

**BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL**

**LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**16 December 2021**

**Report of the Service Manager – Regulatory Services**

**Title:** Licensing Act 2003  
Application for the variation of a premises licence in respect of Royal Oak,  
50 The Mall, Bristol, BS8 4JG

**Ward:** Clifton

**Officer Presenting Report:** Sarah Flower

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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 Royal Oak made by F&F Investments Limited and received on 26th October 2021

Members have a pack containing the following documents:

- (a) Copy of the application
- (b) Copy of all relevant representations
- (c) Points of clarification raised with the parties and their responses
- (d) The Council's statement of licensing policy
- (e) The Secretary of state's guidance
- (f) The Council's Licensing procedure rules
- (g) Regulations governing the conduct of hearings

**Context**

The detail of the variation is as follows:

This is an application to vary the layout and design of the premises in accordance with the submitted plan (drawing no 250 dated 15.10.21).

The variation is to include the relocation of the bar servery on the ground floor. Any part of the variation application that changes the plan/layout at the premises to be of no effect until the work has been completed.

Locations of fire safety and other safety equipment subject to change in accordance with the requirements of the responsible authorities or following a risk assessment.

Any detail shown on the plan that is not required by the licensing plans regulations is indicative only and subject to change at any time.

To also remove condition 2 in Annex 2 which states as follows:

"All Intoxicating liquor sold and supplied on the 1st and 2nd floors of the premises, shall only be made be to customers who are engaging in a sit-down table meal, as an ancillary to that meal."

And to replace with the following: "The premises at 1st and 2nd floors will be laid out 70% to tables and chairs."

All other operating times, licensable activities and conditions authorised by the existing Premises Licence to remain unaltered.

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 If there had been no relevant representations (or if all relevant representations are withdrawn) the council would be bound to grant the application subject only to such conditions as are consistent with the operating schedule accompanying the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**

Not in CIA

## **Representations**

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

- Fiona Dando
- Joanna Usherwood
- Cllr Paula O Rourke
- Sarah Bellamy

## **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            Current premises licence issued under the Licensing Act 2003**

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985**

**Background papers: Application and supporting documents.**

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