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Russ Howell

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Subject:

Representation in respect of an application to vary the Premises Licence for the Earl of

Dalkeith

Mr Howell,

I am authorised to act on behalf of Chief Constable Adrian Lee with regard to representations made by Northamptonshire Police.

In respect of an application lodged by JD Wetherspoon PLC on 20 Nov '14 to licence a new external customer area, we are concerned that this is likely to adversely impact on the promotion of the Licensing Objective, 'The Prevention of Crime and Disorder'.

After meeting with the Area Manager, Mr Edgar Davies, I have been assured that ingress / egress to the outside area will only be possible via the building and that the current gated access to the side and rear of the premises will become a fire exit only.

The proposed change to the layout and use of the external area will substantially increase the capacity of the premises and the inclusion of an additional exterior bar will therefore lead to the premises having a far greater capacity for the sale and consumption of alcohol.

We also have existing concerns around the lack of doorstaff employed at weekends and with it the lack of control at the door of a large and busy town centre venue. There is also recent evidence of persons barred by the Kettering Pubwatch group using the premises on a regular basis.

I have approached the applicant in relation to the agreement of 'volunteered' conditions but to date have had no formal response.

It has become evident that there is no proper 'Operating Schedule' or any additional conditions attached to this licence and the applicant has again failed to include within their application any additional measures aimed at promoting the Licensing Objectives.

It is for these reasons that we object to this variation and would seek the inclusion of conditions as set out below should the application be granted.

1. The premises licence holder will ensure that all staff at the premises have been trained in accordance with established JD Wetherspoon Plc training procedures with records made of all training provided.

The premises licence holder will ensure that all employees are trained in their responsibilities to prevent alcohol being served to anybody who is under the legal age limit or to anyone who appears drunk or to anyone who is trying to purchase alcohol on their behalf with records made of all training provided.

The premises licence holder will ensure that there are sufficient staffing levels including managers to encourage responsible behaviour on the premises at all times.

2. The premises will maintain a CCTV system with cameras positioned in order that they cover all entrance/exit points/public areas within the premises and any outside areas including those that may be used for queuing or smoking. Any external cameras will be supported by the appropriate lighting to ensure the capture of clear images.

Recordings will be retained for a minimum of 21 days and the DPS or in his or her absence a nominated member of staff will be trained and competent in methods of image retrieval. Where evidence from the system is required by a Police Officer this should be made available for viewing immediately and for collection within 24 hours

3. The premises licence holder will employ a minimum of two SIA registered door supervisors on a Friday, Saturday and any Sunday preceding into a Bank Holiday from 2100hrs until close.

At all other times the premises licence holder will risk assess the requirement for door supervisors and employ such door supervisors at such times and in such numbers as deemed necessary by the risk assessment

When employed, door supervisors will wear high visibility vests/jackets at all times whilst operating at any entrance/exit points or otherwise externally to the building.

