

COMMITTEE:	CENTRAL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE
DATE:	10 June 2024
TITLE:	APPLICATION FOR PREMISES LICENCE – THE VAULTS, 334 HIGH STREET, BANGOR, GWYNEDD LL57 1YA
PURPOSE:	FOR DECISION
AUTHOR:	HEAD OF ENVIRONMENT

1 APPLICATION RECEIVED

- 1.1 An application is appended for a premises licence for The Vaults, 334 High Street, Bangor, Gwynedd LL57 1YA. The applicant Jason Chinery is seeking a premises licence for a pub and restaurant on the High Street in Bangor.
- 1.2 The application is made in relation to Live and Recorded Music Indoors, Late Night Refreshment Both on and Off the premises and Supply of Alcohol on the Premises.
- 1.3 The officers of the Licensing Authority are satisfied that there is sufficient evidence that the application has been submitted in accordance with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003 and the relevant regulations, and is therefore valid.

See the table below for details of the proposed hours of licensable activities:

Opening Hours:

Sunday 07:00 – 02:00
Monday 07:00 – 02:00
Tuesday 07:00 – 02:00
Wednesday 07:00 – 02:00
Thursday 07:00 – 02:00
Friday 07:00 – 02:00
Saturday 07:00 – 02:00

One extra hour every Friday, Saturday, Sunday for each – Easter Bank Holiday weekend, May Bank Holiday, August Bank Holiday, Spring Bank Holiday plus additional one hour for New Years Eve.

Licensable Activities:

Live Music – Indoors only:

Sunday 10:00 – 02:00
Monday 10:00 – 02:00
Tuesday 10:00 – 02:00
Wednesday 10:00 – 02:00
Thursday 10:00 – 02:00
Friday 10:00 – 02:00
Saturday 10:00 – 02:00

One extra hour every Friday, Saturday, Sunday for each – Easter Bank Holiday weekend, May Bank Holiday, August Bank Holiday, Spring Bank Holiday plus additional one hour for New Years Eve.

Recorded Music – Indoors Only:

Sunday 10:00 – 02:00
Monday 10:00 – 02:00
Tuesday 10:00 – 02:00
Wednesday 10:00 – 02:00
Thursday 10:00 – 02:00
Friday 10:00 – 02:00
Saturday 10:00 – 02:00

One extra hour every Friday, Saturday, Sunday for each – Easter Bank Holiday weekend, May Bank Holiday, August Bank Holiday, Spring Bank Holiday plus additional one hour for New Years Eve.

Late Night Refreshment- Both on and off the Premises

Sunday 23:00 – 02:00

Monday 23:00 – 02:00

Tuesday 23:00 – 02:00

Wednesday 23:00 – 02:00

Thursday 23:00 – 02:00

Friday 23:00 – 02:00

Saturday 23:00 – 02:00

One extra hour every Friday, Saturday, Sunday for each – Easter Bank Holiday weekend, May Bank Holiday, August Bank Holiday, Spring Bank Holiday plus additional one hour for New Years Eve.

Supply of Alcohol – On the Premises only:

Sunday 07:00 – 02:00

Monday 07:00 – 02:00

Tuesday 07:00 – 02:00

Wednesday 07:00 – 02:00

Thursday 07:00 – 02:00

Friday 07:00 – 02:00

Saturday 07:00 – 02:00

One extra hour every Friday, Saturday, Sunday for each – Easter Bank Holiday weekend, May Bank Holiday, August Bank Holiday, Spring Bank Holiday plus additional one hour for New Years Eve.

2. Measures recommended by the applicant to promote the licensing objectives

- Sufficient competent staff on duty at the premises for the purpose of fulfilling the terms and conditions of the licence to prevent crime and disorder.
- Ensure all staff undertake training in their responsibilities in relation to the sale of alcohol, particularly in regard to drunkenness and underage persons.
- Incidents of a criminal nature that may occur on the premises will be reported to the Police.
- Licensee will install comprehensive CCTV coverage at the premises.
- Appropriate fire safety procedures in place including fire extinguishers, fire blanket and emergency lighting.
- All emergency exits shall be always kept free from obstructions.
- Clear legible notices will be prominently displayed to remind customers to leave quietly and have regard to neighbours.
- Ask persons who appear to be under the age of 25 of photographic ID.
- All staff trained for underage sales prevention regularly.

See Part M of application for full measures recommended by the application to promote the Licensing Objectives.

3. CONSULTATION

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

RESPONSES	REPRESENTATIONS
North Wales Police	Conditions and Comments
Environmental Health	Comments

3.1 Proposed Conditions and Objections from North Wales Police

- 3.2 Elizabeth Williams from North Wales Police contacted the applicant to include the proposed CCTV conditions (see attached). SIA Registered door staff to be employed from 2100 onwards on such times when the premises are open for business beyond 2300hrs (Friday and Saturday nights). The licence holder/DPS is to risk assess the need for Door Supervisors at the premises and to employ SIA registered Door Supervisors in such numbers as deemed.

Reduce Sale of Alcohol hours:

10:00 – 00:00 Sunday to Thursday

10:00 – 02:00 Friday and Saturday

Non standard timings is to remain as is for Bank Holiday Weekends with an additional allowance to allow for up to Ten events per annum (Sun to Thu) whereby the premises can operate until 0200 with prior knowledge and agreement of the Local Authority and Police

The applicant has responded accepting the above changes.

- 3.3 Inspector Ian Roberts from North Wales Police responds to the application with the below comments:

Firstly, it is positive to the nighttime economy of Bangor that a new venue is opening following the turbulent post COVID. The flipside is that the nighttime footfall to Bangor appears to be increasing and pre-COVID issues are starting to re-emerge.

My comments are with regards to the licencing objectives of:

- The prevention of crime and disorder.
- Public safety.
- The prevention of public nuisance.
- The protection of children from harm.

Opening Hours – Prevention of public nuisance.

I would like to understand the rationale of opening at 7am.

I have concerns that are residential flats nearby and 2am appears late. This is likely to invite a public nuisance complaint of noise and ensure there has been local stakeholder consultation.

Infrastructure – Public Safety.

Officers working nighttime economy have already raised concerns regarding the volume of people at this location. Specifically drawn into Star Kebabs following closing time at Trilogy Nightclub. Opening a further venue would increase footfall and in my professional opinion increase the risk of death or serious injury. The image below illustrates the concern. (See attached photo).

3.4 Comments from Environmental Health

- 3.1 Environmental Health are concerned that sufficient information has not been provided in Part M to support the application. Concerned about the noises that breaks out from licensed premises impacting nearby residential properties or when noise is transmitted through the structure of a licensed premises to adjoining structures. Concerns over beer garden noise was also raised. Environmental health wishes that the applicant provides more information on how to prevent noise from being a problem (see attached for examples). Also concerns were raised that there are

- no layout/plan on the use of temporary structures or outdoor facilities. Applicant included more information to support the comments of Environmental Health (see attached).
- 3.2 Further to concerns raised by the Environmental Health Officer; the applicant agreed in writing to include additional measures in the operating schedule for the purpose of controlling noise; and subsequently the objection was withdrawn.

4 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that this Committee considers the Police conditions and comments, and the additional Environmental Health conditions as agreed with the applicant; and approves the application in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003.