

Licensing sub committee

Date: Friday, 11 September 2020

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15 minutes before the start of the meeting**

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Agenda

1 Apologies

To receive apologies for absence

2 Declarations of interest

(Please note that it is the responsibility of individual members to declare an interest prior to the item if they arrive late for the meeting)

3 Application for the grant of a premises licence – Dakers Drinks, 27 St Benedicts Street, Norwich, NR2 4PF 3 - 58

Purpose - To consider the application for the grant of a premises licence

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Report to	Licensing sub committee 11 September 2020	Item
Report of	Environmental Health & Public Protection Manager	3
Subject	Application for the Grant of a Premises Licence – Dakers Drinks, 27 St Benedicts Street, Norwich, NR2 4PF	

Purpose

Members are asked, in accordance with the delegation of licensing functions contained in the Norwich City Council Statement of Licensing Policy (Licensing Act 2003), to consider the application for the grant of a premises licence in respect of 27 St Benedicts Street, Norwich, NR2 4PF following the receipt of relevant representations.

Recommendation

That Members determine the application to vary the premises licence in accordance with the:

- Licensing Act 2003;
- Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003; and
- Norwich City Council Statement of Licensing Policy.

Corporate and service priorities

The report helps to meet the corporate priority of great neighbourhoods, housing and environment and the service plan priority of protecting the interests of the public through the administration of the licensing function.

Financial implications

None.

Ward/s: Mancroft

Cabinet member: Councillor Maguire – Safe and Sustainable City Environment

Contact officers

Rachel Bennett – Public Protection Licensing Advisor 01603 989229

Background documents

None

Report

The application

1. The applicant is Dakers Drinks Ltd
2. The application seeks to allow the licensable activities, times and opening hours as set out in the application form, which is attached at appendix A. This also includes the steps proposed to promote the licensing objectives (operating schedule).

Relevant representations

3. The responses from the Responsible Authorities are as follows:

Police – no representations

Environmental Protection – no representations.

Fire Officer – no representations.

Planning Officer – no representations.

Area Child Protection Committee – no representations.

Trading Standards – no representations.

Primary Care Trust – no representations

Representations objecting to the application has been received from 5 local residents. Copy of the representations are attached at appendix B to the report.

Norwich City Council Statement of Licensing Policy

4. Attached at appendix C are the elements of the city council's local licensing policy, which are considered to have a bearing upon the application.

National Guidance (issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003)

5. Attached at appendix D are the elements of the national guidance issued by the Secretary of State that are considered to have a bearing upon the application.

Summary

6. In determining the application with a view to promoting the licensing objectives the sub-committee must give appropriate weight to:
 - the steps that are appropriate to promote the licensing objectives (i.e. the prevention of crime and disorder; public safety; the prevention of public nuisance; and the protection of children from harm);
 - the representations (including supporting information) presented by all the parties;
 - the guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 (national guidance); and
 - the council's own statement of licensing policy.
7. The Sub-Committee must take such of the following steps as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives:
 - Grant the application as asked;
 - Modify the conditions of the licence by altering or omitting or adding to them;
 - Reject the whole or part of the application
8. The sub-committee is asked to note that it may not modify the conditions or reject the whole or part of the application merely because it considers it desirable to do so. It must actually be appropriate in order to promote the licensing objectives.
9. The representations received appear to relate to issues that fall under the licensing objectives. The sub-committee is directed to paragraphs 20 and 24 of the local licensing policy at appendix D which contain examples of factors that impact on the licensing objectives that the applicant could consider when addressing these issues. These paragraphs also contains examples of control measures that may be taken into account in operating schedules having regard to the type of premises and/or the licensable activities.
10. The sub-committee is also reminded of the contents of appendices 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the local licensing policy (not re-produced in this report) which contain pools of model conditions relating to the four licensing objectives.



Norwich
Application for a premises licence
Licensing Act 2003

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* required information

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You can save the form at any time and resume it later. You do not need to be logged in when you resume.

System reference

Not Currently In Use

This is the unique reference for this application generated by the system.

Your reference

MD001

You can put what you want here to help you track applications if you make lots of them. It is passed to the authority.

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Put "no" if you are applying on your own behalf or on behalf of a business you own or work for.

Applicant Details

* First name

Matthew

* Family name

Dakers

* E-mail

[redacted]@gmail.com

Main telephone number

[redacted]

Include country code.

Other telephone number

[redacted]

☐ Indicate here if you would prefer not to be contacted by telephone

Are you:

☒ Applying as a business or organisation, including as a sole trader

☐ Applying as an individual

A sole trader is a business owned by one person without any special legal structure. Applying as an individual means you are applying so you can be employed, or for some other personal reason, such as following a hobby.

Applicant Business

Is your business registered in the UK with Companies House?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Note: completing the Applicant Business section is optional in this form.

Registration number

11083784

Business name

Dakers Drinks

If your business is registered, use its registered name.

VAT number

-

none

Put "none" if you are not registered for VAT.

Legal status

Private Limited Company

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Your position in the business

Home country

The country where the headquarters of your business is located.

Registered Address

Address registered with Companies House.

Building number or name

Street

District

City or town

County or administrative area

Postcode

Country

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PREMISES DETAILS

I/we, as named in section 1, apply for a premises licence under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in section 2 below (the premises) and I/we are making this application to you as the relevant licensing authority in accordance with section 12 of the Licensing Act 2003.

Premises Address

Are you able to provide a postal address, OS map reference or description of the premises?

☒ Address ☐ OS map reference ☐ Description

Postal Address Of Premises

Building number or name

Street

District

City or town

County or administrative area

Postcode

Country

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Further Details

Telephone number

Non-domestic rateable value of premises (£)

Section 3 of 21**APPLICATION DETAILS**

In what capacity are you applying for the premises licence?

- ☐ An individual or individuals
- ☒ A limited company / limited liability partnership
- ☐ A partnership (other than limited liability)
- ☐ An unincorporated association
- ☐ Other (for example a statutory corporation)
- ☐ A recognised club
- ☐ A charity
- ☐ The proprietor of an educational establishment
- ☐ A health service body
- ☐ A person who is registered under part 2 of the Care Standards Act 2000 (c14) in respect of an independent hospital in Wales
- ☐ A person who is registered under Chapter 2 of Part 1 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 in respect of the carrying on of a regulated activity (within the meaning of that Part) in an independent hospital in England
- ☐ The chief officer of police of a police force in England and Wales

Confirm The Following

- ☒ I am carrying on or proposing to carry on a business which involves the use of the premises for licensable activities
- ☐ I am making the application pursuant to a statutory function
- ☐ I am making the application pursuant to a function discharged by virtue of Her Majesty's prerogative

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Provide name and registered address of applicant in full. Where appropriate give any registered number. In the case of a partnership or other joint venture (other than a body corporate), give the name and address of each party concerned.

Non Individual Applicant's Name

Name

~~Matthew Dakers~~

DAKERS DRINKS LTD

Details

Registered number (where applicable)

11083784

Description of applicant (for example partnership, company, unincorporated association etc)

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Individual in Company

Address

Building number or name

Street

District

City or town

County or administrative area

Postcode

Country

Contact Details

E-mail

Telephone number

Other telephone number

* Date of birth

* Nationality

Documents that demonstrate entitlement to work in the UK

Add another applicant

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OPERATING SCHEDULE

When do you want the premises licence to start? / /
dd mm yyyy

If you wish the licence to be valid only for a limited period, when do you want it to end / /
dd mm yyyy

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Provide a general description of the premises

For example the type of premises, its general situation and layout and any other information which could be relevant to the licensing objectives. Where your application includes off-supplies of alcohol and you intend to provide a place for consumption of these off-supplies you must include a description of where the place will be and its proximity to the premises.

Currently A1

Layout is ground floor access, shop front, small private bathroom and kitchen to rear which leads to a car park.

On St Benedict's Street which has parking facilities and lots of walk by trade.

We are applying for a premises license to open up a 'bottle shop' or 'off-license'. There will be no major building works or changes to the property.

