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LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

Tuesday 16 June 2015
11.00 am
Council House (Next to the Civic Centre), Plymouth

Members:

Councillors Mrs Bowyer, Parker-Delaz-Ajete and Rennie.

Fourth Member:

Councillor Fletcher.

Members are invited to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business overleaf.

Please note that, due to the nature of this Committee, we may need to send 'to follow' documents which were not expected at the time of the agenda publication. These documents may be considered under part I or part II.

Tracey Lee

Chief Executive

LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

AGENDA

PART I – PUBLIC MEETING

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

The Committee will appoint a Chair and Vice-Chair for this particular meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

To receive apologies for non-attendance submitted by Committee Members.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members will be asked to make any declarations of interest in respect of items on this agenda.

4. CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS

To receive reports on business which, in the opinion of the Chair, should be brought forward for urgent consideration.

5. PLYMOUTH HOE, PLYMOUTH, PLI 2PA (Pages 1 - 26)

The Director of Public Health will submit a report requesting a grant of premises licence in respect of Plymouth Hoe, Plymouth, PLI 2PA.

6. EXEMPT BUSINESS

To consider passing a resolution under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the press and public from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that it (they) involve(s) the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph(s) ? of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended by the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

PART II - PRIVATE MEETING

AGENDA

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO NOTE

that under the law, the Panel is entitled to consider certain items in private. Members of the public will be asked to leave the meeting when such items are discussed.

NIL.

PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

Subject: Plymouth Hoe, Plymouth. PLI 2PA
Grant of Premises Licence

Committee: Licensing Sub Committee

Date: 16 June 2015

Cabinet Member: Councillor Brian Vincent

CMT Member: Kelechi Nnoaham (Director of Public Health)

Author: Frederick Prout (Senior Licencing Officer)

Contact details: 01752 304792
email: licensing@plymouth.gov.uk

Ref: ERS/LIC/PREM

Key Decision: No

Part: I

Purpose of the report:

An application has been received from Plymouth City Council (Events Team) in respect of Plymouth Hoe for the grant of a premises licence under Section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003.

The Brilliant Co-operative Corporate Plan 2013/14 – 2016/17:

This report links to the delivery of the City and Council objectives and outcomes within the plan.

Growing: The Licensing Policy provides a balance between the need to protect residents against enabling legitimate businesses to operate within a necessary and proportionate regulatory framework.

Caring: Reduce Inequalities as the Licensing Policy has put in place an appropriate framework that will allow decision-makers, when considering applications, to reduce the impact on safety, well-being and local amenity on the local community. The licensing system must minimise the burdens on business and to allow communities the opportunity to influence decisions.

See [Our Plan](#)

**Implications for Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:
Including finance, human, IT and land:**

Not applicable

Other Implications: e.g. Child Poverty, Community Safety, Health and Safety and Risk Management:

Members should be aware that Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 puts a statutory duty on every Local Authority to exercise its various functions with due regard to the need to do all that it reasonably can do to prevent crime and disorder in its area.

Equality and Diversity:

Has an Equality Impact Assessment been undertaken? No

Recommendations and Reasons for recommended action:

That Members consider this report.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

None.

Published work / information:

For more information please see the below links.

[Statement of Licensing Policy](#)

[Licensing Act 2003](#)

[Revised Guidance issued under Section 182 Licensing Act 2003 - Mar 2015](#)

Background papers:

Title	Part I	Part II	Exemption Paragraph Number							
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Application										

Sign off:

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Originating SMT Member													
Has the Cabinet Member(s) agreed the content of the report? No													

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 On the 22 April 2015 the licensing department received an application from Plymouth City Council (Events Team) for the grant of a premises licence under Section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 in respect of Plymouth Hoe, Plymouth.

Plymouth City Council already holds a premises licence for entertainment on Plymouth Hoe for planned events. Currently when alcohol is sold at events the organiser is required to submit a temporary events notice.

This application contains the same days, times and licensable activities as the current licence with the addition of the retail sale of alcohol. The application has been made as the applicant considers it will allow greater control over the sale of alcohol through proposed conditions on the licence (if granted).

