

DECISION NOTICE

Northern Area Licensing Sub Committee

Decision made on 19 January 2016

In respect of an application for a Variation of a Premises Licence at SN15, 17a Station Hill, Chippenham

Decision:

The Northern Area Licensing Sub Committee has resolved to grant the variation of the Premises Licence submitted by SN15 Leisure Limited in respect of SN15, 17a Station Hill, Chippenham as follows:

Conditions:

Door Supervisors

A minimum number of door supervisors should be provided as follows:

- a) Entrance* = Two door supervisors will be on duty at the main entrance from 21:00hrs.
- b) Ground Floor (Lower Bar/Front Bar) = 1 Mobile Door Supervisor.
- c) Balcony = 1 Door Supervisor.
- d) First Floor (Cocktail Bar/Dance Floor) = 2 Door Supervisors
- e) Rear Patio areas = 1 Door Supervisor, from 21:00hrs. – Ground Floor (Lower Bar/Front Bar) Mobile Door Supervisor to assist, when whole Patio is open or First Floor Dance Floor area is operating independently.
- f) Entrance and Patio/Smoking Area require Door Supervisors from 21:00hrs; in all other areas Door Supervisors to commence duties at 21:00hrs if the section is open, or 30 minutes prior to the section opening (when opening at a later time).
- g) When Premises operating as a whole premise 8 Door Supervisors will be required – commencement times as previously stated.
- h) 2 Door Supervisors to remain on duty outside the venue, for not less than 30 minutes after the last customer has left the venue, to provide a visible presence and deter anti-social behaviour and/or criminal behaviour. This also includes clearing the street of any litter left behind by patrons.

*Entrance Security = dress code to be agreed in consultation with Wiltshire Police, SIA Licence to be on the operative at all times.

All other areas = Door Supervisors to be in traditional Security dress with SIA licences on display.

The above conditions to apply whenever trading, whether or not Regulated Entertainment taking place.

Security Incident Register to be maintained, with Security Operatives signing on & off duty with full 16 digit SIA licence number.

All refusals & incidents to be recorded in the security incident book, which is to be signed off by the Duty Manager at the end of each day's trading.

Polycarbonates

- a) The use of drinking glasses is permitted in the lower and front bar.
- b) Glass wine and Champagne bottles, will only be allowed in the Ground Floor (Lower Bar, the Front Bar) and the First Floor Cocktail Bar. Door Supervisors will ensure that no Glasses and Bottles are allowed outside of these areas.
- c) Beer to be served in polycarbonates at all times – glass bottles to be decanted, or beer to be served in polycarbonate bottles, or to be on Tap and served in polycarbonate glasses.
- d) When the premises are operating as a whole, the requirement for additional polycarbonates will be determined by a risk assessment.

The above polycarbonate conditions to apply whenever trading, whether or not Regulated Entertainment taking place.

The Licence holder shall ensure that clear Risk Assessments and Management Procedures and Practices, in relation to these conditions, are prepared, maintained and made available to the satisfaction of Wiltshire Police and Wiltshire Council Licensing Authority.

Reasons:

The Applicants stated that they now wished to be able to operate the premises partly as a cocktail bar and did not wish to use the whole premises as a night club at all times. For this reason, the Applicants considered that the existing licence conditions were not appropriate for this reduced, and different, level of operation. The purpose of the variation application was to have more flexible requirements for door staff, dependant on the level of use of the premises, and to allow drinks to be served in glasses in the cocktail bar areas.

The Sub Committee noted that revised conditions in respect of door staff and the use of polycarbonates had been agreed between the Applicant and the Responsible Authorities who had made relevant representations. Both the police and the Licensing Authority had indicated that these proposed revised conditions were adequate to address their concerns and were appropriate to meet the licensing objectives, particularly relating to the prevention of crime and disorder and public safety. Taking account of comments made at the hearing, the Sub Committee considered, however, that further minor changes to those proposed conditions were appropriate to provide

further clarity, particularly in relation to the identification of the areas of the premises covered by the requirements in the new conditions.

With these minor changes, the Sub Committee considered that the agreed variation to the conditions on the premises licence should be approved, taking into account the change in the intended use of the premises, since the original licence had been issued.

Right of Appeal:

All parties have the right to appeal to the Magistrates Court within 21 days of receipt of this decision. Any person has the right to request a Review of the Licence, in accordance with the provisions of section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003.