

LICENSING PANEL

THURSDAY, 21 MAY 2015

PRESENT:- Councillors Abdul Amin, John Haines and Vera Tomlinson.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Oliver Donachie.

19. **Appointment of Chair**

Resolved –That Councillor Vera Tomlinson Chair this meeting of the Panel.
(Councillor Tomlinson took the Chair.)

20. **Minutes**

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 19th January 2015, be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

21. **Declarations of Interest**

The Chair reminded Members of the need to declare any known interests in any matters to be considered at the meeting. No declarations were made.

22. **Application for the variation of a Premises Licence in respect of Cotswold Water Park, Riverside Park, Inglesham, GL7 3AG together with a copy of each relevant representation made and supporting documents**

The Panel considered (a) a report of the Council's Licensing Officer setting out details of an application for a variation of the Premises Licence for Cotswold Water Park, Riverside Park, Swindon, (b) written representations from local residents opposing the variation of the Premises Licence, (c) oral submissions from local residents in support of their objection, (d) oral submissions received in support of the application from the applicant, (e) questions from Members to the applicants and answers received, and (f) the Council's procedure for licensing hearings, the Secretary of State's Guidance and the Council's Licensing Policy.

After considering: -

1. The application for a variation of a Premises Licence; and
2. Representations and material put forward on behalf of the objectors and the applicant:

And taking into account: -

1. The Secretary of State's Guidance; and
2. The Licensing Authority Licensing Statement:

And having in mind the promotion of the Licensing Objectives in particular: -

- i. The prevention of public nuisance

- ii. The prevention of crime and disorder.

The Panel determined that the application for a variation of the Premises Licence, as set out on the licence, be approved subject to the licence conditions amended as follows:

17. No event involving the attendance at one time of more than 9,999 people (including performers, staff, volunteers etc) shall take place under the authority of this licence, save for the year 2015 where the maximum number shall be limited to 6,000 people (including performers, staff, volunteers etc).

18. Prior to any event involving attendance of more than 1000 people, the premises licence holder shall notify the Swindon Event Safety Group [or its successor grouping] and shall provide such information as is requested and engage with such advice as may be given. At least three months' notice shall be given of any such event. Where such events are over 5,000 people at least six months' notice shall be given of any such event.

Reasons

1. The Panel took account of the written representations of all parties and the oral arguments received at the meeting. The Panel carefully considered the representations of those who opposed the variation together with the additional conditions agreed by the applicant and felt that these would minimise the impact on the amenities of local residents and uphold the Licensing Objectives.

2. The Panel considered the objections submitted by local residents but were satisfied that, given the experience of the Management and success in running previous events of this nature at the location that the concerns raised could be mitigated.

3. The Panel when considering the objections received were mindful that there had been no objections from the Statutory Authorities.

4. The Panel noted that there were conditions in place to minimise the impact on the amenities of local residents and that there was no evidence nuisance would arise from the variation proposed.