

DECISION NOTICE

Northern Area Licensing Sub-Committee

Meeting held 21 June 2011, in respect of an objection by Wiltshire Police in respect of a variation to a Premises Licence to specify an individual as Designated Premises Supervisor by Constantine Leisure for Karma, Chippenham

Decision

The Sub Committee resolved to grant the application to vary the premises licence to specify Thomas Alistair Wickham as Designated Premises supervisor of Karma.

Having regard to the Police notice the sub-committee does not consider it necessary for the promotion of the crime prevention objectives to reject the application.

Reasons

The reasons for this were:

Whilst recognising that Mr Wickham was employed as Bar Manager at the time of some the incidents referred to in the previous Review, the sub-committee do not believe that he was sufficiently responsible in his role as Bar Manager to justify refusing this application.

Whilst accepting the Police points that Mr Wickham does not have experience of managing premises of the same size or issues as Karma, the sub-committee felt that any lack of experience was not sufficient to justify rejection of the application. The sub-committee noted that Mr. Wickham did have 8 years experience in the licensed trade and was undergoing training to improve his qualifications.

The sub-committee accepts that Mr Wickham did not deliberately seek to mislead the Review Hearing about his status as a Personal Licence Holder.

Appeal

In accordance with paragraph 5 of Schedule 5 to the Licensing Act 2003, the chief officer of police may appeal against the decision of the Sub-Committee to grant this application within 21 days of receipt of notification of the decision