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We have family history in the area, and are keen to open a well established, respectable premium spirits shop. We have applied for both on and off sales purely for the allowance of tastings if this is something we wish to do further down the line. However, the main operation of the shop will be for off-sales only- selling items in closed and sealed containers.

If 5,000 or more people are expected to attend the premises at any one time, state the number expected to attend

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PROVISION OF PLAYS

See guidance on regulated entertainment

Will you be providing plays?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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PROVISION OF FILMS

See guidance on regulated entertainment

Will you be providing films?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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PROVISION OF INDOOR SPORTING EVENTS

See guidance on regulated entertainment

Will you be providing indoor sporting events?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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PROVISION OF BOXING OR WRESTLING ENTERTAINMENTS

See guidance on regulated entertainment

Will you be providing boxing or wrestling entertainments?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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PROVISION OF LIVE MUSIC

See guidance on regulated entertainment

Will you be providing live music?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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PROVISION OF RECORDED MUSIC

See guidance on regulated entertainment

Will you be providing recorded music?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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PROVISION OF PERFORMANCES OF DANCE

See guidance on regulated entertainment

Will you be providing performances of dance?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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PROVISION OF ANYTHING OF A SIMILAR DESCRIPTION TO LIVE MUSIC, RECORDED MUSIC OR PERFORMANCES OF DANCE

See guidance on regulated entertainment

Will you be providing anything similar to live music, recorded music or performances of dance?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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LATE NIGHT REFRESHMENT

Will you be providing late night refreshment?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL

Will you be selling or supplying alcohol?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Standard Days And Timings

MONDAY

Start

End

Start

End

TUESDAY

Start

End

Start

End

WEDNESDAY

Start

End

Start

End

THURSDAY

Start

End

Start

End

FRIDAY

Start

End

Start

End

Give timings in 24 hour clock.
(e.g., 16:00) and only give details for the days
of the week when you intend the premises
to be used for the activity.

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SATURDAY

Start 10:00

End 22:00

Start

End

SUNDAY

Start 10:00

End 18:00

Start

End

Will the sale of alcohol be for consumption:

☐ On the premises ☐ Off the premises ☒ Both

If the sale of alcohol is for consumption on the premises select on, if the sale of alcohol is for consumption away from the premises select off. If the sale of alcohol is for consumption on the premises and away from the premises select both.

State any seasonal variations

For example (but not exclusively) where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.

None

Non-standard timings. Where the premises will be used for the supply of alcohol at different times from those listed in the column on the left, list below

For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.

None

State the name and details of the individual whom you wish to specify on the licence as premises supervisor

Name

First name

Charlotte

Family name

Darmanin

Date of birth

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Enter the contact's address

Building number or name	
Street	
District	
City or town	
County or administrative area	
Postcode	
Country	
Personal Licence number (if known)	
Issuing licensing authority (if known)	

PROPOSED DESIGNATED PREMISES SUPERVISOR CONSENT

How will the consent form of the proposed designated premises supervisor be supplied to the authority?

- ☐ Electronically, by the proposed designated premises supervisor
- ☒ As an attachment to this application

Reference number for consent form (if known)

If the consent form is already submitted, ask the proposed designated premises supervisor for its 'system reference' or 'your reference'.

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ADULT ENTERTAINMENT

Highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, or other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children

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Give information about anything intended to occur at the premises or ancillary to the use of the premises which may give rise to concern in respect of children, regardless of whether you intend children to have access to the premises, for example (but not exclusively) nudity or semi-nudity, films for restricted age groups etc gambling machines etc.

None

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HOURS PREMISES ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Standard Days And Timings

MONDAY

Start

End

Start

End

Give timings in 24 hour clock.
(e.g., 16:00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.

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TUESDAY

Start 10:00

End 18:00

Start

End

WEDNESDAY

Start 10:00

End 18:00

Start

End

THURSDAY

Start 10:00

End 18:00

Start

End

FRIDAY

Start 10:00

End 22:00

Start

End

SATURDAY

Start 10:00

End 22:00

Start

End

SUNDAY

Start 10:00

End 18:00

Start

End

State any seasonal variations

For example (but not exclusively) where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.

None

Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises to be open to the members and guests at different times from those listed in the column on the left, list below

For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.

None

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LICENSING OBJECTIVES

Describe the steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives:

a) General – all four licensing objectives (b,c,d,e)

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List here steps you will take to promote all four licensing objectives together.

We are keen to be community members, taking part in any initiatives such as Pub Watch (even though we are a store we are still a licensed premises, the Clean Street initiative if it is active, Neighbourhood Watch, etc.
The DPS and owner shall make available a contact telephone number to nearby residents and the Norwich Licensing Team to be used in any event where contact is required.

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

A CCTV system will be in place at all times, with daily checks by Manager and staff
An incident log will be kept secure on site at all times
Intruder alarm will be on site and monitored regularly

c) Public safety

There will be a license holder on site at all times, as well as a trained first aider
We will operate to a Challenge 25 standard, with clear signage
Drinkaware signs and information will be available in store

d) The prevention of public nuisance

CCTV system in place
There will be no congregating outside the store. Any customers will be moved on.
All items will be sold in closed and sealed containers and supplied with bags

e) The protection of children from harm

Children will be allowed into the store only when accompanied by an adult
License holder on site at all times

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NOTES ON DEMONSTRATING ENTITLEMENT TO WORK IN THE UK

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Entitlement to work/immigration status for individual applicants and applications from partnerships which are not limited liability partnerships:

A licence may not be held by an individual or an individual in a partnership who is resident in the UK who:

- does not have the right to live and work in the UK; or
- is subject to a condition preventing him or her from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.

Any premises licence issued in respect of an application made on or after 6 April 2017 will become invalid if the holder ceases to be entitled to work in the UK.

Applicants must demonstrate that they have an entitlement to work in the UK and are not subject to a condition preventing them from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity. They do this in one of two ways: 1) by providing with this application copies or scanned copies of the documents listed below (which do not need to be certified), or 2) by providing their 'share code' to enable the licensing authority to carry out a check using the Home Office online right to work checking service (see below).

Documents which demonstrate entitlement to work in the UK

- An expired or current passport showing the holder, or a person named in the passport as the child of the holder, is A British citizen or a citizen of the UK and Colonies having the right of abode in the UK [please see note below about which sections of the passport to copy].
- An expired or current passport or national identity card showing the holder, or a person named in the passport as the child of the holder, is a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A Registration Certificate or document certifying permanent residence issued by the Home Office to a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A Permanent Residence Card issued by the Home Office to the family member of a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A **current** Biometric Immigration Document (Biometric Residence Permit) issued by the Home Office to the holder indicating that the person named is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK, or has no time limit on their stay in the UK.
- A **current** passport endorsed to show that the holder is exempt from immigration control, is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK, has the right of abode in the UK, or has no time limit on their stay in the UK.
- A **current** Immigration Status Document issued by the Home Office to the holder with an endorsement indicating that the named person is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK or has no time limit on their stay in the UK, **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A birth or adoption certificate issued in the UK, **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A birth or adoption certificate issued in the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Ireland **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A certificate of registration or naturalisation as a British citizen, **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.

