



REVIEW OF PREMISES LICENCE

The Corner House
1257 Melton Road
Syston
Leics
LE7 2JT

The premises licence issued to The Corner House, Syston is for the sale of alcohol, and provision of regulated entertainment.

There have been a number of incidents reported at the premises, including allegations of under-age sales, incidents of disturbances, and allegation of drug sales and consumption.

The review application will lead to a hearing before a Licensing Sub-Committee, where the evidence provided by the police will be considered by the Councillors sitting on the panel. The sanctions that are open to the panel are that the licence could be revoked or suspended, or that additional conditions be attached to the licence.

A copy of the current licence, and the application for review, appears below:

Charnwood Borough Council

Part A

Premises licence number

PREM5545

Part I – Premises details

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

Cornerhouse
1257 Melton Road
Syston

Post town Leicester

Post code LE7 2JT

Telephone number 0116 2600837

Where the licence is time limited the dates

Start date : 13 September 2007

Licensable activities authorised by the licence

Playing of Recorded Music
Dancing
Ent. of a Similar Description to Making Music & Dancing
Sale of Alcohol
Performance of Live Music

The times the licence authorises the carrying out of licensable activities

Playing of Recorded Music

Monday to Thursday 11:00 to 00:00
Friday to Saturday 11:00 to 01:00
Sunday 12:00 to 22:30

A further additional hour into the morning following every Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday for each May Bank Holiday and every August Bank Holiday weekend. A further additional hour into the morning following every Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday for the Easter Bank Holiday weekend. A further additional hour every Christmas Eve. A further additional hour every Boxing Day. To reflect existing New Year's Eve/Day hours.

Dancing
Ent. of a Similar Description to Making Music

Monday to Thursday 11:00 to 00:00
Friday to Saturday 11:00 to 01:00

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<p>The opening hours of the premises</p> <p>Monday : 11:00 to 00:30 Tuesday : 11:00 to 00:30 Wednesday : 11:00 to 00:30 Thursday : 11:00 to 00:30 Friday : 11:00 to 02:00 Saturday : 11:00 to 02:00 Sunday : 12:00 to 00:00</p> <p>A further additional hour into the morning following every Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday for each May Bank Holiday and every August Bank Holiday weekend. A further additional hour into the morning following every Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday for the Easter Bank Holiday weekend. An additional hour every Christmas Eve. An additional hour every Boxing Day. To reflect existing New Year's Eve/Day hours.</p>

<p>Where the licence authorises supplies of alcohol whether these are on and/ or off supplies</p> <p>ON/OFF</p>

Part 2

Name, (registered) address, telephone number and email (where relevant) of holder of premises licence

Name: Punch Taverns Plc
Address: Re: Cornerhouse
Jubilee House
Second Avenue
Burton Upon Trent
Staffordshire
Postcode: DE14 2WF
Telephone: 01283 501600
Email:

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

03752645

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

Name: Mr Zak Toomassi
Address: Cornerhouse
1257 Melton Road
Syston
Leicester
Postcode: LE7 2JT
Telephone: 0116 2600837

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

Licence No: PERS8788
Issuing Authority: Charnwood Borough Council

Annex I – Mandatory Conditions

I. Mandatory conditions where licence authorises supply of alcohol

(1) Where a premises licence authorises the supply of alcohol, the licence must include the following conditions.

(2) The first condition is that 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.

(3) The second condition is that every supply of alcohol under the premises licence must be made or authorised by a person who holds a personal licence.

Other Conditions

1. The following conditions as agreed between the Applicant and Environmental Health (subject to a small amendment as to signage in clause a)):
 - a) The external drinking area shall not be used for consumption of food or alcohol after 23.00 hours. The external yard area shall only be used for smoking after 23:00 hours. A sign shall be erected informing customers of this condition.
 - b) Access doors to the rear smoking area shall be fitted with a self closing device.
 - c) No live amplified music, speech or recorded music shall be replayed via external speakers to the external smoking area.
 - d) Any lighting provided to the external drinking area shall be positioned and designed to prevent glare or obstructive lighting at neighbouring residential properties.
 - e) Signs shall be placed in the smoking area requesting customers to respect the needs of neighbours when using the area.
 - f) All windows to be closed after 23:00 hours if regulated entertainment is taking place.
 - g) Amplified music and voices at the premises shall be adequately controlled so as to be inaudible at the façade of the nearest residential properties after 23:00 hours.
 - h) The licensee or nominated representative shall receive and respond to complaints throughout the duration of all noisy events.
 - i) Prominent, clear notices shall be displayed in the beer garden and car park requesting customers to respect the needs of local residents and leave the premises and the area quietly.
2. It is agreed that karaoke will only take place on the premises between the hours of 11:00 and 23:00. (except Sundays when it shall cease at 22:30)
3. The sale of alcohol will cease at 01.30 on Friday and Saturday and the premises will close at 02.00.
4. Live and amplified music shall cease at 01:00 on Friday and Saturday and 22:30 on Sundays.

Other Conditions

This licence is subject to the conditions and undertakings contained in the attached operating schedule.

General

Following assessment of the premises and its surrounding area the following is proposed:

30 minute "drinking up" time will allow appropriate dispersal, use of lavatories etc. In order to further the licensing objectives the licensee reserves the right to move the fire appliances, AWP machines, cigarette machines and or any other similar object temporarily in a fixed location which may impact on the ability of individuals on the premise to use exits or escape route without impediment.

Prevention of Crime & Disorder

All interior trading areas are visible to staff from behind the bar serverly. Drug prevention measures are in place and signs displayed. A rota system is in place for checking the toilets. The licensee and staff monitor customer behaviour especially during periods. Member of local pub watch scheme.

