

Licensing Panel

Friday 25 April 2014

A Licensing Panel will be held in the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa, on Friday 25 April 2014 at 10.00 am.

Membership: Councillors Gill, Mrs Mellor and Wreford-Bush

Agenda

1. **Emergency Procedure**

At the commencement of the meeting the emergency procedure for the Town Hall will be announced.

2. **Appointment of Chairman**

To appoint a Chairman for the meeting.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

Members to declare the existence and nature of interests in items on the agenda in accordance with the adopted Code of Conduct.

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Members are also reminded of the need to declare predetermination on any matter.

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4. **Application for the grant of a premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003 for Royal Mews**

To consider a report from Health & Community Protection. **(Item 4/Page 1)**

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		Licensing Panel 25 April 2014	Agenda Item No. 4
Title		Application for the grant of a premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003 for Royal News	
For further information about this report please contact		Emma Dudgeon, Licensing Enforcement Officer, Health and Community Protection. Tel: 01926 456113 Emma.dudgeon@warwickdc.gov.uk	
Wards of the District directly affected		None	
Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006?		No	
Date and meeting when issue was last considered and relevant minute number		N/A	
Background Papers		None	

Contrary to the policy framework:	No
Contrary to the budgetary framework:	No
Key Decision?	No
Included within the Forward Plan? (If yes include reference number)	No
Equality and Sustainability Impact Assessment Undertaken	No

Officer/Councillor Approval		
Officer Approval	Date	Name
Chief Executive/Deputy Chief Executive		
Head of Service	26.3.2014	Marianne Rolfe
CMT		
Section 151 Officer		
Monitoring Officer		
Finance		
Portfolio Holder(s)		Michael Coker
Consultation & Community Engagement		
N/A		
Final Decision?		Yes
Suggested next steps - None		

1. **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 Warwick District Council Licensing Authority has received a valid application for a new premises licence from Mr Mohammed Rahamani.
- 1.2 Representations have been received in relation to this application for the consideration of the panel in the determination of the application.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 Members are asked to consider the information contained in this report and decide whether the application for the grant of a premises licence for Royal News, 42 Bedford Street, Leamington spa, should be approved and, if so, whether the Licence should be subject to any conditions.

3. **THE APPLICATION**

- 3.1 Mr Mohammed Rahamani applied for a premises licence on 17 February 2014. The table below shows what has been applied for.

	Sale of Alcohol for consumption off the premises	Opening Hours of the premises
Monday to Sunday	08:00 to 23:00	06:00 to 00:00

- 3.2 The premises do not currently sell alcohol and therefore would not need a premises licence. Due to there not being a licence at the premises information relating to complaints, incidents or the involvement of Street Marshals can not be gathered.
- 3.3 An operating schedule which has been submitted by the applicant and will form part of any licence issued has been supplied as follows:

General

No sale of alcohol to under 21.
ID has to be shown by customer (Current passport/driving licence etc...)
CCTV on premises at all times.
Ongoing staff training.

The prevention of crime and disorder

CCTV.
Working closely with local police/PCSO's.

Public safety

CCTV.
Liaising with local police and communities.
Relevant insurances (Public liability etc...) in place at all times.
No serving drunks.

Prevention of public nuisance

No sale to drunks.
Alcohol to be drank off the premises and away from the premises.

Protection of children from harm

No sale of alcohol to children under any circumstance.

Signs put up in shop stating this.

- 3.4 An objection was received from Warwickshire County Council Trading Standards. Following an agreement with the applicant the objection was withdrawn and the following conditions will be added to any licence issued.
1. A 'challenge 25' age verification policy requiring proof of age by passport, photo driving licence or PASS accredited card.
 2. A 'challenge log' recording all challenges – where both sales and refusals result.
 3. Regular staff training to ensure that both the law and company policies/procedures are understood, up-to-date and applied consistently.
- 3.5 Relevant representations have been received from Warwickshire Police, attached as appendix 1 and Royal Leamington Spa Town Council attached as appendix 2.
- 3.6 There have been no representations received from:
- Fire Authority
 - Enforcement Agency for Health and Safety
 - Authority Responsible for Environmental Health
 - The Licensing Authority
 - Authority Responsible for Planning
 - Authority Responsible for the Protection of Children from Harm
 - National Health Service/Public Health
- 3.7 A plan of the premises submitted by the applicant is attached as appendix 3 and a map of the area of the premises is attached as appendix 4.

4. **POLICY FRAMEWORK**

- 4.1 **These premises are located within the Council's Cumulative Impact Zone. This means that the applicant must prove that the application will not impact significantly on any of the Licensing Objectives – it is not for anyone making representations to prove it will.**
- 4.2 When considering the application the panel must give appropriate weight to:-
- a) The representations received.
 - b) Statutory guidance issued by the Secretary of State under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.
 - c) The Council's Licensing Policy Statement (attached as appendix 5)
 - d) The Licensing Objectives, which are:-
 - i) The Prevention of Crime and Disorder.
 - ii) Public Safety.

- iii) The Prevention of Public Nuisance.
- iv) The Protection of Children from Harm.

However, it should only consider those licensing objectives which have been referred to in the representations received.