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- A **current** passport endorsed to show that the holder is allowed to stay in the UK and is currently allowed to work and is not subject to a condition preventing the holder from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.
- A **current** Biometric Immigration Document (Biometric Residence Permit) issued by the Home Office to the holder which indicates that the named person can currently stay in the UK and is allowed to work relation to the carrying on of a licensable activity.
- A **current** Residence Card issued by the Home Office to a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights or residence.
- A **current** Immigration Status Document containing a photograph issued by the Home Office to the holder with an endorsement indicating that the named person may stay in the UK, and is allowed to work and is not subject to a condition preventing the holder from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A Certificate of Application, **less than 6 months old**, issued by the Home Office under regulation 18(3) or 20(2) of the Immigration (European Economic Area) Regulations 2016, to a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights of residence.
- Reasonable evidence that the person has an outstanding application to vary their permission to be in the UK with the Home Office such as the Home Office acknowledgement letter or proof of postage evidence, or reasonable evidence that the person has an appeal or administrative review pending on an immigration decision, such as an appeal or administrative review reference number.
- Reasonable evidence that a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights of residence in exercising treaty rights in the UK including:-
 - evidence of the applicant's own identity – such as a passport,
 - evidence of their relationship with the European Economic Area family member – e.g. a marriage certificate, civil partnership certificate or birth certificate, and
 - evidence that the European Economic Area national has a right of permanent residence in the UK or is one of the following if they have been in the UK for more than 3 months:
 - (i) working e.g. employment contract, wage slips, letter from the employer,
 - (ii) self-employed e.g. contracts, invoices, or audited accounts with a bank,
 - (iii) studying e.g. letter from the school, college or university and evidence of sufficient funds; or
 - (iv) self-sufficient e.g. bank statements.

Family members of European Economic Area nationals who are studying or financially independent must also provide evidence that the European Economic Area national and any family members hold comprehensive sickness insurance in the UK. This can include a private medical insurance policy, an EHIC card or an S1, S2 or S3 form.

Original documents must not be sent to licensing authorities. If the document copied is a passport, a copy of the following pages should be provided:-

- (i) any page containing the holder's personal details including nationality;
- (ii) any page containing the holder's photograph;
- (iii) any page containing the holder's signature;
- (iv) any page containing the date of expiry; and
- (v) any page containing information indicating the holder has permission to enter or remain in the UK and is permitted to work.

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If the document is not a passport, a copy of the whole document should be provided.

Your right to work will be checked as part of your licensing application and this could involve us checking your immigration status with the Home Office. We may otherwise share information with the Home Office. Your licence application will not be determined until you have complied with this guidance.

Home Office online right to work checking service

As an alternative to providing a copy of the documents listed above, applicants may demonstrate their right to work by allowing the licensing authority to carry out a check with the Home Office online right to work checking service.

To demonstrate their right to work via the Home Office online right to work checking service, applicants should include in this application their 9-digit share code (provided to them upon accessing the service at <https://www.gov.uk/prove-right-to-work>) which, along with the applicant's date of birth (provided within this application), will allow the licensing authority to carry out the check.

In order to establish the applicant's right to work, the check will need to indicate that the applicant is allowed to work in the United Kingdom and is not subject to a condition preventing them from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.

An online check will not be possible in all circumstances because not all applicants will have an immigration status that can be checked online. The Home Office online right to work checking service sets out what information and/or documentation applicants will need in order to access the service. Applicants who are unable to obtain a share code from the service should submit copy documents as set out above.

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NOTES ON REGULATED ENTERTAINMENT

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In terms of specific **regulated entertainments** please note that:

- **Plays:** no licence is required for performances between 08:00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
- **Films:** no licence is required for 'not-for-profit' film exhibition held in community premises between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day provided that the audience does not exceed 500 and the organiser (a) gets consent to the screening from a person who is responsible for the premises; and (b) ensures that each such screening abides by age classification ratings.
- **Indoor sporting events:** no licence is required for performances between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 1000.
- **Boxing or Wrestling Entertainment:** no licence is required for a contest, exhibition or display of Greco-Roman wrestling, or freestyle wrestling between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 1000. Combined fighting sports – defined as a contest, exhibition or display which combines boxing or wrestling with one or more martial arts – are licensable as a boxing or wrestling entertainment rather than an indoor sporting event.
- **Live music:** no licence permission is required for:
 - o a performance of unamplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, on any premises.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a workplace that is not licensed to sell alcohol on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a church hall, village hall, community hall, or other similar community premises, that is not licensed by a premises licence to sell alcohol, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance from a person who is responsible for the premises.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, at the non-residential premises of (i) a local authority, or (ii) a school, or (iii) a hospital, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance on the relevant premises from: (i) the local authority concerned, or (ii) the school or (iii) the health care provider for the hospital.
- **Recorded Music:** no licence permission is required for:
 - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a church hall, village hall, community hall, or other similar community premises, that is not licensed by a premises licence to sell alcohol, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance from a person who is responsible for the premises.
 - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, at the non-residential premises of (i) a local authority, or (ii) a school, or (iii) a hospital, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance on the relevant premises from: (i) the local authority concerned, or (ii) the school proprietor or (iii) the health care provider for the hospital.

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- Dance: no licence is required for performances between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 500. However, a performance which amounts to adult entertainment remains licensable.
- Cross activity exemptions: no licence is required between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, with no limit on audience size for:
 - o any entertainment taking place on the premises of the local authority where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the local authority;
 - o any entertainment taking place on the hospital premises of the health care provider where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the health care provider;
 - o any entertainment taking place on the premises of the school where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the school proprietor; and
 - o any entertainment (excluding films and a boxing or wrestling entertainment) taking place at a travelling circus, provided that (a) it takes place within a moveable structure that accommodates the audience, and (b) that the travelling circus has not been located on the same site for more than 28 consecutive days.

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PAYMENT DETAILS

This fee must be paid to the authority. If you complete the application online, you must pay it by debit or credit card.

Premises Licence Fees are determined by the non-domestic rateable value of the premises.

To find out a premises non domestic rateable value go to the Valuation Office Agency site at http://www.voa.gov.uk/business_rates/index.htm

Band A - No RV to £4300 £100.00

Band B - £4301 to £33000 £190.00

Band C - £33001 to £87000 £315.00

Band D - £87001 to £125000 £450.00*

Band E - £125001 and over £635.00*

*If the premises rateable value is in Bands D or E and the premises is primarily used for the consumption of alcohol on the premises then you are required to pay a higher fee

Band D - £87001 to £12500 £900.00

Band E - £125001 and over £1,905.00

There is an exemption from the payment of fees in relation to the provision of regulated entertainment at church halls, chapel halls or premises of a similar nature, village halls, parish or community halls, or other premises of a similar nature. The costs associated with these licences will be met by central Government. If, however, the licence also authorises the use of the premises for the supply of alcohol or the provision of late night refreshment, a fee will be required.

Schools and sixth form colleges are exempt from the fees associated with the authorisation of regulated entertainment where the entertainment is provided by and at the school or college and for the purposes of the school or college.

If you operate a large event you are subject to ADDITIONAL fees based upon the number in attendance at any one time

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Capacity 60000-69999 £40,000.00

Capacity 70000-79999 £48,000.00

Capacity 80000-89999 £56,000.00

Capacity 90000 and over £64,000.00

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* Full name

* Capacity

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Fuller, Maxine

From: Licensing (EH) <LicensingEH@broadland.gov.uk>
Sent: 23 July 2020 15:43
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Dakers Drink application objection

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Dear Mr Farrow

St Benedict's Street does not fall within the Broadland District. I have copied the licensing team at Norwich City Council into this email. You may wish to follow up with them to ensure they receive the email.

Kind Regards

Claire

Claire Norman
Licensing Technical Administration Officer (Weds)
Licensing and Enforcement Officer (Thurs/Fri)
 Working days - Wednesday to Friday
 t 01603 430626 (Weds) 01603 430580 (Thurs/Fri) e claire.norman@broadland.gov.uk

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From: Andy Farrow
Sent: 23 July 2020 15:39
To: Licensing (EH) <LicensingEH@broadland.gov.uk>
Subject: Dakers Drink application objection

Dear Sirs

I am writing to object to the [licensing](#) application of Dakers Drinks on St Benedict's street. My reasons are that I understand the director, Matthew Dakers, has been running an off license from his home since early March, I have looked for traces of licencing online and found none. If he has been trying to profit unlawfully I don't think he is a trusted member of the community to serve us best there.

On another note his Google reviews are from him for his own company, so overall I don't find him a trust worthy or a good business man. I am sure many other businesses would thrive there, and ones who deserve to.

