

Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005

Reference: 248036

Name: Box

Address: Unit 2, 125 Deansgate, Manchester, M3 2BY

Ward: Deansgate

Application Type: Premises Licence (new)

Name of Applicant: Arc Inspirations Limited

Date of application: 22 July 2020

Agreement has been reached between the applicant and all parties that submitted relevant representations.

The Sub-Committee is asked to grant the application subject to the modifications agreed between the parties without the need for a hearing.

If the Sub-Committee is not minded to grant the application as above, it is requested to adjourn the matter for a full hearing to be held to determine the application.

Proposed licensable activities and opening hours to be granted

Provision of regulated entertainment (films, live music, recorded music, performances of dance and anything of a similar description to live music, recorded music or performances of dance):

Mon to Sun 9.00am to 2.00am

Provision of late night refreshment:

Mon to Sun 11.00pm to 2.00am

The supply of alcohol for consumption both on and off the premises:

Mon to Sun 9.00am to 2.00am

Opening hours:

Mon to Sun 9.00am to 2.30am

Representations received	
Greater Manchester Police	Due to the location of the premises (in the Deansgate area of Manchester city centre) Greater Manchester Police have objected to the application on the grounds of Prevention of Crime & Disorder, the Prevention of Public Nuisance and Public Safety. GMP are requesting that more prescriptive conditions are attached to the licence in regard to the provision of SIA registered door staff at the premises to ensure that the Licensing Objectives are fully upheld and enforced.
Licensing & Out of Hours Compliance	LOOH Compliance are objecting to the application on the grounds of the likelihood of the Licensing Objective relating to Public Nuisance being negatively affected due to the location of the premises and the fact the premises shall be operating primarily as a 'Sports' bar (LOOH Compliance are of the opinion that such types of premises generate specific issues, such as large groups, increased drunkenness and subsequent potential for higher levels of public nuisance). LOOH Compliance are requesting the imposition of specific conditions on to any granted premises licence that will ensure that the Licensing Objectives are fully upheld and enforced.
The Trading Standards Service	It is of concern to the Trading Standards Service that the applications Operating Schedule offered no specific conditions indicating how the Licensing Objective relating to the Protection of Children from Harm would be implemented and upheld at the premises. Consequently so the Trading Standards Service are requesting that a number of conditions are imposed on any granted premises licence that will prevent the sale of alcohol to underage persons/children.

Agreements between parties

Greater Manchester Police:

- Door supervisors shall be employed at the premises from 2100 until 30 minutes
 after the premises has closed on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays and where
 there is a need due to the live screening of sports fixtures and key sporting
 events in the city. Door staff shall wear hi-visibility arm bands when on duty
- Whenever the premises show live football matches featuring Manchester United or Manchester City SIA registered door staff shall be employed at a ratio of 1:100 from 2 hours before kick-off until 30 minutes after closing. Door staff shall wear hi-visibility arm bands when on duty.

 Door staff shall wear and use body cameras to capture all incidents of violence, anti-social behaviour and/or refusals. Footage shall be stored for 28 days and made available to Responsible Authorities upon request.

Licensing & Out of Hours Compliance:

- Any person who appears to be intoxicated or who is behaving in a disorderly manner shall not be allowed entry to the premises.
- All staff shall be trained in recognising signs of drunkenness, how to refuse service and the premises duty of care. Documented records of training completed shall be kept for each member of staff. Training shall be regularly refreshed and at no greater than 6 monthly intervals. Training records shall be made available for inspection upon request by a police officer or an authorised officer of Manchester City Council.
- Alcohol consumed outside the premises shall only be consumed by patrons seated at tables.
- Alcohol is to be served in polycarbonate, plastic or shatterproof glasses in the
 external area when there is a need due to the live screening of sport fixtures
 and key sporting events/events in the city, or when asked by an authorised
 officer of Manchester City Council or Greater Manchester Police.
- All windows and external doors shall be kept closed between 11pm and close of business, except for the immediate access and egress of persons.
- Speakers shall not be located outside the premises.
- Staff shall monitor customers smoking outside the premises on a regular basis and ensure patrons do not cause a public nuisance.
- There shall be a staff member present in the external area at all times when customers are present to ensure that the area is managed so as not to cause a public nuisance.
- Tables and Chairs shall be removed on request by a police Officer or an authorised Officer of Manchester City Council.

The Trading Standards Service:

- That a Challenge 25 policy is implemented.
- The Challenge 25 scheme shall be operated to ensure that any person who appears to be under the age of 25 shall provide documented proof that he/she is over 18 years of age.
- Proof of age shall only comprise a passport, photo card driving licence, an EU/EEA national ID card or similar document, an HM Forces warrant card, a card bearing the PASS hologram, or any electronic or biometric age verification technology approved by the licensing authority.

- The premises shall display prominent signage indicating at any point of sale and at the entrance to the premises that the Challenge 25 scheme is in operation.
- The premises shall display prominent signage indicating at any point of sale and at the entrance to the premises that it is an offence to buy or attempt to buy alcohol for a person who is under 18 and for a person under the age of 18 to buy or attempt to buy alcohol.
- A refusals record shall be kept at the premises which details all refusals to sell alcohol. This record shall include the date and time of the incident, a description of the customer, the name of the staff member who refused the sale, and the reason the sale was refused. All entries shall be made within 24 hours of the refusal. The record shall be made available for inspection and copying within a reasonable time of a request by an officer of a Responsible Authority.
- All staff authorised to sell alcohol shall be trained in:
 - The prevention of underage sales of alcohol
 - The prevention of proxy purchases of alcohol
 - Maintenance of the refusals log
 - Where till prompts are installed, how to enter sales correctly on the tills so the prompts show as appropriate
 - How to refuse service
- Training shall include evidence that the trainee has gained knowledge and understanding of the training, which may consist of a test or quiz, completed and signed by the trainee. Documented records of training completed shall be kept for each member of staff.

Background documents (available for public inspection):

- Manchester City Council Statement of Licensing Policy 2016 2021
- Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003, April 2017
- Original application form
- Representations made against application and respective agreements