

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Premises licence number

NWL20302

Part 1 – Premises details

Postal address of premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description

Litten Tree, Unit 17, Marlborough Square, Coalville

Post town

Leicestershire

Telephone number

Post code

LE67 3WD

Where the licence is time limited the dates

Licensable activities authorised by the licence

1. The sale by retail of alcohol for consumption on and off the premises.
2. Late night refreshment indoors.
3. Films indoors.
4. Indoor sporting events.
5. Live music indoors.
6. Recorded music indoors.
7. Performances of dance indoors.
8. Anything of a similar description to live music, recorded music or performances of dance indoors.
9. Provision of facilities for making music indoors.
10. Provision of facilities for dancing indoors.
11. Provision of facilities for entertainment of a similar description to making music or dancing indoors.

The time the licence authorises the carrying out of licensable activities

The sale by retail of alcohol for consumption on and off the premises:

Monday to Thursday – 08.00am to 01.00am.

Friday and Saturday – 08.00am to 02.00am.

Sundays – 08.00am to 12midnight.

Sundays preceding a Bank Holiday – 08.00am to 01.00am.

Christmas Day – 12noon to 11.00pm.

An additional hour on morning of British Summer Time, Friday to Mondays of Bank Holiday weekends, St Patrick's Day, St George's Day, St Andrew's Day, St Valentine's Day, day before Christmas Eve to Boxing Day (excluding Christmas Day) and New Year's Day.

On New Year's Eve from the end of permitted hours on New Year's Eve to the start of the permitted hours on the following day (or, if there are no permitted hours on the following day, midnight on 31st December).

The premises may open for special events on 12 occasions per calendar year.

Late Night Refreshment:

Monday to Thursday – 11.00pm to 01.00am.

Friday and Saturday – 11.00pm to 02.00am.

Sundays – 11.00pm to 12midnight.

Sundays preceding a Bank Holiday – 11.00pm to 01.00am.

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Films:

Monday to Thursday – 08.00am to 01.00am.

Friday and Saturday – 08.00am to 02.00am.

Sundays – 08.00am to 12midnight.

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The premises may open for special events on 12 occasions per calendar year.

Indoor sporting events:

Monday to Thursday – 09.00am to 01.00am.

Friday and Saturday – 09.00am to 02.00am.

Sundays – 09.00am to 12midnight.

Sundays preceding a Bank Holiday – 09.00am to 01.00am.

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Performance of live music:

Monday to Thursday – 09.00am to 01.00am.

Friday and Saturday – 09.00am to 02.00am.

Sundays – 09.00am to 12midnight.

Sundays preceding a Bank Holiday – 09.00am to 01.00am.

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The premises may open for special events on 12 occasions per calendar year.

No time restrictions in relation to entertainment which is not public but is promoted for private gain.

Recorded music:

Monday to Thursday – 08.00am to 01.00am.

Friday and Saturday – 08.00am to 02.00am.

Sundays – 08.00am to 12midnight.

Sundays preceding a Bank Holiday – 08.00am to 01.00am.

Christmas Day – 12noon to 11.00pm.

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No time restrictions in relation to entertainment which is not public but is promoted for private gain.

Performance of dance:

Monday to Thursday – 09.00am to 01.00am.

Friday and Saturday – 09.00am to 02.00am.

Sundays – 09.00am to 12midnight.

Sundays preceding a Bank Holiday – 09.00am to 01.00am.

Christmas Day – 12noon to 11.00pm.

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Entertainment of a similar description:

Monday to Thursday – 09.00am to 01.00am.

Friday and Saturday – 09.00am to 02.00am.

Sundays – 09.00am to 12midnight.

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No time restrictions in relation to entertainment which is not public but is promoted for private gain.

Provision of facilities for making music:

Monday to Thursday – 09.00am to 01.00am.

Friday and Saturday – 09.00am to 02.00am.

Sundays – 09.00am to 12midnight.

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The premises may open for special events on 12 occasions per calendar year.

