

LICENSING SUB – COMMITTEE

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Report of City Secretary and Solicitor

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Application to Vary the Premises Licence for:

**George and Falcon
Alton Road
Warnford
Hampshire**

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Part A.**1. Application****Applicant:** Eldridge Pope and Company Limited**Premises:** George and Falcon**Conversion of the Existing Licences.**

The conversion of the existing licences was granted under delegated powers on 9 September 2005

The current permitted hours are;

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| Monday to Saturday | 1000 to 2300 |
| Sunday and Good Friday | 1200 to 2230 |
| Christmas Day | 1200 to 1500 1900 to 2230 |
| New Year's Eve | 1000 to 2300 1 January |

The premises have the benefit of a Public Entertainment Licence.

Application for Variation.

The application is for variation of the Premises Licence during the Transitional Period under Schedule 8 paragraph 7(b) of the Licensing Act 2003, to extend the hours when the premises are open to the public, for the sale of alcohol, late night refreshment and regulated entertainment.

Removal of Embedded Restrictions

The application is also to remove all embedded restrictions inherent in the Licensing Act 1964, The Cinematograph (Safety) Regulations 1955 and the Children and Young Persons Act 1933.

There is no application for the removal of the existing public entertainment licence conditions, and therefore these would remain in place unless the sub-committee decided otherwise.

Notice of the application was displayed outside of the premises for a period of 28 days until 24 August 2005, and advertised in the Daily Echo on 29 July 2005.

The Operating Schedule, copied at Appendix 1, proposes the Relevant Licensable Activities as:

1 Regulated Entertainment (E,F,H,I,J)

Live Music, recorded music, dancing, disc jockey and entertainers

Sunday to Monday ***1000 to 0000***

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| | <i>New Years Eve</i> | <i>1000 to 0000 (1 January)</i> |
| 2 | Late Night Refreshment (L) | |
| | <i>Sunday to Monday</i> | <i>2300 to 0000</i> |
| | <i>New Years Eve</i> | <i>2300 to 0500 (1 January)</i> |
| 3 | Supply of Alcohol (M) | |
| | <i>Sunday to Monday</i> | <i>1000 to 0000</i> |
| | <i>New Years Eve</i> | <i>1000 to 0000 (1 January)</i> |
| 4. | Hours Premises Open To The Public (O) | |
| | <i>Sunday to Monday</i> | <i>1000 to 0030</i> |
| | <i>New Years Eve</i> | <i>1000 to 0030 (2 January)</i> |

(The above letters in brackets refer to the relevant sections of the application form)

Designated Premises Supervisor

David Henry John Wooding

Steps to promote the Licensing Objectives

Please see Section Q Appendix 1

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In respect of these premises, these relate to the following matters:-

- (a) Permitted hours (limitation of sale of alcohol to the standard permitted hours for licensed premises under the 1964 Act).
- (b) Section 168 Licensing Act 1964 - Children prohibited from bars (Note that Section 145 Licensing Act 2003 restricts unaccompanied children in premises supplying alcohol).
- (c) Children's Certificates (Section 168A(1) of the 1964 Act (as amended)) provides for children's certificates to be issued, allowing children into designated areas of licensed premises. No Children's Certificate submitted with this application).
- (d) The Cinematograph (Safety) Regulations 1955 would not apply to these premises.

- (e) The Children and Young Persons Act 1933 relates to the prohibition of giving alcohol to a child under 5 years, children employed on licensed premises and tobacco sales to children.

Notice of Hearing

Notices of the hearing were sent to all Parties on 4 September 2005

Relevant Representations**2. Responsible Authorities**

All of the Responsible Authorities have been served with a copy of the application and make the following representations:

Director of Communities

No representations received

Hampshire Constabulary

No representations received.

Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service

No representations received.

Child Protection Team

No representations received.

Director of Development

No representations received.

Head of Safety Standards

No representations received.

3. Interested Parties

1. Miss Susanna Gibbs

4. Observations

The Sub-Committee is obliged to determine this application with a view to promoting the Licensing Objectives:

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety
- The prevention of public nuisance
- The protection of children from harm

In making its decision, the Sub-Committee is also obliged to have regard to the National Guidance and the Council's Licensing Policy.

The Sub-Committee must have regard to all of the representations.

The Sub-Committee must take such of the following steps it considers necessary to promote the Licensing Objectives:

1. Grant the application as per the application, or
2. Modify the conditions of the licence by alteration or addition, or
3. Reject the whole or part of the application.

Decisions made under 2 or 3 above must actually be necessary to promote the Licensing Objectives.

Terminal hours.

The Sub-Committee should take account of the National Guidance and the Council's Licensing Policy with regard to terminal hours and take such steps as it considers necessary to promote the Licensing Objectives.

(Licensing Policy A8)

Licensing Objectives.

Crime and Disorder

The Sub-Committee should consider any necessary conditions to prevent crime and public disorder relating to the premises having regard to the Council's Licensing Policy.

(Licensing Policy 1.6, 2.11, 2.17)

Public Safety

The Sub-Committee should consider any necessary conditions relating to public safety having regard to the Council's Licensing Policy.