- 4.3 The Council's Licensing Policy Statement provides that the authority will take an objective view on all applications and will seek to attach appropriate and proportionate conditions to licences where necessary in order to ensure the promotion of the four licensing objectives. Each application will be judged on its own merits.
- 4.4 Details of the procedure adopted by the Licensing Committee for Panel Hearings have been supplied to the applicant and those making representations. The procedure will be explained more fully by one of the Council's Legal Team at the commencement of the hearing.

5. **BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK**

- 5.1 There would be costs associated with any appeal against the decision as set out in 6.1 below.

6. **RISKS**

- 6.1 Any decision made by the Panel may be appealed against at a Magistrates Court within 28 days of the decision. There would be costs associated with responding to an appeal and the Council could be ordered to pay the Appellants costs if it is deemed to have behaved unreasonably.

Licensing Act 2003

REPRESENTATION FORM FROM RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES

Responsible Authority (please delete as applicable):

Police

Your Name	PS 645 Paul Calver
Job Title	Harm reduction Sgt
Postal and email address	Leamington Police Station, Newbold Terrace, Leamington Spa
Contact telephone number	01926 684166

Name of the premises you are making a representation about	Royal News
Address of the premises you are making a representation about	42 Bedford St, Leamington Spa, CV32 5DY

Which of the four licensing Objectives does your representation relate to?	Yes Or No	Please detail the evidence supporting your representation. Or the reason for your representation. Please use separate sheets if necessary
To prevent crime and disorder	Yes	Warwickshire Police has considered the application to grant this premises licence and would ask Warwick District Council to refuse this application. Warwickshire Police believes that allowing this new premise licence will increase Crime & Disorder in the vicinity. The premises is within the Cumulative Impact Zone of Leamington Spa, and is an increase in licensed premises within that area Further evidence will be supplied in advance of any hearing
Public safety	Yes	Area is within DPPO and will increase the risk of glass bottles etc within a busy night time economy Further evidence will be supplied in advance of any hearing
To prevent public nuisance	Yes	As above, Further evidence will be supplied in advance of any hearing
To protect children from harm	Yes	Operating schedule on application not sufficient to promote this licensing objective

Suggested conditions that could be added to the licence to remedy your representation or other suggestions you would like the Licensing Sub Committee to take into account. Please use separate sheets where necessary and refer to checklist.

Warwickshire Police will continue to work with the premises during the application stage, but would request the following hours and conditions added to the license ;-

Sale of Alcohol (off sales ONLY) –

Mon – Sunday 08.00hrs – 19.00hrs

Conditions to be added:-

1. CCTV must be installed to the current British Standard, record at all times when licensable activities take place, and must include:-

Cameras must cover entrance and service till

Head and facial recognition.

Capable of recording and storing 31 days continuously.

Someone must be on duty when licensable activities take place who is capable of downloading images upon request by an authorised officer.

The image quality must be of a minimum of 12 frames per second.

The system must be signed off by Warwickshire Police Architectural Liaison Officer.

2. A Challenge 25 scheme will be operated checking all identification of all persons reasonably believed to be under 25 years of age. Only an approved proof of age card bearing the PASS logo, passport or photo driving licence will be acceptable.

3. refusal books to be recorded, maintained and made available on reasonable request from a responsible authority

4. A written record will be kept at the premises of all persons who are authorised to sell alcohol, all staff training records will be maintained and updated

5. A log/incident book will be maintained of any incidents that occur and made available on reasonable request from a responsible authority

6. All persons authorised to sell alcohol will complete an underage sales training programme which includes a written test to verify his or her competency. This record will be available to the Police or authorised officers of Warwick District Council.

7. All alcohol sold must be sold within carrier bags or similar to prevent alcohol to be openly carried in public streets

Signed:



Date: 3rd March 2014

Emma Dudgeon

From: Admin <admin@leamingtonspatowncouncil.gov.uk>
Sent: 18 March 2014 12:19
To: Licensing
Cc: clerk@leamingtonspatowncouncil.gov.uk
Subject: Application no. WDCPREM00791

Importance: High

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Dear Licensing

Royal Leamington Spa Town Council considered Application No. WDCPREM00791 Applicant's Name: Royal News, 42 Bedford Street, CV32 5DY at its Planning meeting on Thursday 13th March 2014.

The following resolution was passed: **An objection is raised because these premises are located in an area of substantial drinking activity at night and the ability to purchase alcohol from these premises up to 11pm would encourage people to drink in the street so increasing the possibility of further crime and disorder.**

I should be grateful if you would accept this email as the Town Council's formal objection to this Licensing application. As discussed I have been unable to download the appropriate form from your website.

