

# Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005

Reference: 248887 Name: NQ64

Address: 23 Peter Street, Manchester, M2 5QJ

Ward: Deansgate

**Application Type:** Premises Licence variation

Name of Applicant: NQ64 Peter Street Limited

**Date of application:** 17 August 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

The application seeks;

- To vary the layout of the premises in accordance with the plans deposited with the application and;
- Amend or remove various conditions currently attached to the licence to better reflect its change in trading style from a nightclub to a retro arcade bar.

There are to be no other changes to the licence.

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Licensing & Out of Hours Compliance

LOOH Compliance has expressed concerns that the granting of the application will lead to issues of Public Nuisance taking place at the premises and the general undermining of the City Council's Licensing Policy. Due to a change in the operating model of the premises (the premises is currently undergoing conversion works to change it from a nightclub to a 'retro arcade' bar) the application is seeking to remove a number of conditions from the existing premises licence that, amongst other issues, relate to the management of smoking and queuing activities at the premises.

LOOH Compliance believes that the removal of those conditions that specifically relate to smoking and queuing at the premises will generate an adverse effect upon the Licensing Objectives and the City Councils Licensing Policy as it will create potentially unmanageable crowding immediately outside the premises, forcing pedestrians onto the public highway and generating resulting public safety issues and would also create potential obstruction issues immediately outside an adjacent premises' emergency exit doors.

Although a replacement smoking policy has been submitted as part of the application, LOOH Compliance is not satisfied that it provides the required assurances that patrons smoking outside the premises will be correctly managed, or even where any potential smoking area will actually be located.

To ensure that the Licensing Objectives are fully upheld at the premises, LOOH Compliance are requesting that specific conditions be attached to any amended premises licence that requires the premises to supply agreed Smoking and Queue and Dispersal Policies to the Licensing Authority **before** the premises re-opens for business.

### Agreements between parties

### **Licensing & Out of Hours Compliance:**

- There shall be a documented site-specific smoking policy, as agreed with the Manchester City Council Environmental Health section, implemented at the premises and a copy lodged with the Council's Licensing Unit before the premises opens.
- There shall be a documented site-specific queue and dispersal policy, as agreed with the relevant Responsible Authorities, implemented at the premises and a copy lodged with the Council's Licensing Unit before the premises opens.

### 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