Alcohol will only be permitted to be sold and supplied at planned events. The application would not preclude other applications or a Temporary Event Notice being received. Any application would be treated on its own merits.

Members may wish to note that a premises licence for the supply of alcohol in the proposed area was granted for another premises licence holder in 2009 and varied in 2011.

Further an application for a Temporary Event Notice for the sale and supply of alcohol is limited to either being granted or refused. No conditions can be attached to such an application.

Letters of representations have mentioned the existence of a Designated Public Places Order (DPPO) for the area of The Hoe. An order is in place, but this does not ban the drinking of alcohol in the public place, but enables police officers to ask people to stop drinking alcohol; it is then an offence to fail without reasonable excuse to comply with that request.

The powers of the DPPO would however be temporarily suspended in or within the curtilage of a premises when it is covered by a TEN, or a premises licence at times when alcohol is being sold or supplied there and for 30 minutes thereafter.

1.2 Licensable Activities.

The following licensable activities and timings have been requested:

<u>(a) Plays (Indoors and Outdoors) - no event will finish after 11pm</u>	
<u>Hours</u>	
Monday to Sunday	8am to Midnight
<u>(b) Films (Indoors and Outdoors) - no event will finish after 11pm</u>	
<u>Hours</u>	
Monday to Sunday	8am to Midnight
<u>(e) Live Music (Indoors and Outdoors) – no event will finish after 11pm</u>	
<u>Hours</u>	
Monday to Sunday	8am to Midnight
<u>(f) Recorded Music (Indoors and Outdoors) - no event will finish after 11pm</u>	

<u>Hours</u>	
Monday to Sunday	8am to Midnight
<u>(g) Performance of Dance (Indoors and Outdoors)</u>	
<u>Hours</u>	
Monday to Sunday	8am to Midnight
<u>(h) Anything of a Similar Description to that falling within (e) (f) or (g) (Indoors and Outdoors)- no event will finish after 11pm</u>	
<u>Hours</u>	
Monday to Sunday	8am to Midnight
<u>(i) Late Night Refreshment (Indoors and Outdoors)</u>	
<u>Hours – Catering is ancillary to events and all units will be closed by 11.30pm</u>	
Monday to Sunday	11pm to Midnight
<u>(j) Supply of Alcohol for consumption ON the premises.</u>	
<u>Hours</u>	
Monday to Sunday	8am to Midnight
<u>(l) Hours Premises are Open to the Public</u> - All events are to finish by 11pm. Midnight is requested to facilitate the egress of the crowds	
<u>Hours</u>	
Monday to Sunday	8am to Midnight

- 1.3 The location of the premises area is indicated on the attached plan (Appendix 1).
- 1.4 The applicant has submitted an Operating Schedule (Appendix 2).
- 1.5 Representations have been received in respect of this application.

1.6 Cumulative Impact Policy

This application does not fall within an area to which the Cumulative Impact Policy applies.

2.0 RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES

- 2.1 *Devon & Cornwall Police* – no representations.

The police have not made representations to this application as they have been in consultation with the applicant who has agreed to accept the proposed condition of the police becoming a condition on the licence (Appendix 3).

- 2.2 *Environmental Health* – no representations
- 2.3 *Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service* – no representations.
- 2.4 *Trading Standards* – no representations

- 2.5 *Planning Officer* - no representations.
- 2.6 *Child Protection* – no representations
- 2.7 *Health & Safety Executive* – no representations.
- 2.8 *Health Authority (ODPH)* – no representations.
- 2.9 *Licensing Authority* – no representations.

3.0 OTHER PARTIES

10 –letters / e-mails of representation have been received (Appendices 4 to 13). Appendix 4 has petition attached with 75 signatures.

4.0 CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 The Committee is obliged to determine this application with a view to promoting the licensing objectives, which are:
- The prevention of crime and disorder;
 - Public safety;
 - The prevention of public nuisance;
 - The protection of children from harm.

