

The following information is extracted from the confidential information provided by the police in support of the review application

Surrey Police, having met with the premises licence holder on Monday 20th January 2020, set out conditions which police sought to be added to the premises licence by the premises licence holder. This attempt to mediate conditions in the promotion of the licensing objectives has subsequently not been supported by the premises licence holder and the actions proposed in response by the premises licence holder are not satisfactory and there is no agreement to amend the premises licence.

In light of this failure to mediate conditions, Surrey Police are left with no option but to submit this review to seek conditions that mitigate against the poor management these incidents have highlighted and to ensure the licensing objectives are being promoted within the establishment above everything else.

In addition to the conditions reference above, Surrey Police have further identified that CCTV coverage of the dance floor in Joules, requires upgrading, to improve picture quality that would support the licensing objectives.

Surrey Police are therefore asking the licensing committee to consider the following conditions being applied to the premises licence, to promote the crime and disorder, the prevention of children from harm and public safety licensing objectives:

1. ID Scanning shall be a condition of entry to the licensed premises. ID scanning of a patrons passport, driving licence or pass card, shall take place when entering the premises on every occasion. Where a person refuses to allow an approved ID to be scanned, they shall be refused entry. The ID scanning capability shall include facial recognition and authentication of the approved ID presented. ID scanning to be conducted in a location where the CCTV at the premises can record each procedure.
2. In the event that the ID scanner is not working, each patron entering the premises must be photographed or filmed and that record retained for a minimum of 31 days. A record of the failure must be recorded in a log and the police notified, together with the steps taken to have the ID Scanner repaired/replaced at the earliest opportunity.
3. No patrons under the age of 21 shall be admitted onto the licensed premises.
4. The premises shall have a written search policy, which shall require the consent of a patron to a voluntary search as a condition of entry. The policy to include a minimum search ratio of 1 in 4 persons being subject to a voluntary search, as a condition of entry. The written search policy to be available for inspection at the venue by a police officer or authorised officer.
5. Annex 2 condition 2, to be amended to state the minimum number of SIA employed shall be 4 SIA door supervisors. All 4 SIA door supervisors to be on duty by 2100hrs until closing and dispersal.
6. Annex 2 condition 12, to be amended, so that the dispersal policy, to ensure safe dispersal of patrons, shall be in a written format, available on the premises for inspection by the police or authorised officer and the policy to include door supervisors wearing reflective jackets when at the front of the premises.

7. Persons purchasing alcohol at the bar will be required to show proof of age if they appear to be under 25 years of age.
8. CCTV coverage of the dance floor to be of an evidential standard, providing clear images of patrons on the dance floor and covering all areas of the dance floor.

The removal of the existing DPS, Mr Michael Carey is also sought by Surrey Police.

Surrey Police recognise that by reducing the hours the premises is allowed to sell alcohol and to stay open, it is likely to have a positive impact on reducing the risk of intoxicated patrons leaving the venue and being on the highway, placing themselves and other road users at risk.

Reducing the operating hours and drinking time will also have a positive impact on the number of assaults reported to police inside the venue and outside the venue on closing, which have a link to the venue.

Surrey Police believe that to reduce the level of intoxication, level of violence and associated risks to patrons, the premises should close at 00:30hrs and no sale of alcohol after 00:00hrs.

Surrey Police believe that the above conditions and consideration of the operator's hours to reduce consumption are necessary and proportionate to promote the licensing objectives of the prevention of crime and disorder, the protection of children from harm and public safety.

Should the licensing committee be minded to implement conditions as set out by Surrey Police, then suspending the premises licence, whilst the conditions are being adequately implemented, would ensure the licensing objectives are being promoted above everything else.