

Report to:

LICENSING PANEL

Relevant Officer:

Sarah Chadwick, Licensing Officer

Date of Meeting :

28 July 2020

APPLICATION TO VARY A PREMISES LICENCE – LAWTON HOTEL, 58-68 CHARNLEY ROAD, BLACKPOOL, FY1 4PF.

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider an application to vary Premises Licence PL2086 issued in respect of The Lawton Hotel, 58-68 Charnley Road, Blackpool, FY1 4PF.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To consider the application and determine whether the granting of this variation would adversely impact on the licensing objectives.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 Representations have been received therefore there must be a hearing to determine the application.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None

4.0 Background Information

4.1 On 14 February 2020, the licensing service received an application from Mr Darren Wilkinson and Mr Malcolm Daley to vary the Premises Licence issued in respect of The Lawton Hotel, 58-60 Charnley Road, Blackpool, FY1 4PF.

- 4.2 The licence currently authorises the following activities:
- Live music (indoors) Sunday-Thursday 11.00 to 01.00, Friday-Saturday 11.00 to 02.00
 - Recorded music (indoors) Sunday-Thursday 11.00 to 01.00, Friday-Saturday 11.00 to 02.00
 - Late night refreshment (indoors) Sunday-Thursday 23.00 to 01.00, Friday-Saturday 23.00 to 02.00
 - Sale of alcohol (for consumption on the premises) Sunday-Thursday 11.00 to 01.00, Friday-Saturday 11.00 to 02.00.

The sale of alcohol is restricted to residents of the hotel and their bona fide guests or persons attending prearranged functions. Residents may purchase alcohol at any time, though they are only able to do so after the end of the hours stated above on production of their room card.

A copy of the current licence with all the existing conditions is attached as at Appendix 4(b) to this report.

- 4.3 The application requests permission to bring forward the start time for the supply of alcohol to non-residents to 07.00, with the condition that between the hours of 07.00 – 09.00 this is limited to those eating breakfast. The terminal hour is requested to be extended to 01.30 Sunday to Thursday evenings and to 02.30 Friday & Saturday evenings. The supply of alcohol for residents is to continue without restriction.

Late night refreshment is requested to be extended to 01.30 on the evenings of Sunday to Thursday and to 02.30 on Friday and Saturday evenings.

The hours the premises will be open to the public are proposed to be 07.00 to 02.00 Sunday to Thursday and 07.00 to 03.00 Friday to Saturday.

The applicant requests the removal and amendment of a number of conditions, including the removal of the condition which limits the sale of alcohol to non-residents to those attending a function, and the addition of new conditions.

A copy of the application is attached at Appendix 4(a).

- 4.4 Representations have been received from 10 members of the public. Copies of the representations are attached.

No representations were received from any of the Responsible Authorities.

- 4.5 **Local policy considerations**
None

4.6 National policy considerations

9.37 - Licensing authorities should seek to focus the hearing on the steps considered appropriate to promote the particular licensing objective or objectives that have given rise to the specific representation(s) and avoid straying into undisputed areas.

9.43 – The authority’s decision should be evidence-based, justified as being appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives and proportionate to what it is intended to achieve.

4.7 Observations

In addition to the mandatory conditions, there are a further 34 conditions (in annex 2) on the current Premises Licence for the Lawton Hotel. A copy of the current licence showing the conditions is attached as an appendix.

4.8 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

4.9 List of Appendices:

Appendix 4(a) - Application

Appendix 4(b) - Copy of current Premises Licence for the Lawton Hotel
– PL2086

Appendix 4 (c) - Representation from K Kodgkinson

Appendix 4 (d) - Representation from P Wain

Appendix 4 (e) - Representation from K Stephenson

Appendix 4 (f) - Representation from M Hoyle

Appendix 4 (g) - Representation from S Mitchell

Appendix 4 (h) - Representation from S Laird

Appendix 4 (i) - Representation from C Howell

Appendix 4 (j) - Representation from E Foster

Appendix 4 (k) - Representation from A Raynor

Appendix 4 (l) - Representation from R Stonehouse

5.0 Legal considerations:

5.1 Please see local and national policy in the background information.

6.0 Human Resources considerations:

6.1 None

7.0 Equalities considerations:

7.1 None

8.0 Financial considerations:

8.1 None