

Record of a Hearing of the Bradford District Licensing Panel held on Wednesday, 2 March 2022 in Council Chamber - City Hall, Bradford

Procedural Items

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest in matters under consideration were received.

INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

There were no appeals submitted by the public to review decisions to restrict documents

Hearings

Application for a Premises Licence, Provident Stadium, Rooley Avenue, Bradford BD6 1BS

APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE AT PROVIDENT STADIUM, ROOLEY AVENUE, BRADFORD BD6 1BS

Parties to the Hearing:

Members of the Panel:

Councillors Slater (Chair), Davies and Winnard

Applicants

Mr N Martin
Mr J Oldroyd

Representations

The Interim Assistant Director Waste, Fleet and Transport Services presented a report (**Document "X"**) which outlined an application for the grant of a Premises Licence for the sale of alcohol for consumption on and off the premise, the provision of regulated entertainment and the provision of late night refreshment at Provident Stadium, Rooley Avenue, Bradford BD6 1BS.

Members were advised that there had been representations received from West Yorkshire Police who had requested various conditions, contained in Document "X", to which the applicants had agreed. There had also been representations from the Council's Environmental Health Department and two local residents. Details of all representations were appended to the report.

Amended conditions requested by Environmental Health were circulated at the meeting. It was also reported that the applicant had amended the times requested for licensable activities to take place in the external areas of the premises from 2300 hours to 2230.

The applicants addressed the meeting and reported that they had organised a similar event, to those proposed in the future, in September 2021. That event had been held safely with minimum disruption to local residents. The local residents who had submitted representations to the application being considered had been contacted and it was believed that their fears about had been alleviated and future events could be held in a satisfactory manner to all.

In responding to questions from Panel members it was explained that the main concerns which had been raised were regarding noise disturbance. Assurances were provided that a noise pollution consultant, who had assisted with the event in September 2021, would be employed on site and would measure noise decibels. Contact had been made with the Public Safety Liaison Group and their recommendations regarding permitted noise levels would be adhered to. It was believed that the noise levels would be half the level of noise permitted and should there be any breach of the permitted levels this would be immediately rectified.

To address any concerns regarding public disorder the applicant company had met with the Public Safety Liaison Group recently to discuss policing of the proposed events. Previous events had the support of the police on site and a full traffic management plan to

address concerns about potential traffic issues and those measures would also be considered for future events. The presence of Youth Workers would also be considered to assist young people and the company would do all they could to ensure events were held safely. It was reiterated that the event held in September 2021 had been conducted safely and there had been positive comments from local residents on social media.

Members questioned the number of events proposed and it was explained that four events had already been planned and there could, potentially, be an additional two arranged. The events which had already been planned were music events and it was proposed that the additional two would be family orientated with children's activities.

The likely volume of attendees was queried and it was reported that four thousand people would be expected. The main stage and crowd would be located on the field in the stadium.

In response to questions it was explained that the event held in September 2021 had attracted 3,000 ticket sales and 2,600 entries on the day. There had been only three or four minor incidents at that event when people were ejected for being intoxicated. Once person was refused entry.

A Member questioned if the nature of each individual event was taken into account when safety measures were considered and it was explained that individual provision was tailored to the requirements of each event. The 1980's festival would not require the same level of security as a proposed dance music event for which the police presence would be increased and measures to prevent drugs on site would be implemented.

The level of 'off' licence sales was questioned and the applicants stated that there was no intention to sell alcohol for consumption off the site and agreed to amend their application accordingly.

In summation the applicants acknowledged the concerns raised and stated their intention to deliver all events under the licence to the satisfaction of responsible authorities and the local community. The operating model utilised at the event in September 2021 would be used for future events and they were confident that all would be delivered safely.

Resolved –

That having considered all valid representations made by the parties to the hearing; valid written representations received during the statutory period, the published statement of licensing policy and relevant statutory guidance; the panel grants the application for the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises, the provision of regulated entertainment and the provision of late night refreshment with the following conditions:

- **No licensable activities to take place in external areas of the premises or within temporary structures in external areas after 22.30 hours.**
- **By the 15 March 2022 and by the 1st February in subsequent years the licence holder must notify the Local Licensing Authority of the number of events to be held each year.**
- **At least 28 days prior to any specific outdoor event similar to a music concert/festival or event of a similar nature taking place the premises licence holder shall obtain approval in writing from the Environmental Health**

Department of a Noise Management Strategy which specifies how the premises licence holder will manage Music Noise Levels (MNL) as defined in the Code of Practice on Environmental Noise Control as Concerts (or as applicable at the time of submission).

Reason – Having given due consideration to the content of the application and the amended Operating Schedule following agreement between the Applicants, West Yorkshire Police and Environmental Health. In addition, it is also considered that the above conditions are appropriate and proportionate to ensure promotion of all four objectives of the Licensing Act.

ACTION: Interim Director, Waste, Fleet and Transport Services

Chair

Note: This record is subject to approval as a correct record at the next meeting of the Licensing Committee.

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