Regards

Andy

Fuller, Maxine

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 July 2020 14:08
To: LICENSING & MARKETS
Subject: Formal Lodging Against a Pending Licence

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Dear Norwich City Council,

My name is Mr Jon Dracup. I live at Flat 6, 37 St Benedicts Street, Norwich, Norfolk, NR2 4PG. I wish to formally lodge a motion AGAINST a pending licence. On 8th July 2020, you received an application for Mr Matthew Dakers, (trading as Dakers Drinks Ltd), of 27 St Benedicts Street, Norwich, Norfolk, NR2 4PF, as shown here...

https://www.norwich.gov.uk/downloads/file/6907/dakers_drinks_-_16_july_2020

...for an alcohol licence to be granted, so that Mr Dakers can start selling "premium spirits" from the premises.

I am absolutely AGAINST this licence being granted under any conditions whatsoever, and would ask that you REJECT this application in full.

Not only does St Benedicts Street not need any more licensed drinking establishments (as there are already dozens of restaurants, bars and other venues along the same street, that already sell alcohol - both during the day and into the late evening), but this will simply encourage more abuse of alcohol and other illicit/illegal substances that already go on in the street and surrounding areas during the evenings, especially in the Summer.

St Benedicts Street has attempted over the years to clean-up its image. What was once a street used by drunken yobs and drug addicts to supply and consume their wares, it severely blighted the lives of everyone who lived and worked here. The sight of broken glass bottles and glasses; sometimes blood, urine and faeces, as well as used syringes are all things residents like me, should not have to tolerate. Most of the businesses along the street are decent and noble. But the problems associated with drink and drug abuse still occur! As does the noise!

I live in a flat on the corner of St Benedicts Street and St Margarets Street. I work from home. As such, whilst I am happy to tolerate certain amounts of noise and disturbances, I do not need to put up with any more than I already do.

Where I live, there is an open courtyard. In the summer, at all hours of the day and night, drunks, yobs and other assorted addicts enjoy using this secluded (but non-public) area as a toilet, not only for their dogs, but for themselves too. I've come home to both human and animal faecal matter left in the middle of the courtyard, and on my staircase. I've had to report to the police various incidents, including drunken and drugged-up men unconscious on the external staircase to my private residence. I've had to deal with foul-mouthed drunks using this private area as a communal drinking area, where they have spent hours drinking alcohol and sniffing aerosols fumes, in this area too, and had to get them to vacate it, because it is the entrance to eight flats - some of which house young families with young children. We do not need to encounter these kinds of people, and nor do I. We've also had idiots use

our wheelie bins as toilets. The stench during the hot weather was nothing short of an abomination.

I do not need anything else, that will encourage such derelict and disgusting behaviour. We have enough issues with drink and drug abuse already, that the police cannot deal with. We don't want any more!

I would like to remain enjoying my home in comfort, without having to worry about another premises encouraging the consumption of very strong alcoholic beverages. And they will encourage it, because their primary aim is to make money. That is why they have applied for this licence in the first place. They have no interest in the affairs of the people who live and work here. Their aim is making money, and alcohol is a good money-spinner.

At the moment, 27 St Benedicts Street is an estate agents. So why are they needing to convert this into an off-licence?

The shops either side, are a comic-book-shop and a hairdressers - both venues that have lots of children and teens amongst their customers. It would be hugely unsafe for those businesses to have to deal with potential drunken idiots, whilst they try to serve the public and customers too. On top of this, with the recent Covid Pandemic, local businesses are already struggling with footfall numbers: with local people refusing to come to St Benedicts because it is in their eyes "unsafe" here. Having another drinking establishment selling "premium spirits" - which is nothing more than code for "very strong/potent alcoholic beverages" - during the daytime and evenings, is not something the local council should be encouraging.

To add further fuel to this fire, there is also the recent problems involving possible pedestrianisation of St Benedicts Street. Again, encouraging the consumption of strong alcohol at all times of the day and week, is not something the council should be endorsing. Look at what has happened to Prince of Wales Road, Norwich as an example. It is a no-go-zone for many people - myself included. I do not want that to happen here on St Benedicts Street.

I therefore ask you to vote against this application, and DENY it in full!

With Thanks, in advance,

Mr Jon Dracup

Phone

E-Mail

From: noreply_xforms@norwich.gov.uk
Sent: 11 August 2020 17:53
To: LICENSING
Subject: Licensing - Representation Form

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Norwich City Council

Licensing Authority

Licensing Act 2003

Statement of support or objection to an application for a premises licence

Your name/organisation name/name of body you represent	Christine Way
Postal address	Flat At 8, Maude Gray Court, St Benedicts Street, Norwich, NR2 4PA
Email address	
Contact telephone number	
Address of the premises you wish to support or object to	Dakers Drinks 27 St Benedict's Street Norwich NR2 4PF

Your support or objection must relate to one of the four licensing objectives

Licensing objective	Please set out your support or objections below
To prevent crime and disorder	Several premises sell alcohol on St Benedict's Street and there is already a significant alcohol and drug problem in the area. There are homes and businesses in the alleys and courtyards off St Benedict's Street, including Maude Gray Court which is behind these premises. Those who live and work here or are clients of the businesses already experience the antisocial behaviour of alcohol and drug users. Adding another outlet can only exacerbate these problems.
Public safety	The often abusive and threatening behaviour of those who drink excessive alcohol is a safety issue especially in the many hidden locations such as the courtyard behind the premises. Alcohol consumption can also lead to other irresponsible behaviours that can cause health and safety issue such as littering with broken glass, other packaging, vomit, faeces and urine.

To prevent public nuisance	The anti-social behaviour of those who drink alcohol whether it be loud and sometimes offensive language, urinating in the courtyards, discarding bottles, cans and other litter is a nuisance for all who encounter it. It is particularly distressing if it is outside one's home and it can off putting for clients the local businesses whose trade may suffer as a result. This is especially so for the many women who come alone to attend classes and therapies at Inner Space in Maude Gray Court.		
To protect children from harm	The council has a duty to ensure that children are not harmed by the decisions it makes. The entrances to many homes are in the alleys and courtyards off St Benedict's Street which may well see an increase in the anti-social behaviour brought about by alcohol consumption. This behaviour can put children at risk in many ways cause physical and psychological harm.		
Please suggest any conditions which would alleviate your concerns	<p>Restrict opening times to 9am to 5pm.</p> <p>Ensure that no alcohol is consumed outside.</p> <p>Reduce litter by charging a refundable deposit on bottles and making all packaging traceable back to the business.</p> <p>Increase police presence to deal with loitering, alcohol and drug abuse both on the street and in the alleys and courtyards.</p>		
Full name:	Christine Way	Date:	11/08/2020

From: noreply_xforms@norwich.gov.uk
Sent: 24 July 2020 11:08
To: LICENSING
Subject: Licensing - Representation Form - DONE (RB)

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Norwich City Council

Licensing Authority

Licensing Act 2003

Statement of support or objection to an application for a premises licence

Your name/organisation name/name of body you represent	Watlings News Ltd
Postal address	35 St Benedicts Street, Norwich, NR2 4PF
Email address	
Contact telephone number	
Address of the premises you wish to support or object to	27 St Benedicts Street Norwich Norfolk NR2 4PF

Your support or objection must relate to one of the four licensing objectives

Licensing objective	Please set out your support or objections below
To prevent crime and disorder	There is enough anti social behaviour down this street which we are doing our utmost to quell by not selling the drinks that are most popular and if a premises licence is attached to number 27 St benedicts Street then anyone can go ahead and sell what alcohol is required, even if the property is sold or re leased then that premises licence will still be attached.
Public safety	This will only encourage the use of more alcohol along the street and often with it fights occur and we have seen several disturbance which have involved the general public.
To prevent public nuisance	many residents live along this street and the noise of the unruly behaviour of drunks is not acceptable.
To protect children from harm	

Please suggest any conditions which would alleviate your concerns	<p>This is no way an objection because it will be a competitor, as has been suggested by someone in your office, it is an objection because we follow the rules very closely and will not serve anyone who we deem unfit to drink, or high on drugs, we work closely with the police and in accordance to the licensing laws, this has become a better shop for not selling the type of alcohol that is wanted frequently on this street.</p> <p>I do not believe we need another off licence to add to the already numerous businesses down this street selling alcohol.</p>		
Full name:	Gail Watling	Date:	24/07/2020

Fuller, Maxine

From: Paul Ives - [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 July 2020 20:16
To: LICENSING
Cc: Oliver Chapman
Subject: Licensing Application 11083784 - 27 St Benedict's Street, Norwich NR2 4PF

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Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to the above application, we write to you as owners of 27 St Benedict's Street, Norwich, and therefore landlords of Th!nk Property. Matthew Dakers, the applicant of the above, is not our current tenant at 27 St Benedict's Street.

