



LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
26th July 2007

REPORT OF HEAD OF PUBLIC PROTECTION

Application to vary a premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003

**Arbour Lights
127-128 Lichfield Street
Walsall
WS1 1SY**

1.0 THE APPLICATION

- 1.1 Punch Taverns Plc has made application, under the Licensing Act, 2003 to vary the premises licence in respect of the above premise. A copy of the application with plan of premises is attached as Appendix 1.
- 1.2 A copy of the licence to be varied is attached as Appendix 2.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The application seeks to:
- Vary the layout and design of the premises in accordance with the submitted plan
 - Remove the restriction relating to live music being limited to two entertainers.
- 2.2 There is no application to vary the operating times or regulated activity'
- 2.3 Any part of the variation application that changes the plan/layout at the premises is to be of no effect until the work has been completed.

3.0 Promotion of Licensing Objectives

- 3.1 The applicant proposes no additional steps to promote the licensing objectives.

4.0 Relevant representations

- 4.1 Relevant representations may only be made by a “responsible authority” or by or on behalf of an “interested party” defined as a person living or having a business in the vicinity of the premises to which the application relates.
- 4.2 There has been one relevant representation from a “responsible authority”, West Midlands Fire Service. A copy is attached as Appendix 3.
- 4.3 No relevant individual representations have been received.
- 4.4 A street map of the locality is attached as Appendix 4.

5.0 Policy considerations

- 5.1 Walsall council has stated that ‘at all times the licensing authority will try to strike a fair balance between the benefits to the community of a licensed venue and the risk of disturbance to local residents’.
- 5.2 In considering each application on its own merits, the licensing authority will consider whether or not the proposed licensing hours in the operating schedule will have an adverse effect on the licensing objectives promoted by the authority.
- 5.3 The Licensing Officer has not been able to mediate in this case.

6.0 Associated papers

- 6.1 Appendix 1 – the application with premises plan
Appendix 2 – licence to be varied
Appendix 3 – representation from West Midlands Fire Service
Appendix 4 – street map of the locality