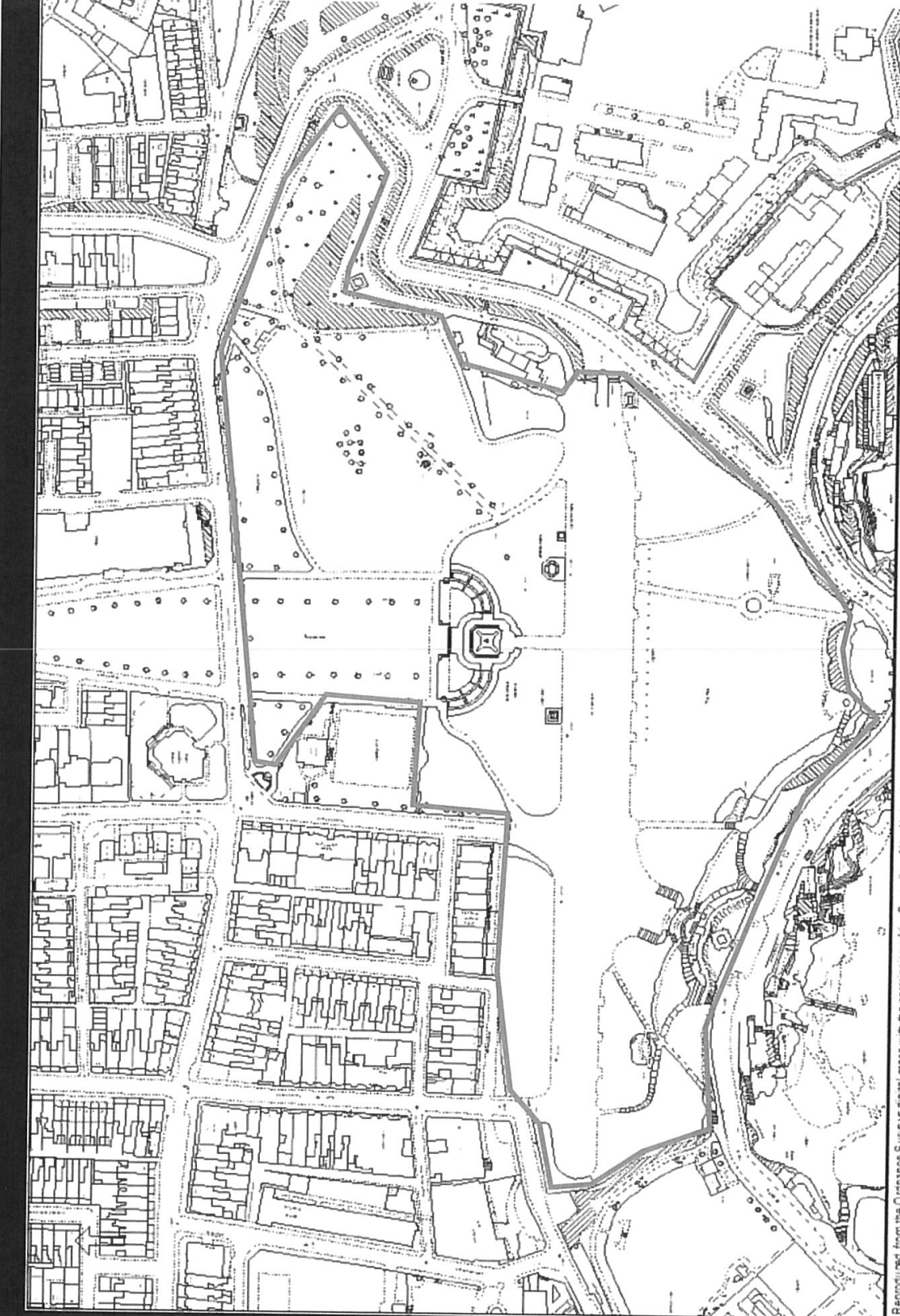
In making its decision the Committee is also obliged to have regards to:

- The guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 with the following paragraph's relevant to this application: 1.2 – 1.5, 1.16 – 1.17, 2.1, 2.3, 2.14 – 2.20, 9.3, 9.11, 9.33 – 9.40 and 10.8 - 10.10.
- The Council's own Licensing Policy with the following headed paragraphs being relevant to this application: Licensing Hours (Page 11), Public Nuisance (Page 17) and Licensing Conditions (page 20).
- Also the representations (including supporting information) presented by all the parties.