Could you please note that we do not support the above application, and therefore it does not have our support.

We should be grateful if you could acknowledge this email and our views on this matter.

Kind regards

Paul & Suzanne Ives

Ives of Norwich
Partnership

Ty Newydd

Sarnau

Llanymynech

Powys SY22 6QJ

Tel: [REDACTED]

Mob: [REDACTED]

Fuller, Maxine

From: Bartram, Michelle <michelle.bartram@norfolk.pnn.police.uk>
Sent: 11 August 2020 16:15
To: LICENSING
Cc: Woods, Suzanne; 'dakersdrinks@gmail.com'
Subject: FW: Letter of representation 27 st benedict's street Norwich
Attachments: Letter of representation 27 st benedicts street norwich.docx

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Hello Licensing

Please see the Police representation attached for 27 St Benedict's Street Norwich.

I have discussed this with the applicant Mr Daker and he has agreed to the additional proposal. Email confirming this is below so with this there are no outstanding objections

Many thanks

Matthew,

Many thanks and I hope it goes well. I would recommend once you are operating fully that you consider a roller shutter but please feel free to get in touch if you need anything.

Michelle Bartram

Licensing Officer

Licensing,
Norfolk Constabulary
Bethel Street Police Station
Norwich, Norfolk, NR2 1NN

Tel: 01603-276020

From: dakersdrinks@gmail.com <dakersdrinks@gmail.com>
Sent: 11 August 2020 16:04
To: Bartram, Michelle <michelle.bartram@norfolk.pnn.police.uk>
Subject: RE: Letter of representation 27 st benedict's street Norwich

Hi Michelle,

Thanks for your email.

I am happy to add these to the license.

Thanks

Matthew Dakers

Director
Dakers Drinks Ltd
Mobile - [07971357319](tel:07971357319)

From: Bartram, Michelle <michelle.bartram@norfolk.pnn.police.uk>
Sent: 11 August 2020 14:15
To: 'dakersdrinks@gmail.com' <dakersdrinks@gmail.com>
Subject: Letter of representation 27 st benedict's street Norwich

Hello Matthew

I was hoping to speak to you about your application for a premises licence for 27 St Benedict's Street Norwich.

Firstly I notice that you have applied for alcohol sales both on and off the premises, are you intending on having people drinking inside as a regular thing? The only thing with this is that the premises could operate as a pub or drinking establishment

I have proposed some extra conditions to add to the premises licence, please can you have a look and see if you are willing to add these to the licence?

I look forward to hearing from you

Many thanks

Michelle Bartram
Licensing O

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Dear Sir/Madam

27 St Benedicts Street Norwich

Norfolk Police have received a copy of the application for a new premises licence for 27 St Benedict's Street Norwich.

This application is requesting the sale of alcohol for consumption on and off the premises from 1000-1800 hrs Monday-Sunday and the applicant is Dakers Drinks Ltd.

The operating Schedule within the application includes CCTV, intruder alarm, challenge 25 Policy and incident log.

In order to promote the licensing objectives, I request that the following conditions are added to the Premises Licence:

- **Staff will be trained in relation to the sale of alcohol and a record of this training will be kept at the premises and available to Police or Licensing Authority on request.**
- **CCTV to be in operation and cover the main public area of the premises. CCTV footage to record for a minimum of 28 days and be available to Police on request.**
- **Signage will be on display informing customers that alcohol drinking in public areas of Norwich City Centre is not permitted.**

With these conditions added to the licence, there will be no objections.

Michelle Bartram

Licensing Officer

Bennett, Rachel

From: Boer, Claire <Claire.Boer@fire.norfolk.gov.uk>
Sent: 05 August 2020 16:49
To: LICENSING
Subject: Premises Licence for Dakers Drinks, 27 St Benedicts Street
Attachments: CFR658C.docx

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Sent on behalf of Kerry Larcombe – Fire Safety Advisor

Please find attached the copy of the letter that has been sent to the applicant in connection with the Premises Licence application for Dakers Drinks, 27 St Benedicts Street, Norwich, NR2 4PF.

This Authority has **no objections** to this application.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Kerry Larcombe 0300 1231418 or kerry.larcombe@fire.norfolk.gov.uk

Mr Matthew Dakers
27 St Benedicts Street
Norwich
NR2 4PF

Please ask for: Kerry Larcombe
Direct Dial: 0300 123 1418
Email: kerry.larcombe@fire.norfolk.gov.uk
My Ref: 00010480
Your Ref: -

05 August 2020

Dear Sir

The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005

With reference to – Licensing Act 2003

Premises: Dakers Drinks, 27 St Benedicts Street, Norwich, NR2 4PF

I acknowledge receipt of the application for the above premises.

As these premises fall within the scope of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, I would like to draw your attention to the following guidance document:

Offices and Shops: This guide is for all employers, managers, occupiers, and owners of Offices and Shop premises, it is a government published guide to assist you with the process of completing a fire risk assessment, **which is required for your premises.**

ISBN 13: 978 1 85112 815 0

This publication is available to download from:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fire-safety-risk-assessment-offices-and-shops>

It is necessary where material alterations are proposed to comply with the Building Regulations 2000. In this case an application must be submitted to the Local Building Control Authority or an Approved Inspector.

Should you require any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me on the number shown above.

Yours faithfully



Kerry Larcombe
For Chief Officer

Cc: Licensing Department, Norwich City Council

Fuller, Maxine

From: FOOD & SAFETY
Sent: 16 July 2020 15:47
To: Fuller, Maxine
Subject: RE: Accepted applications - Licensing Act 2003

Hi Maxine,

There are no objections to the licence application.
Kind Regards
Sue

From: Fuller, Maxine <MaxineFuller@norwich.gov.uk>
Sent: 16 July 2020 15:41
To: 'trading.standards@norfolk.gov.uk'; Sadler, Ann-Marie <Ann-MarieSadler@norwich.gov.uk>; POLICE CONTACT - LICENSING (E-mail) <centralarealicensing@norfolk.pnn.police.uk>; 'carrowadmin@fire.norfolk.gov.uk' <carrowadmin@fire.norfolk.gov.uk>; Rodger, Jackie <JackieRodger@norwich.gov.uk>; PLANNING <planning@norwich.gov.uk>; ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION <EnvironmentalProtection@norwich.gov.uk>; FOOD & SAFETY <foodandsafetyteam@norwich.gov.uk>
Subject: Accepted applications - Licensing Act 2003

Licensing applications to date.

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<< File: Dakers.pdf >>

Regards

Tony Shearman
Environmental protection officer - public protection
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Local Policy considerations

1.0 Introduction

1.4 The 2003 Act requires the council to carry out its various licensing functions so as to promote the four licensing objectives. These are:

- The Prevention of Crime and Disorder
- Public Safety
- The Prevention of Public Nuisance
- The Protection of Children from Harm

1.5 The 2003 Act also requires that the Council publishes a 'Statement of Licensing Policy' that sets out the policies the Council will generally apply to promote the Licensing Objectives when making decisions on applications made under the Act.

2.0 Consultation and Links to other Policies and Strategies

2.7 So far as possible, the council will avoid duplication with other regulatory regimes, and will not to use its powers under the Licensing Act 2003 to achieve outcomes that can be achieved by other legislation and other enforcement agencies. As an example, the council will not seek to impose fire safety conditions that may duplicate any requirements or prohibitions that could be imposed under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.