Many thanks

Jackie Webb

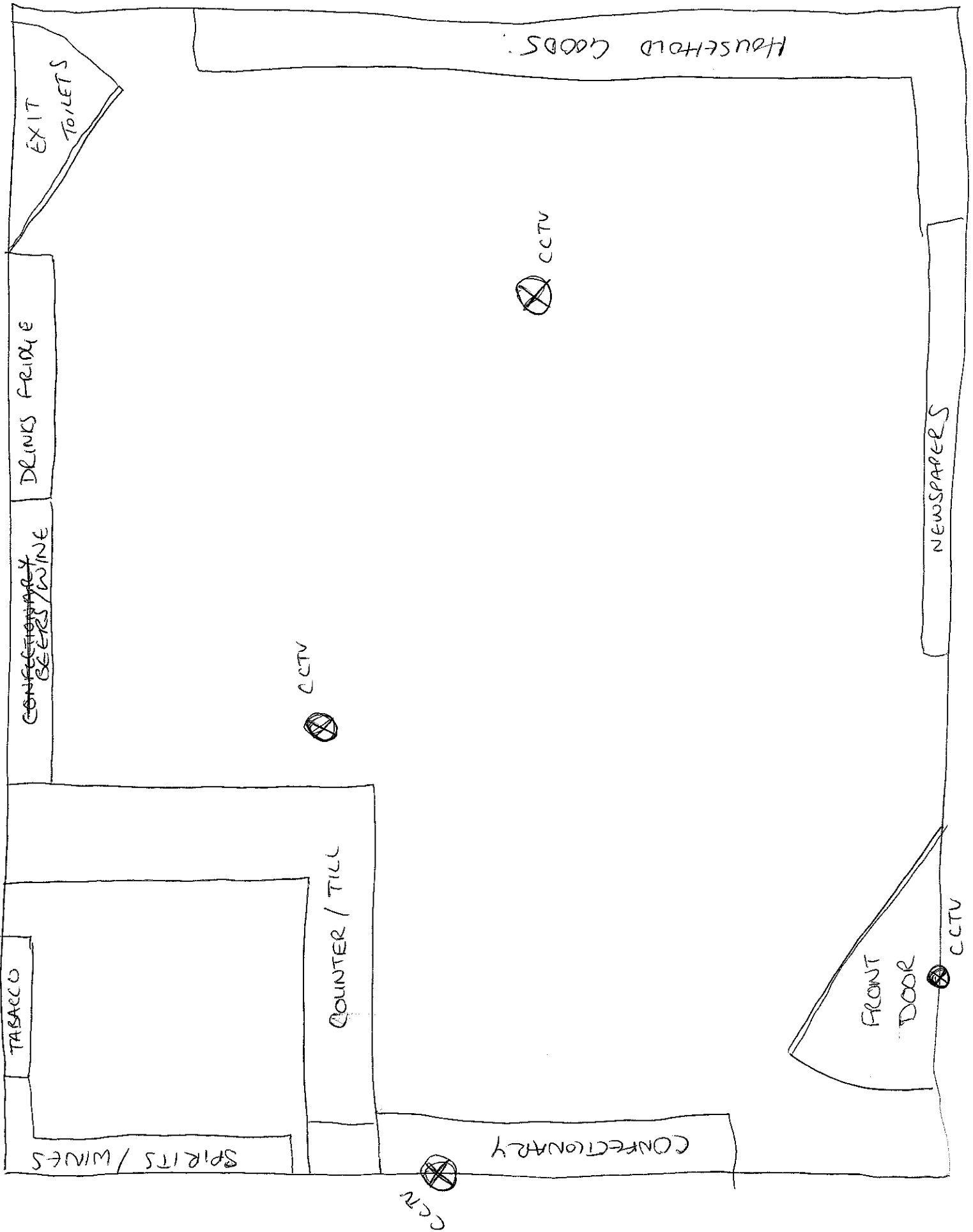
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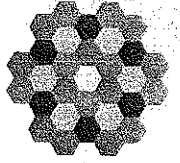
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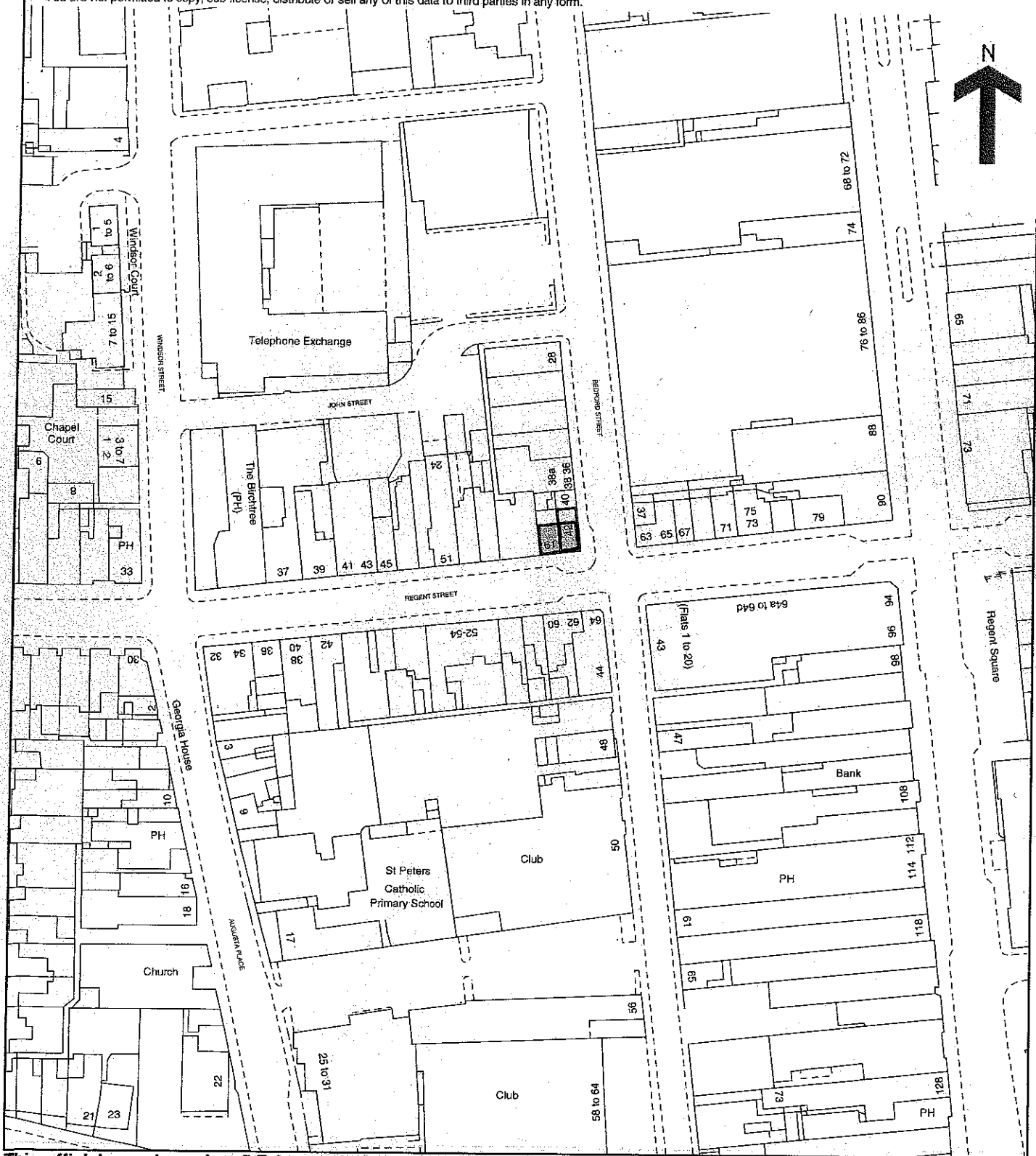


