

LICENSING (2003 ACT) SUB COMMITTEE

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DIRECTORATE OF FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES

**REPORT OF THE HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES
– C.A. JOHN**

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Interested Parties Representations

No representations

1.6. Policy Considerations

It is considered that the following policies are relevant to this application:

Statement of Licensing Policy

6.0 *Crime & Disorder*

- 6.2. *The council acknowledges that licensed premises, especially those offering late night/early morning entertainment, alcohol and refreshment for large numbers of people, can be a significant source of crime and disorder problems. The council expects the licensing trade to fully co-operate and play its part in minimising crime and disorder.*
- 6.5 *Applicants will be required to consider measures to prevent crime and disorder The following are examples of control measures that may need to be addressed in the operating schedule, having regard to their particular type of premises and/or activities: -*
- (a) Effective and responsible management of premises*
 - (b) Training and supervision of staff*
 - (c) The internal layout and the location of various pieces of equipment within premises, including the position of cash registers, gaming machines etc.*
 - (d) The provision location and suitability of any CCTV and the need for Police and local authority to have right of access to tapes.*
 - (e) The use of plastic or toughened drinking vessels.*
 - (f) The adequacy of staffing levels to maintain a safe environment.*
 - (g) Management policy and action in relation to people who become intoxicated or disorderly.*
 - (h) Participation in Pub watch or other similar schemes.*

(i) The controls in place to prevent the use or supply of illegal drugs, including entry policies and search procedures.

(j) The policy/procedure in respect of age verification and preventing sales of alcohol to under age people.

(k) Adoption of best practice guidance (e.g. safer clubbing, Security by design etc)

(l) The likelihood of disorder, if a licence is granted.

6.6 *In addition to the requirements that the Council promote the licensing objectives, it also has a duty under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to do all it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in the County Borough. The council is required therefore to have particular regard to the likely impact of licensing on crime and disorder. The nature or type of premises, its location, the hours of operation, its impact on the area, the operation and management of premises are all significant factors, which can impact on crime and disorder. All applications for licences or certificates including renewals and variations will be expected to have addressed these matters within the operating schedule.*

6.9 *(ii) CCTV*

The provision of CCTV is a very useful tool in monitoring premises to assist in ensuring the safety of patrons and preventing crime and disorder. The council may specify that a suitable system approved by the police and council, covering the interior and exterior of the premises, is installed. This should be properly maintained and fully operational whilst the premises are open. The areas to be covered should normally be entrances, both external and internal and any part of the premises not routinely under visual supervision including beer gardens. CCTV tapes should be kept for twenty-eight days and made available to the police and local authority officers at any time.

7.0 **Public Safety**

7.3 *The Council requires that operating schedules demonstrate that suitable and sufficient measures are in place to ensure public safety, appropriate to the individual style and characteristics of the premises and events. Matters which should be considered by the applicant include:*

- The occupancy capacity of the premises*
- The age, design and layout of the premises, including means of escape in the event of fire or other emergency, including provision for the safe evacuation of disabled or infirm persons.*

- *The nature of the licensable activities to be provided, in particular the sale or supply of alcohol, and/or the provision of music and dancing and including whether those activities are of a temporary or permanent nature*
- *The hours of operation (differentiating the hours of opening from the hours when licensable activities are provided, if different)*
- *Customer profile (e.g. age, disability)*
- *The use of special effects such as lasers, pyrotechnics, smoke machines, foam machines etc.*

7.4 *The following examples of control measures are given to assist applicants who may need to take account of them in their operating schedule, having regard to their particular type of premises and/or activities:*

- *Suitable and sufficient risk assessments*
- *Effective and responsible management of premises both within and in the vicinity of the premises.*
- *Provision of a sufficient number of people employed or engaged to secure the safety of the premises and patrons*
- *Appropriate instruction, training and supervision of those employed or engaged to secure the safety of the premises and all patrons including the disabled and infirm.*
- *Adoption of best practice guidance (e.g. Guide to Fire Precautions in Existing Places of Entertainment and Like Premises, The Event Safety Guide, Safety in Pubs published by the BBPA BS 5588 part 8 means of escape for disabled persons).*
- *Provision of effective CCTV in and around premises*
- *Provision of toughened or plastic drinking vessels*
- *Implementation of crowd management measures*
- *Proof of regular testing (and certification where appropriate) of procedures, appliances, systems etc pertinent to safety*

