

WILTSHIRE POLICE LICENSING REPORT 24th OCTOBER 2011

Premise Licence Application, 9 The Bridge, Chippenham

An application to permit the sale of hot refreshment from the premise was received on the 15th September 2011 by Wiltshire Police. The hours requested being, Sunday to Thursday 23.00 to 02.00 hours, and Friday to Saturday 23.00 to 04.00 hours.

A meeting was held with the applicant Mrs Lee on the 21st September 2011, a number of concerns were raised by the Police Licensing Officer regarding the hours requested and the location of the premise. A number of solutions were discussed including the provision of CCTV, door supervisors and the elimination of the use of the 'hatch' for food service.

Initially it was felt that a terminal hour of 02.00 hours would enable the premise to trade and promote the licensing objective – the prevention of crime and disorder. However, further data supplied by Wiltshire Police analysts supports the view that a terminal hour before 00.30 hours would be necessary to achieve the objective. Any extension beyond this hour would require conditions relating to CCTV, door staff and the use of the hatch for food service.

To date no mutually agreeable position has been met between Police and the applicant.

For the purpose of the licensing hearing listed for 3rd November 2011 Police intend to introduce data drawn from the subject profile created for the time period July 2010 – June 2011. A summary of this information is below –

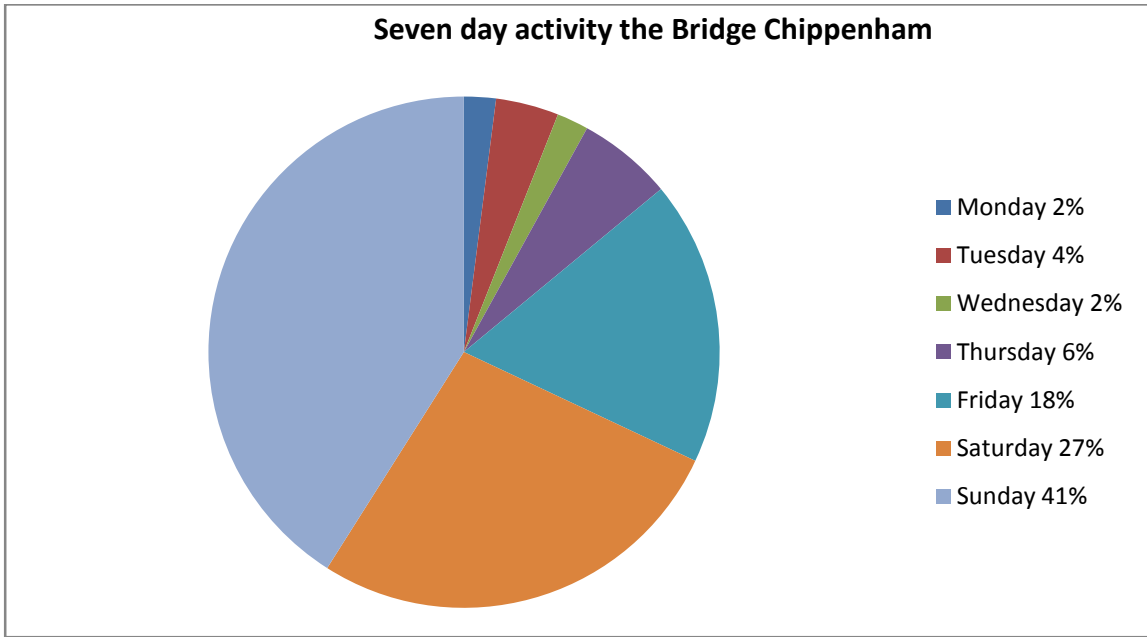
Subject Profile - Vicinity of Fortune Fish and Chips

The analysts note that it is important to look at the Bridge as a whole area in order to produce a full picture of the night time environment.

The following incidents were reported in the vicinity of the Fortune Fish and Chips. This includes the areas opposite Fortune Fish and Chips and as far as the Bridge.