The Committee must take such of the following steps as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives:

1. Grant the licence as asked.
2. Modify the conditions of the licence, by altering or omitting or adding to them.
3. Reject the whole or part of the application.
4. It may also refuse to specify a designated premises supervisor and/or only allow certain requested licensable activities.

The 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.



The Hoe

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Attachment to Hse
Premise Licence - Section M

Hse Premise Licence 2015

ANNEX 2 - CONDITIONS CONSISTENT WITH THE OPERATING SCHEDULE

A) General - all four licensing objectives

- The events team have regular and multi-agency meetings with the emergency services, PCC departments and other agencies to plan for and share information regarding each event, cover staffing implementation, environmental issues and cleansing.
- All events are planned taken into consideration the guidelines laid down in the Purple Guide to Health, Safety and Welfare at Music and other Events
- Events are socially all inclusive and family orientated.
- External event organisers are required to comply with the same standards as for PCC organised events. They are required to complete an event booking form, produce requested documentation and agree to comply with our requirements.
- PCC events will have a provision for lost children and CRB checked member of staff.
- It will work closely on site with both police and private security to aim to achieve a safe environment
- On events where the retail sale of alcohol is to take place, the contracted company will supply a personal licence holder to become the designated premises supervisor for the duration of the contract

B) Prevention of crime and disorder

The Council will have:

- Regular meetings with the police regarding programme of events.
- Specific meetings with Police Ops planning for individual events regarding police presence where necessary.
- SIA registered private security contracted in as necessary, with appropriate levels of staffing.
- Reference to previous years events, levels of staffing adjusted according to results.
- PCC stewards patrolling to report incidents, assist public and to be in two-way communication by radio.
- In the event of an alcohol licence being in place for an event only plastic glasses and bottles to be used.
- Central control point for emergency services and council officers to liaise.
- Communications list and protocols in place.

C) Public Safety

- Regular meetings with emergency services for programme of events.
- Specific meetings with emergency services for individual events including liaison and presentations to the Events Safety Advisory Group (ESAG) as required
- Adherence to the Purple Guide to Health, Safety and Welfare at Music and other Events regarding all levels of security and stewarding staffing, policing for public provision.
- Adherence to HSE Managing Crowds Safely Guidance.
- Production of all relevant documentation - risk assessment, fire risk assessment, evacuation plan, site maps, emergency procedures, communications list.
- Consultation of the above with all emergency services, Queens Harbour Master and

coastguard where necessary including PCC Public Protection, Health and Safety Team and ESAG.

- Maintaining of emergency access points, fire lanes and hydrants. Follow relevant codes of practice regarding: marquees, fireworks, bonfires, laser shows, fire extinguishers.
- Suspension of vehicle movement on site during events.
- Consultation with building control regarding temporary structures, stages etc. Adhering to CDM regulations as required.
- On site health and safety inspections where needed: fairs, circuses, fireworks.
- Ensuring other event organisers meet and supply the information needed in our conditions of use of Hoe.
- Periodic inspections of other organisations events.
- Provision of toilets and catering facilities.
- Contracted stewarding, medical and stewarding companies at events
- Emergency lighting on site where necessary.
- CAA approval for air shows.
- Checking sub contractors documentation - test certificates, food hygiene, LPG, test certificates for fairs, insurance.

D) The prevention of public nuisance

- Liaise with Public Protection regarding environmental regulations, noise levels.
- Consideration of the impact for local residents and businesses given
- Construction and de-rig of events not to be carried out between 21.30 and 07.00hrs.
- Post event litter arrangements to be in place litter pick and waste removal.
- Events to finish by 23.00hrs to reduce anti-social behaviour
- Hush generators only to be used overnight.
- Attractions to have a wind down period to allow for public dispersal.
- Traffic management plan to be in place for all large events and events which incur road closures.
- To work with the Police, PCC Highways and Transport Teams regarding the implementation of Traffic Management plans.

