



Briefing Report No: **98/2011**

Public Agenda Item: **Yes**

Title: **Licensing Act 2003 – An application for a Review of a Premises Licence for the Old Brewery, 17 Lower Ellacombe Church Road, Torquay**

Wards Affected: **Ellacombe**

To: **Licensing Sub- Committee** On: **19 May 2011**

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1. Key points and Summary

- 1.1 To consider and determine the above application for Review of a Premises Licence.
- 1.2 The matter may affect the Corporate Priorities of Community Prosperity and Economic Prosperity.
- 1.3 As the Licensing Authority has no powers under the Act to raise a Representation, Officers are unable to make any recommendation.
- 1.4 The matters raised relate to the Licensing Objectives “The Prevention of Crime and Disorder” and “The Prevention of Public Nuisance”.
- 1.5 The Authority must hold a hearing to consider the application and any relevant Representations.

The Authority must, having regard to the application and any relevant Representations, take such of the steps as detailed below, if any, as it considers necessary for the promotion of the Licensing Objectives.

The steps are –

- (a) to modify the conditions of the licence;
- (b) to exclude a licensable activity from the scope of the licence;
- (c) to remove the Designated Premises Supervisor;
- (d) to suspend the licence for a period not exceeding three months;
- (e) to revoke the licence;

and for this purpose, the conditions of the licence are modified if any of them are altered or omitted or any new condition is added.

If the licence is subject to sections 19, 20 and 21 (requirement to include certain conditions in Premises Licences) they remain.

Where the Authority takes a step to modify the conditions or exclude a licensable activity, it may provide that the modification or exclusion is to have effect for only such period (not exceeding three months) as it may specify.

- 1.6 Reasons for the decision must be given for inclusion in the appropriate Notices required to be served on the Responsible Authorities at the determination of the matter.

2. Introduction

- 2.1 An application has been made under Section 51 of the Act for a Review of the Premises Licence, at the Premise detailed above. Details of the application are shown in Appendix 1.

A brief description of the Review is as follows:

Public Protection have sought a Review of the Premises Licence on the ground relating to the Licensing Objective “The Prevention of Public Nuisance”.

Supporting information relating to the Review has been provided by Public Protection, as shown in Appendices 2 and 3.

A copy of the current Premises Licence is shown in Appendices 4 and 5.

- 2.2 Torbay Council as the Licensing Authority, is satisfied that the application has been properly made, that the Applicant is a Responsible Authority, and that the administrative requirements of Section 51(3)(a) and (b) have been met and that the Representation has not been subsequently withdrawn and is not vexatious, frivolous or repetitious.

The Police have made a Representation relating to the Licensing Objective “The Prevention of Crime and Disorder”. This is shown as Appendix 6.

We have received 13 letters in support of the Old Brewery. There has also been a petition submitted by the Designated Premises Supervisor with 96 Signatures. Some of the people who have signed the petition have also submitted a letter of support. Also some of the addresses given on the petition are not residents/business within the vicinity of the Premises. These are shown as Appendices 7 and 8.

There have been no Representations from any other Responsible Authority or any Interested Party.

- 2.3 The Authority is required to conduct a hearing by the provisions of Section 52(2).
- 2.4 Appropriate Notices have been issued to all parties, as required by the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearing Regulations) 2005, including, where appropriate, details of the Representations and the procedure to be followed at the hearing.
- 2.5 Once the matter is determined, a Right of Appeal to the Magistrates’ Court is granted by Section 181 of the Act and, by Paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 5 to :-
 - (a) the Applicant for the Review,
 - (b) the holder of the Premises Licence, or
 - (c) any other person who made relevant Representations in relation to the

application.

In the event that an Appeal is entered, the determination will not have affect until the Appeal is either determined or withdrawn.

- 2.6 Following such Appeal, the Magistrates' court may:-
- (a) dismiss the Appeal,
 - (b) substitute for the decision appealed against any other decision which could have been made by the Licensing Authority, or
 - (c) remit the case to the Licensing Authority to dispose of it in accordance with the direction of the Court,
- and may make such an order as to costs as it thinks fit.

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Appendices

- Appendix 1 Details of the application for Review
- Appendices 2 and 3 Details of supporting information from Public Protection
- Appendices 4 and 5 A copy of the Premises Licence
- Appendix 6 Representation from the Police
- Appendices 7 and 8 Letters and petition in support of the Old Brewery

If the above appendices are not attached to this report, they can be viewed at Connections Offices in Torquay, Paignton and Brixham and Torquay, Paignton, Churston and Brixham Libraries. Copies can also be obtained from the Democratic Services Office, Town Hall, Torquay.

Documents available in members' rooms

None

Background Papers:

The following documents/files were used to compile this report:

Torbay Council Licensing Policy 2011.