(Licensing Policy B3, B4)

Public Nuisance

The Sub-Committee should consider any necessary conditions to prevent public nuisance caused by noise pollution from the premises having regard to the representations of Interested Parties.

(Licensing Policy Section C)

Protection of Children

The Sub-Committee should consider any necessary conditions for the Protection of Children having regard to the Operating Schedule

(Licensing Policy D6, D7)

Human Rights

It is considered that Articles 6 (right to a fair trial) 8 (right to respect for private and family life) and Article 1 of the First Protocol (right to peaceable enjoyment of possessions) may be relevant. As there is a right of appeal to the Magistrates' Court, it is considered that there would be no infringement of Article 6. Article 8 is relevant, insofar as the nearby residents could claim that this right would be infringed by disturbance from customers. This should be balanced against the applicants' right to use of their premises under Article 1 of the First Protocol. Interference with these rights is permitted, where this interference is lawful, necessary in a democratic society, and proportionate. Likewise, the residents may argue that their rights under Article 1 of the First Protocol would be infringed. If conditions are imposed, there should be no interference with any convention rights. To the extent that any interference may occur, it would be justifiable in a democratic society, and proportionate.

5. Conditions

Mandatory Conditions

Under the Licensing Act 2003, the following conditions must be imposed on the Premises Licence in any event:-

1. No supply of alcohol may be made under the Premises Licence (a) at a time when there is no designated premises supervisor in respect of the premises licence, or (b) at a time when the designated premises supervisor does not hold a personal licence or his personal licence is suspended.
2. Every supply of alcohol under the premises licence must be made or authorised by a person who holds a personal licence.
3. Where individuals are required on premises to carry out security activities, they must be licensed by the Security Industry Authority.

Possible Conditions

If the application is granted, the Sub-Committee may wish to consider the following conditions to reflect the Operating Schedule:

Operating Hours

1. The hours the premises may open for other than Licensable Activities shall be:
 - (i) **Sunday to Monday** **1000 to 0030**
 - (ii) **New Years Eve** **1000 to 0030 (2 January)**
2. The hours the premises may be used for the sale of alcohol shall be:
 - (i) **Sunday to Monday** **1000 to 0000**
 - (ii) **New Years Eve** **1000 to 0000 (1 January)**
3. The hours the premises may be used for regulated entertainment shall be:
 - (i) **Sunday to Monday** **1000 to 0000**
 - (ii) **New Years Eve** **1000 to 0000 (1 January)**
4. The hours the premises may be used the provision of late night refreshment shall be:
 - (i) **Sunday to Monday** **2300 to 0000**
 - (ii) **New Years Eve** **2300 to 0500**

All Licensing Objectives

The existing public entertainment licence conditions which were included in the Premises Licence (following conversion), and which are shown in the copy of the licence in Appendix 1, would remain unless the Sub-Committee decided otherwise. Where express conditions

Crime and Disorder

1. There shall be a 30 minute 'cool down period' at the end of all licensable activities.

Public Safety

1. Adequate first aid equipment and facilities shall be provided.
2. No more than 300 persons shall be permitted on the premises whilst regulated entertainment is being provided.

[Note- this is the occupancy limit under the converted premises licence, previously set out in the public entertainment licence.

Public Nuisance

1. Whilst music is being played as part of regulated entertainment, the licensee or appointed member of staff shall check periodically that noise levels are acceptable. Such monitoring shall be carried out at the boundary of the premises to ensure that local residents are not likely to be disturbed.
2. Prominent, clear notices shall be displayed at all exits requesting customers to respect the needs of local residents, to leave the premises and the area quietly.
3. Staff shall be given appropriate instructions and training to encourage customers to leave the premises quietly and not to loiter in the vicinity of the premises so as to minimize disturbance to local residents.
4. Regulated entertainment shall be restricted to the inside of the premises.

Protection of Children

1. The premises shall adopt and implement the Hampshire Constabulary's Challenge 21 Scheme.
2. Children shall be allowed in designated areas, such areas to be non-smoking and exclude the areas around any hot catering equipment.
3. No children shall be allowed on the premises except when accompanied by an adult.

Removal of Embedded Restrictions

1. The provisions of the Licensing Act 1964, The Cinematograph (Safety) Regulations 1955 and the Children and Young Persons Act 1933 shall not apply.

Informatives

The following measures are recommended to the Licensee, but are not being suggested as conditions, and would not be enforceable under the Licensing Act. In many cases, however, they may be requirements under other legislation.

1. All doors on escape routes should be free from fastenings, or if fitted should only be simple fastenings that can be readily operated from the side approached by people making an escape. The operation of these fastenings should be without the use of a key and without having to manipulate more than one mechanism.
2. Periodic inspection certificates should be kept on the premises for the emergency lighting, fire fighting equipment, and fire alarm and detection system.
3. Copies of fire test results on any fabrics should be held on the premises for inspection if required.
4. If the premises are not fitted with a fire alarm and detection system then a written procedure for raising the alarm should be kept on the premises.

6. Other Considerations**Corporate Strategy (Relevance To:)**

This report covers issues which affect the Community safety, Economic Prosperity, and Cultural and Leisure Opportunities of the Corporate Strategy.

Resource Implications

None

Appendices

1. Application by Eldridge Pope and Company Limited
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3. Map of premises' location.