



Walsall Council

Item No.

LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

7th September 2007

REPORT OF HEAD OF PUBLIC PROTECTION

Application for a premises licence to be granted under the Licensing Act 2003

**The Lost Lounge
The Arcade
Lower Hall Lane
Walsall
WS1 1RE**

1.0 THE APPLICATION

1.1 Mr Steven Murray Kershaw Armstrong has made application, under the Licensing Act, 2003 for the grant of a 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 summary of the application is as follows:

Proposed hours:

Licensable Activities	Days	Start	Finish
Live music, Recorded music and Provision of facilities for dancing	Monday to Thursday	20:00	03:00
	Friday	20:00	06:00
	Saturday	20:00	00:00
	Sunday	00:00	03:00
Late Night Refreshment	Monday to Thursday	23:00	03:00
	Friday/Saturday	23:00	05:00
	Sunday	23:00	03:00

Supply of Alcohol	Monday to Thursday	20:00	03:00
	Friday	20:00	06:00
	Saturday	20:00	00:00
	Sunday	00:00	03:00
Premises open	Mon to Thu	20:00	03:30
	Friday	20:00	06:30
	Saturday	20:00	00:00
	Sunday	00:00	03:30

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The application is in respect of premises described by the applicant as a nightclub with one public entrance leading into a stairway, leading to the reception then into the main bar area. Security checks are undertaken at the entrance. Entrance to the club is then past a reception desk. There is a large room with a designated dance floor. A bar server runs along the back wall giving visibility to all areas of the premises. There is a purpose built kitchen for the preparation of hot food. There is a purpose built DJ booth. Dancing by patrons takes place on the purpose built dance floor. No off sales of alcohol take place.
- 2.2 Mr Steven Murray Kershaw Armstrong has completed the form giving his consent to being nominated as the designated premises supervisor. A copy of this document is attached as Appendix 2.
- 2.3 There is a premises licence currently in force for this premise. A copy of the existing licence and plan is attached at Appendix 3.

3.0 Promotion of Licensing Objectives

- 3.1 The steps the applicant intends to take to in order to promote the four licensing objectives are detailed in Section P on page 19 of the application (Appendix 1).

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 A representation has been received from a “responsible authority”, West Midlands Fire Service. A copy is attached as Appendix 4.
- 4.3 No individual representations have been received.

4.5 A street map of the locality is attached as Appendix 10.

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 – consent to be nominated as DPS
- Appendix 3 – copy of existing licence with plan
- Appendix 4 – representation from West Midlands Fire Service
- Appendix 5 – street map of the locality