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STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

Reviewed 2009

(Changes to cumulative impact zone added)

9th July 2009

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Warwick District Council (the Licensing Authority) makes this Statement of Licensing Policy in pursuance of its duties and powers under the Licensing Act 2003, (the Act) and guidelines on its content issued under Section 182 of the Act.
- 1.2 Warwick District Council is situated in the south of Warwickshire in the centre of England. Appropriately for England's heartland, Warwick District Council's boundaries are roughly heart-shaped, embracing an area of some 28,253 hectares with a population of 126,000 people. The District covers four towns, Royal Leamington Spa, Warwick, Kenilworth and Whitnash as well as a large rural area with 18 Parish Councils. It is acknowledged that the town centres have a large proportion of residential premises.
- 1.3 The aim of this Policy is to:-
- promote the Licensing Objectives.
- 1.4 The following Licensing Objectives can be found in the Licensing Act 2003:-
- **prevention of crime and disorder;**
 - **public safety;**
 - **prevention of public nuisance; and**
 - **protection of children from harm.**
- 1.5 In making this Policy, the Licensing Authority recognises the following:-
- **that residents within, and visitors to the District need a safe and healthy environment to live, work and visit; and**
 - **that safe and well run entertainment premises are important to the local economy and vibrancy of the District.**
- 1.6 This Statement provides guidance to the police, applicants, objectors and residents on the general approach that the Licensing Authority (acting through its Licensing Committee) will take when making licensing decisions.

The following, will guide that decision making process:-

- the Council as licensing authority must carry out its functions under the Act with a view to promoting the Licensing Objectives;
 - each licence application will be given individual consideration on its merits;
 - when making its decisions, the Licensing Authority will have regard to the matters contained in this Statement and to any government guidance that is issued from time to time; and
 - the Licensing Authority will have regard to the provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998 and in particular, Article 6 (right to a fair and public hearing); Article 8 (right to respect for home, private and family life) and Article 1 of the First Protocol (right to peaceful enjoyment of property and possessions).
- 1.7 This Statement covers the period 7 January 2008 to 6 January 2011 and will be kept under review and revised/amended as required, following consultation.

1.8 The Licensing Authority will carry out its licensing functions in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003 (as amended) and any relevant guidance issued under the Act.

1.9 The Licensing Authority will observe the principle of the Race Relations Act 1976 and the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000.

2. Delegation of Functions for Regulatory Matters

2.1 In the interests of speed, efficiency and cost effectiveness the Licensing Committee will only decide matters that have not been delegated to a sub-committee or to an officer. A copy of the scheme of delegation is available on request.

3. General Statement of Guiding Principles

3.1 The Council as a licensing authority has adopted the following principles. These principles will serve as a **general** guide to the Council when it carries out its licensing functions:-

3.2 **Principle 1** - The Licensing Authority will not normally fix pre-determined licensing 'quotas' in any given area but see paragraphs 7 and 8.

3.3 The purpose behind this Principle is to:

- promote the prevention of crime and disorder.

