

COMMITTEE:	CENTRAL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE
DATE:	8 NOVEMBER 2013
TITLE:	APPLICATION TO VARY A PREMISES LICENCE – PIZZA HOUSE, 53 HOLYHEAD ROAD, BANGOR
PURPOSE:	FOR A DECISION
AUTHOR:	HEAD OF REGULATORY DEPARTMENT

APPLICATION

Attached is an application to vary the premises licence of Pizza House, 53 Holyhead Road, Upper Bangor, LL57 2HE from the licence holders Gholam Hossein Sadeghi Namaghi and Sarah Louise Sadeghi Namaghi.

The application is submitted for an extension of the hours of standard licensable activities. The premises is located in Upper Bangor and late night refreshments are provided to be consumed off the premises.

Hours of licensed activities are recommended as follows –

	CURRENT LICENCE	PROPOSED LICENCE
Days	Hours of late night refreshments provision	Hours of late night refreshments provision
Sun / Thurs	23:00 – 02:30	23:00 – 02:30
Fri /Sat	23:00 - 02:30	23:00 – 03:30

Note that the current closing hours allow 15 minutes to finish serving customers so that the premises closes at 02.45.

CONSULTATIONS

The application was consulted upon and the following responses were received –

RESPONSES	OBSERVATIONS
Local members	2 e-mails – objection
Individual members and Bangor City Council	3 e-mails – objection
Neighbouring resident	letter – objection
North Wales Police	2 e-mails – conditions, no objection
Fire and Rescue Service	letter – no objection

SUMMARY OF OBSERVATIONS RECEIVED

Local Members – Gwynedd Council

An e-mail was received from two local members objecting to the application, mainly on the grounds of the licensing objective of preventing public nuisance because of the possibility of an increase in litter, and because the noise from vehicles that deliver hot food ordered over the phone already disturbs neighbours who live in residential places nearby. Concerns were also expressed that an extension to the hours would lead to an increase in crime and disorder.

Bangor City Council

An e-mail was received from two individual councillors and another from the Council's Clerk objecting to the application on the grounds of the licensing objectives of preventing crime and disorder and public nuisance. Concern was expressed that the premises is located close to residential properties, and that neighbours are already being disturbed because of noise and litter. Concerns were also expressed that the proposed hours would lead to an increase in crime and disorder.

Neighbouring resident

The resident lives in close proximity to the premises and is concerned that the extension of hours will undermine the licensing objectives of preventing crime and disorder and public nuisance; and will contribute to the increasing disturbance in Upper Bangor.

North Wales Police

The Police do not object to the application for an extension of hours. The viewpoint of the Police is that it is appropriate for the licences of all premises selling late night refreshments in Bangor to be equal in terms of the hours of licensable activities, in order to promote the licensing objectives. It is noted that the Police request that conditions be imposed on the licence with regard to CCTV and Door Supervisors. It is also noted that the Police acknowledge that Upper Bangor is a residential area; and that the applicant has consequently agreed to only extend the hours on Friday and Saturday nights.

See full details of the objections attached to the report.

RECOMMENDATION

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