7.5 *Certain types of premises, due to the nature of activities being provided, may give rise to a significant risk if occupancy numbers are not set. The council following representations will consider setting occupancy limits particularly in respect of the following types of premises:*

- (i) night clubs/public houses providing regulated entertainment*
- (ii) theatres*
- (iii) cinemas*

(iv) any other premises where the authority is satisfied that the nature and operation of the premises is such that it requires regulation of numbers at the premises.

- 7.6 *The council following representations may also impose occupancy limits when it considers it appropriate for other reasons, e.g. to minimise crime and disorder.*

Secretary of State's Guidance

Public Safety

- 7.34 *“Safe capacities” should only be imposed where necessary for the promotion of public safety or the prevention of disorder on the relevant premises. For example, if a fire certificate for certain premises includes certain conditions, it would be unnecessary to reproduce them in a premises licence. Indeed, it would be wrong to lay down conditions which produce conflict with other legal requirements. However, if the fire certificate has been granted for premises when their future use for a licensable activity was not known, the fire authority may consider it necessary for a new capacity to be attached to the premises which would apply at any material time when the licensable activities are taking place and make representations to that effect. In considering the representations, licensing authorities should give particular weight to those made by the fire authority in such circumstances. Capacities attached to premises licences or club premises certificates may in certain circumstances be necessary in preventing disorder, as overcrowded venues can increase the risks of disorder as crowds become frustrated and hostile.*

1.7. Officer's Report

Representations from the police refer to issues of crime and disorder, opening hours and the lack of any information provided to promote the licensing objectives.

Similarly the fire officer makes representations that no information is provided in respect of the public safety objective.

1.8. Recommendation

That members determine the application after taking into account the representations received.

List of Background Papers

Applicaton for Premises Licence

Officer Contact

J Sullivan Principal Officer Licensing

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Wards Affected

Neath North

The Prevention of Public Nuisance:

The use of prominent signs displayed requesting patrons to have regard to local residents when leaving the premises.

1.13. Relevant Representations:

Responsible Authorities Representations

Police

See Appendix 3

Environmental Health

See Appendix 4

Interested Parties Representations

No representations

1.14. Policy Considerations

It is considered that the following policies are relevant to this application:

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crime and disorder. The council may specify that a suitable system approved by the police and council, covering the interior and exterior of the premises, is installed. This should be properly maintained and fully operational whilst the premises are open. The areas to be covered should normally be entrances, both external and internal and any part of the premises not routinely under visual supervision including beer gardens. CCTV tapes should be kept for twenty-eight days and made available to the police and local authority officers at any time.

8.0 Prevention of Public Nuisance

- 8.1 *Licensed premises, especially those operating late at night and in the early hours of the morning can cause a range of nuisances impacting on people living, working or sleeping in the vicinity of the premises. The council wishes to maintain and protect the amenity of residents and businesses from potential consequence of the operation of licensed premises. However it also recognises the economic, social, and cultural importance that such premises provide, and will endeavour to ensure that a reasonable balance is maintained.*
- 8.2 *The Council will expect operating schedules to demonstrate that suitable and sufficient measures have been identified, and will be implemented and maintained to prevent public nuisance. The extent and nature of these measures will be determined by the style and characteristics of the premises and events.*

Secretary of State's Guidance

6.0 Prevention of Public Nuisance

- 7.39 *The 2003 Act requires licensing authorities following receipt of relevant representations and, through the making of representations, responsible authorities to make judgements about what constitutes public nuisance and what is necessary, in terms of conditions attached to specific premises licences and club premises certificates to prevent it. It is therefore important that in considering the promotion of this licensing objective, licensing authorities and responsible authorities focus on impacts of the licensable activities at the specific premises on persons living and working (including doing business) in the vicinity that are disproportionate and unreasonable. The issues will mainly concern noise nuisance, light pollution, noxious smells and litter.*

