



**NORWICH**  
City Council

## NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

Date of Hearing: 2 April 2012

Licence Type: Application for Premises Licence Variation

Name of Applicant: The Union of UEA Students

Name of Premises: The Hive and LCR Union House

Postal address of Premises: University of East Anglia Plain,  
Norwich, NR4 7TJ

Licensing Sub-Committee: Councillors Stammers (Chair) Banham &  
Thomas

Determination:- The Committee heard the application for a variation of the premises licence at the above premises. The variation requested was to increase the number of times per year that the Licence can be extended until 04:00hrs from 12 to 30. At the present time the Union can extend the licensing hours for the Annual Fresher's Ball in September, the Graduation Ball in July and on a further 10 occasions by application to the licensing authority.

The Committee heard from:- Nick Rayns (Entertainment and Bars Manager), Gavin Hudson and Richard Alderson (Bars Manager) on behalf of the applicant and Mr & Mrs Parke and Mr Bowden, local residents.

The Police having had discussions with the UEA Union and residents asked that a condition be imposed which required the Union to "notify the Police and Licensing Authority in writing 28 days prior to any event operating under the extension of hours (as per in accordance with the current Premises Licence)" and confirmed that they would not have any objections to the variation in those circumstances.

There were no representations by any other Responsible Authorities.

The applicant tabled an amendment to their application. They now sought to extend on 30 occasions a year on Saturday nights / Sunday mornings only their:

opening hours from 02:00 to 03:00;

the sale of alcohol from 01:30 to 02:30;

all other licensable activities from 02:00 to 03:00.

The manager of the Union bars stated that they did not open the bars until the time allowed but closed early on most nights. In addition many students left the university grounds and went on into town to continue their night out. That the union reminded patrons to leave quietly and that staff were strict about not serving those who appeared to be already intoxicated. That they had no direct control over the behaviour of students when they left the premises and that many other people who worked at the university also left the premises in the evening and who were not patrons of the bars. The committee were also told that the local bus company had put on extra bus services in order to ferry students and others into the city and that this should alleviate the problem of people being noisy when walking to the city.

The objectors, all of whom were resident around the university premises made complaint about drunken behaviour in the Avenues and other streets. They said that noise was a problem as was urinating in the street and gardens and those complaints were frequently made to the police. They feared that any increase in the hours allowed would worsen these existing problems. They stated that the buses didn't run along the Avenues and therefore the extra service put on did not assist.

#### **The Committee's Decision:-**

The Committee granted the amended application as asked for with the addition of the condition requested by the Norfolk Constabulary.

#### **The Committee's Reasons:-**

The committee found that there was no evidence that the noise and other disturbances complained of had been committed by patrons of the Union bars. There was no evidence before the committee that to increase the number of occasions as asked for would cause further problems. The Union appeared to be trying to ensure as much as possible that the bars were run responsibly and that patrons behaved when on the premises and were advised to respect the neighbours when leaving. Intoxicated patrons ordering drinks were refused service. Medical assistance and security staff were available for students and staff to call upon.

#### **Right of a Party to appeal against the determination of the Authority.**

For your information, applicants and any party who made a relevant objection, or submitted an objection notice, who is aggrieved by the decision, or the imposition of any term, condition or restriction, have a right of appeal to the Magistrates Court within 21 days of the date on which they are notified of the decision.

**Dated this 18 May 2012**