No time restrictions in relation to entertainment which is not public but is promoted for private gain.

Provision of facilities for dancing:

Monday to Thursday – 09.00am to 01.00am.

Friday and Saturday – 09.00am to 02.00am.

Sundays – 09.00am to 12midnight.

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Sundays – 09.00am to 12midnight.

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The premises may open for special events on 12 occasions per calendar year.

No time restrictions in relation to entertainment which is not public but is promoted for private gain.

The opening hours of the premises

Monday to Thursday – 08.00am to 01.30am.

Friday and Saturday – 08.00am to 02.30am.

Sundays – 08.00am to 12.30am

Sundays preceding a Bank Holiday – 08.00am to 01.30am.

Christmas Day – 12noon to 11.30pm.

An additional 30 minutes on morning of British Summer Time, Friday to Mondays of Bank Holiday weekends, St Patrick's Day, St George's Day, St Andrew's Day, St Valentine's Day, day before Christmas Eve to Boxing Day (excluding Christmas Day) and New Year's Day.

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Where the licence authorises supplies of alcohol whether these are on and/or off supplies

The sale by retail of alcohol for consumption on and off the premises.

Part 2

Name, (registered) address, telephone number and e-mail (where relevant) of holder of premises licence

The Laurel Pub Company
Porter Tun House
500 Capability Green
Luton
LU1 3LS

Registered number of holder, for example company number, charity number (where applicable)

4314584

Name, address and telephone number of designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises the supply of alcohol

Michelle Louise Lovell
11 Jersey Road
Mowmacre Hill
Leicester
LE1 2LU

Personal licence number and issuing authority of personal licence held by designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises for the supply of alcohol

Personal Licence Number of Designated Premises Supervisor: LE1PRS0014
Issuing authority: Leicester City Council

Annex 1 – Mandatory conditions

1. No supply of alcohol may be made under the premises licence;
 - a) at a time when there is no designated premises supervisor in respect of the premises licence, or
 - b) at a time when the designated premises supervisor does not hold a personal licence or his personal licence is suspended.
2. Every supply of alcohol must be made or authorised by a person who holds a personal licence.
3. The admission of children to the exhibition of any film is to be restricted in accordance with these conditions and Section 20 of the Licensing Act 2003.
4. Where the film classification body is specified in the licence, unless condition 5(b) applies, admission of children must be restricted in accordance with any recommendation made by that body.
5. Where-
 - (a) the film classification body is not specified in the licence, or
 - (b) the relevant licensing authority has notified the holder of the licence that this subsection applies to the film in question, admission of children must be restricted in accordance with any recommendation made by that licensing authority.
6. In this section-
"children" means persons aged under 18; and
"film classification body" means the person or persons designated as the authority under section 4 of the Video Recordings Act 1984 (c.39) (authority to determine suitability of video works for classification).

Annex 2 – Conditions consistent with the operating schedule

1. The licensee shall provide and maintain CCTV at the premises and all tapes and images shall be retained for 31 days and made available to the Leicestershire Police on request.
2. The licensee shall operate a policy requiring proof of age for any sale that takes place where there is any suspicion that a customer is under the age of 18 years. The only identification that will be accepted shall be that approved by PASS, photo driving licence or passports.
3. Sufficient Security Industry Authority registered door staff shall be employed at the premises to control customers in, arriving at and leaving the premises.
4. The licensee will not introduce or carry on any irresponsible drinks promotion.
5. No customers apparently carrying open bottles upon entry shall be admitted to the premises at any time when they are open for licensable activities.
6. The licensee will ensure that no customers take alcoholic and other drinks in open containers from the premises.
7. The licensee or designated premises supervisor shall actively participate in the local Pubwatch scheme whilst such a scheme is in existence.
8. The maximum number of persons to be accommodated at the premises (excluding staff) shall not exceed 440. This figure shall not be exceeded without express permission from the Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service and North West Leicestershire District Council Environmental Health Officers.
9. Arrangements will be made to ensure that any capacity limit set for the premises can be properly monitored. Information regarding the capacity should be given to an authorised officer on request.
10. Prominent, clear notices shall be displayed at the exits requesting customers to respect the needs of local residents and to leave the premises and the area quietly.
11. Noise or vibration shall not emanate from the premises so as to cause a nuisance in nearby residential properties.
12. Persons under 18 years of age shall not be permitted on the premises if the style of entertainment offered or in operation is not conducive.
13. Persons under 18 years of age shall not be permitted on the premises in any event after 1900 hours when regulated entertainment is offered (unless they are attending a private function held on the premises and are accompanied by an adult).

