

DECISION NOTICE

Northern Area Licensing Sub Committee

Decision made on 12 April 2013

In respect of an application for a Provisional Statement made by SN15 Limited for premises at 17A Station Hill, Chippenham

Decision:

The Northern Area Licensing Sub-Committee have considered an application by SN15 Ltd for a provisional statement for premises at 17A Station Hill, Chippenham in relation to the following proposed licensable activities:

	Timings	Days
<u>Provision of regulated entertainment</u>		
Films	11:00 to 03:00	Daily
Live music	11:00 to 03:00	Daily
Recorded music	11:00 to 03:00	Daily
Performance of dance	11:00 to 03:00	Daily
Anything of a similar description	11:00 to 03:00	Daily
Sale by retail of alcohol on sales only	11:00 to 02:30	Daily
Hours Premises Open to the Public	11:00 to 03:00	Daily

The Sub-committee having taken note of the management proposals by SN15 Limited has issued the following provisional statement:

The applicants are required to produce a proper schedule of works to bring the property into a satisfactory condition, which is fit for purpose, implementing all of the recommendations in the acoustic report by Ian Sharland Limited dated 10th November

2012 and the Fire Precautions Survey Report by Roger Tombs dated 7th November 2012 to the satisfaction of the Licensing Authority. On completion of the works and the installation of any PA system a commissioning exercise is to be undertaken to establish sound levels to the satisfaction of the licensing authority.

If the premises were altered in the way proposed in the schedule of works as described above and if a premises licence were sought for those premises in the terms set out in this attached application, then the Authority would consider it appropriate for the promotion of licensing objectives to modify the application and attach further conditions as follows:

The closing time of the premises on Sunday to Wednesday nights to be 02.00 hours the following morning with the terminal hours of licensable activities to be adjusted accordingly in particular supply of alcohol to cease at 01.30 hours on those days.

The external amenity area, as described in the acoustic report, is only to be used for smoking after 23.00 hours and is to be restricted to a maximum of 40 persons. The smoking area shall be restricted to the upper patio area. This area is to be appropriately managed by the applicant to ensure compliance

No rubbish or recyclable material is to be disposed of from the premises between the hours of 02.00 and 07.00

The Authority would also impose conditions consistent with those set out in the management plan and the operating schedule, as submitted with the application, and those previously applied to the premises licence for 17A Station Hill, held by Constantine Leisure Limited as at the time of its revocation in October 2011, as attached.

Reasons:

The Sub-Committee consider the proposed modifications and conditions would meet the licensing objectives in particular the prevention of public nuisance and the prevention of crime and disorder.

Evidence:

In reaching its decision the Sub Committee has considered the relevant provisions of the Licensing Act 2003 (in particular Sections 4 and 31); the guidance issued under Section 182 of the Act and the Licensing Policy of Wiltshire Council.

The Sub Committee have also considered the written evidence presented in the agenda, together with the oral evidence given at the hearing on behalf of the applicant, the responsible authorities and other persons who had made representations.

The applicant had explained that it was his intention to create an atmosphere in the club where patrons would have respect for the premises. They would not have any cheap drinks promotions and would seek to educate patrons that unsociable behaviour was

not acceptable. They were aware of the issues that had led to the previous premises licence being revoked and would work hard with the relevant authorities to ensure that similar problems did not recur.

The representatives of the licensing and public protection authorities explained that their main concerns were that the works set out in the acoustic and fire prevention reports were implemented in full, to reduce the impact of noise from the premises and that, in particular, the use of the outside area be restricted.

The police's representative referred to the problems that had existed when the premises had previously operated as a nightclub and drew attention to the reduction in the number of recorded incidents in the area, since the previous nightclub had closed. They noted that the type of operation being proposed was similar to that which had led to problems of nuisance and crime and disorder in the past.

Cllr Caswill and the other persons who gave evidence, also referred to the problems that they and their neighbours had experienced in the past from the premises and stated that they did not consider this to be an appropriate location for a nightclub.

Having taken into account all of the representations, the Sub-committee felt that there were not sufficient grounds to state that a premises licence application would be refused. They were concerned at the inadequacies in the schedule of works, but considered that, if a proper schedule of works were implemented, then the concerns about noise from the premises would be addressed. They also felt that it would be appropriate to impose similar conditions to those that had been previously applied to the premises, to address the other concerns that had been raised, in particular those about nuisance caused by persons leaving the premises.

Right to Appeal

All parties have the right to appeal to the Magistrates Court against the terms of this statement. Any such appeal must be made within 21 days of receipt of this statement .