3.0 Applications for Licences

3.2 Applicants must address the four licensing objectives in their operational plan. The operating plan must have regard to the nature of the area where the premises are situated, the type of premises, the licensable activities to be provided, operational procedures and the needs of the local community. The operating schedule must demonstrate how the premises will be "good neighbours" both to residents and to other venues and businesses.

3.3 Applicants must provide evidence that suitable and sufficient measures, as detailed in their operating schedule, will be implemented and maintained, relevant to the individual style, location and characteristics of their premises and activities. They must also indicate if additional measures will be taken on an occasional or specific basis, such as when a special event or promotion is planned, which is, for example, likely to attract larger audiences.

4.0 Representations

4.1 "Responsible Authorities" (see Appendix 7) will be asked to consider all applications and to make representations to the council, if they relate to the promotion of the four licensing objectives and particularly in respect of applications which, might be regarded as contentious. Representations must be

evidentially based and the organisation should attend any hearing when the application is being considered. Representations can be made in opposition to, or in support of, an application.

- 4.2 The council will consider all representations from any “Interested Party” (see Appendix 7), or their representative, which should preferably be evidentially based and supported by attendance at any hearing at which the application is being considered.
- 4.3 A representation will only be accepted by the council if it is ‘relevant’, i.e. it must relate to the likely effect of granting the licence on the promotion of at least one of the four licensing objectives. Representations, that are regarded as being frivolous or vexatious, will not be considered, and in the case of a review of a licence, any representation which is regarded as repetitious, will also not be considered. A decision as to whether a representation is frivolous, vexatious or repetitive will be made by an officer of the council.
- 5.0 Conditions attaching to Licences
- 5.1 Where relevant representations are made, the council will make objective judgments as to whether conditions may need to be attached to the premises licence to secure achievement of the licensing objectives. Any conditions arising as a result of representations will primarily focus on the direct impact of the activities taking place at licensed premises, on those attending the premises, and members of the public living, working or engaged in normal activity in the area concerned, and will cover matters that are within the control of individual licensees.
- 5.2 All applications will be considered on an individual basis and any condition attached to such a licence, will be tailored to each individual premises, in order to avoid the imposition of disproportionate or burdensome conditions on those premises. Therefore, mandatory conditions, will only be imposed where they are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.
- 8.0 The Impact of Licensed Premises
- 8.1 When considering whether any licensed activity should be permitted, and a relevant representation has been received, the likelihood of it causing unacceptable adverse impact will be assessed by taking into account relevant matters including:
- the type of use, the number of customers likely to attend the premises and the type of customers at the time of the application;
 - the proposed hours of operation;
 - the level of public transport accessibility for customers either arriving or leaving the premises and the likely means of public or private transport that will be used by the customers;
 - the means of access to the premises including the location of customer entrances and exits;
 - the provision of toilet facilities;
 - the frequency of the licensable activity.

With any adverse impact it may be possible to take steps to mitigate or prevent the impact and if such measures are reliable an activity may be licensed.

13.0 Management of Licensed Premises

- 13.1 Within the operating schedule for premises from which alcohol will be sold, with the exception of qualifying community premises, a premises supervisor must be designated (designated premises supervisor) and such person must be in possession of a current personal licence. The licensing authority will normally expect the designated premises supervisor [DPS] to have been given the day to day responsibility for running the premises by the premises licence holder and, as such, would normally be present on the licensed premises on a regular basis. In addition to the DPS holding a personal licence, the licensing authority would strongly encourage the DPS to undergo additional training and to have experience commensurate with the nature and style of entertainment provided and the capacity of the premises.
- 13.2 The act does not require a DPS or any other personal licence holder to be present on the premises at all times when alcohol is sold. However, the DPS and the premises licence holder remain responsible for the premises at all times and have a duty to comply with the terms of the licensing act and any conditions, including the matters set out in the premises' operating schedule, in order to promote the licensing objectives. To that end, the licensing authority will be mindful of the guidance issued by the secretary of state, which recommends that a personal licence holder/DPS gives specific written authorisations to those individuals they are authorising to retail alcohol. Although written authorisation is not a requirement of the act and the designated premises supervisor/personal licence holder remain ultimately responsible for ensuring compliance with the act and licensing conditions, this action could assist in demonstrating due diligence should any issues arise with regard to enforcement.

The licensing authority will therefore expect that where the personal licence holder/DPS does not have the premises under their immediate day to day control, written authorisations will be issued to staff acting on their behalf, such authorisations being made available for inspection by a responsible Officer of the licensing authority or the police upon request.

LICENSING OBJECTIVES

20.0 Objective - Prevention of Crime and Disorder

- 20.1 Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 introduced a wide range of measures for preventing crime and disorder and imposed a duty on the City Council, and others, to consider crime and disorder reduction in the exercise of all their duties. The Licensing Act 2003 reinforces this duty for local authorities.
- 20.2 The promotion of the licensing objective, to prevent crime and disorder, places a responsibility on licence holders to become key partners in achieving this objective. Applicants will be expected to demonstrate in their operating schedule that suitable and sufficient measures have been identified and will be implemented and maintained to reduce or prevent crime and disorder on and in the vicinity of

their premises, relevant to the individual style and characteristics of their premises and the licensable activities at those premises.

- 20.3 When addressing the issue of crime and disorder, the applicant should demonstrate that all those factors that impact on crime and disorder have been considered. These include:

Underage drinking

Drunkenness on premises

Public drunkenness

Keeping Illegal activity like drug taking and dealing, offensive weapons and sales of contraband or stolen goods away from the premises.

Preventing disorderly and potentially violent behaviour on and outside the premises.

Reducing Anti-social behaviour and Disorder inside and outside the premises

Litter

Unauthorised advertising

Protecting people and property from theft, vandalism and assault

Guard against glasses and bottles being used as weapons or causing accidents.

- 20.4 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 licensable activities:

Effective and responsible management of premises;

Training and supervision of staff;

Employ sufficient numbers of staff to keep numbers down of people awaiting service;

Provide sufficient seating for customers;

Patrols of staff around the premises;

Ensure sufficient lighting and visibility, removing obstructions if necessary, to discourage illegal activity;

Introduce an entry policy – making people aware of it – and apply it consistently and fairly;

Implement a search policy to prevent drugs, offensive weapons etc being brought onto the premises;

Implement effective management of entrance queues – incorporating barriers if necessary;

Adoption of best practice guidance e.g. Safer Clubbing, the National Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy Toolkit, Minor Sales Major Consequences, Clubbing against Racism and other voluntary codes of practice, including those relating to drinks promotions e.g. The Point of Sale Promotions published by the British Beer and Pub Association (BBPA), Security in Design published by BBPA and Drugs and Pubs, published by BBPA;

Acceptance of accredited 'proof of age' cards e.g. Portman proof of age cards, Citizencard, Connexions Card and/or 'new type' driving licences with photographs, or passports;

Provision of effective CCTV in and around premises;

Employment of Security Industry Authority licensed door staff to manage the door and minimize disorder;

Ensure glasses are collected on an on going basis, make regular inspections for broken glass and clear up;

Provision of toughened or plastic drinking vessels and bottles;

Provision of 'bottle bins' inside the premises and near exits;

Provision of secure, deposit boxes for confiscated items i.e. Operation Enterprise Drug and Weapon Amnesty Safe's;

Information displayed for staff and customers on Drug Awareness including the 'spiking' of drinks with drugs;

Provision of litterbins and other security measures, such as lighting, outside premises;

Membership of local 'Pubwatch' schemes or similar accreditation schemes or organizations ie Operation Enterprise;

Responsible advertising;

Distribution of promotional leaflets, posters etc;

Drug Seizure Kits (available from Norfolk Police Operation Enterprise);

Member of the 'NiteLink' radio scheme;

Working in partnership with the SOS Bus scheme;

Ban known offenders and share information with other licensed premises in the area;

Implement a dispersal policy;

Introduce a 'closed door' policy, with attendance prohibited for new customers 2-3 hours before licensable activities finish;

24.0 Objective - prevention of public nuisance

24.1 Licensed premises can potentially have a significantly adverse impact on communities through public nuisances that arise from their operation. The amenity of residents and occupiers of other businesses should be maintained and protected from the potential consequence of the operation of licensed premises, whilst recognising the valuable cultural, social and business importance that such premises provide.