E) Protection of children from harm

- Lost children provision on site
- CRB checked staff to deal with this provision
- Facility to have announcements as laid out in the guidance forms
- Hoe events are socially inclusive and family orientated
- Liaison with police on site / social services out of hours team
- Stewards and security patrols to assist and aid
- A Personal licence holder will be on site throughout the time alcohol is being sold
- All alcohol sales will be subject to a Challenge 25 policy
- All staff will be trained in the Challenge 25 policy
- Training will be documented and available for inspection by relevant authorities

Dear Mr Prout,

The only concerns I have re this application are

- A. That a specific PCC Department should be identified in writing to the police as being responsible for being the Premises Licence authority. The head of that dept can then be approached in the case of problems breaches etc.
- B. I believe we need an additional condition to ensure the police are advised in writing of all events using the premises licence where alcohol is being sold. Such a condition to include the name and contact details of the DPS at least 4 weeks prior to the event.

I suggest the following condition to be appropriate and necessary.

the police are to be advised in writing of all events using the premises licence where alcohol is being sold. This document shall include the name and contact details of the DPS at least 4 weeks prior to the event. The numbers expected at the event and the number of units and locations of the units being used to retail the sale of alcohol.

I request this condition be attached to the premises licence before issue.

Kind Regards

*Mr D McIndoe
Licensing Officer
Devon and Cornwall Constabulary
Charles Cross Police Station
Hampton Street
Plymouth
PL4 8HG*



The Esplanade
Plymouth
PL1
19th May 2015

To Whom It May Concern
PCC Licensing Application for The Hoe, 22.4.2015

Please find attached petition signed by seventy five people. The petition states that 'We the undersigned do hereby object to the above licensing application due to the likely increase of disorder, anti-social behaviour and public nuisance' (as per section 4 of the Licensing Representation Form: crime and disorder, public nuisance).

As you will see people from Plymouth and also from around the world have taken the trouble to sign this petition. I think this is an indication of how highly The Hoe is valued and treasured not only by Plymothians but also by people from elsewhere in Britain and around the world.

I look forward very much to hearing from you.
With many thanks,
yours sincerely

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Hand delivered to Ballard House, 20th May 2015

**Plymouth City Council Application for a licence
to supply Alcohol and provide Entertainment and Late Night Refreshment
08.00hrs. to Midnight - Monday to Sunday
in Plymouth Hoe Area, Plymouth**

**WE THE UNDERSIGNED DO HEREBY OBJECT TO THE ABOVE LICENSING APPLICATION
DUE TO THE LIKELY INCREASE OF
DISORDER, ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND PUBLIC NUISANCE**

Name (PRINT)	Signature	Address
		The Esplanade PL1
		Houlston Rd PL3
		Hollycroft Rd PL3
		Humbelane Kingsteigton ^{TP12}
		Humbelane Kingsteigton CHESTERFIELD RD EASTHAM ^{CH22}
		HAYTOR DR W/BRIDGE CHESTERFIELD INDIA
		WESTDOWN RD PL2
		YELLOWMEAD RD PL2
		" " " "
		PL3
		Fulford Cres PL1
		OSMUND GREENS PL1
		Chadden Rd Tuanton
		Mount Gould Rd
		Alger Walk PL6
		Alfred St PL1

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Address
THE ESPLANADE PL1
THE ESPLANADE, PL1
PL4
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Hoe Court PL1
PL4
PL4
The Esplanade
The Esplanade
PLYMOUTH HOE. BOWLS CLUB
MARINA ROAD
ELLOT ST. PL1
BEATRICE AVE LITTON
ELLOT ST. PL1
YELVERTON CL. PLYMOUTH. PL5

To: The Public Protection Service Manager,
Licensing Office, Public Protection Service, Plymouth City Council, Plymouth PL1 2AA.

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Address

WEST BOURNE RD PL3.

millb Rd.

Farnow Ave PL3

Millbay Rd.