7.43 *Where applications have given rise to representations, any necessary and appropriate conditions should normally focus on the most sensitive periods. For example, music noise from premises usually occurs from mid-evening until either late evening or early morning when residents in adjacent properties may be attempting to go to sleep or are sleeping. In certain circumstances, conditions relating to noise may also prove necessary to address any disturbance anticipated as customers enter and leave the premises and therefore, in the immediate vicinity of the premises.*

1.15. Officer's Report

The police make representations in respect of public nuisance and crime and disorder. The closure time is also considered to be excessive. The Environmental Health Officer refers to the potential for public nuisance and disturbance due to the hours sought and the location of the premises. Reduced operating hours are proposed.

1.16. Recommendation

That members determine the application after taking into account the representations received.

List of Background Papers

Application for Premises Licence

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Wards Affected

Neath East

1.20. Promotion of Licensing Objectives

No information provided.

1.21. Relevant Representations:

Responsible Authorities Representations

Police

See Appendix 5

Interested Parties Representations

No representations

1.22. Policy Considerations

It is considered that the following policies are relevant to this application:

Statement of Licensing Policy

8.0 *Prevention of Public Nuisance*

8.1 *Licensed premises, especially those operating late at night and in the early hours of the morning can cause a range of nuisances impacting on people living, working or sleeping in the vicinity of the premises. The council wishes to maintain and protect the amenity of residents and businesses from potential consequence of the operation of licensed premises. However it also recognises the economic, social, and cultural importance that such premises provide, and will endeavour to ensure that a reasonable balance is maintained.*

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Secretary of State's Guidance

- 7.42. *As with all conditions, it will be clear that conditions relating to noise nuisance may in certain circumstances not be necessary where the provisions of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and of the Noise Act 1996 adequately protect those living in the vicinity of the premises in question. But as stated earlier in this Guidance, the approach of licensing authorities and responsible authorities should be one of prevention and when their powers are engaged, licensing authorities should be aware of the fact that other legislation may not adequately cover concerns raised in relevant representations and additional conditions may be necessary.*
- 7.43. *Where applications have given rise to representations, any necessary and appropriate conditions should normally focus on the most sensitive periods. For example, music noise from premises usually occurs from mid-evening until either late evening or early morning when residents in adjacent properties may be attempting to go to sleep or are sleeping. In certain circumstances, conditions relating to noise may also prove necessary to address any disturbance anticipated as customers enter and leave the premises and therefore, in the immediate vicinity of the premises.*

1.23. Officer's Report

The police representations relate solely to the operating hours and the potential for nuisance from social disturbance.

1.24. Recommendation

That members determine the application after taking into account the representations received.

List of Background Papers

Application for Premises Licence

Officer Contact

J Sullivan Principal Officer Licensing
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Wards Affected

Taibach

1.25. Application for Variation of Premises Licence

Ref.No.: 002752 Wards Bryncoch South
Affected:
Premises Lidl
Name:
Premises Vale Of Neath Business Park, Golwg Y Gamlas,
Address: Cadoxton, SA10 7AY
Applicant Lidl UK GmbH
Name:
Applicant 19 Worple Road, London, SW19 4JS
Address:
DPS Name: Mr Grant Linton Jones
DPS Address: 48 Llys Ael-Y-Bryn, Birchgrove, Swansea, SA7 OHB
Application 11/10/2005
Date:

1.26. Conversion Application

The premises are presently licensed as follows:-

Supply of Alcohol:

Monday to Friday	08.00 - 20.00
Saturday	08.00 - 18.00
Sunday	10.00 - 16.00

The opening hours of the premises

Opening Hours - Standard Timings:

Monday to Friday	08.00 - 20.00
Saturday	08.00 - 18.00
Sunday	10.00 - 16.00

1.28. Variation Application

The applicant seeks to extend the licensable activities as follows:-

Supply of Alcohol:

Monday - Sunday	08:00 23:00
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Opening Hours - Standard Timings:

Monday to Sunday	08.00 - 23.00
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1.29. Promotion of Licensing Objectives

The Prevention of Crime & Disorder:

As per existing licence.

