

BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL
LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

21 July 2016

Report of the Service Manager – Regulatory Services

Title: Licensing Act 2003
Application for grant of a premises licence in respect of Paco Tapas, The General, Lower Guinea Street, Bristol BS1 6SY

Ward: Central

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Purpose of the report

To hold a hearing to consider relevant representations made on the application for a premises licence for Paco Tapas made by Paco Tapas Ltd and received on 1st June 2016

Members have a pack containing the following documents:

- (a) Copy of the application
- (b) Copy of all relevant representations

Context

The detail of the application is as follows:

Licensable activities and times applied for:

Sale of Alcohol	Sunday to Wednesday 12:00 - 00:00
Sale of Alcohol	Thursday to Saturday 12:00 - 01:00
Recorded Music	Sunday to Wednesday 12:00 - 00:00
Recorded Music	Thursday to Saturday 12:00 - 01:00
Late Night Refreshment	Sunday to Wednesday 23:00 - 00:00
Late Night Refreshment	Thursday to Saturday 23:00 - 01:00

Hours the premises will be open to the public:

Sunday to Wednesday	12:00 - 00:00
Thursday to Saturday	12:00 - 01:00

The application was accompanied by an operating schedule setting out the steps the applicant proposes to take to promote the four licensing objectives. If there had been no

relevant representations (or if all relevant representations are withdrawn) the council would be bound to grant the application subject only to such conditions as are consistent with the operating schedule accompanying the application. The draft of a licence that could have been issued, having regard to guidance and policy and acting with a view to promoting the four licensing objectives, is appended to this report as Appendix A.

Policy

City Centre CIA

Reason for Policy

The Avon and Somerset Police produced evidence to support their request that the central area of Bristol be designated a cumulative impact area . It remains at saturation point and the Police produced evidence for extending the area to which the special policy should apply so as to include Stokes Croft and Cabot Circus. In particular the area, which has a significant concentration of alcohol led late night venues, witnesses a high number of assaults and other related crime and disorder including public nuisance and risk to public safety. The policy will apply to further applications for the grant of new licenses or significant variations of existing licenses in respect of premises that primarily sell alcohol for consumption on the premises, other late night uses, restaurants and take away outlets. The main focus of the policy is likely to be on alcohol led establishments and premises that keep customers in the area at times when the promotion of the licensing objectives is most challenging (for example late night refreshment from “fast food” outlets)

Gloucester Road CIA

Reason for Policy

This stretch of Gloucester Road, which is a major transport route in and out of the city, features a mix of retail and leisure uses with primarily residential areas behind the frontages. The request for a CIA to be introduced was made by the Police and supported by local residential amenity groups. The potential for increased public nuisance and crime and disorder arising from further licenses being granted is a major concern for local residents in this area and the Police. In particular the area, which has a significant concentration of alcohol led late night venues, witnesses a high number of assaults and other related crime and disorder including public nuisance and risk to public safety.

The ability to prevent further encroachment into the normal sleeping times of local residents is also a key aspect of this policy. The policy will apply to further applications for the grant of new licenses or significant variations of existing licenses in respect of premises that primarily sell alcohol for consumption on the premises, other late night uses, restaurants and take away outlets. The main focus of the policy is likely to be on alcohol led establishments and premises that keep customers in the area at times when the promotion of the licensing objectives is most challenging (for example late night refreshment from “fast food” outlets)

Whiteladies Road CIA

Reason for Policy

This stretch of Whiteladies Road is predominantly characterised by properties with A3 leisure uses behind which are sited residential areas. The request for the CIA to be implemented was made by local amenity groups and supported by the Redland Sector of Avon and Somerset Police. This area differs from the city centre in that there is a greater emphasis on the need to promote the prevention of public nuisance objective. The ability to prevent further encroachment into the normal sleeping times of local residents is a key aspect of this policy. The policy will apply to the consideration of applications for the grant of new authorisations or for significant variations of existing authorisations in respect of premises that primarily sell alcohol for consumption on the premises, other late night uses, restaurants and take away outlets.

