

PART I

Committee: LICENSING

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Agenda Item: 3

Title: Application for a full Annual Music and Dancing Licence at The Sun Public House Gold Street Saffron Walden Essex

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Summary

- 1 An application has been received from Ronald and Janice Jones of The Sun public house, 59 Gold Street, Saffron Walden for a full annual licence for music and dancing from 8.00pm till 11.00pm Monday to Saturday, and 8.00pm to midnight on bank holidays once a month on either a Thursday, Friday or Saturday.
- 2 Objections on grounds of potential noise disturbance to neighbouring residents have been received. The committee is therefore requested to determine the application.

Background

- 3 The Sun PH is situated in Gold Street in the midst of residential development. A plan attached as appendix A2 shows the location of the public house and the properties of objectors.
- 4 A public entertainment application was applied for by the previous licensee in 1992 for the cellar bar only to be licensed. Although at the committee meeting on 3 June 1992 the application was granted subject to certain conditions the licence was never issued due to the non compliance of electrical installation works.
- 5 The premises consists of a bar area and games room on the ground floor and bar area in the cellar, although the licence application is for the ground floor only.
- 6 The building has a small car park to the rear with a side entrance.

Application

- 7 The application (Appendix A1) has been made for a full annual Music and Dancing licence in the ground floor bar area requesting a licence for up to 120 persons. An inspection of the premises was undertaken on 10th March by our Environmental Health Technician who has reduced the number of persons

permitted in the premises to a maximum of 60, although this figure could increase to 100 persons upon the refurbishment of a third toilet.

- 8 The hours and days requested by the applicant are either a Thursday, Friday or Saturday once a month between the hours of 8.00pm and 11.00pm (extending to midnight on a bank holiday).
- 9 The licensee of the building has indicated that the public entertainment licence would be used for a music venue with more than 2 musicians performing.
- 10 Notice of intension to apply was posted on the premises (outside porch board) for a period of 28 days from 11th February 2005. On receipt of the application the Saffron Walden Town Council, all Saffron Walden District Councillors, Essex police and the District Environmental Health Officer were notified.

Objections/Responses

- 11 Objections to this application have been received from local residents and are enclosed as appendices A3 to A18. The councils district Environmental Health Officer has expressed his concern regarding potential noise to residents, as the windows are only single glazed, Appendix A19. Essex Police have no objections but are concerned that if not well supervised further complaints may be received about noise issues, see Appendix A20.

The objectors main concerns are:

- (a) there will be unacceptable noise disturbance to local residents from the music, especially in the summer when windows are open
- (b) increased traffic, taxis waiting outside with engines running, cars parking on pavements and across driveways
- (c) vomit, urine, broken glass, litter outside residents' houses
- (d) there may be an increased risk of public complaint of unsociable behaviour, nuisance and disorder in and around the nearby streets.

Appeal

- 12 Should the application be refused by the committee or granted subject to conditions which the applicant does not find acceptable, the applicant has the right to appeal to the Magistrates Court with 21 days of the decision.

RECOMMENDED that

- 1 the application for a full weekday application at The Sun Inn Gold Street Saffron Walden be determined.
- 2 In the event of the applicant appealing against a decision of the Committee, a member be nominated to give evidence on behalf of the Committee.

Background Papers: Music and Dancing Application form
Plan of the premises
Letter from Mr Moodie, Environmental Health Technician