Shelton Close. PL6

HOUSTON GARDENS,
KILZEGH, PLYMOUTH PL6

BULLER PK
SALTASH, CORNWALL PL12

DUBLER PK SALTASH
CORNWALL PL12

EASTEDOWN CLOSE, PL9
PLYMOUTH.

HANKY PARK

GLENGREY DR WATERFALL 3610

DURHAM AVE, PLYMOUTH.

The esplanade, The Hoe PL1

The Esplanade, The Hoe PL1
VIAL ROAD (BRISTOL)

LADYSMITH RD, PLYMOUTH

Marsh Close Plymouth

To: The Public Protection Service Manager,

Licensing Office, Public Protection Service, Plymouth City Council, Plymouth PL1 2AA.

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Address
Milehouse Rd PL3
Milehouse Rd PL3
WAYE FARM PL21-
Osborne Cr PL1
" "
GAS-GUARD CLOSE, PL12
KNEELE CON FACTORY PL3
" " " "
The Esplanade PL1

To: The Public Protection Service Manager,
Licensing Office, Public Protection Service, Plymouth City Council, Plymouth PL1 2AA.

Prout, Frederick

From: [redacted]
Sent: 21 May 2015 07:17
To: Licensing
Subject: PCC Licence Application - The Hoe Area

Dear Mr Prout,

Thank you for your explanation regarding the current Plymouth City Council (PCC) licence application for activities, &c. in The Hoe Area.

Following our telephone discussion I understand that, with the exception of the supply of alcohol, the licence application makes provision for the extension of activities for which a licence(s) has already been granted. I also understand why PCC would now wish to hold the licence for the supply of alcohol, in terms of its control.

Never the less, I wish to object to the granting of such a licence on the following grounds, set out as the key objectives in The Licensing Act:

Objectives 1 & 3 – The Prevention of Crime and Disorder & The Prevention of Public Nuisance:
The granting of a licence for the supply of alcohol from 08:00hrs until midnight from Monday to Sunday is both excessive and unnecessary. This would allow for the consumption of alcohol all day, every day leading to an inevitable increase in drunk and disorderly behaviour and nuisance caused to people enjoying The Hoe; it being a National Heritage site, a conservation area and a public park. For example, people under the influence of alcohol have been observed urinating in the Peace Garden, inevitably in places where ashes of loved one have been scattered. This kind of anti-social behaviour has nothing but the potential to increase under the present proposal to increase the hours that alcohol will be available.

Objective 4 – The Protection of Children from Harm:
Children cross The Hoe on their way to and from school. At around 16:00hrs these young people would be making their way home at a time when, under the terms of the current licence application, persons could have been drinking for anything up to 8 hours. Such consumption could lead to unacceptable behaviour towards these young people. Children should be able to walk home safely within The Hoe area without the fear of being accosted by a drunk. They should not be expected to find alternative routes home as a result of such fear.

Further, with the granting of such a licence, the powers of the police would be compromised in relation to the existing DPPO, which should be extended, not curtailed.

Events and the consumption of alcohol until midnight provide potential for violation under Objective 3 (The Prevention of Public Nuisance) by causing unnecessary nuisance to residents living near to The Hoe. Once again, people under the influence of alcohol have been observed singing loudly and urinating in and around the doorways and entrances of properties within the vicinity of The Hoe. Any extension of the current drinking laws would inevitably exacerbate this problem.

The objection is not to alcohol on The Hoe, per se, provided it is being consumed in a reasonable, proper and enjoyable way. It has been reported that the application is designed to cover such events as 'MTV Crashes Plymouth' and that the extension to midnight is designed to take account of any 'events over-running by 5 minutes or so'. It has already been agreed that all events held on The Hoe shall end no later than 23:00hrs. Surely PCC would wish for this stipulation to be

enforced and, therefore, there should be no need for the granting of a licence to supply alcohol later than 23:00hrs.

With regards to the supply of alcohol from 08:00hrs, no event being held on The Hoe that I have witnessed has provided alcohol from this time of the morning. The Licensing Authority should give serious consideration to whether this early start is necessary and examine whether a licence from, say, 13:00hrs is more appropriate.