Public Safety:

As per existing licence.

Prevention of Public Nuisance

As per existing licence.

The Protection of Children from Harm:

As per existing licence.

1.30. Relevant Representations:

Responsible Authorities Representations

Planning

See Appendix 6

Interested Parties Representations

No representations

1.31. Policy Considerations

It is considered that the following policies are relevant to this application:

Statement of Licensing Policy

11.0 *Integration*

11.5. *The Council acknowledges that there must be proper separation of the planning, building control and licensing functions and that licensing applications will not be a re-run of the planning application.*

11.6 *The licensing committee will, where appropriate provide reports to the planning committee in respect of licensed premises in the area, including the general impact of alcohol related crime and disorder. The Council will only attach conditions to premises licences and club premises certificates, which are necessary to promote the licensing objectives and will not seek to duplicate the requirements of other legislation.*

Secretary of State's Guidance

3.51. *A statement should also indicate:*

That planning, building control and licensing regimes will be properly separated to avoid duplication and inefficiency. Applications for premises licences for permanent commercial premises should normally be from businesses with planning consent for the property concerned. Licensing applications should not be a re-run of the planning application and should not cut across decisions taken by the local authority planning committee or following appeals against decisions taken by that committee. Similarly, the granting by the licensing committee of any variation of a licence which involves a material alteration to a building would not relieve the applicant of the need to apply for planning permission or building control where appropriate. Proper integration should be assured by licensing committees, where appropriate, providing regular reports to the planning committee on the situation regarding licensed premises in the area, including the general impact of alcohol related crime and disorder. This would enable the planning committee to have regard to such matters when taking its decisions and avoid any unnecessary overlap.

1.35. Recommendation

That members determine the application after taking into account the representations received.

List of Background Papers

Application for Variation of Premises Licence

Officer Contact

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Wards Affected

Bryncoch South

Recorded Music:
Monday to Sunday 19.00 - 23.00

Non-standard Timings:
Times as above

1.38. Background Information

Provided by applicant:-

Public house situated just off main road, facilities include bar/lounge on the ground floor and a function room on the first floor.

Promotion of Licensing Objectives

The following information has been provided by the applicant:

General - all four licensing objectives:

The types of regulated entertainments proposed re-instate and then enhance the local facilities for social entertainment and reduce the focus on alcohol.

Staff will be trained on the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003 when they are recruited and given training in drugs awareness as part of their induction.

The Prevention of Crime & Disorder:

A personal licence holder will be present on the premises whenever they are trading after 23.00hrs.

Not less than five working days written notice will be provided to police, if they require it, when events days are planned.

Public Safety:

Function bookings will be limited to 100 persons.

On certain occasions if there is a risk of overcrowding the capacity of the whole premises (including staff and performers) will not

exceed numbers agreed in advance with the Police, including other measures of control depending on the circumstances.

The Prevention of Public Nuisance:

Live music will end at 23.00hrs except on New Years Eve and New Years Day.

Live music will be staged only in the bar and/or function room.

Recorded music indoors will end at 23.00hrs except on New Years Eve and New Years Day.

A notice will be placed prominently at the exits asking customers to leave quietly.

The garden will be closed at or before 22.30hrs.

Kitchen extract filters will be cleaned at least once a week to minimise the impact of cooking smells on neighbours.

The Protection of Children from Harm:

The restrictions set out in the Licensing Act 2003 will apply.

Photographic proof of age will be required to be shown by anyone seeking to purchase alcohol who appears to be under 20 years of age.

No unusual risks of harm to children have been identified.

