from harm.
34. Members should note that each objective is of equal importance. There are no other licensing objectives, and the four objectives are paramount considerations at all times.
35. Conditions will not be necessary if they duplicate a statutory position. Conditions relating to night café and take away aspect of the license must relate to the night time operation of the premises and must not be used to impose conditions which could not be imposed on day time operators.
36. Members are also referred to the Home Office Revised Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 on conditions, specifically section 10.

Reasons

37. If the sub-committee determines that it is necessary to modify the conditions, or to refuse the application for a premises licence application, it must give reasons for its decision.

Hearing procedures

38. Subject to the licensing hearing regulations, the licensing committee may determine its own procedures. Key elements of the regulations are that:
 - The hearing shall take the form of a discussion led by the authority. Cross examination shall not be permitted unless the authority considered that it is required for it to consider the representations.
 - Members of the authority are free to ask any question of any party or other person appearing at the hearing.
 - The committee must allow the parties an equal maximum period of time in which to exercise their rights to:

- Address the authority
 - If given permission by the committee, question any other party.
 - In response to a point which the authority has given notice it will require clarification, give further information in support of their application.
- The committee shall disregard any information given by a party which is not relevant to the particular application before the committee and the licensing objectives.
 - The hearing shall be in public, although the committee may exclude the public from all or part of a hearing where it considers that the public interest in doing so outweighs the public interest in the hearing, or that part of the hearing, taking place in private.
 - In considering any representations or notice made by a party the authority may take into account documentary or other information produced by a party in support of their application, representations or notice (as applicable) either before the hearing or, with the consent of all the other parties, at the hearing.
 - This matter relates to the determination of an application to vary a premises licence under section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003. Regulation 26(1) (a) requires the sub-committee to make its determination at the conclusion of the hearing.

The council's multiple roles and the role of the licensing sub-committee

39. Sub-committee members will note that, in relation to this application, the council has multiple roles. Council officers from various departments have been asked to consider the application from the perspective of the council as authority responsible respectively for environmental health, trading standards, health and safety and as the planning authority.
40. Members should note that the licensing sub-committee is meeting on this occasion solely to perform the role of licensing authority. The sub-committee sits in quasi-judicial capacity, and must act impartially. It must offer a fair and unbiased hearing of the application. In this case, members should disregard the council's broader policy objectives and role as statutory authority in other contexts. Members must direct themselves to making a determination solely based upon the licensing law, guidance and the council's statement of licensing policy.
41. As a quasi-judicial body the licensing sub-committee is required to consider the application on its merits. The sub-committee must take into account only relevant factors, and ignore irrelevant factors. The decision must be based on evidence, that is to say material, which tends logically to show the existence or non-existence of relevant facts, or the likelihood or unlikelihood of the occurrence of some future event, the occurrence of which would be relevant. The licensing sub-committee must give fair consideration to the contentions of all persons entitled to make representations to them.
42. The licensing sub-committee is entitled to consider events outside of the premises if they are relevant, i.e. are properly attributable to the premises being open. The proprietors do not have to be personally responsible for the incidents for the same to be relevant. However, if such events are not properly attributable to the premises being open, then the evidence is not relevant and should be excluded. Guidance is that the

licensing authority will primarily focus on the direct impact of the activities taking place at the licensed premises on members of the public, living, working or engaged in normal activity in the area concerned.

43. Members will be aware of the council's code of conduct which requires them to declare personal and prejudicial interests. The code applies to members when considering licensing applications. In addition, as a quasi-judicial body, members are required to avoid both actual bias, and the appearance of bias.
44. Under the Human Rights Act 1998 the sub committee needs to consider the balance between the rights of the applicant and those making representations to the application when making their decision. The sub-committee has a duty under section 17 Crime and Disorder Act 1998 when making its decision to do all it can to prevent crime and disorder in the Borough.
45. Other persons, responsible authorities and the applicant have the right to appeal the decision of the sub-committee to the Magistrates' Court within a period of 21 days beginning with the day on which the applicant was notified by the licensing authority of the decision to be appealed against.

Guidance

46. Members are required to have regard to the Home Office revised guidance in carrying out the functions of licensing authority. However, guidance does not cover every possible situation, so long as the guidance has been properly and carefully understood, members may depart from it if they have reason to do so. Full reasons must be given if this is the case.

Strategic Director of Finance and Governance

47. The head of regulatory services has confirmed that the costs of this process over and above the application fee are borne by the service.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Licensing Act 2003 Home Office Guidance to the Act Secondary Regulations Southwark statement of licensing policy Case file	Southwark Licensing, C/O Community Safety & Enforcement, 160 Tooley Street, London, SE1 2QH	Mrs Kirty Read Tel: 020 7525 5748

APPENDICES

Name	Title
Appendix A	Application for a premises licence
Appendix B	Representations submitted by responsible authorities
Appendix C	Representations submitted by other persons
Appendix D	Current entertainment licence
Appendix E	Additional documentation
Appendix F	Map

AUDIT TRAIL

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