Further, social and other events and the consumption of alcohol until midnight provide potential for violation under Objective 3, by causing unnecessary nuisance to residents, elderly and those working, who live near to The Hoe and need a good night's rest.

I look forward to your early response.

Yours sincerely,

The Esplanade
The Hoe
Plymouth PL1

Further to my last letter -

I would consider granting an extended licence for alcohol to be sold on the Hoe would cause extra work for the already over stretched Police force .

There will be an increase in public nuisance - already a problem where the Community police have to apprehend youths from time to time by prohibiting the amount of alcohol they have in their possession .

Around the Anchor (Armada Way) the grass frontage of the Esplanade & Elliot Terrace is often the place older alcoholics gather .

I have even had an elderly man asleep across my doorway @ no (Address) - so intoxicated he could not stand up (I had to call the Police).

The Hoe should be an area where it is safe for children to play - this would not be the case if extended licensing hours were granted .

The application states all day & evening hours - totally unacceptable & encourages mayhem & misbehaviour .

It would therefore be a most unwise decision on behalf of the licensing authority.

Yours sincerely

Dear Sir/Madam

We strongly recommend that permission to allow alcohol during events on The Hoe from 08.00 - midnight is refused because:-

1) The Hoe and the surrounding area is Grade 11 listed and should remain so; the sale of alcohol would set a precedent for Commercialisation of The Hoe.

2) Prevention of Crime & Disorder:-

It is a fact that alcohol can and does have a detrimental effect on the behaviour of some people which in turn produces anti-social behaviour, which we shouldn't have to tolerate.

3) Prevention of Public Nuisance:-

Without doubt there would be an increase in litter (cans/bottles/glasses etc). Not forgetting more noise.

4) Protection of children from harm:-

There is no guarantee that under-age people would be prevented from drinking alcohol.

We believe that for alcohol to be available for so many long hours would create unnecessary problems.

Regards

Dear Sirs,

I live very close to Plymouth Hoe and we have nothing but trouble in the summer months with under age drinking, drinking in general on the greens on the Armada Way outside the Holiday Inn and the Hoe area.

Although this area is designated a no drinking area the police are rarely around.

The litter culminating from this must be seen to be believed.

There are often fights and vandalism, my front door was kicked in whilst the fair was situated on the Hoe over Easter.

The area is a no go for decent people during the summer months, and what the visitors think of it all "beggars belief"

My family tend to go on holiday to get away from the foul language, litter and drink associated problems. Etc.

Now your applying to have more venues serving booze, this will only exacerbate the problem and goodness knows what increased vandalism to vehicles and property this ridiculous increase in alcohol licenses will bring, many others I have spoken to who live in the proximity of Plymouth Hoe strongly object to these proposals.

Please rethink this, a few extra quid in the council coffers will be offset by lots of extra hidden clean up costs, including many more people defecating and urinating in all the planted areas on the Hoe.

Regards

As a resident on the Hoe I am hereby objecting to the application to license alcohol sales on the Hoe from 0800h onwards. There is already enough of a noise issue from events on the Hoe making lives of locals Hell (cf. MTV nonsense last summer meaning 45 min detours to get to work on foot and noise until gone 0100h each night - even after repeated letters requesting local residents be informed in writing re: all events 28 days in advance, PCC have ignored it and carried on as usual.

This license application will commercialise and pollute (noise and waste) a Grade II listed area and I wholeheartedly object - it will devalue our homes and make lives a misery. Commercialise a non-residential area such as Armada Way instead with late licenses.

I would like to register my objection to DRINKING ON THE HOE.

As a resident of the Hoe area, I do not agree to allowing ALCOHOLIC CONSUMPTION WITH ENTERTAINMENT AT PREMISES within the Plymouth Hoe Area and particularly not six days a week, starting at 8am!

I believe this would be a very retrograde step and spoil the whole atmosphere of this our area of important Historical interest. Many visitors come to Plymouth Hoe and expect to find an environment which can be enjoyed without alcohol being taken. People do drink on the Hoe already and leave their empty can lying around. Some even sleep in areas and leave a number of cans and other unmentionables for others to clear.