Of the 163 incidents, 60 were found to be from the location the Bridge or Town Bridge, these being broadly categorised in the table below.

Drunk and disorderly	22
Assault	9
Fighting	8
Criminal damage	5
Drugs	4
Anti social behaviour	4
Begging	2
Theft	2
Lost property	2
Robbery	1
Section 27	1



The day, date and time of incidents were analysed and Saturday and Sunday were found to be the busiest days for Police calls on the Bridge Chippenham.

Peak time analysis found that most of the activity on the Bridge occurs between the hours 00.30 to 04.30 hours, with specific peaks occurring at 01.00 and 02.30 hours.

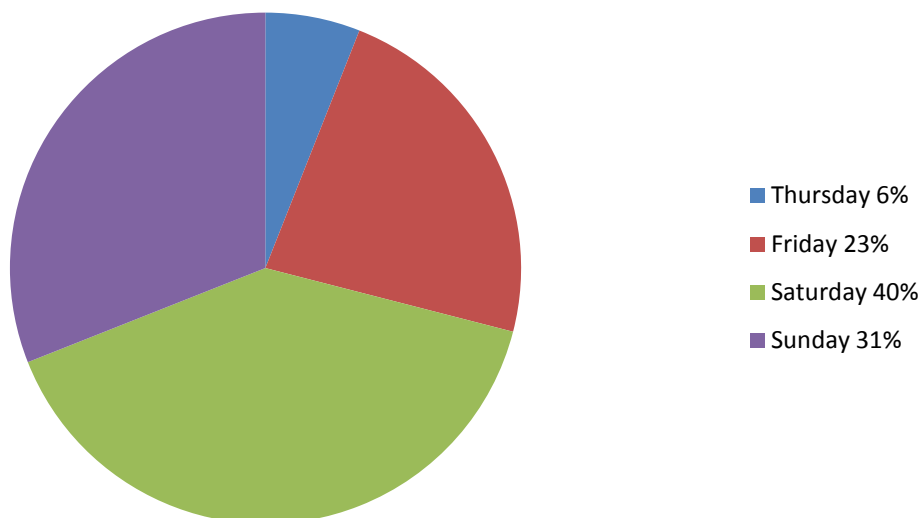
Subject Profile -Immediate Location of Fortune Fish and Chips

The profile focuses on two licensed premises which are situated on the Bridge Chippenham, one being next door to Fortune Fish and Chips and for the purpose of this report is described as the immediate location.

Of the total 163 incidents reported between July 2010 and June 2011 in the vicinity, 35 of the incidents were reported immediately adjacent to the premise known as Fortune Fish and Chips these have been broadly categorised in the table below.

Drunk and disorderly	17
Fighting	5
Drugs	4
Assault	4
Misc	3
Taxi fare dispute	2

Five day activity immediate location Fortune Fish and Chips Chippenham



The day, date and time of incidents were analysed and Saturday and Sunday were found to be the busiest days for Police calls to the immediate location of Fortune Fish and Chips.

Peak time analysis found that most of the activity at the immediate location occurs in the early hours of the morning, reaching its highest peaks at 01.00 hours and 02.30 hours.

Summary

Based upon the evidence that levels of crime and disorder are at their height at 01.00 and 02.30 hours, the police cannot support an application for another late night refreshment venue in this vicinity. The police view is that to uphold the objective of preventing crime and disorder the premise must close by 00.30 hours. If the Committee is minded to allow a later closure the following conditions should be given due consideration;

1. The sale of hot refreshment after 23.00 and before 04.00 hours be restricted to the shop area only, the use of the 'hatch' should not be permitted during licensable hours.
2. Two number door supervisors be deployed at the premises between the hours of 00.30 and 04.00 hours.
3. CCTV to be installed to cover the internal area and all exits and entrances, CCTV to be of sufficient quality so as to enable identification. Images to be securely stored for a period of not less than 28 days and produced to a police officer or council licensing officer on request.