

Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005

Reference: 226079
Name: Manchester Central
Address: Manchester Central Convention Complex, Windmill Street, Manchester, M2 3GX
Ward: Deansgate
Application Type: Premises Licence variation
Name of Applicant: Manchester Central Convention Complex Limited
Date of application: 25/01/2019

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

Remove condition 2 of annex 2

Remove the permitted occupancy capacity figures contained on page 1 of the existing licence.

Current condition

Permitted Occupancy	Central Hall	10,400 persons
	Exchange Hall	1,400 persons
	Exchange Auditorium	800 persons

The maximum number of persons allowed to be present at any one time shall be 12,600.

Proposed

The capacity for any given event will be risk assessed on a case by case basis.

(Please note that the applicant has stated that the proposed capacity is 19,999)

Amend Condition 9 of Annex 2

Current Condition

Door staff shall encourage problem customers to leave quietly and without trouble.

Proposed Condition

Door staff (when employed) shall encourage problem customers to leave quietly and without trouble

Remove Condition 12 of Annex 2

Current condition

The sale of alcohol shall be ancillary to the provision of regulated entertainment or late night refreshment at the premises.

Proposed Condition

The sale of alcohol shall only occur during events which are pre-booked or pre-scheduled to take place at the premises.

Amend Condition 19 of Annex 2

Current Condition

During large scale events, no bottles containing beverages of any kind, whether open or sealed shall be given to customers on the premises whether at the bar or by bar staff away from the bar.

Proposed Condition

Where deemed necessary in accordance with a risk assessment, during large scale events, no bottles containing beverages of any kind, whether open or sealed shall be given to customers on the premises, whether at the bar or by bar staff away from the bar. And in light of this variation to remove the second sentence of Condition 20 of Annex 2;

Removal of second sentence of condition 20 Annex 2

Current condition

No customers carrying open or sealed bottles shall be admitted to the premises at any time that the premises is open to the public. Bottles containing wine may be sold for consumption with a table meal by customers who are seated in an area set aside for the consumption of food.

Removal of the following sentence:

Bottles containing wine may be sold for consumption with a table meal by customers

who are seated in an area set aside for the consumption of food.

Amend Condition 56 of Annex 2

Current condition

All bottles and glassware shall be removed from any person before exiting the premises

Proposed condition

All bottles and glassware shall be removed from any person before exiting the premises, save in the case of sealed containers sold for the purpose of consumption off the premises

Amend Condition 3 of Annex 3

Current Condition

When external area of premises licence is scheduled to be used involving the sale and consumption of alcohol then a local alcohol management meeting is to take place with representatives from city safe unit and events office at Bootle Street Police Station to discuss the consumption and sale of alcohol. This is to be at least 28 days before event takes place.

Proposed Condition

When the external area of the premises is schedule to be used for events involving the sale and consumption of alcohol, a local management meeting is to take place with representatives from GMP and the Licensing and Out of Hours Team, should these authorities deem such meeting necessary. Matters to be discussed at such meeting may include the use of an alternative to glassware if deemed necessary by these authorities. If such meeting takes place, it will be at least 28 days before the event takes place

Remove Condition 8 of Annex 3.

The use of an alternative to glassware when external areas of the premises are used for sale of alcohol is to be discussed at the pre-event meeting between Manchester Central management and City Safe and Events Office as referred to in Condition 3 above

Opening hours:

Current hours: Mon to Sun 8 am to 2am

Proposed hours: Mon to Sun 7am to 2am

Steps to promote licensing objectives as given by the applicant

As per conditions attached to existing licence and additional/reworded conditions proposed

Representations received

Licensing & Out of Hours Compliance (LOOH)

LOOH objected to the application on the grounds that due to the removal of the prescribed capacity numbers, there will be a potential increase of over 7000 extra patrons (up to 19,999) within the venue, specifically the central hall area.

LOOH have concerns that this will add to or increase the noise complaints currently received due to the likelihood of nuisance from large scale dispersals at 2:00 hours.

The premises is within close proximity to residential properties and the application therefore undermines the licensing objective the prevention of public nuisance.

Agreements between parties

Licensing & Out of Hours Compliance:

Whenever a single event is proposed to take place at the premises which:

- a) Has a capacity of over 11,000 and
- b) Is to continue beyond 9pm and
- c) Has as its primary focus the playing of live and/or recorded music

The Licensing and Out of Hours Team at Manchester City Council shall be notified at least 28 days in advance of the event, and an Event Management Plan shall be provided. Such event(s) shall not proceed without the written approval of the Licensing and Out of Hours Team.

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.