Clifton CIA

Reason for Policy

Clifton Village and the surrounding area has seen a rapid growth in restaurants, bars and cafes. These A3 uses are mixed with residential areas and have led to an increase in public nuisance. The request for the CIA was made by the Clifton and Hotwells Improvement Society and is supported by local residents and Avon and Somerset Constabulary. Clifton Village is a popular destination with a vibrant day and night time economy. The CIA policy will help to protect the residential amenity and ensure that further expansion with licensed premises is not to the detriment of this important and iconic part of Bristol. The policy, when triggered, will apply to applications for the grant of new licenses or significant variations of existing licenses in respect of premises that primarily provide alcohol for supply on the premises, restaurants and takeaway outlets. Applicants for licenses in the CIA area will need to be able to demonstrate that they can offer something different from what is currently available without adding to the impact already being experienced.

Bedminster and Southville CIA

North Street (From the junction with Ashton Road to the junction with Greville Street)

Reason for Policy

This stretch of North Street is characterised by a varied range of food, drink and entertainment offers leading to a busy area, which has resulted in anti-social behaviour and loss of amenity for local residents. The policy will help to protect residential amenity from being harmed by public nuisance and will, when triggered by the receipt of relevant representations, give rise to a presumption of refusal of applications for the grant of new premises licences or for significant variation of existing licenses particularly where such proposals could increase anti-social behaviour. The policy is not designed to preclude high-quality food-led developments that are commensurate with the community's longer term ambitions for the area.

Cannon Street Area (Cannon Street, North Street (from junction of Grenville Street to junction with Cannon Street), East Street (from junction with Little Paradise to junction with West Street/Sheene Road and West Street (from junction with East Street to junction with Victor Road)

The Cannon Street locality comprises of a close concentration of late night „destination“ bars, take away food outlets and premises supplying alcohol for consumption away from the premises (off-licences) that has resulted in a cumulative adverse impact on the promotion of the licensing objectives, in particular those concerning the prevention of crime and disorder and the prevention of public nuisance. The policy, when triggered by the receipt of relevant representations, will apply to applications for the grant of new premises licences or for significant variation of existing licenses and is intended to prevent the further proliferation of the type of premises on offer in this locality. In order to rebut the presumption of refusal applicants for licences will be expected to demonstrate through the operating schedule accompanying the application that what they propose is a significantly different type of operation than that which is currently on offer; a proposal that will result in a greater variety of range of venues and that it is demonstrated will not add to the problems currently being experienced which this policy aims to address. The policy is intended to be strictly applied, i.e. to refuse applications with operating schedules that could enable a venue to operate as an additional late night alcohol led venue, or as a late night food take away outlet, or as an “off-licence”.

Representations

Relevant representations have been received from the following parties, all of whom have been notified of this hearing and their rights:

- Sharon Sawyers
- Mark Curtis
- Peter Hogarth
- Steven Maggs
- Caroline Morgan

Recommendations

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE SUB COMMITTEE hold a hearing to consider the relevant representations (unless the subcommittee, the applicant and each person who has made such representations agree that a hearing is unnecessary) and, having regard to the representations, take such of the steps mentioned in paragraph 6 below, if any, as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives. In making this (and all licensing decisions) the subcommittee must have regard to the guidance and policy included in the subcommittee’s pack

2. The steps are –

- (a) To grant the licence subject to conditions that are consistent with the operating schedule
- (b) To exclude from the scope of the licence any of the licensable activities to which the application relates
- (c) [To refuse to specify a person in the licence as the premises supervisor] delete

where not applicable

(d) To reject the application

3. If a licence is granted any relevant mandatory conditions must be imposed in addition to any conditions the subcommittee decides to impose after the hearing. Mandatory conditions are standard conditions imposed by way of legislation and in respect of which there is no power to vary.

4. If the subcommittee decides to grant the application Notice in line with the statutory requirements must be given forthwith to that effect to the applicant, all of the people who made relevant representations and the Chief Constable for Avon and Somerset and must state the reasons for taking any of the steps set out in paragraph 6 of this report; the applicant must also be issued with the licence and a summary of it.

5. If the subcommittee decides to reject the application notice must be given forthwith to that effect to the applicant, all of the people who made relevant representations and the Chief Constable for Avon and Somerset and must state the reasons for the decision.

APPENDICES

Appendix A **Draft premises licence with proposed conditions (if applicable) which would be issued under Licensing Act 2003, if granted.**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

Background papers: Application and supporting documents.

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