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LICENSING ACT 2003

APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE

APPLICANT: SAX BAR AND NIGHTCLUB, DERWEN ROAD, BRIDGEND, CF31 1LH

Licensing authority officers in their role as a responsible authority make the following representations: that the application, in its current format, does not support the licensing objectives and in particular, the operating schedule offers very little extra conditions.

Observations

Currently there are a number of conditions on the premises licence, the applicant has applied to substantially extend his licensable hours, but has offered very little additional information in the Variation application on how they intend to promote the licensing objectives on a premises that will, potentially, carry out licensable activities until 04:30 hours and will be open to the general public until 05:00 hours.

A strict age policy and a policy advising how staff will be trained on the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003 or any details of the proof of age scheme must be in force. The current licence, under the protection of children from harm, offers a challenge 25 policy, although it does not offer inspection by authorised officers of any records.

Due to the location and nature of the premises it recommended that a refusals register is maintained.

It is a mandatory condition that an age verification policy applies to a premises selling or supplying alcohol. As a minimum any policy shall include:

- all reasonable steps to be taken to prevent sales of alcohol to children under the age of 18 years, including prominent notices being displayed, at each point of entry to the premises and at all sales points, advising customers that the premises operates the relevant proof of age scheme
- Specify a proof of age requirement before sale of alcohol is made
- all reasonable steps to be taken to prevent adults from purchasing alcohol for or on behalf of children under 18 years

- A scheme that ensures any person attempting to purchase alcohol who is, or appears to be under the age of the relevant proof of age policy provides documented proof that he/she is over 18 years of age.
- A policy must be available advising on how staff will be trained on the prevention of the Sale of Alcohol to intoxicated persons.

Conditions / Restrictions

If the licence is granted, in order to promote the licensing objectives it is recommended that, along with the current conditions and conditions offered by the applicant, the following are also imposed:

1. Challenge 25 will form part of the premises age verification policy, a copy of which will be made available for inspection upon request by authorised officers and responsible authority officers.
2. Challenge 25 signage will be displayed prominently in all service areas
3. The Premises Licence Holder and DPS will ensure that staff record any refusals of the sale of alcohol electronically or by way of a Refusals Register. The Register or records shall be made available for inspection upon request by authorised officers and responsible authority officers.

Licensing Enforcement also recommend the following condition replaces Condition 1 on the current licence at Annex 2 (General – All four licensing objectives) 'This Premises Licence Holder will continue to train its staff required by relevant legislation' to:

4. All staff shall be trained in all aspects of the Licensing Act 2003 on the commencement of employment, then annually or more frequently if necessary. Signed records will be kept by the DPS and made available for inspection upon request by authorised officers and responsible authority officers.

Regards

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