WIRRAL COUNCIL

LICENSING ACT 2003 COMMITTEE LICENSING ACT 2003 SUB-COMMITTEE – 11 JULY 2007

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF REGENERATION

NAME OF PREMISES: RAVENSCROFT, 5 THE MOUNT, HESWALL

NAME OF APPLICANT: BARRACUDA PUBS AND BARS 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 10.00am to 11.00pm

Hours Open to the Public

Sunday to Saturday 10.00am to 11.30pm

Regulated Entertainment (Recorded Music)

Sunday to Saturday 10.00am to 11.30pm

Entertainment Facilities (Facilities for Dancing)

Sunday to Saturday 10.00am to 11.30pm

Late Night Refreshment

Sunday to Saturday 11.00pm to 11.30pm

2.2 Conditions currently imposed on the Premises Licence are available. See appendix 1.

3.0 APPLICATION

3.1 The application to vary the Premises Licence is as follows:

Supply of alcohol

Sunday to Saturday 10.00am to 12.00midnight

Hours Open to the Public

Sunday to Saturday 10.00am to 12.30am

Regulated Entertainment (Exhibition of Films, Indoor Sporting Events, Live Music, **Recorded Music and Performance of Dance)**

Sunday to Saturday 10.00am to 12.00midnight

Entertainment Facilities (Facilities for Making Music and Dancing)

Sunday to Saturday 10.00am to 12.00midnight

Late Night Refreshment

Sunday to Saturday 11.00pm to 12.00midnight

Non-Standard Timing

The following non-standard timing has also been requested for the above Licensable Activities:

New Years Eve: 10:00 to New Years Day – terminal hour as proposed.

The premises will close 30 minutes after the end of the above non-standard timing.

- 3.2 Barracuda Pubs and Bars Limited have requested that the following condition currently imposed on the Premises Licence be removed:
 - There shall be no drinking outside the cartilage 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 any 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 will also become conditions of licence should the licence be granted.

5.0 **RELEVANT REPRESENTATIONS**

5.1 The following Representations have been received in respect of the above application.

Interested Party – Local Residents

In respect of this application, 11 representations have been received from Local Residents. A representation has also been received signed by 10 residents. The representations relate to noise and anti-social behaviour at a late hour from customers of the premises. A petition containing 29 signatures has also been received. Copies of the representations and the petition are available.

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Fire Authority

Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service have made a representation as certain matters pertaining to fire safety were found to be unsatisfactory as follows:

The Fire Authority have not received confirmation that the glazing in the window adjacent to the external fire escape are of the appropriate fire resistance.

The Fire Safety Officer has advised that he is currently liaising with the applicant to resolve the above issue and will report to the Licensing Authority if the works have been complete.

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 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.

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 The Planning Officer has advised that a condition of the Planning Permission states that "The premises hereby permitted shall not be open to customers outside the following time: 0900-2330 hours" and that "No amplified music shall be played on the premises outside the following times: 0900-2330".

13.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 13.1 Application form applying to vary a Premises Licence – Operating Schedule.
- 13.2 Representations received from Local Residents.
- 13.3 Representation received from Merseyside Police.
- 13.4 Representation received from the Fire Authority.

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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