Annex 3 – Conditions attached after a hearing by the licensing authority

Annex 4 - Plans

APPENDIX.2



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Date: 20 February 2008
 SLA: Not Set
 Scale: 1:1000

Application for the review of a premises licence or club
premises certificate under the Licensing Act 2003

APPENDIX.3

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form.
If you are completing this form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all
cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. Use
additional sheets if necessary.

You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

I Sean Moore

(Insert name of applicant)

apply for the review of a premises licence under section 51 of the Licensing
Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below (delete as applicable)

Part 1 – Premises or club premises details

**Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or
description**

The Litten Tree,
7 Marlborough Square,

Post town Coalville

Post code (if known) LE67 3WD

**Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if
known)**

The Laurel Pub Company, Porter Tun House, 500 Capability Green, Luton LU1 3LS

Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known)

NWL20302

Part 2 - Applicant details

I am

Please tick yes

- 1) an interested party (please complete (A) or (B) below)
 - a) a person living in the vicinity of the premises
 - b) a body representing persons living in the vicinity of the premises
 - c) a person involved in business in the vicinity of the premises
 - d) a body representing persons involved in business in the vicinity of the
premises
- 2) a responsible authority (please complete (C) below)

3) a member of the club to which this application relates (please complete (A) below)

(A) DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT (fill in as applicable)

Please tick

Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other title
(for example, Rev)

Surname

First names

I am 18 years old or over

Please tick yes

Current postal address if different from premises address

Post town

Post Code

Daytime contact telephone number

E-mail address (optional)

(B) DETAILS OF OTHER APPLICANT

Name and address

Telephone number (if any)

E-mail address (optional)

(C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY APPLICANT

Name and address Ps567 Sean Moore Licensing Department Mansfield House 74 Belgrave Gate Leicester LE1 3GG
Telephone number (if any)
E-mail address (optional)

This application to review relates to the following licensing objective(s)

Please tick one or more boxes

- | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1) the prevention of crime and disorder | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2) public safety | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3) the prevention of public nuisance | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4) the protection of children from harm | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Please state the ground(s) for review (please read guidance note 1)

1. On the 24th December 2006 an anonymous report was received by the police to the effect that 16 year olds were being served at the premises and were using a fake ID card.

2. On the 9th March 2007 the police conducted a test purchase operation at the premises and a member of staff sold alcohol to the under age test purchaser. He was issued an £80 fixed penalty ticket and the then designated premises supervisor, Mr Reid, was given a written warning.

3. On the 16th March 2007 police received a complaint, via the manager of the NWLDC licensing department, that under age drinkers were using the premises.

4. On the 18th May 2007 police again conducted a test purchase operation with the same result. A member of staff sold alcohol to the 15 year old test purchaser. The seller, a member of staff, was issued with a fixed penalty ticket and the designated premises supervisor (DPS) John Reid was reported for prosecution. It was decided not to prosecute as he provided evidence that training had been provided. I wrote to him on the 19th June 2007 concerning the issue and copied the letter to the premises licence holders.

5. On the 8th September 2007 a disturbance took place in the premises resulting in one member of the public having his jaw broken. It was found that the CCTV was not working at the time due to an employee error.

6. On the 30th November 2007 a further test purchase operation was conducted by the police and again a member of staff sold alcohol to the under age test purchaser.