3.4 If there are problems in a particular area with nuisance, crime or disorder and those problems are associated with the number or proximity of licensed premises in that area, the Licensing Authority will normally use licence conditions to address those problems, but may impose 'quotas.' (see paragraphs 7 and 8)

3.5 **Principle 2** - The Licensing Authority generally supports the use of longer opening hours as a means of reducing the concentration of people leaving licensed premises at the same time and of staggering their dispersal. However, there is no presumption in favour of longer hours and the Licensing Authority will take into account any evidence which shows that longer opening hours in any particular case undermines the licensing objectives.

3.6 The purpose behind this Principle is to:-

- promote the prevention of crime and disorder;
- promote public safety;
- promote the prevention of public nuisance; and
- address the issue of closing hours.

3.7 It is recognised by the Licensing Authority, following Government recommendations that, longer licensing, hours with regard to the sale of alcohol are important to ensure that the concentrations of customers leaving premises simultaneously are avoided.

- 3.8 Restrictions that undermine this Principle will normally be avoided and licence conditions used to address any problems which may arise.
- 3.9 **Principle 3** - The Licensing Authority will not fix pre-determined closing times for particular areas but will take into account any objections received when dealing with individual applications.
- 3.10 The purpose behind this Principle is to:-
- promote the prevention of crime and disorder;
 - promote public safety; and
 - promote the prevention of public nuisance.
- 3.11 Restrictions that undermine this Principle will normally be avoided and licence conditions used to address any problems which may arise.
- 3.12 **Principle 4** - As far as shops, stores and supermarkets are concerned, the Licensing Authority will normally permit the sale of alcohol during legal opening hours unless evidence is available that to do so would undermine the licensing objectives.
- 3.13 The purpose behind this Principle is to:-
- promote the prevention of crime and disorder;
 - promote the prevention of public nuisance; and
 - address the issue of alcohol sales in shops, stores and supermarkets.
- 3.14 Restrictions that undermine this Principle will normally be avoided and licence conditions used to address any problems which may arise.
- 3.15 **Principle 5** - The Licensing Authority will not limit the access of children to licensed premises unless it is necessary for the prevention of harm.
- 3.16 The purpose behind this Principle is to:-
- promote the protection of children from harm; and
 - address the issue of children in licensed premises, including cinemas and other public entertainment.
- 3.17 Restrictions that undermine this Principle will normally be avoided and licence conditions used to address any problems which may arise.
- 3.18 **Principle 6** – The Licensing Authority will only attach conditions that further the Licensing Objectives and relate to the operating schedule, relevant representations that have been received or mandatory conditions as prescribed in the Licensing Act 2003.

3.19 The purpose behind this Principle is to:-

- ensure that all applications are dealt with on merit;
- ensure that conditions imposed further the licensing objectives; and
- ensure that conditions relate to the operating schedule or relevant representations which have been received.

4. Licensing Objectives

4.1 Prevention of Crime and Disorder

4.1.1 In addition to the requirement for the Licensing Authority to promote the licensing objectives, it also has a duty under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to exercise its functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and to do all it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in the District.

4.1.2 The Licensing Authority will expect all licensed premises to be managed responsibly.

4.1.3 When considering applications for premises licences for late night refreshment the Licensing Authority will take into account the potential for disorder that this type of premises may cause to the night time environment.

4.1.4 The Licensing Authority will consider attaching conditions to licences and certificates to prevent crime and disorder. Any such conditions imposed will be tailored to the style and characteristics of the premises and the type of activities expected to take place there.

4.1.5 The Licensing Authority recognises that there are a number of mechanisms for addressing unlawful or anti-social behaviour that occurs away from licensed premises, qualifying clubs and temporary events. These include:—

- planning controls;
- enforcement of Environmental Protection legislation (e.g. on noise nuisance);
- positive measures to provide a safer and clean town centre;
- environmental controls, in partnership with local businesses, transport operators and other departments of the Council;
- powers to designate parts of the District as places where alcohol may not be consumed publicly;
- police enforcement of the law with regard to disorder and anti-social behaviour, including the issue of fixed penalty notices;
- dispersal of people quickly and safely from town centres to avoid concentrations which may produce disorder and disturbance;
- the prosecution of any personal licence holder or member of staff at such premises who is selling alcohol to people who are drunk;
- confiscation of alcohol from adults and others in designated areas;
- police powers to close down instantly for up to 24 hours any licensed premises or temporary events on the grounds of disorder, the likelihood of disorder or excessive noise emanating from the premises; and
- the power of police, other responsible authority or a local resident or business to seek a review of the licence or certificate in question.

4.2 Public safety

- 4.2.1 The Licensing Authority will consider attaching conditions to licences and certificates to promote public safety. Any such conditions will be tailored to the style and characteristics of the premises and the type of activities expected to take place there.
- 4.2.2 The Licensing Authority will consider attaching a 'safe capacity' to licences and certificates when it appears necessary to ensure public safety or to prevent crime and disorder.

