

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE
20th September, 2005

PRESENT – Councillors Lawton, Nutt and J.C. Vasey. (3)

APOLOGIES – None.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE – Councillor Maybrey. (1)

LS27. ELECTION OF CHAIR – RESOLVED – That Councillor Nutt be appointed Chair for this meeting only.

LS28. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

LS29. PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATION – VARIATION – THE GREYHOUND HOTEL, PARKGATE - The Director of Environment submitted a report (previously circulated) giving details of a contested application from Punch Taverns Plc in relation to the Greyhound Hotel, Parkgate, Darlington to vary its Premises Licence.

Mr. Paul Hutchinson, Punch Taverns Plc addressed the meeting and responded to Members' questions. The applicant also responded to the 'points of clarification' highlighted in the submitted report. Inspector S. Collingwood, making representations on behalf of Durham Constabulary addressed the meeting also.

The Sub-Committee considered the views of the objectors and the applicant in accordance with the "Licensing Sub-Committees – Full Hearing Procedure for Applications for Personal Licences Where Representations Have Been Received.

Following a short adjournment, Mr. Hutchinson presented an amended application which was agreed by Durham Constabulary and subsequently considered by the Licensing Sub-Committee.

RESOLVED – That the amended application be granted to vary the hours to 11.00 a.m. to 3.00 a.m. and for the sale of alcohol to 11.00 a.m. to 2.30 a.m.; extend the hours of regulated entertainment, to include indoor sporting events, live music and anything similar to provision of facilities for both making music and dancing to 11.00 a.m. to 12.00 midnight seven days a week; and to allow recorded music between the hours of 11.00 a.m. and 3.00 a.m., subject to the following conditions :-

- (a) That conspicuous and legible signage will be prominently displayed within the premises at each exit, requesting that patrons leave the establishment in a quiet and orderly manner.
- (b) That all windows and doors will remain closed at all times when regulated entertainment is taking place, except for normal ingress and egress.
- (c) That the capacity of the premises shall not exceed the figure to be agreed with the Environmental Health Officer and that all admissions and entries to the premises is at all times monitored to ensure that overcrowding does not occur.
- (d) That smoking is not permitted in the Lounge when children are present.
- (e) That adequate lighting is provided and maintained to all exterior areas of the premises.

- (f) That the licensee attends Darlington Pub Watch meetings and participates in the Darlington Pub Scheme.
- (g) That the premises offer full disabled access.
- (h) That the Applicant Company maintains and uses air extraction units to ensure the comfort of its patrons.
- (i) That all children under the age of 18 years will be admitted to the Lounge area of the premise only, subject to the consent of the License. All such children must be accompanied by an adult.
- (j) That children under the age of 18 years will not be permitted onto or remain in the t premises after 9.00 p.m.
- (k) No patrons to be admitted onto the premises after 12.00 midnight.

In making its decision the Sub-Committee took into account :-

- (a) The Sub-Committee were satisfied that the conditions placed on the licence will address the issues raised by the Police, as a Responsible Authority in relation to prevention of crime and disorder and public nuisance.