KEEP THE PLYMOUTH HOE BEAUTIFUL AND ALCOHOL FREE.

In connection with your application to allow alcohol consumption with entertainment at premises within the Plymouth Hoe area, I feel very unhappy about the proposal, mainly because I think it is likely to increase the level of noise in the area.

Music and other noise from events on the Hoe are clearly audible on Grand Parade where I live, and intrusive in spite of my double glazing. People attending events on the Hoe also park in Grand Parade, or pass through it on foot after leaving the Hoe. It is unfortunately true that noise and rowdy behaviour as well as littering and vandalism are likely to increase when alcohol has been consumed.

I believe that the Hoe and its surroundings is a listed site of historical interest and feel that the amount of noise and activity there is already maximal. And there are many places on the Waterfront, in the Barbican area and behind the Hoe towards the town centre where people can get a drink before or after events on the Hoe.

Yours faithfully,

Osborne Place
The Hoe
Plymouth
PL1

Mob:



Licensing Office
Public Protection Service
Plymouth City Council
Civic Centre
Plymouth
PL1 2AA

Dear Sirs

Re: Premises Licence for Plymouth Hoe Area

I am writing to object to the application by Plymouth City Council for a premises licence for the Hoe Area.

The area concerned is covered by a Designated Public Place Order. Presumably this order was put in place as a result of alcohol related anti-social behaviour. As a local resident I can attest to such anti-social behaviour.

Following an event not so long ago, a young man saw fit to come half way down the exterior basement stairs and urinate against the front wall of my house. He was with a large group of other youths, all worse for wear with drink, so I thought it best not to come out of the house to remonstrate.

My immediate neighbour has had her car walked over from front to back. This resulted in damaging foot prints in the body-work.

My understanding is:

The Act sets out four licensing objectives which must be taken into account when a local authority carries out its functions. They are:

1. the prevention of crime and disorder,
2. public safety,
3. prevention of public nuisance, and
4. the protection of children from harm

The application for such an exceptionally broad liquor licence can in no way take account of these objectives. To the contrary, the application is so broad it side-steps the purpose of the Licensing Act.

It would also mean that at crucial times of public events the DPPO would be suspended whilst drink was being sold on The Hoe. Quite the opposite of what's needed!

Apart from the blue signs posted on The Hoe, there has been little public information about what is at stake here.

Reading between the lines, and this is all local residents can do, the application is related to the upcoming MTV concerts. It seems relatively straightforward to apply for a Temporary Event Notice, which covers up to 499 people.

At the MTV event, numbers are more likely to be in the tens of thousands, over several days. Sale of alcohol at an event such as this should not be permitted under a broad sweeping licence. It is far preferable to have those making the alcohol sales at these large, but temporary, events make a specific case and explain in detail how the sales are to be made, how crime and disorder will be prevented and how public safety will be assured. Also, is it not a tenet of licencing law for someone to take personal responsibility?

Finally, and not least, please remember that this is a park and a war memorial.

Yours faithfully

Dear Sir/Madam,

With reference to your application to grant licensing permission for the Plymouth Hoe Area as per your notice from Ballard House dated 22-04-2015.

I strongly object to the Historic Hoe Area being used for major entertainment events especially loud live or recorded music and the consumption of alcohol.

I have complained in the past to Public Protection about the excessive noise from the MTV Event last summer. These events are VERY LOUD and because the organisers pointed the speakers at Plympton, I had to put up with the NOISE. What about the people who live in the Hoe Area? Why can't the speakers be pointed out to sea, where they won't annoy residents? On top of the Hoe in the centre of a built-up area is NOT the place to hold a VERY LOUD music event. That is why events like the Glastonbury Festival etc are held in rural locations away from residents who do not want to hear loud music. Entertainment should be held indoors, where the noise is reduced and behaviour monitored.

With respect to the licensed selling and consumption of alcohol; this will also lead to extra violence and criminal damage in the surrounding area along with urination in public places. I do not want this happening in my City.

Yours sincerely,