

## **Apollo Cinema Decision**

### **Licensing Panel 8 October 2012**

The Panel have now considered this application. The Panel has had regard to:

1. The report from Licensing Services;
2. The application and representations made by the Applicant;
3. The representations made by the residents;
4. The Council's Statement of Licensing Policy which includes the special policy regarding cumulative impact; and
5. The guidance issued by the Secretary of State under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.

Having listened to the representations made by the Applicant, the Panel are satisfied that the Applicant has demonstrated that the variation of the licence will not add significantly to the cumulative impact in light of the licensing objectives. In coming to this conclusion, the Panel note that there have been no objections from the Police or from the responsible authority for the protection of children from harm. The Panel also note that Environmental Health has withdrawn its objection on the basis that the extended hours are limited to no more than 12 days in any calendar year. The Panel have heard from the Applicant that the sale of alcohol, whilst extended to the auditoria will only be sold to persons who have purchased a cinema ticket and have also heard that the alcohol is priced at a premium cost. In view of this, it is the Panel's view that the variation of the licence will not add significantly to the cumulative impact.

The Panel have heard from the residents regarding their concerns regarding adults drinking alcohol in auditoria where there may be unaccompanied children, but note the Applicant's comments that the cinema has had 15 temporary event notices, and has not received any complaints. The Panel also note that there has been no objection from the responsible authority for the protection of children from harm.

The Panel has also heard from the residents regarding on-street parking and the potential for public nuisance from persons leaving the cinema. The Panel note, however, that Environmental Health has withdrawn its objection on the basis that the condition agreed with the Applicant is sufficient to deal with such concerns. The Panel therefore resolved to vary the licence in accordance with the report.