4.3 Prevention of public nuisance

- 4.3.1 The Licensing Authority will take an objective view as to the potential for nuisance and will seek to attach appropriate and proportionate conditions to licences and certificates where necessary in order to prevent it. Any such conditions imposed will be tailored to the style and characteristics of the premises and the type of activities expected to take place there. In each individual case that arises following representation, the Licensing Authority will:
- consider the potential for nuisance associated with the style, characteristics and activities of the licensable activity involved;
 - examine the potential steps which could be taken to reduce the risk of nuisance, particularly in areas of dense residential accommodation; and
 - consider restricting the hours of the licence or the licensable activity only as a last resort because of the potential impact on disorder and anti-social behaviour from fixed and artificially early closing times.
- 4.3.2 By way of guidance, the Licensing Authority would expect that after 23.00 all persons outside the premises would move indoors, and any amplified sound to be inaudible in neighbouring domestic properties.
- 4.3.3 Any exceptions to this would need to be justified in an operating schedule showing how the licensing objectives were being achieved.
- 4.3.4 In the event of a variation to remove this condition, and in the case of the necessity of a hearing, evidence would be expected to be submitted to the Licensing Panel that the change would not impact on the licensing objectives
- 4.3.5 It should also be noted that the Licensing Authority expects that the premises will usually close within half an hour of the end of the last licensable activity.

4.4 Prevention of Harm to Children

- 4.4.1 For the purposes of the Act, the "responsible authority" in respect of issues relating to the protection of children from harm, and to which copies of applications should be sent is:

The Assistant Head of Service, Planning and performance children, Young Children and Families Directorate, Saltisford Office Park, Ansell Way, Warwick. CV32 4UL

- 4.4.2 For the purposes of this Policy and for the making of representations in respect of any application, the Warwickshire Children and Young People's Joint Management Team have indicated that they will regard the term "children" to include any person between the ages of 0 – 18 years old.
- 4.4.3 Nothing in this statement of policy limits the access of children to licensed premises unless it is necessary for the prevention of harm to children.
- 4.4.4 Areas that may give rise to particular concern in respect of children include premises:
- Where there have been convictions of members of the current staff for serving alcohol to minors, with a reputation for underage drinking or where the Portman Group Code of Practice on Naming, Packaging and Promotion of Alcoholic Drinks is not being followed (the Portman Group's code is particularly commended to applicants for premises licences/ club registration certificates);
 - With a known association with drug taking or dealing;
 - Where there is a strong element of gambling on the premises;
 - Where entertainment of an adult or sexual nature is commonly provided (e.g. topless bar staff, striptease, lap/table/pole dancing, strong and offensive language).
- 4.4.5 It is acknowledged that complete exclusion of children will be rare but the options to be considered by the Council for limiting access of children, where regarded as necessary for the prevention of harm to children, may include any of the following:
- Limitations on the hours when children may be present;
 - Age limitations (below 18);
 - Limitations or exclusions when certain activities are taking place;
 - Restrictions or exclusions in respect of parts of premises;
 - Requirements for an accompanying adult;
 - Full exclusion of people under 18 from the premises when any licensable activities are taking place.
- 4.4.6 The Licensing Authority cannot impose conditions requiring the admission of children to any premises. Where no licensing restriction is necessary, this will remain a matter for the discretion of the individual licensee or club.
- 4.4.7 In the case of premises giving film exhibitions, the Licensing Authority expects licensees or clubs to include in their operating schedules arrangements to ensure that children will be restricted from viewing age-restricted films classified according to the recommendations of the British Board of Film Classifications.

4.4.8 Where a number of children are expected to attend regulated entertainment (e.g. theatre production, 'junior disco', film shows), the Licensing Authority may consider the need to require a specified number of adults to be present at the place of entertainment to control the access and egress of children and to assure their safety. The number of adults required will need to be calculated on the basis of a risk assessment by the applicant and will need to take into consideration the size of the venue, the number and ages and ability of the children present and the type of activity involved. These matters will need to be addressed by the applicant as part of the operating schedule.

The Licensing Authority will consider attaching conditions to licences and certificates to prevent harm to children.

5. Other Considerations

5.1 Live Music, Dancing & Theatre

5.1.1 This Policy recognises the need to encourage live music, dancing and theatre for the wider cultural benefits of the community generally. In addressing such issues, the potential for disturbance in neighbourhoods will always be carefully balanced with these wider benefits.

5.2 Integration of Strategies

5.2.1 The Licensing Authority shall secure the proper integration of this policy with local crime prevention, anti-social behaviour away from licensed premises, planning, transport, tourism and cultural strategies by:

- Liaising and consulting with Warwickshire Police, Community Safety Forum, and considering any guidance from the crime and disorder strategy document; and
- Liaising and consulting with the appropriate Council Officers, the Planning Committee, the Executive, and considering guidance in the Local Plan.

5.2.2 Specific conditions may be attached to premises licences to reflect local crime prevention strategies. Such conditions may include

- the use of closed circuit television cameras;
- the provision and use of shatterproof drinking receptacles;
- a drugs and weapons search policy;
- the use of registered door supervisors;
- specialised lighting requirements;
- restrictions on hours of opening; and
- membership of an appropriate Pub-Watch scheme.

5.2.3 Certificates issued to club premises shall reflect local crime prevention strategies and may include any or all of the requirements listed above. The Licensing Authority will have regard to any local orders and/or strategies relating to street drinking.

