WIRRAL COUNCIL

LICENSING ACT 2003 COMMITTEE
LICENSING ACT 2003 SUB-COMMITTEE – 23 SEPTEMBER 2009

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF REGENERATION

NAME OF PREMISES: RAVENSCROFT, THE MOUNT, HESWALL NAME OF APPLICANT: BARRACUDA PUBS & BAR COMPANY LIMITED

1.0 **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider an application to vary a Premises Licence under the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003.

2.0 RELEVANT BACKGROUND

2.1 These premises currently have a premises licence with the following hours:

Supply of Alcohol

Sunday to Saturday 10:00 to 23:30

Hours Open to the Public

Sunday to Saturday 10:00 to 00:00

Regulated Entertainment (Live Music, Recorded Music and Performance of Dance)

Sunday to Saturday 10:00 to 23:30

Regulated Entertainment (Exhibition of Films and Indoor Sporting Events)

Sunday to Saturday 10:00 to 23:30

Entertainment Facilities (Facilities for Making Music and Dancing)

Sunday to Saturday 10:00 to 23:30

Late Night Refreshment

Sunday to Saturday 23:30 to 23:30

Non-Standard Timings

All of the above Licensable Activites:

10:00 on New Years Eve to 23:30 on New Years Day (The Premises shall close 30 minutes after the end of the non-standards timing).

3.0 **APPLICATION**

3.1 The application to vary the Premises Licence is to extend the Licensed area to include the external area for the Sale of Alcohol and Late Night Refreshment for the same permitted hours as stated above.

The applicant has also requested that the following condition be removed from the Premises Licence:

'There shall be no drinking outside the curtilage of the building at any time.'

PROMOTION OF LICENSING OBJECTIVES 4.0

- 4.1 Applicants are required to submit as part of their application an operating schedule that sets out how they will conduct/manage their business in accordance with the four Licensing Objectives. A copy of the full application detailing the steps proposed by the applicant is available.
- 4.2 Members of the Licensing Act 2003 Sub-Committee are advised that the proposals set out in the operating schedule would become conditions of licence should the licence be granted.

5.0 RELEVANT REPRESENTATIONS

5.1 The following Representation has been received in respect of the above application.

Interested Party

In respect of this application a representation has been received from Heswall Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses who are located to the rear of the premises. The representation relates to public nuisance to the congregation being caused by customers of the premises if the outside area were to be used for the consumption of alcohol and food. A copy of the representation is available.

5.2 There have been no other representations received from the following Responsible Authorities:

Wirral Area Child Protection Committee **Trading Standards Environmental Health** Planning Authority Fire Authority Merseyside Police

6.0 FINANCIAL AND STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

6.1 A statutory fee has been paid in respect of the application, which goes towards administrative and enforcement costs.

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7.0 **EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 There are none arising from this report.

8.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

8.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

9.0 LOCAL MEMBER SUPPORT IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The premises are located in the Heswall ward.

10.0 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

10.1 Article 6, of the First Protocol, concerned with the right to a fair hearing, may be applicable.

11.0 **COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

11.1 Effective control of Licensing Legislation can assist in raising standards and improve the perception of community safety.

12.0 PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

12.1 There are no planning implications in respect of this application.

13.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 13.1 Application form applying to vary a Premises Licence Operating Schedule.
- 13.2 Representation received from Heswall Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

14.0 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

14.1 The Licensing Act 2003 Sub-Committee are asked to consider the application to vary a Premises Licence in respect of the above premises.

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