

Sub-Committee Hearings

1. Coven II, Oxpens Road, Oxford

Having taken all submissions into account, the Sub Committee felt that the additional measures agreed by the Applicant were sufficient to promote the licensing objectives, and the variation applied for was therefore acceptable. The Sub Committee agreed to GRANT the amended application as applied for, subject to the following conditions: agreed between the applicant and the responsible authorities.

2. Victoria Inn, Walton Street, Oxford

The Sub Committee took account of the fact that the Applicant was a new operator of the premises who appeared to have a record of good management at other licensed premises. Having taken all submissions into account, the Sub Committee considered that the existing conditions on the licence were sufficient to meet the licensing objectives, and therefore agreed to GRANT the application as applied for.

3. Original Swan, Oxford Road, Oxford

Having taken all submissions and evidence presented into account, the Sub Committee agreed to GRANT the variation (as amended) subject to conditions.

4. First Floor Restaurant, 156-160 Cowley Road, Oxford

Having taken all submissions and evidence presented into account, and mindful that the premises fall within the area of the Special Saturation Policy for East Oxford, the Sub Committee nevertheless felt that given the concessions made by the Applicant, and the proposed conditions, that it would be possible to grant the licence application (as amended) without adding to the problems of crime and disorder and public nuisance in East Oxford. The application was otherwise in accordance with the licensing objectives.

5. The Blue Room, 92 Cowley Road, Oxford

Having taken all submissions and evidence presented into account, the Sub Committee found that the proposed variation to the licensing hours was likely to have a detrimental effect on crime and disorder and public nuisance in the local area and was a 'material variation', the Special Saturation Policy for East Oxford therefore applied.

Taking into account the Special Saturation Policy the Sub-Committee were not satisfied that the Applicant's had demonstrated that there

would be no addition to the cumulative impact of crime, disorder and nuisance by granting the variation to the licensing hours.

The Sub-Committee were not satisfied that the ground floor parts of the building could be used for regulated entertainment without causing problems of noise nuisance to neighbours.

The Sub-Committee felt that the presence of door supervisors served to reduce and prevent incidents of crime and disorder, such incidents were not limited only to times when regulated entertainment was taking place. On occasions when the basement area of the premises is in use at least three door supervisors will be needed to give appropriate supervision. On other occasions when the basement is not in use but premises are open after midnight at least two door supervisors would be needed. On occasions when neither the basement was in use nor the premises open after midnight the provision of door supervisors was an onerous requirement and not proportionate to the scale of the problem.

For these reasons, the Sub Committee REFUSED the variations sought (as amended).