5.2.4 The Council's Licensing Committee shall receive any reports relevant to the needs of the local tourist economy and the cultural strategy for the area to ensure that the Committee considers these matters.

5.2.5 The Council's Licensing Committee shall receive relevant information relating to the employment situation of the area and the need for new investment and employment where appropriate.

5.2.6 Unnecessary duplication or inefficiencies will be avoided by properly separating the planning and licensing regimes. Where appropriate, matters for consideration in licensing applications will not duplicate matters considered as part of any planning application. Licensing decisions will take into account any relevant planning decisions either by the Planning Committee or following appeals against decisions taken by that Committee and will not cut across such decisions.

5.2.7 The Council's Licensing Committee shall provide and receive regular reports to and from the Planning Committee on the situation regarding licensed premises in the area.

6. Other regulatory regimes

6.1 This policy shall avoid duplication with other regulatory regimes wherever possible. The following advice relates to specific regimes but is not exhaustive:-

6.2 Health and Safety

6.2.1 Premises will normally have been visited by the Council's Environmental Health inspection staff with regard to health and safety enforcement at the premises. Certain premises will not fall under this regime and will be the subject of health and safety enforcement by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE). These regimes place a range of general and specific duties on employees, employers, operators of venues and members of the public. Matters arising out of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 and associated Regulations should not be the subject of conditions unless they are necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

6.3 Fire Safety

6.3.1 Premises and their operators will be under general duties under current fire safety regimes. The operating schedule should indicate the precautions that are taken to protect public safety.

6.4 Food Hygiene

6.4.1 Premises selling alcohol and/or premises engaged in a food business will be registered with the Licensing Authority and subject to risk-based food hygiene inspections at regular intervals.

6.5 Noise

6.5.1 Statutory and public nuisances are dealt with by the Council's Environmental Health Business Unit under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and associated legislation.

6.6 Planning

- 6.6.1 Any premises that apply for a licence or a variation of a licence may also need planning permission.

6.7 Standard Conditions

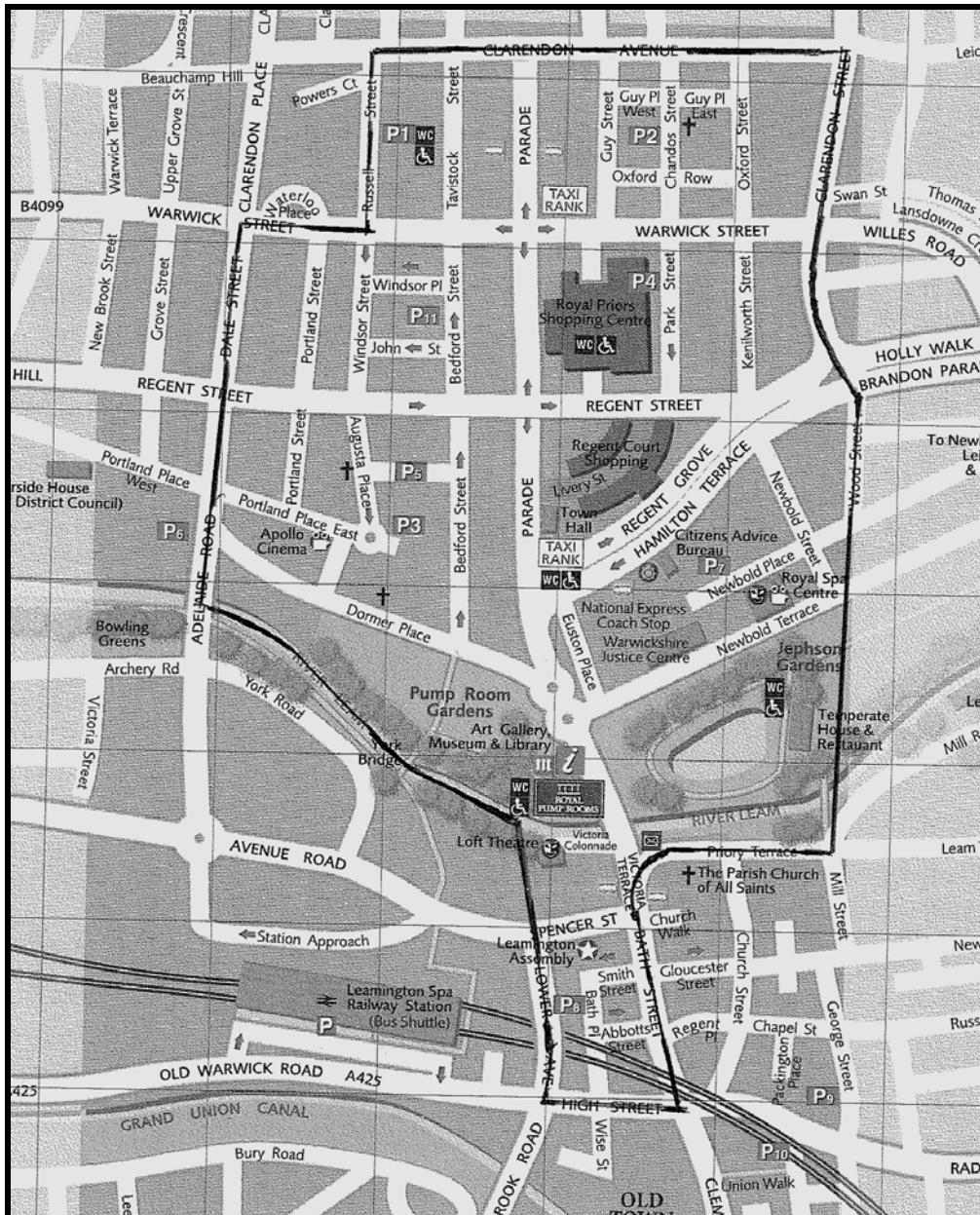
- 6.7.1 The Licensing Authority does not support the use of blanket conditions which, if imposed, may be seen as disproportionate and overly burdensome. Conditions attached to licences shall be tailored to the individual styles and characteristics of the premises and events concerned

