



Briefing Report  
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Public Agenda Item: **Yes**

Title: Licensing Act 2003 – An application for a Variation to a Premises Licence in respect of Hop n Grapes, Lower Union Lane, Torquay TQ2 5PR

Wards Affected: **Tormohun**

To: **Licensing Sub-Committee**

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## 1. Key points and Summary

- 1.1 To consider and determine an application, in respect of the Premise detailed above, for a Variation to a Premises Licence. The Premises is situated in the Cumulative Impact Area.
- 1.2 The application relates to all the Corporate Priorities within the Community Plan.
- 1.3 The matters raised relate to the Licensing Objectives “The Prevention of Crime and Disorder” and “The Prevention of Public Nuisance”.
- 1.4 The matter must be considered on its own merits having received details of the issues arising either at a hearing or by written Representations if all parties have agreed that a hearing is not necessary. Having regard to the Representations and issues arising, a decision must be made to take such steps as are necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives. These are either:-
  - (a) to modify the conditions of the licence, or
  - (b) reject the application in whole or in part.

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

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

## 2. Introduction

- 2.1 An application has been made under Section 34 of the Act for a Variation to a Premises Licence. Details of the application are shown in Appendix 1. Only the relevant pages of the application are shown.

A brief description of the proposed Variation is as follows:-

The Applicant wishes to extend the hours of all licensable activities already on their current premises licence and add the following licensable activities:- Boxing or Wrestling; Performance of Dance; and Late night Refreshment to the licence.

To add Boxing or Wrestling and Performance of Dance from 10.00am to 3.00am 7 days a week.

To add Late Night Refreshment on and off the premises from 11.00pm until 3.00am.

To extend the hours for Alcohol; Films; Indoor Sporting Events; Live Music; Recorded Music; anything similar to live/recorded music/performance of dance from 10.00am to 3.00am 7 days a week. The premise's is currently licensed for these activities from 10.00am until 11.00pm Monday to Saturday and noon until 10.30pm on Sunday to 10.00am to 3.00am 7 days a week.

(Please note the application form asks for 'anything similar to live/recorded music/ performance of dance from 10.00am until 3.03am on the Sunday. It is thought this may be an error as the application asks to close the premises at 3.00am)

Both Live and Recorded Music are on the licence for indoors only. The applicant has asked for them to be extended to indoors and outdoors.

To extend the opening hours from 10.00am until 3.00am 7 days a week. The current premise's licence permits the premises to be open from 10.00am until 11.20pm Monday to Saturday and from noon until 10:50pm on Sunday.

- 2.2 A copy of the current premises licence showing the licensable activities, timings and conditions is shown in Appendix 2.
- 2.3 Torbay Council as the Licensing Authority is satisfied that the Applicant has met the administrative requirements of Section 35(1) but is unable to issue the variation to the Premises Licence, as relevant Representations have been received from Responsible Authorities. The Licensing Authority is also satisfied that the Representations were received within the appropriate time-scale, have not been subsequently withdrawn and are not vexatious or frivolous.

We have received a Representation from the Police in relation to the Licensing Objective "The Prevention of Crime and Disorder". This is shown as Appendix 3.

We have received a Representation from Public Protection in relation to the Licensing Objective "The Prevention of Public Nuisance". This is shown as Appendix 4.

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

- 2.4 The Authority is required to conduct a hearing by the provisions of Section 35(3) unless all parties agree that this is not necessary.
- 2.5 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.
- 2.6 If the application is refused, in whole or in part, a Right of Appeal to the Magistrates' Court is granted by Section 181 of the Act and, by Paragraph 1 of Schedule 5, to the Applicant.
- 2.7 If the application is granted, a Right of Appeal to the Magistrates' Court is granted by Section 181 of the Act and, by Paragraph 4(2) of Schedule 5 to :-
  - (a) The applicant for the variation of the licence against any decision to modify the conditions
  - (b) Any person who made a relevant representation in relation to the application who desires to contend
    - (i) that any variation made ought not to have been made, or
    - (ii) that, when varying the licence, the Licensing Authority ought to have modified the conditions of the licence or ought to have modified them in a different way.
- 2.8 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 order as to costs as it thinks fit.

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### **Appendices**

Appendix 1	Relevant sections of the application form.
Appendix 2	Copy of the current Premises Licence.
Appendix 3	Representation from the Police.
Appendix 4	Representation from Public Protection.

### **Documents available in members' rooms**

None

**Background Papers:**

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

The current Premises Licence for the above Premise.

Torbay Council Licensing Policy 2011.