She was dealt with by way of fixed penalty ticket and the current DPS Michelle Louise Lovell was interviewed and reported. She produced documentation that the member of staff concerned had received training and the Crown Prosecution Service have decided not to prosecute..

Please provide as much information as possible to support the application
(please read guidance note 2)

Please tick yes

Have you made an application for review relating to this premises before

If yes please state the date of that application

Day

Month

Year

If you have made representations before relating to this premises please state what they were and when you made them

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Please tick yes

- I have sent copies of this form and enclosures to the responsible authorities and the premises licence holder or club holding the club premises certificate, as appropriate
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected

IT IS AN OFFENCE, LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE UP TO LEVEL 5 ON THE STANDARD SCALE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION

Part 3 – Signatures (please read guidance note 3)

Signature of applicant or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent (See guidance note 4). If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.

Signature

Sean Moore Ps 567

Date

15th JAN 2008

Capacity Licensing Officer

Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 5)

Ps 567 Sean Moore
Licensing Department,
Mansfield House,
74 Belgrave Gate,

Post town
Leicester

Post Code
LE1 3GG

Telephone number (if any)

If you would prefer us to correspond with you using an e-mail address your e-mail address (optional)

Notes for Guidance

1. The ground(s) for review must be based on one of the licensing objectives.
2. Please list any additional information or details for example dates of problems which are included in the grounds for review if available.
3. The application form must be signed.
4. An applicant's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
5. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.

215 14371

Please ask for Sergeant 567 Sean Moore, Licensing Department.

19/06/2007

Mr John Reid,
51 Curlew Close,
Coalville,
Leicestershire LE67 4BD

Dear Sir,

Licensing Act 2003 – Test Purchasing Failure at the Litten Tree, Coalville.

I write in my capacity as licensing officer for the Leicestershire Constabulary.

I have had the opportunity to scrutinise the file presented to me by Sergeant John O'Brien of Coalville Police Station. This relates to the test purchase operation conducted at the above premises on the 18th May 2007 when a 15 year old test purchaser was sold alcohol.

As the designated premises supervisor of the premises at the time and you had a vicarious liability in relation to the conduct of your staff.

Having read your statement and considered the evidence you supplied in relation to the training given to the member of staff who made the sale, I am satisfied that you have made out the defence of due diligence in relation to this matter. **There for you will not be prosecuted as a result of this incident.**

That said it is my intention to retain a copy of the report and this letter and to reserve the right to make reference to them in the event of any other licensing issues relating to you or the premises.

If you have any questions in relation to this letter or any other licensing issue you can contact me directly.

Yours faithfully,

Ps567 Sean Moore.
Licensing Officer

Copy to:

The Laurel Pub Company,
Porter Tun House.
500 Capability Green,
Luton, Beds LU1 3LS



Leicestershire
Constabulary

Licensing Act 2003 - Report to the Licensing Committee regarding the Police application to review the premises licence at the Litten Tree Public House, 7 Marlborough Square, Coalville.

Background – why we have made the application:

Sir,

I report in my capacity as the licensing officer for the Leicestershire Constabulary

TWY - Trouble With Youths - is the most common heading found on police incidents. Hardly an evening goes by without complaints being received about groups of noisy youths gathering in urban areas.

It is frequently the case that such behaviour is fuelled by alcohol and those that have consumed it are under 18 years of age. This is dangerous drinking because it is unsupervised and such young people do not understand the strength of different alcoholic drinks and the time it takes to have effect. Typically they will drink spirits such as vodka and rum as if they were orange squash or lemonade. Clearly this can have serious health implications and the antisocial behaviour that can result has to be seen to be believed.

Whether the sales to young people are the result of greed or simply through negligence makes no difference - the result is the same - problems for the police, the NHS and the community as a whole.

This unhappy state of affairs has been recognised at Government level resulting in both the police and trading standards officers being encouraged to tackle the problem by mounting test purchase operations such as the recent TUSAC campaign.

Here in Leicestershire these operations have been run, since 2002. Sadly the results have been very disappointing with over half the premises visited selling to under age test purchasers.

