

Meeting to Discuss The Chapel Variation Application

11th August 2022

Present:

Applicant: [REDACTED]

Applicant Solicitor: Andrew Woods

Environmental Health: Vicky Brown

Licensing: Katherine Edge

Police: Tina Osborn and Lisa Lovatt

CC: Police Licensing Alastair Day, Environmental Health Trish Morse

Notes from the meeting:

The applicant currently has 11 late night venues with a capacity ranging from 400-1800 people. These are spread across the UK. These premises opening times are generally from 8pm – 4am.

The company- Epic Bars Ltd has two owners Mark and Nigel, a managing director, plus staff for various department within the company.

Sean Cullen, the current DPS at The Chapel has worked with Nigel for over 20 years.

The plan for the Chapel is to update the premises, but to keep it similar to how it was ran previously

It has been acknowledged that the Chapel has been very well ran by the previous owner.

The additional timings requested allow for a drinking up time before the venue closes.

The current licence holder has been operating since May. No complaint regarding noise have been made during this time to the present day.

The other venues owner by Epic bars all use glass bottles.

The applicant stated that 70% of sales in late night venues after 11pm are mixers and spirits, so the use of glass bottles after 11pm is reduced.

Changes to the layout include the room previously called the Vestry, to now be called the Botanic Room, this will be a cocktail bar and glass is to be used. This room will open on the first week of September.

There will be no VIP areas, instead private Booths (see variation plan) will be available in the Chapel Nightclub and the Disco room. This will be available via booking only. A host will be appointed to these booths.

Vodka and glasses of wine will be served in PET Plastic containers. Bottles of beer, wine and champagne will be served in glass bottles and decanted into PET containers. The bottles of wine and champagne will be taken to the booths.

The managements (DPS's) discretion will be used as to if glass will be provided, this will be dependent on the atmosphere on the night.

A per the licence conditions a Management Plan which must include the command structure and responsibilities, risk assessments, policies and procedures to enable the Premises Licence Holder to comply with the four licensing objectives, as well as a dispersal policy, drugs and search policy both developed in consultation with the Police, will be sent as soon as possible to the Police and Environmental Health.

This Management Plan will also contain information on how the Booths will be managed along with the glass bottles in the main part of the Chapel and the Glasses in the Botanic room.

A Noise Management Plan will be completed and sent to Environmental Health

Currently the Representation from the Police is still valid. If an agreement can not be made, the application will got to Hearing.