

**LICENSING ACT 2003
NOTIFICATION OF HEARING
(Regulations 6 and 7)**

Date of Notification: 3 November 2023

Type of Hearing: Application for a Premises Licence Review

Premises: Majestic
80 Bondgate
DARLINGTON
DL3 7JT

Hearing Details: Wednesday 15 November 2023

Location: Darlington Borough Council,
Town Hall, Darlington,
DL1 5QT

Copy of notice sent to: Lyall Events and Entertainment Ltd
(Premise Licence Holder)
Durham Constabulary (Responsible Authority)

Attendance: All parties may attend this hearing. You may find it useful to be accompanied by your legal representative(s) or any other person who may be able to assist you. Please complete the attached form and return to the Licensing Section **no later than 8 November 2023**.

Non-attendance: If you notify the Licensing Authority that you will not be attending this hearing and that you will not be legally represented in your absence, the hearing may proceed in your absence. If you do not notify your non-attendance and then do not attend this hearing the Licensing Sub Committee will decide whether it is in the public interest to adjourn the hearing to enable you to attend or whether to hold the hearing in your absence. If the hearing does proceed in your absence your representations will still be considered.

Procedure at the Hearing: You will find attached, the procedure that will be followed at the Hearing. The Hearing will take place in public unless it is deemed in the public interest to exclude the public or any party to the Hearing from all or part of the Hearing. If a party is excluded from the Hearing (s)he will be able to provide written information to cover any verbal representations (s)he may have made if (s)he had not been so excluded. The Hearing will take the form of a discussion and each party will be permitted an equal period of time to provide information, make comment and express their views.

Withdrawal of Representations: Anyone wishing to withdraw representations should do so as soon as possible. Although this can be done at the Hearing, you are requested, where possible, to give at least 24 hours' notice as it may no longer be necessary for the Hearing to proceed.

Outcome of Hearing: A decision will be made at the end of the hearing, although this may take some time.



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**NOTICE OF ATTENDANCE
APPLICATION FOR A PREMISE LICENCE REVIEW**

Please complete the following notice in block capitals and return to the address detailed below:

DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday 15 November 2023 at 10.00
NAME OF PREMISES: Majestic
80 Bondgate
DARLINGTON DL3 7JT

YOUR NAME:

I will* will not* be attending the meeting

I will* will not* be legally represented

NAME OF LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE
(IF APPROPRIATE):

(*please ✓ where appropriate)

If you wish to be accompanied by any other person please provide details of their name and an outline of what they wish to say and how this will assist you:

Name:

Details:

Please return to: Licensing
Darlington Borough Council
Block D, Town Hall
Feethams
DARLINGTON
DL1 5QT

Or email brian.murray@darlington.gov.uk and licensing@darlington.gov.uk

LICENSING SUB COMMITTEES

FULL HEARING PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR PREMISES LICENCES/CLUB PREMISES CERTIFICATES WHERE RELEVANT REPRESENTATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED

1. The Chair will welcome all parties who are present and introduce the Members. The Chair will explain to the parties at the beginning of a hearing the procedure that it is proposed to follow. The hearing will take the form of a discussion. Cross-examination will not be permitted without the consent of the Chair.

Any Members who know the Premises Licence holder or any of the objectors will declare this fact and not take part in the hearing of the application. This is in addition to the declaration of any personal or prejudicial interest.

(NB. The Secretariat will endeavour to ensure that Ward Members and Members that are personally known to the applicant are not included on the Sub Committee.)

All hearings will usually be in public. The Sub Committee may however exclude the public from all or part of a hearing where it considers that the public interest in so doing outweighs the public interest in the hearing, or that part of the hearing, taking place in public.

The Licensing Manager will outline the application.

2. **The Representor's Case**

NB: Where representations come from "Other Persons", i.e local residents or businesses or representatives of such groups, the Sub Committee will expect that wherever possible a spokesperson be elected to speak on behalf of the group. This person will make the application. At the conclusion of the application the Chair will ask the group if there is any information which is additional to the application made by the spokesperson and if so will permit this information to be given.

- [1] The Representor or his/her representative will give their reasons for objecting to the application.
- [2] The Representor or his/her representative will then call any witnesses and/or give reasons for their objection.
- [3] The Applicant or his/her representative may then question the Representor [if they have given evidence] and any witnesses.
- [4] The Chair or any member of the Licensing Sub Committee, through the Chair, may ask questions of the Objector and any witness.

If several objections have been received and the Representors have not agreed to present their objection jointly, this procedure will normally be repeated for each individual Representor.

3. **The Applicant's Case**

- [1] The Applicant or his/her representative presents his/her application for a licence.
- [2] The Applicant or his/her representative will then call any witnesses and/or give evidence in support of his/her application.
- [3] The Representor(s) may then question the Applicant if they have given evidence and any witnesses.
- [4] The Chair or any Member of the Licensing Sub Committee through the Chair will ask questions of the Applicant and any witnesses.
- [5] The Applicant or his/her representative will then be given a final opportunity of asking any further questions of any witnesses to clear up any points raised in the earlier questioning.

4. The Applicant will be asked by the Chair of the Sub Committee whether, in the light of the information heard in relation to the application, they wish to amend the application, as when they retire, Members will consider only the information before them at that time.

If the Applicant wishes to amend the application or indicates that they are prepared for Members to consider an amended application if they are minded to refuse the original application, the Objectors will be given the opportunity to comment on the amended application.

5. **Closing Statement or Summary**

- [1] **By or on behalf of the Representors.** The Representor(s) may summarise any points they wish to make and comment briefly on the Applicant's replies to questions. They cannot introduce new issues.
- [2] **By or on behalf of the Applicant.** The Applicant will be invited to summarise any points they wish to make and comment briefly on the Representor(s) replies to questions. They cannot introduce new issues.

6. **Conclusion**

All decisions will be made in private.

If Members, when considering the application, are minded to grant on a different basis than that requested, the Applicant, the Responsible Authorities and Interested Parties will be asked for their views, which will be taken into consideration.

The Legal Officer will repeat, in summary form, any legal advice given to Members when the public is re-admitted.

If the Licensing Sub-Committee has excluded the public, once a decision has been reached, the press and public will be re-admitted to the meeting together with the

Applicant, Responsible Authorities and Other Persons. At this stage, the Chair will announce the Sub Committee's decision, will give reasons for the decision and advise all parties of rights of appeal. The decision will subsequently be formally notified to the Applicant(s), Responsible Authorities and Other Persons in writing, including their rights of appeal as soon as possible after the Hearing.