

COMMITTEE:	CENTRAL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE
DATE:	30 SEPTEMBER 2013
TITLE:	APPLICATION TO VARY A PREMISES LICENCE – KING’S ARMS, 206, HIGH STREET, BANGOR
PURPOSE:	FOR DECISION
AUTHOR:	HEAD OF REGULATORY DEPARTMENT

APPLICATION

An application is appended to vary the premises licence of the King’s Arms, 206 High Street, Bangor, LL57 1NY from H. Evans Bangor Ltd. 6 Llys Cadwaladr, Maesgeirchen, Bangor.

The application is submitted for an extension of the hours of licensable activities which include the sale of alcohol, recorded music and for the additional right to have live music on the premises. A request is also made for an extension of opening hours of the premises to the public. The premises are located among a row of businesses and shops on the High Street in Bangor. The applicant is not making a request for any extension to the closing hours; rather, a request is made for the right to open at 1pm instead of 5pm.

A request is made for an extension to the hours of licensable activities and the opening hours as follows -

Licensable activities	Current Hours	Proposed Hours Mon - Sat	Proposed Hours Sun
Live Music		13:00 – 01:00	13:00 – 00:00
Recorded music	17:00 – 01:00	13:00 – 01:00	13:00 – 00:00
Supplying alcohol	17:00 – 01:00	13:00 - 01:00	13:00 – 00:00
Opening and closing hours for the public	17:00 – 01:30	13:00 – 01:30	13:00 – 00:30

CONSULTATIONS

The application was consulted upon and the responses received were as follows –

RESPONSES	OBSERVATIONS
Local members	No observations
Bangor City Council	No observations
Nearby businesses	2 e-mails - objections
North Wales Police	E-mail - no objection, conditions
Fire and Rescue Service	Letter – no objection

SUMMARY OF OBSERVATIONS RECEIVED

Nearby businesses

Two e-mails were received from two businesses - one next door to the property and the other across the road. The owners of both businesses object to the application on the basis of the four licensing objectives - namely:

- Preventing crime and disorder

- Public safety
- Public nuisance prevention
- Protection of children from harm

It is noted by the objectors that the premises are in the centre of the High Street in Bangor, in the main shopping area, and that the current hours of the licence do not create any difficulties as the premises do not open until 5pm.

It is also noted that historical problems are associated with the premises when the licence was under the management of a different company/individuals. At that time, the premises used to open in the afternoon and there were several problems with unacceptable behaviour outside the licensed premises during the afternoon. Irrespective of the High Street in front of the licensed premises, there is no space for customers to convene to smoke.

North Wales Police

The Police do not object to the application for an extension of hours. It is noted that the Police are requesting for conditions to be imposed on the licence regarding Door Supervisors.

See full details of the observations received attached to the report.

RECOMMENDATION

The Sub-committee is requested to consider the application in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003.