

# Decision Schedule



## Licensing Sub-Committee

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The Licensing Sub-Committee took the following decisions on 21<sup>st</sup> of April 2021, which became effective immediately.

Councillors: J Hughes (Chair), Joan Watkins, Miqdad Al-Nuaimi

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**DECISION NUMBER:** LIC SUB 02/21

### Decision

#### **Application for Premises Licence – What Plus Limited, Chartist Way, Rogerstone, Newport, NP10 9XJ**

The Licensing Sub-Committee carefully considered the application together with the local resident's representations and heard from the applicant's solicitor. The Licensing Sub-Committee had a number of concerns about Noise, Anti-social behaviour and potential rubbish being generated by the granting of the premises licence, as highlighted within the local resident's representations.

The Sub-Committee also noted there were no representations made by Responsible Authorities. This was in part due to a comprehensive proposed operating schedule provided as part of the premises application. The Sub-Committee felt that the applicants had clearly benefited from a pre-application discussion with Responsible Authorities and resulted in the production of the schedule and lack of objections from the Responsible Authorities and possibly also from other local residents.

The committee carefully considered the home office guidance and its own policy, specifically section 5.3 that stipulates:

*When dealing with licensing hours, the Licensing Authority recognises the requirement that each application will be dealt with on its individual merits. Nonetheless, whilst the Licensing Authority does not wish to unduly inhibit the continuing development of a thriving and safe evening and nighttime local economies, which are important for investment and employment locally. The Authority considers that it is vital to create an appropriate balance between the economic needs of licensed premises and the rights of local residents & Businesses to be able to enjoy a reasonable degree of peace and quiet at noise sensitive times and other persons not experience early fall out of the night-time economy.*

The committee felt that with the proposed operating schedule and importantly effective management, the premises would be able to meet the balance of Section 5.3 of the council policy and thus promote the 4 licensing objectives.

As such, the committee determined to grant the Premises Licence, as applied for, including the conditions that were found within the proposed operating schedule but also required two further conditions to be added to the operating schedule namely:

1. When an external event is taking place, the premises must publish a direct telephone number that provides access to the DPS/Manager to enable local residents to resolve any issues or concerns that arise from the event.
2. The DPS/Manager must engage with local residents or community groups to discuss any concerns arising about the premises when requested to do so by them.

On granting the Licence, the Sub-Committee also wanted to highlight to the applicant the extreme importance of appropriate management at all times and regular engagement with the local community. Clearly if poor management occurs, the reservations held by the committee and local resident may come into fruition which ultimately result in the Licence being called in to Review. There are very clear expectations by granting the licence that the premises does not cause nuisance to those who live or work within the local area.

### **Consultation**

**Implemented by:** 23 April 2021

**Implementation Timetable:** Immediate

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