Where possible premises that have sold have been re-visited in later operations and I am pleased to say, the majority have not re-offended. Unfortunately this premise is in the minority that have sold a second time.

Those of us involved in the administration and enforcement of the Licensing Act are well aware of the difficulty in accurately assessing the age of young people.

In order to assist the trade the ACPO and DCMS have promoted the "Challenge 21" approach where staff are instructed to require identification from anyone who appears to be under that age.

There has been a massive amount publicity surrounding this issue in the media. The Leicestershire Constabulary produced over 2000 information packs, which were distributed amongst retail outlets in the County prior to the commencement of the new Act. Information is readily available from the BII, the Portman Group and trading standards departments.

No doubt you have seen signs in supermarkets and elsewhere stating that it is company policy to operate this scheme.

Do you think it would have been possible for these sales to have taken place if the licensee and staff really had embraced the challenge 21 policy?

Proposals.

I started this report by referring to the bigger social picture, which provides the background to these particular incidents. The Licensing Act 2003 is a liberalising piece of legislation but it is balanced by providing you with the power to prevent abuses of the law.

Paragraph 11.25 of the Guidance published under Section 182 of the Act states, in relation to reviews,

"There is certain criminal activity that may arise in connection with licensed premises, which the Secretary of State considers should be treated particularly seriously."

There follows a list which includes, "for the purchase and consumption of alcohol by minors which impacts on the health, educational attainment, employment prospects and propensity for crime of young people."

The following paragraph includes, "it is expected that the revocation of the licence – even in the first instance – should be seriously considered."

If you are not minded to take that course of action may I ask you to consider the following:

1. The licence be suspended for up to 3 months. This would provide time for the training of staff.
2. A condition that the licensee will adopt the Challenge 21 policy and provide adequate, documented training for staff before they are allowed to serve alcohol.
3. The current CCTV condition be amended to "The licensee will ensure that CCTV is installed following advice from the Leicestershire Constabulary Crime Reduction Officer and maintained in accordance with the Information Commissioner's CCTV Code of Practice." (This can prevent as well as detect crime.)
4. The removal of the current designated premises supervisor.
5. A condition that the Designated Premises Supervisor will undertake the BII level one award in Responsible Alcohol Retailing within the next 3 months. This course is recommended by Hazel Blears, the Home Office Minister, as it focuses on the importance of not selling to under age persons.

Sean Moore Ps567
Licensing Officer
14th January 2008

Mrs G M Sellars,
15, Owen Street,
Coalville,
Leicestershire
LE67 3DB

8th February 2008

Dear Sir,

Litten Tree Public House, Marlborough Square, Coalville

Further to the recent articles in the local press concerning underage drinking at the Litten Tree, we, the undersigned, wish to make our views known to the licensing authority.

The rear of the Litten Tree is situated on Owen Street where we all live. Prior to the pub's arrival, this road was part of a quiet, trouble-free, residential area where it was pleasant to live.

Since then, we have been plagued with problems exacerbated by the extension of opening hours. We do not want to highlight every little problem but will concentrate on the two following major issues:

Firstly. Noisy drunks are becoming a more common feature of the Street during the late evening or early morning when they have been ejected from the pub. This usually results in, at best, a broken night's sleep, or, at worst, damage to vehicles or property. Things did improve to some degree when the pub stopped ejecting them from the Owen Street rear entrance.

Secondly. There is an on-going problem with the pub's waste bins being left on the pavement, almost permanently. Apart from blocking the footpath, the noise created when they are eventually moved or loaded, particularly late at night, again causes a disturbed night's sleep. Despite representations to a succession of the pub's managers and the involvement of both the council and David Taylor, M.P., the situation has still not been satisfactorily resolved.

Having experienced several broken promises by the Litten Tree's management, we no longer have any confidence in them. All we want is our Street back to the way it always used to be.

We do hope that these points will be taken into consideration when you decide what further action to take.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs G M Sellars