



Licensing Sub-Committee

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on Monday 20 May 2013 at 10.00 am at Ground Floor Meeting Room G02B - 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

PRESENT: Councillor Sunil Chopra (Chair)
Councillor Michael Mitchell
Councillor Abdul Mohamed

OTHERS PRESENT: Robert Hulse, applicant
John Attree, applicant
S. Mehtha, member of the public (observing)

OFFICER SUPPORT: Debra Allday, legal officer
Cynthia Barrientos, legal officer (observing)
Wesley McArthur, licensing officer
Andrew Weir, constitutional officer

1. APOLOGIES

There were none.

2. CONFIRMATION OF VOTING MEMBERS

The three members present were confirmed as the voting members.

3. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

There were none.

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

5. LICENSING ACT 2003 - LONDIS, 53 BOROUGH HIGH STREET, LONDON SE1 1NE

The licensing officer advised that this application had been withdrawn by the applicant.

6. LICENSING ACT 2003 - THE BRUNEL MUSEUM, RAILWAY AVENUE, LONDON SE16 4LF

The licensing officer presented the report. Members had questions for the licensing officer.

The applicant addressed the sub-committee. Members had questions for the applicant.

The sub-committee went into closed session at 10.25am.

The sub-committee resumed at 10.55am and the chair read out the decision of the sub-committee.

RESOLVED:

That the application by The Brunel Museum to vary the premises licence issued in respect of the premises known as The Brunel Museum, Railway Avenue, London, SE16 4LF be granted.

Conditions

With the following conditions attached (In addition to all mandatory conditions):

- That condition 341 be amended to read: "That licensable activities will not take place in the outside areas after 17:30 save for the sale or supply of alcohol until 23:00 on Saturdays only".

Reasons

The sub-committee heard from the applicant who stated that the application was an 'administrative' variation to allow the sale of alcohol outside the Brunel Museum in the gardens. They went on and said that at present there is no restriction on alcohol being consumed outside if it had been sold to customers inside the premises. The proposed variation would allow the smoother running of events and would mean that customers do not have to keep moving between the internal and external areas of the premises to buy and then consume their drinks, when external events were being held.

The premises is a community museum and café. Concerns of noise nuisance have been addressed by the erection of a screen of plants to provide local residents with more privacy. In addition, during some previous events no exchange of money had taken place within the gardens as sales of alcohol had been by way of vouchers which were purchased within the museum, and the applicant will consider such a system for future events. The applicant also advised the sub-committee that the position of the outside bar would be located out of view from neighbouring properties and any noise would be shielded by the concrete wall next to it. Signage was already erected advising customers

to be mindful of the residents and to leave quietly. The sub-committee also noted that the environmental protection team had not submitted a representation concerning statutory noise nuisance. The licensing officer confirmed that there had been no formal complaints since the licence to the premises had been granted in 2007.

The sub-committee considered carefully the concerns raised by the five local residents who submitted representations stating that a variation would give rise to increased noise and nuisance emanating from the premises. However, the sub-committee having heard from the applicant, in addition to considering the representations in support of the application from 34 local residents felt that the concerns relating to the prevention of nuisance had been addressed by the applicant.

The sub-committee noted that none of the local residents supporting or objecting were present.

In reaching this decision the sub-committee had regard to all the relevant considerations and the four licensing objectives.

Appeal rights

That the licensee and any person who made relevant representations in relation to the application may appeal against the decision. Any appeal must be made to the magistrate court for the local justice area in which the premises are situated. Any appeal must be commenced by notice of appeal given by the appellant to the justices' clerk for the magistrates court within the period of 21 days beginning with the day on which the appellant was notified by the licensing authority of the decision appealed against.

The meeting closed at 11.00am.

CHAIR:

DATED: