

COMMITTEE:	CENTRAL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE
DATE:	21 JANUARY 2014
TITLE:	APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE – BLACKOUT, 32 HOLYHEAD ROAD, BANGOR LL57 2EU
PURPOSE:	FOR DECISION
AUTHOR:	HEAD OF REGULATORY DEPARTMENT

APPLICATION

An application is attached for a new premises licence for Blackout, 32 Holyhead Road, Bangor LL57 2UE by the applicant, Melody Jones, 106-108 High Street, Bangor LL57 1NS.

This is an application for a licence in respect of the supply of alcohol, recorded music and the provision of late night refreshment. See the attached table for details of the proposed hours.

LICENSABLE ACTIVITIES	PROPOSED LICENCE
Supply of alcohol	Mon - Sun 10:00 – 01:00*
Recorded music	Mon - Sun 10:00 – 01:30*
Provision of late night refreshments	Mon - Sun 23:00 – 00:00*
Opening and closing hours for the public	Mon - Sun 10:00 – 01:30*

*A half-hour extension for all licensable activities, and to closing time during special periods - such as Fresher's Week, Saint David's Day, St Patrick's etc.

Measures recommended by the applicant to promote the licensing objectives

- Intend to implement the 'Challenge 21' policy
- No unaccompanied children on the premises
- No children on the premises after 19:30
- Provide training for staff
- Consult with the Police prior to holding events that promote alcoholic drinks
- CCTV
- Door Supervisors
- A Fire Safety risk assessment to be conducted with the agreement of the Fire Service
- Customers to be reminded of the need not to disturb nearby residents when leaving

Full details of the recommended measures can be found on page 19 of the application.

CONSULTATION

RESPONSES	OBSERVATIONS
Local members	2 e-mails - objecting
Bangor City Council Members	3 e-mails - objecting
The Police	1 e-mails - no objection -with conditions
Neighbouring residents	1 e-mail - objecting
Gwynedd Council – Planning service	1 e-mail - observations
Fire and Rescue Service	A letter – no objection

Objections - Local members

The local members object on the grounds of the following licensing objectives

- crime and disorder prevention
- public nuisance prevention
- public safety

in relation to the application. It is stated that Upper Bangor is a residential zone, and that the approval of this application would exacerbate the cumulative impact of nuisance, crime and disorder as a result of the over-provision of licensable activities. It is noted that this affects residents living near the premises.

Objection - Bangor City Council Members

Bangor City Council members' objection is made on grounds of the licensing objectives of:

- Crime and disorder prevention
- Public nuisance prevention

The objection was submitted due to concern about the close proximity of the proposed licensed premises to a residential property. Concern is expressed that the approval of another licensed premises in Upper Bangor would add to the antisocial behaviour problems that already exist.

Objection - neighbouring resident

Observations and an objection were received by a neighbouring resident through an e-mail to the local member. The resident lives close to the proposed licensed premises, and is concerned that the approval of the application will lead to antisocial behaviour and public nuisance.

Police observations and recommendations

The Police do not object to the application but it is recommended that conditions be imposed on the licence following agreement with the applicant regarding CCTV and Door Supervisors; details on the agreed conditions are attached to the Police's observations on the application.

Observation of Gwynedd Council's Planning Service

It should be noted that planning permission will be required as the business will not be operated as a shop in accordance with class A1 use which has been designated for the premises.

The applicant has confirmed to the Licensing Unit's officers that she is in the process of submitting a full change of use application for the premises.

The full details of the observations received are attached to the report.

One letter of objection was received from the licence holder of a nearby premises. As the letter was received after the closing date for representations, the letter has not been included with this report for consideration; in accordance with the statutory provisions of the licensing process.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is requested to consider the application in accordance with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003.