



Leicester
City Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the
LICENSING (HEARINGS) SUB-COMMITTEE

Held: FRIDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2023 at 10:00 am

P R E S E N T:

Councillor Singh Johal (Chair)

Councillor Chauhan

Councillor Whittle

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27. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Councillor Singh Johal was appointed as Chair of the meeting.

28. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

29. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

**30. APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE FOR VICTORIA PARK,
GRANVILLE ROAD, LEICESTER**

The Director of Neighbourhood and Environmental Services submits a report on an application for a new Premises Licence for Victoria Park, Granville Road, Leicester.

Mr Rik Weightman, Production Director, Live Nation was present, accompanied by Mr Phil Cryer, Legal Representative for the applicant and Mr Stewart from Vanguardia Ltd the applicant's noise management consultant. PC Nigel Rixon Leicestershire Police, Mr TJ Mavani, Licensing Team Manager (Enforcement) and Mr Alistair Hollis (Noise and Pollution Control, LCC) were present. A ward councillor, a local resident on behalf of the Friends of Clarendon Park, another local resident and Ms Bell and Ms Wade from Leicester University were present. Also present was the Licensing Team Manager (Policy and Applications) and the Legal Adviser to the Sub-Committee.

It was noted that there was a member of the press and members of the public in attendance in the Public Gallery.

The Chair led on introductions and outlined the procedure the meeting would follow.

The Legal Adviser to the Sub-Committee gave clarification on points relating to the application and that the Sub-Committee were only to consider the licensing aspect and activities that had been requested for the period of time stipulated in the application.

The Licensing Team Manager (Policy and Applications) presented the report and outlined details of the application. It was noted an application was received on 17 October 2023 from Live Nation (Music) UK Ltd for a new premises licence for Victoria Park for a 1 day event on 6 July 2024.

The Sub-Committee noted that ten written representations had been received in opposition to the application including representations from Licensing Enforcement, Leicestershire Police and the Noise and Pollution Control Team. The representations related to the prevention of crime and disorder, the prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the protection of children from harm. The representations referenced the concerns and difficulties encountered at the Kasabian concert in 2014. They referred to the potential for nuisance including noise nuisance, anti-social behaviour in various forms, criminal behaviour, transport and traffic issues and disruption to the site and local area.

The representative of the Friends of Clarendon Park asked the Chair for permission to play music at a level of decibels commensurate with noise levels proposed by the applicant. The Committee received legal advice from the Legal Advisor to the Sub-Committee. The Chair requested a sort recess to deliberate in private on whether the music would be allowed to be played to those present at the hearing. The Sub-Committee unanimously decided against the music being played.

Representors against the application addressed the Sub-Committee in turn and Members, Officers and other representors were given the opportunity to ask questions.

Mr Mavani outlined the details of the report from the Licensing Enforcement Team. He confirmed that in light of the 62 conditions agreed with the applicant the application was no longer opposed. They answered questions from Members and other representors.

Mr Hollis outlined the details of the report from the Noise and Pollution Control Team and confirmed that in light of conditions agreed with the applicant the application was no longer opposed. He answered questions from Members and other representors.

Mr Nigel Rixon outlined Leicestershire Police's representation and again

confirmed that in light of conditions agreed with the applicant the application was no longer opposed. However, he requested the addition of a further condition restricting the showing of footage whether live or recorded from the quarterfinals of the European Football Championships which are scheduled to be played in Germany on 06 July 2024. Although the Police no longer opposed the grant of a Licence subject to the agreed conditions, he asked that the event close at 10.30pm with licensable activities finishing at 10pm. Mr Rixon answered questions from Members and other representors.

The ward councillor, Leicester University and local residents continued to oppose the application and outlined the details of their representation and answered questions from Members and other representors.

Mr Cryer addressed the Sub-Committee assisted by Mr Rik Weightman and Mr Stewart and answered questions from Members, Officers and representors. Mr Cryer indicated that the opening time for the event was to be 2pm so the application was now for authorisation of licensable activities to commence at that time (and not at 10am as detailed in the written application). He also confirmed that no football games would be shown on screens at the event. He addressed the Sub-Committee regarding noise levels at the event and the close of licensable activities which he continued to ask to be 10.30 pm (with an event finish time of 11pm). He answered questions from Members and representors.

All parties present were then given the opportunity to sum up their positions and make any final comments.

The Sub-Committee Members were not able to continue to sit through to make a deliberation so Members decided to adjourn the hearing to 5th December 2023 when they reconvened and made their deliberation in the presence of a Governance Officer. In the interim they had received Legal Advice via email from the Legal Advisor to the Sub-Committee (which had been copied to all who had attended the initial hearing).

In reviewing the application for a new Premises Licence the Sub-Committee considered the Licensing Officer's Report and all the representations, both written and oral. The Sub-Committee took account of the Statutory Guidance, the Regulators' Code, and the Council's Licensing Policy. The Sub-Committee also took account of documents referred to by the parties including relevant extracts from the Noise Council's Code of Practice on Environmental Noise from Concerts (1995).

RESOLVED:

The Sub-Committee's decision is that it is appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives to GRANT a Premises Licence authorising the requested licensable activities from 2pm to 10.30 pm (with an event finish time of 11pm) on 6th July 2024

subject to the agreed conditions detailed in Appendix C of the Licensing Officer's Report and a condition prohibiting the showing during the event of footage whether live or recorded from any Euro 24 football match.

31. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

With there being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.10pm.