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Dear Sir/Madam

The Venue, 13 Torwood Street, Torquay, TQ1 1ED

I refer to application for the Variation of the Premises Licence in respect of the above named premises, submitted by the applicants, Jam Leisure (TQ) Limited. The directors of this company are Mr Adrian Hobbs and Mrs Jacqueline Hobbs.

For your information Mr and Mrs Hobbs are also the directors of Jam Leisure (Park Lane) Ltd, who holds the Premises Licence in respect of the Park Lane, 1 Torwood Street, Torquay. An application for the variation of the premises licence in respect of this premises has also been submitted to Torbay Council.

My Police Licensing Officer, Mrs Julie Smart, and Sgt Mike Norsworthy (Licensing Sergeant Devon) have met with Mr Hobbs, and various members of the management teams of Park Lane and the Venue, several times over the last few months in relation to these variation applications. The police do not object to this application but would like to provide you with the following information which may assist you when considering this application.

Mrs Smart advises me that the variation applications have been made to change the layout of both premises. An interconnecting doorway is to be created on the first floor and, at times, customers will be allowed to move between the two premises. In addition, in respect of the Venue, other internal alterations will be made to provide a new smoking area and a 'retro club' within the main building. These changes of layout should help alleviate concerns regarding the crowding of customers on the first floor of

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Park Lane and reduce the queue for the smoking area within Park Lane, as customers will be directed to an alternative smoking area within the Venue. It is also anticipated that fewer customers will smoke outside the Venue, thus reducing the likelihood of noise and public nuisance on the street. Mrs Smart and Sgt Norsworthy are satisfied that the changes of layout of both premises will not impact on any of the licensing objectives.

The applications also seek to remove and add additional conditions to the licences. Mrs Smart and Sgt Norsworthy have carefully considered these and do not anticipate that the proposed amendments will impact on any of the licensing objectives.

In respect of Park Lane, the applicants are reducing the opening hours on Saturdays to match the rest of the week, ie 1000 hrs until 0330 hrs. In respect of the Venue, the applicants are seeking to extend the sale of alcohol by an additional 30 minutes every day of the week, ie from 1100 to 0230 hrs to 1100 hrs to 0300 hrs, closing 30 minutes thereafter. This will mean that both Park Lane and the Venue can sell alcohol until 0300 hrs daily, and this will prevent the flow of customers from one premises to the other in the lead up to closing. At the present time customers leave The Venue at 0300 hrs however many use the services of the takeaways and do not leave the area immediately after leaving the premises. Therefore the police do not consider that this alignment of closing times will have a detrimental effect on any of the licensing objectives.

In addition, Mrs Smart advises me that she has worked very closely with the management teams of both premises during the last couple of years. From statistics prepared by Mrs Smart, it is evident that recorded crime at both premises has reduced year on year. In respect of Park Lane in 2016 there was a 17.2% reduction of crime compared to 2015. In respect of the Venue, in 2016 there was a 26.4% reduction of crime compared to 2015.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Julie Smart on 01803 218900.

Yours faithfully



Superintendent M Lawler
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