

COMMITTEE:	CENTRAL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE
DATE:	9 FEBRUARY 2015
TITLE:	APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE – MIRAGE, 360 HIGH STREET, BANGOR
PURPOSE:	FOR DECISION
AUTHOR:	HEAD OF REGULATORY DEPARTMENT

APPLICATION

An application for a premises licence at Mirage, 360 High Street, Bangor has been received from Mr Owen Maguire via his agent Ms Gilly Harradence of Tudor Owen Roberts Glynne & Co Solicitors, 6-8 Stanley Street, Holyhead.

A premises licence was previously held at this address for when it was a nightclub. The previous licence was surrendered in 2011. In the application, the applicant describes the intention to turn the premises into a cabaret/theme bar catering for the over 25s market providing different themes and events at night and themed exercise and dance classes by day.

The licensable activities applied for include all forms of regulated entertainment (to take place indoors); the provision of late night refreshment (to take place indoors) and the supply of alcohol (for consumption on and off the premises). A copy of the notice of application is enclosed as Appendix 1.

During the representation period, following consultation with North Wales Police, the applicant, via North Wales Police, submitted a revised application form with reduced hours. A copy of the revised application form is enclosed as Appendix 2.

In section M of the application, the applicant described the steps he intends to take to promote the four licensing objectives. They include the use of CCTV cameras, the use of registered door staff and the operation of a proof of age scheme.

ADVERTISING OF THE APPLICATION

Under the Licensing Act 2003 applicants are required to display a notice immediately outside the premises for a period of 28 consecutive days starting from the day after the day on which the application was given to the licensing authority. Applicants are also required to publish a notice in a local newspaper on at least one occasion during the period of 10 working days starting on the day after the day on which the application was given to the licensing authority.

The required notice was found to be on display at the premises by a Public Protection Enforcement Officer on 9 January 2015 and the newspaper notice was published in The Chronicle newspaper on Thursday, 18 December 2014.

REPRESENTATIONS

Relevant representations were received from the following parties:-

	Representation
Environmental Health Service	Inclusion of Noise conditions
North Wales Police	No objection
Bangor City Council	Objection
Jean Forsyth, Councillor	Objection

Copies of these representations are found in Appendix 3.

Representations Summary

The Environmental Health Service would like noise conditions to be added to the premises licence.

North Wales Police do not have any current evidence object to the application.

Bangor City Council object to the application on the grounds that it would increase noise and disturbance in the area; it would create issues of crime and disorder; encourage anti-social behaviour and that a 'Saturation Point' has been reached in this area of Bangor.

Jean Forsyth, Councillor for the Hirael Ward in Bangor is concerned about the closing time of the premises and how the applicant has failed to provide sufficient information in their application with regard to the following sections

- **Section H - Provision of Regulated entertainment** "Anything of a similar description to that falling within (e),(f) or (g)" – the applicant has failed to provide a description of the type of entertainment they will be providing
- **Section J - Supply of alcohol** – the applicant has indicated 'Both' so that the supply of alcohol be for consumption both on and off the premises. Councillor Forsyth is concerned regarding the prospect of individuals purchasing alcohol for consumption off the premises up to 3:00am.
- **Section K** – Councillor Forsyth is concerned that the applicant has not provided sufficient information to describe the type of adult entertainment or services they intend to hold up to 11 times per year.

RECOMMENDATION

The sub-committee is requested to consider the application for a premises licence in accordance with the objectives of the Licensing Act 2003.