24.2 Public nuisance will be interpreted in its widest sense, and will take it to include such issues as noise, light, odour, litter and antisocial behaviour, where these matters impact on those living, working or otherwise engaged in normal activity in an area.

24.3 Applicants should be aware that stricter conditions, including controls on licensing hours for all or some licensable activities will be applied, where licensed premises

are in residential areas or where their activities may impact on residents or other business premises, and where relevant representations have been received. Conversely, premises for which it can be demonstrated have effective measures to prevent public nuisance, may be suitable for longer opening hours.

- 24.4 The council will normally permit the hours during which alcohol is sold to match the normal trading hours during which other sales take place, unless there are exceptional reasons such as disturbance or disorder attributable to the location and/or the premises, and relevant representations have been made.
- 24.5 The council believe that the impact a licensed premises can have on a neighbourhood is significantly influenced by the times when those licensed premises are open, and the times when licensable activities are taking place. Consequently, the council has adopted a policy on hours of trading, (section E) and in so doing, has given full consideration to the secretary of state's guidance on hours of trading.
- 24.6 **Applicants will be expected to demonstrate in their operating schedule that suitable and sufficient measures have been identified and will be implemented and maintained to prevent public nuisance, relevant to the individual style and characteristics of their premises and events. For example, the increasing business requirement for licence holders to provide live or recorded music in premises where this has not previously been the case is especially pertinent, and should be fully assessed on the application.**
- 24.7 When addressing the issue of prevention of public nuisance, the applicant must demonstrate that those factors that impact on the likelihood of public nuisance have been considered. These may include:
- the location of premises and proximity to residential and other noise sensitive premises, such as hospitals, hospices, care homes and places of worship
 - the hours of opening, particularly between 11pm and 7am
 - the nature of activities to be provided, including whether those activities are of a temporary or permanent nature and whether they are to be held inside or outside premises
 - the design and layout of premises and in particular the presence of noise limiting features
 - the occupancy capacity of the premises
 - the availability of public transport
 - wind down period between the end of the licensable activities and closure of the premises
 - last admission time
 - preventing litter and refuse becoming an eyesore
 - consideration of local residents that they are not upset by loud or persistent noise or by excessive light
 - preventing cars attending an event or premises from causing a noise nuisance and congestion, and from taking up local people's parking spaces
 - avoid early morning or late night refuse collections
 - avoiding emptying bins into skips, especially if they contain glass, either late at night or early in the morning

- customers eating, drinking or smoking in open air areas (for example beer gardens/forecourts and other open areas adjacent to the premises).

24.8 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:

- Effective and responsible management of premises.
- Appropriate instruction, training and supervision of those employed or engaged to prevent incidents of public nuisance, eg to ensure customers leave quietly.
- Fit prominent signs requesting that customers respect local residents and leave quietly.
- Control of operating hours for all or parts (eg garden areas) of premises, including such matters as deliveries ie not too early in the morning.
- Adoption of best practice guidance (eg Good Practice Guide on the Control of Noise from Pubs and Clubs, produced by Institute of Acoustics, Licensed Property: Noise, published by BBPA).
- Installation of soundproofing, air conditioning, acoustic lobbies and sound limitation devices.
- Management of people, including staff, and traffic (and resulting queues) arriving and leaving premises.
- Liaison with public transport providers.
- Siting of external lighting, including security lighting.
- Management arrangements for collection and disposal of waste, empty bottles etc.
- Effective ventilation systems to prevent the emission of unwanted odours.
- Take away packaging to include the name and address of the premises on it.
- Capacity levels for fast food outlets.
- Introduce a chill out area with coffee and mellow music where customers can settle before leaving.
- Introduce a closed door policy, with attendance prohibited for new customers 2 to 3 hours before licensable activities finish.

To address issues arising from customers smoking, eating and drinking in outdoor areas and on the highway outside the premises could include signage asking customers to keep noise to a minimum when using outdoor areas; restrictions on the numbers of customers permitted in certain outside areas and/or at certain times; and use of door-staff and employees to monitor possible public nuisance issues.

SECTION E - Hours of Trading

30.7 Consideration will always be given to an applicant's individual case and if the matter of trading hours has been raised in a representation, the council will take into account any proposals the applicant has to minimise the risk of nuisance or disorder being caused or exacerbated by customers departing from the premises. It is however, unlikely that statements such as the premises being well-managed, or that the applicant is of good character or that the style of the premises is

intended and likely to attract a discerning clientele, will alone be sufficient to demonstrate that restrictions on hours of trading should not be applied.

National Guidance

(issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003)

Licence conditions – general principles

1.16 Conditions on a premises licence or club premises certificate are important in setting the parameters within which premises can lawfully operate. The use of wording such as “must”, “shall” and “will” is encouraged. Licence conditions:

- must be appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives;
- must be precise and enforceable;
- must be unambiguous and clear in what they intend to achieve;
- should not duplicate other statutory requirements or other duties or responsibilities placed on the employer by other legislation;
- must be tailored to the individual type, location and characteristics of the premises and events concerned;
- should not be standardised and may be unlawful when it cannot be demonstrated that they are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives in an individual case;
- should not replicate offences set out in the 2003 Act or other legislation;
- should be proportionate, justifiable and be capable of being met, (for example, whilst beer glasses may be available in toughened glass, wine glasses may not);
- cannot seek to manage the behaviour of customers once they are beyond the direct management of the licence holder and their staff, but may impact on the behaviour of customers in the immediate vicinity of the premises or as they enter or leave; and
- should be written in a prescriptive format.

Each application on its own merits

1.17 Each application must be considered on its own merits and in accordance with the licensing authority’s statement of licensing policy; for example, if the application falls within the scope of a cumulative impact policy. Conditions attached to licences and certificates must be tailored to the individual type, location and characteristics of the premises and events concerned. This is essential to avoid the imposition of disproportionate and overly burdensome conditions on premises where there is no need for such conditions. Standardised conditions should be avoided and indeed may be unlawful where they cannot be shown to be appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives in an individual case.

Crime and disorder

2.1 Licensing authorities should look to the police as the main source of advice on crime and disorder. They should also seek to involve the local Community Safety Partnership (CSP).

2.3 Conditions should be targeted on deterrence and preventing crime and disorder. For example, where there is good reason to suppose that disorder may take place, the presence of closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras both inside and immediately outside the premises can actively deter disorder, nuisance, anti-social behaviour and crime generally. Some licence holders may wish to have cameras on their premises for the prevention of crime directed against the business itself, its staff, or its customers. But any condition may require a broader approach, and it may be appropriate to ensure that the precise location of cameras is set out on plans to ensure that certain areas are properly covered and there is no subsequent dispute over the terms of the condition.

2.6 Conditions relating to the management competency of designated premises supervisors should not normally be attached to premises licences. The designated premises supervisor is the key person who will usually be responsible for the day to day management of the premises by the premises licence holder, including the prevention of disorder. A condition of this kind may only be justified as appropriate in rare circumstances where it can be demonstrated that, in the circumstances associated with particular premises, poor management competency could give rise to issues of crime and disorder and public safety.

2.7 It will normally be the responsibility of the premises licence holder as an employer, and not the licensing authority, to ensure that the managers appointed at the premises are competent and appropriately trained. However, licensing authorities must ensure that they do not stray outside their powers and duties under the 2003 Act. This is important to ensure the portability of the personal licence and the offences set out in the 2003 Act and to ensure, for example, that the prevention of disorder is in sharp focus for all managers, licence holders and clubs.