1.39. Relevant Representations:

Responsible Authorities Representations

Fire Officer

See Appendix 7

Interested Parties Representations

No representations

1.40. Policy Considerations

It is considered that the following policies are relevant to this application:

7.0 *Public Safety*

7.2 *Each of these types of premises present a mixture of risks, with many common to most premises and others unique to specific operations. It is essential that premises are constructed or adapted and operated so as to acknowledge and safeguard occupants against these risks. The council is committed to ensuring that the safety of any person visiting or working in licensed premises is not compromised.*

7.3 *The Council requires that operating schedules demonstrate that suitable and sufficient measures are in place to ensure public safety, appropriate to the individual style and characteristics of the premises and events. Matters which should be considered by the applicant include:*

- *The occupancy capacity of the premises*
- *The age, design and layout of the premises, including means of escape in the event of fire or other emergency, including provision for the safe evacuation of disabled or infirm persons.*
- *The nature of the licensable activities to be provided, in particular the sale or supply of alcohol, and/or the provision of music and dancing and including whether those activities are of a temporary or permanent nature*
- *The hours of operation (differentiating the hours of opening from the hours when licensable activities are provided, if different)*
- *Customer profile (e.g. age, disability)*
- *The use of special effects such as lasers, pyrotechnics, smoke machines, foam machines etc.*

1.41. Recommendation

That members determine the application after taking into account the representations received.

List of Background Papers

Application for Premises Licence

Officer Contact

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Wards Affected

Coedffranc Central

The Prevention of Crime & Disorder:

Giving full co-operation in a calm and effective manner by providing a fast and efficient service to minimise irritation from impatient customers.

Install a CCTV system to provide more security in the premises.

Drinks to be sold in the forms of plastic cans/bottles.

Public Safety:

The premises will be presented with appropriate safety signs such as fire exit, hot surfaces etc.

To work hand in hand with the local authority to promote ongoing safety to the public.

The Prevention of Public Nuisance:

Playing suitable music that is soft and calming to prevent loud nuisance.

Keeping the opening hours schedule to avoid disturbing nearby residents.

Disposing of litter in a responsible manner - time and place to ensure clean environment.

The Protection of Children from Harm:

To ensure children entering the premises are accompanied by an adult while in the premises, and that they are supervised at all times while there.

1.45. Relevant Representations:

Responsible Authorities Representations

Police

See Appendix 8

Fire Officer

See Appendix 9

1.46. Interested Parties Representations

No representations

1.47. Policy Considerations

It is considered that the following policies are relevant to this application:

8.0. *Public Nuisance*

8.1 *Licensed premises, especially those operating late at night and in the early hours of the morning can cause a range of nuisances impacting on people living, working or sleeping in the vicinity of the premises. The council wishes to maintain and protect the amenity of residents and businesses from potential consequence of the operation of licensed premises. However it also recognises the economic, social, and cultural importance that such premises provide, and will endeavour to ensure that a reasonable balance is maintained.*

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- *The nature of the licensable activities to be provided, in particular the sale or supply of alcohol, and/or the provision of music and dancing and including whether those activities are of a temporary or permanent nature*
- *The hours of operation (differentiating the hours of opening from the hours when licensable activities are provided, if different)*
- *Customer profile (e.g. age, disability)*
- *The use of special effects such as lasers, pyrotechnics, smoke machines, foam machines etc.*

1.48. Recommendation

That members determine the application after taking into account the representations received.

List of Background Papers

Application for Premises Licence.

Officer Contact

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Wards Affected

Briton Ferry East

1.49. Application for Variation of Premises Licence

Ref.No.: 002268 Wards Glynneath
Affected:
Premises Wool Pack
Name:
Premises Wool Pack Hotel, High Street, Glynneath, Neath, West
Address: Glamorgan, SA11 5
Applicant Mr Jason Keith Edwards
Name:
Applicant The Woolpack, 68 High Street, Glynneath, Neath,
Address: SA11 5DA
DPS Name: Mr Jason Keith Edwards
DPS Address: The Woolpack, 68 High Street, Glynneath, Neath,
SA11 5DA
Application 22/07/2005
Date:

1.50. Current Licence

The premises are presently licensed as follows:-

Supply of Alcohol:

Monday - Saturday 10:00 23:00
Sunday 12:00 22:30

Non-standard Timings:

Good Friday 12:00 22:30
Christmas Day 12:00 15:00
19:00 22:30

The opening hours of the premises

Standard Timings:

Monday - Saturday 10:00 23:20
Sunday 12:00 22:50

Non-standard Timings:

Good Friday 12:00 22:50
Christmas Day 12:00 15:20
19:00 22:50

1.51. Variation Application

The applicant seeks to extend the licensable activities as follows:-

Supply of Alcohol:

Monday to Friday 11.00 - 23.30

Saturday 11.00 - 00.00

Sunday 11.00 - 23.30

Seasonal Variations:

New Years Eve

Opening Hours - Standard Timings:

Monday to Friday 11.0 - 00.00

Saturday 11.00 - 00.30

Sunday 11.00 - 00.00

Seasonal Variations:

New Years Eve

Live Music:

Monday to Friday 11.00 - 23.30

Saturday 11.00 - 00.00

Sunday 11.00 23.30

Seasonal Variations:

New Year Eve

Recorded Music:

Monday to Friday 11.00 - 23.30

Saturday 11.00 - 00.00

Sunday 11.00 - 23.30

Seasonal Variations:

New Years Eve

Performance of Dance:

Monday to Friday 11.00 - 23.30

Saturday 11.00 - 00.00

Sunday 11.00 - 23.30

Activity like Music/Dance:

Monday to Friday 11.00 - 23.30

Saturday 11.00 - 00.00

Sunday 11.00 - 23.30

Seasonal Variations:
Non-standard Timings:

Late Night Refreshment:
Monday to Friday 11.00 - 23.30
Saturday 11.00 - 23.30
Sunday 11.00 - 23.30
Seasonal Variations:
New Years Eve

1.52. Background Information

Promotion of Licensing Objectives

The following information has been provided by the applicant:

General - All Four Licensing Objectives:

We have made every effort to meet all four licensing objectives such as: Drug policy notices, ("zero tolerance" notice enclosed). Personal licence holder on premises, safety check book kept up to date, accident book kept up to date, we have CCTV cameras in situ and noise levels are preset low to prevent disturbance outside the premises.

The Prevention of Crime & Disorder:

Drug awareness and policy notices are displayed, our emergency lighting is checked weekly and all emergency exits are checked daily to ensure the safety of our customers. We do not permit bottles to be brought on to or taken off the premises. Age restrictions apply any persons suspected of being under age is asked for photographic proof such as passport, driving licence or proof of age card.

Public Safety:

Emergency lighting is tested weekly and recorded in a register and the emergency exits are checked daily and also registered in the safety check register. We have a full and comprehensive first aid box which is checked and kept topped up. We do not use any special effects such as stroboscopic lighting or smoke machines. We have notices on display advising our clientele not to drink and drive and includes a list of local taxi firms whom we will happily ring for them.

The Prevention of Public Nuisance:

We have a preset noise level on our juke box and control the volume from behind the bar, thus we are able to keep the music to a reasonable level. We ensure that noise emanating from our premises will be inaudible at the facade of the nearest noise sensitive property. We also have a double door entry system through the entrance lobby which helps eliminate the escape of noise as customers enter or exit the premises. Will operate a closed door policy after 23.30hrs and we have a sign asking patrons to leave quietly.

The Protection of Children From Harm:

Children are only permitted in the lounge area with a responsible adult up to 19.00hrs and all soft drinks are served in plastic bottles with the tops removed by our staff or the drink is dispensed into a plastic glass. We do not provide "adult entertainment".

1.53. Relevant Representations:

Responsible Authorities Representations

Police

See Appendix 10

Interested Parties Representations

No Representations

Policy Considerations

It is considered that the following policies are relevant to this application:

Statement of Licensing Policy

6.0. *Crime & Disorder*

6.6 *In addition to the requirements that the Council promote the licensing objectives, it also has a duty under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to do all it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in the County Borough. The council is required*

therefore to have particular regard to the likely impact of licensing on crime and disorder. The nature or type of premises, its location, the hours of operation, its impact on the area, the operation and management of premises are all significant factors, which can impact on crime and disorder. All applications for licences or certificates including renewals and variations will be expected to have addressed these matters within the operating schedule.

1.54. Recommendation

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List of Background Papers

Application for Variation of Premises Licence

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Ward Affected

Glynneath