

Chair - Councillor A P Edgeller

Present (for all or part of the meeting):-

Councillors:

A M Loughran

A N Pearce

Officers in Attendance:-

Mr S Turner	-	Legal Services Manager
Mrs J Wallace	-	Licensing Manager
Mr A Bailey	-	Scrutiny Officer

Also in Attendance:-

Mr S Baggott	-	Trentham Leisure Ltd
Mrs H Cope	-	Trentham Leisure Ltd
Mr J Lovatt	-	Trentham Leisure Ltd

LSC1 Apologies

An apology for absence was received from the Objector, Mr D Hughes.

LSC2 Variation of Premises Licences - Trentham Leisure Ltd

Considered the report of the Licensing Officer in relation to two full Variation applications for Trentham Leisure Ltd, Trentham Estate, Stone Road, Trentham, Stoke on Trent ST4 8JG.

On 10 May 2022 the Council received two applications for full variations of the licence for Trentham Estate, Stone Road, Trentham, Stoke on Trent. The applications were made by Hannah Cope, Senior Events Co-ordinator, Trentham Estate, Stone Road, Trentham, Stoke on Trent ST4 8JG. The two variations within Trentham Estate were for Events Arena 1 and the Amphitheatre to increase the number of events held. Events Arena 1 currently licensed for 6 events in the events field and would like to extend this number to 12. The Amphitheatre was currently licensed for 15 events and would like to extend this number to 20.

One relevant objection relating to the two variations had been received.

Mrs J Wallace attended the meeting on behalf of the Head of Operations and introduced the report for Members.

In his absence, Mrs J Wallace read out the statement submitted by Mr D Hughes in objection to the Variation Applications.

The representatives of the applicant responded to the points raised in the statement submitted by the objector.

The representatives of the applicant outlined their case in support of the Variation Applications.

All parties were given the opportunity to question the representatives from the applicant.

The representatives of the applicant were then given the opportunity to sum up their case.

The Sub Committee then considered the matter in private.

Recording of the meeting was paused and then restarted when all parties were back in the room.

All parties were invited back into the meeting for the Sub Committee's decision.

RESOLVED:- The application for variation be granted as applied for.

- REASONS:-
- (a) The Committee considered the contents of the report, the representations made and the evidence from each person, and considered the statutory guidance and the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.
 - (b) The Committee found that although the local resident made a representation regarding loud music from the Premises, and noise from guests leaving the events, they did not attend the hearing and they gave no further supporting evidence or detailed information about these issues. The details were limited to the wording contained in the agenda.
 - (c) The Committee noted that the Council's Environmental Health department raised no concerns regarding noise nuisance from the premises, and also that the Applicant had received no complaints from residents of the relevant postcode regarding noise since 2017;

- (d) The Committee considered the assurances that the Applicant gave regarding finishing music events early, staff training and ensuring efficient exiting of visitor vehicles from the car parks after events
- (e) The Committee also noted that, in the event of noise nuisance arising from licensable activities, an application could be made in the future for a review of the premises licence and further conditions could possibly be attached to the premises licence.
- (f) The local resident who made representations referred to other matters that concerned him, for example traffic congestion and vehicle pollution, but these matters do not impact on the licensing objectives, and are outside of the Licensing Act 2003.
- (g) The Premises Licence variation was therefore granted as above, on the basis that the licensing objectives are promoted satisfactorily.

CHAIR