Public nuisance

2.18 The 2003 Act enables licensing authorities and responsible authorities, through representations, to consider what constitutes public nuisance and what is appropriate to prevent it in terms of conditions attached to specific premises licences and club premises certificates. It is therefore important that in considering the promotion of this licensing objective, licensing authorities and responsible authorities focus on the effect of the licensable activities at the specific premises on persons living and working (including those carrying on business) in the area around the premises which may be disproportionate and unreasonable. The issues will mainly concern noise nuisance, light pollution, noxious smells and litter.

2.19 Public nuisance is given a statutory meaning in many pieces of legislation. It is however not narrowly defined in the 2003 Act and retains its broad common law meaning. It is important to remember that the prevention of public nuisance could therefore include low-level nuisance, perhaps affecting a few people living locally, as well as major disturbance affecting the whole community. It may also include in appropriate circumstances the reduction of the living and working amenity and environment of other

persons living and working in the area of the licensed premises. Public nuisance may also arise as a result of the adverse effects of artificial light, dust, odour and insects or where its effect is prejudicial to health.

2.20 Conditions relating to noise nuisance will usually concern steps appropriate to control the levels of noise emanating from premises. This might be achieved by a simple measure such as ensuring that doors and windows are kept closed after a particular time, or more sophisticated measures like the installation of acoustic curtains or rubber speaker mounts. Any conditions appropriate to promote the prevention of public nuisance should be tailored to the type, nature and characteristics of the specific premises. Licensing authorities should be aware of the need to avoid inappropriate or disproportionate measures that could deter events that are valuable to the community, such as live music. Noise limiters, for example, are very expensive to purchase and install and are likely to be a considerable burden for smaller venues.

2.21 As with all conditions, those relating to noise nuisance may not be appropriate in certain circumstances where provisions in other legislation adequately protect those living in the area of the premises. 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 appropriate.

2.22 Where applications have given rise to representations, any 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 immediately surrounding the premises may also prove appropriate to address any disturbance anticipated as customers enter and leave.

2.23 Measures to control light pollution will also require careful thought. Bright lighting outside premises which is considered appropriate to prevent crime and disorder may itself give rise to light pollution for some neighbours. Applicants, licensing authorities and responsible authorities will need to balance these issues.

2.24 Beyond the immediate area surrounding the premises, these are matters for the personal responsibility of individuals under the law. An individual who engages in anti-social behaviour is accountable in their own right. However, it would be perfectly reasonable for a licensing authority to impose a condition, following relevant representations, that requires the licence holder or club to place signs at the exits from the building encouraging patrons to be quiet until they leave the area, or that, if they wish to smoke, to do so at designated places on the premises instead of outside, and to respect the rights of people living nearby to a peaceful night.

Determining actions that are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives

9.41 Licensing authorities are best placed to determine what actions are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives in their areas. All licensing determinations should be considered on a case-by-case basis. They should take into account any representations or objections that have been received from responsible authorities or

other persons, and representations made by the applicant or premises user as the case may be.

9.42 The authority's determination should be evidence-based, justified as being appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives and proportionate to what it is intended to achieve.

9.43 Determination of whether an action or step is appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives requires an assessment of what action or step would be suitable to achieve that end. Whilst this does not therefore require a licensing authority to decide that no lesser step will achieve the aim, the authority should aim to consider the potential burden that the condition would impose on the premises licence holder (such as the financial burden due to restrictions on licensable activities) as well as the potential benefit in terms of the promotion of the licensing objectives. However, it is imperative that the authority ensures that the factors which form the basis of its determination are limited to consideration of the promotion of the objectives and nothing outside those parameters. As with the consideration of licence variations, the licensing authority should consider wider issues such as other conditions already in place to mitigate potential negative impact on the promotion of the licensing objectives and the track record of the business. Further advice on determining what is appropriate when imposing conditions on a licence or certificate is provided in Chapter 10. The licensing authority is expected to come to its determination based on an assessment of the evidence on both the risks and benefits either for or against making the determination.

Conditions attached to premises licence

General

10.1 This chapter provides further guidance in relation to conditions attached to premises licences and club premises certificates. General principles on licence conditions are set out in Chapter 1 (see paragraph 1.16).

10.2 Conditions include any limitations or restrictions attached to a licence or certificate and essentially are the steps or actions that the holder of the premises licence or the club premises certificate will be required to take or refrain from taking in relation to the carrying on of licensable activities at the premises in question. Failure to comply with any condition attached to a licence or certificate is a criminal offence, which on conviction is punishable by a fine of up to £20,000 or up to six months' imprisonment. The courts have made clear that it is particularly important that conditions which are imprecise or difficult for a licence holder to observe should be avoided.

10.3 There are three types of condition that may be attached to a licence or certificate: proposed, imposed and mandatory. Each of these categories is described in more detail below.

Proposed conditions

10.4 The conditions that are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives should emerge initially from the risk assessment carried out by a prospective licence or certificate holder, which they should carry out before making their application for a premises licence or club premises certificate. This would be translated into the steps

recorded in the operating schedule or club operating schedule, which must also set out the proposed hours during which licensable activities will be conducted and any other hours during which the premises will be open to the public.

10.5 It is not acceptable for licensing authorities to simply replicate the wording from an applicant's operating schedule. A condition should be interpreted in accordance with the applicant's intention.

Consistency with steps described in operating schedule

10.6 The 2003 Act provides that where an operating schedule or club operating schedule has been submitted with an application and there have been no relevant representations made by responsible authorities or any other person, the licence or certificate must be granted subject only to such conditions as are consistent with the schedule accompanying the application and any mandatory conditions required under the 2003 Act.

10.7 Consistency means that the effect of the condition should be substantially the same as that intended by the terms of the operating schedule. If conditions are broken, this may lead to a criminal prosecution or an application for a review and it is extremely important therefore that they should be expressed on the licence or certificate in unequivocal and unambiguous terms. The duty imposed by conditions on the licence holder or club must be clear to the licence holder, club, enforcement officers and the courts.

Imposed conditions

10.8 The licensing authority may not impose any conditions unless its discretion has been engaged following receipt of relevant representations and it is satisfied as a result of a hearing (unless all parties agree a hearing is not necessary) that it is appropriate to impose conditions to promote one or more of the four licensing objectives.

10.9 It is possible that, in certain cases, where there are other legislative provisions which are relevant and must be observed by the applicant, no additional conditions are appropriate to promote the licensing objectives.

Proportionality

10.10 The 2003 Act requires that licensing conditions should be tailored to the size, type, location and characteristics and activities taking place at the premises concerned. Conditions should be determined on a case-by-case basis and standardised conditions which ignore these individual aspects should be avoided. Licensing authorities and other responsible authorities should be alive to the indirect costs that can arise because of conditions. These could be a deterrent to holding events that are valuable to the community or for the funding of good and important causes. Licensing authorities should therefore ensure that any conditions they impose are only those which are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

Hours of trading

10.13 The Government acknowledges that different licensing strategies may be appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives in different areas. The 2003 Act gives the licensing authority power to make decisions regarding licensed opening hours as part of the implementation of its licensing policy statement and licensing authorities are best placed to make decisions about appropriate opening hours in their areas based on their local knowledge and in consultation with responsible authorities. However, licensing authorities must always consider each application and must not impose predetermined licensed opening hours, without giving individual consideration to the merits of each application.

10.14 Where there are objections to an application to extend the hours during which licensable activities are to be carried on and the licensing authority determines that this would undermine the licensing objectives, it may reject the application or grant it with appropriate conditions and/or different hours from those requested.

The need for licensed premises

13.18 There can be confusion about the difference between the “need” for premises and the “cumulative impact” of premises on the licensing objectives, for example, on crime and disorder. “Need” concerns the commercial demand for another pub or restaurant or hotel and is a matter for the planning authority and for the market. This is not a matter for a licensing authority in discharging its licensing functions or for its statement of licensing policy.

