Police Representation Evidence Hearing :- Spicy Bites, 14 Clemens St, Leamington Spa

Introduction

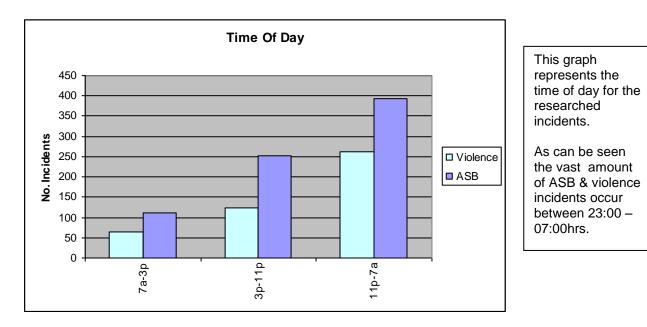
Warwickshire police would object to the issues of this license as a whole due to the evidence contained in this report. Although there are certain measures the premise may suggest, or the panel may consider as conditions, (ie CCTV, Door supervisors etc) Warwickshire police would still object to the license in its entirety. Policing of the night time economy will always pull police away from residential areas, but an increase in hours, or introduction of new premise will add to that demand, and will also increase risks of disorder and ASB in the locality. This is the second application to vary the premises licence; the first was applied for by the previous owner on the 17th September 2012 and refused by the panel on 20th November 2012.

Late Night Refreshment & Take Away's

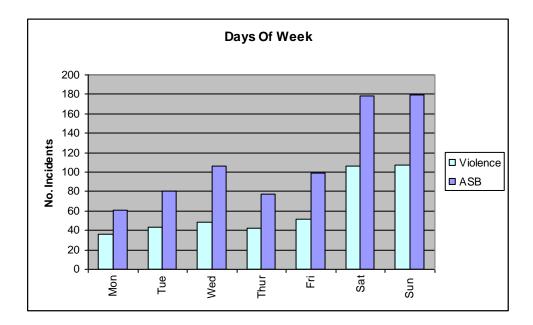
The number of late night refreshment in Learnington Spa are at saturation point and are very much in the hotspot locations for ASB, Violence and disorder. They may not be the sole cause for incidents that are reported to police, as they on the whole do not sell alcohol, but a large proportion are open after the pubs and clubs in the town centre close. They also attract their core business at the early hours of the morning when people leave the town centres after consuming a large quantity of alcohol. These premises then by their pure business target group retain large numbers in the town centre and residential areas whilst they purchase and consume their food, predominantly in the street. This then causes increase in noise and ASB, but are also potential flash points for disorder and violence.

Police Incident Data

From conducting a basic research of STORM incidents from 1st Mar 2012 to 31st March 2013, approximately 1300 incidents have been found. This search has been conducted under the initial call types of Violence, disorder, Rowdy, and drunks. The areas searched covered the Town Centre and Old Town, including areas of Spencer St, High St, and Clemens St.



The following graphs represent statistical analysis of the previously mentioned incidents.



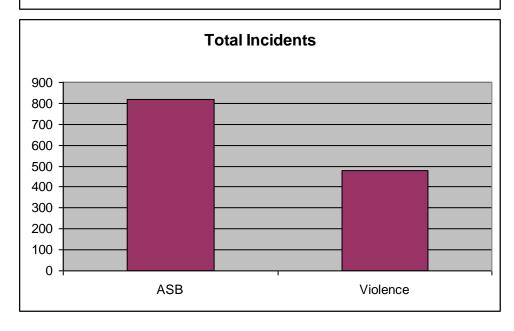
This graph represents how the calls to police are spread out over a week. As can be seen there is a definite peak to calls over the weekend, but this is slightly misleading as many calls are in early hours, there Friday is under represented and

Monthly Totals 90 80 70 60 No. Incidents 50 □ Violence ASB 40 30 20 10 0 Aug-12 May-12 Sep-12 Nov-12 Mar-12 Apr-12 Jun-12 Jul-12 Dec-12 Jan-13 Feb-13 Oct-12 Mar-13

This graph represents the month of the year when the two types of incidents occur. (ASB only for rowdy nuisance tag) As can be seen there are peaks and troughs to incidents when taken as type of incident,

Sunday over

represented



This graph represents the total amount of incidents overall for the two areas.

As can be seen the highest amount of incidents are for ASB.

Hotspot Location

The following two maps, look at specific hotspot locations for ASB incidents. They are specifically recorded between the hours of 11am – 4am.

The two maps are separated for incidents between Sun – Thurs, and those on Sat & Sunday.

It can be seen from the maps that there are two specific hotspot locations at the times stated. That being Warwick St area of the Town Centre and the second being the area of Spencer St, Bath St, High St and Clemens St.

It can also be seen that the concentration of incidents is more centred around the Old Town Area during the week evenings.

This premise application is within that hotspot location displayed

Licensed Premises

The third map displays the concentration of license premise within the town centre and old town of Learnington, showing the saturation in both areas beyond 2am, also the area of the CIZ as per Warwick District Council Policy. There are currently five other venues on Bath St, one on Spencer St, two on Victoria Terrace, five on Clemens St, and two on High St, all within close proximity to the applicants venue, all with varied closing timers through to 04.30hrs.

Summary

In summary, Warwickshire Polices vision and aims are to protect people from harm, therefore we recommend to the panel a full objection to the issue of this license, to prevent the increase of crime, disorder and ASB in this locality under the licensing objectives.

