

**BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL**

**LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**19 January 2023**

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

**Title:** Licensing Act 2003  
Application for the variation of a premises licence in respect of Knowle Hotel,  
Leighton Road, Knowle, Bristol BS4 2LL

**Ward:** Knowle

**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 Knowle Hotel made by Zazu's Kitchen Pubs Limited and received on 22nd November 2022

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:

The application proposes to:

1. Add the accompanied licensing plan to the existing licensing plans already attached to the premises licence (The proposed layout change is the part conversion of the existing ground cellar store into a customer function room. There shall be no bar servery located in the function room. The submitted licensing plan to be added to the existing licensing plans - drawing No.7370-11 drawn by AH dated 19th May 2015 and drawing no M6183/TIC/17 dated January 2005.)

2. Amend the existing non-standard timing for Christmas Eve for the sale of alcohol (Christmas Eve and New Year's Day - 11:00 until 01:00 the following day, New Year's Eve

- As existing) and opening hours (Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day - From 08:00 until 01:30 the following day), and add a non-standard timing for Christmas Eve for live & recorded music (Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day - From the end of permitted hours to 01:00 hours the following day)

3. Remove conditions relating to liquor sales, behaviour enforcement, evacuation procedures, emptying bottle skips, background music, children and under 18's, adult entertainment, electrical installations, conditions of gangways, passages, staircases and exits, handrails, drinking glasses, sanitary conveniences, special effects, overcrowding, regulated entertainment, waste receptacles and management, noise monitoring and control

and add the new conditions;

The prevention of public nuisance

1. When regulated entertainment, in the form of live and recorded music, is taking place, all external doors and windows shall remain closed except for access/egress and in case of an emergency

The protection of children from harm

2. Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult at all times and must be off the premises by 22:00, save for if attending a function they shall be permitted to remain on the premises until close.

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**

Avon and Somerset Constabulary produced evidence to support their request that the central area of Bristol be designated a CIA. It remains at saturation point and 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 CIA will apply to further applications for the grant of new licences or significant variations of existing licences 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 assessment 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)

## Representations

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