6.8 Enforcement

- 6.8.1 The enforcement of licensing law and the inspection of licensed premises is detailed in the Protocol between Warwickshire Police and the Council, together with Warwickshire Fire Service and Trading Standards. This Protocol reflects the need for a more efficient deployment of Police and Local Authority staff commonly engaged in licensing enforcement. A copy of the Protocol is available on request.
- 6.8.2 Attention is drawn to the targeting of agreed problem and high risk premises requiring greater attention as identified in the Protocol. Inspections of premises will be on a risk assessed basis, to be undertaken when and if judged necessary, assisted by information provided by the Multi Agency Enforcement Group. Information about this group is available separately

7. Special Policy Regarding Cumulative Impact

- 7.1 The Licensing Authority recognises that there is a difference between the cumulative impact of premises and commercial need. The latter is a function of market forces and is not a factor the Council may take into account in the discharge of its licensing function.
- 7.2 The Licensing Authority adopted a special policy regarding cumulative impact in November 2005 at the commencement of the Licensing Act 2003 where it considered that a significant concentration of licensed premises would have an impact on the licensing objectives and granting of further licences in that area would add to this impact. When adopting the special policy reference to the steps outlined in paragraph 13.26 of the Licensing Act Guidance were made.
- 7.3 The Licensing Authority formed two saturation zones, based on information supplied to it in 2005 on crime and disorder and other related matters. The area and its necessity has been ratified by further figures supplied to the Licensing Authority in January 2009 as part of its review of the cumulative impact policy.
- 7.3 The two zones, when joined together, form the same area as the Leamington Safer Neighbourhood area. In the interest of clarity and transparency, the two zones have been amalgamated into one cumulative impact zone. A map of the zone is shown below. Properties on both sides of any road which borders the zone are deemed to be included within the zone. (see plan below)



- 7.4 It is considered that the cumulative impact of further new licences in this zone may lead to the area becoming further saturated with premises of a certain type, including pubs, clubs, takeaways and off licences, making the area a focal point for large groups of people, thereby creating exceptional problems of disorder and nuisance over and above the impact from the individual premises themselves.
- 7.5 The special policy regarding cumulative impact is not absolute and where licences are unlikely to add to the cumulative impact on the licensing objectives, or the Licensing Authority does not receive any representations, the licence will be granted.
- 7.6 The special policy regarding cumulative impact will not be used to try and revoke an existing licence or certificate when representations are made about the way the premises are being operated; representations would be considered and determined

in respect of the four licensing objectives. However, the special policy may be a justification to refuse an application or to vary a licence or certificate.

- 7.7 The Licensing Authority will not operate a quota of any description including any special policy, that would pre determine an application. Each application will be considered on its individual merits. Proper regard will be given to the contrasting styles and individual characteristics of the premises concerned, and the differing impact they will have on the local community.
- 7.8 The Licensing Authority will consider the individual merits of all applications and where it feels to grant the application would be unlikely to add significantly to the cumulative impact in light of the licensing objectives, the Licensing Authority may grant the application.
- 7.9 If an application for a licence within the cumulative impact zone is made, the Licensing Authority will expect the applicant to demonstrate in their operating schedule, the steps to be taken to prevent problems of nuisance and, public safety and the steps to be taken to promote the reduction of crime and disorder. The onus of proof will be on the applicant to show that the application will not impact on the four licensing objectives.
- 7.10 The Licensing Authority recognises that if no representations are made regarding an application for a licence within the cumulative impact zone, the Licensing Authority must and will grant the licence.
- 7.11 The policy will be subject to review.

8. Further Information

- 9.1 The Licensing Authority has produced guides for applicants.
- 9.2 The Council's Licensing Section can only offer advice on the process for, and, progress of, applications and as to whether particular activities fail to be licensed. If you require detailed advice on the requirements of the legislation and how it affects you and your premises you should seek your own independent legal advice.
- 9.3 The grant of a licence under the Licensing Act 2003 does not obviate the need for permission or consent required under other legislation.
- 9.4 The Licensing Authority cannot impose conditions and restrictions on events covered by a temporary event notice. However, all the other regulatory considerations in Section 5 above will apply, and should be considered by organisers. Further advice is available in the guide to temporary events.