Public Safety

The pub is equipped with emergency lighting and illuminated exit signs and fire detection system through out. The pub has a first aider and first facilities. Accident/incident book on site for staff and customers. A fire alarm test is carried out weekly.

Prevention of Public Nuisance

When required staff organise taxis to take customers home and seen off the premises. Please respect our neighbours and leave quietly signs are in evidence.

Protection of Children From Harm

2 x AWP machines are positioned within close proximity to the bar as is the cigarette machine and affords good supervision. No unaccompanied children allowed on the premises at any time. Accompanied children must be off the premises by 19:00 hrs

**Charnwood Borough Council
Part B
Premises Licence Summary**

Premises licence number

PREM5545

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Dancing

Monday to Thursday 11:00 to 00:00

Name of designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises the supply of alcohol

Name: Mr Zak Toomassi

State whether access to the premises by children is restricted or prohibited

No unaccompanied children allowed on the premises at any time. Accompanied children must be off the premises by 19:00 hrs

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

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 Ps567**

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(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 Corner House, 1257 Melton Road, Syston,	
Post town Leicester	Post code (if known) LE7 2JT

Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known) Punch Taverns PLC

Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known) PREM5545

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,
Leicestershire Constabulary Licensing Department,
Mansfield House,
74 Belgrave Gate,
Leicester LE1 3GG

Telephone number (if any)

0116 222 2222 Ext 4330

E-mail address (optional)

sean.moore@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk

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

Please tick one or more boxes

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| 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 checked="" 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. Mr Zak Toomassi has been the Designated Premises Supervisor at these premises since May 2008.

2. On the 28th June 2008 PC Andrew Oliver reported as follows:

Licence visit. Speak to licensee Zak Toomasi. There was a large number of customers drinking drink out of glasses, some smoking. Some were standing in the road and some across the road in the town square, also with drinks. I could identify 2 males I know to be 17 drinking from glasses.

On speaking to Zak, he stated he had closed the rear door early as he'd had recent complaints of noise. He admitted that he didn't know what to do.

There was a doorman on duty, his details are Robert Stevenson, badge number 0101100278525703, expiry 5/9/10. It was his first night and he stated he had worked in the pub when it was 'The Bakers Arms'. He stated he has been employed by Zak to work Friday nights only.

There was a large quantity of broken glass outside the pub, some on the road. Whilst we were there a glass was heard to break in the town square area. It was only when we arrived that staff came outside to clear the glass up.

Zak stated he was going to try and get a variation on his licence to allow him to leave the garden open longer.

Clearly he is struggling to run this pub, this visit is yet another sign of this.

3. On the 30th June 2008 I received a report (attached) from Mr Chris Lambert, licensing officer for Charnwood borough Council .

4. On the 4th July 2008 PC Andrew Oliver reported as follows:

Police incident 994:4:7:08 refers to a large group of 40 males fighting in Somerfields Car park. The ages of these males were reported as being 20-30. On police arrival there was no trace but an anonymous bystander told police that most of these males went in the Corner House after fighting.

5. On the 15th July 2008 I met with Mr Toomassi, Sgt Marcus Lee, Mr Chris Lambert and Mr Jon Harris, area manager for Punch Taverns PLC, at the premises and discussed the various issues that had led to complaint. As a result I wrote the attached letter to Mr Harris.

6. On the 18th July 2008 Pc Edward Maiella reported as follows:

At 2300-2330hrs on Friday 25/7/08 there were a large number of people from this premises, drinking out of glasses on the pavement. So much so that some were stood on the road, of what is a very busy and dangerous spot-island. The licensee has been warned about people street drinking several times. It seems only a matter of time before an accident occurs here if this continues.

7. On the 4th September 2008 PC Oliver reported as follows:

TWO SEPERATE SOURCES, WHO WISH TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS, ONE OF WHICH USED TO WORK AT THE CORNER HOUSE PH, MELTON RD, SYSTON TELL ME THAT AT THE PUB THERE IS A LOT OF UNDERAGE DRINKING GOING ON. THEY TELL ME THAT PEOPLE AS YOUNG AS 14 ARE GETTING SERVED AT THE PUB.

8. At 00:40 on the Sunday the 28th September 2008 PC Chris Haines reported as follows:

Licensing visit, speak to licensee Zak Toomasi licence no PERS8788. No issues at location, busy, but good natured. large numbers on pavement outside, licensee keeping eye on them. No door staff present.

9. On the 4th October 2008 Pc Oliver reported as follows:

Whilst on foot patrol at Town Square, Syston I saw 3 males enter Corner House PH, Melton Rd, Syston who I know to be under 18. Approx 10 minutes later I returned with shift sgt (PS2184 Jones) and visited PH. All 3 plus another male I know to be under 18, were inside at a table. There were drinks present on the table, none seen drinking. Zak, licensee, spoken to re this and he said he thought they were 18. All 4 ejected. Zak has been warned to expect a test purchase!

10. At 00:23 on Sunday the 12th October 2008 Sgt Nathan Liddicott reported as follows:

Officers were called to an incident of drugs being taken in the doorway of the premises by two men. On arrival one of them was detained by officers and stripped of his clothing in the street. As officers entered the premises to enquire after the second man there was obvious disorder. A group of men appeared to be holding back another man and there was a smashed glass on the floor. There were shouts of "old bill, old bill" as officers entered to warn parties involved. Mr Toomassi who was present agreed to close the premises for the night and stated he had taken that decision prior to police arrival and was giving the customers 5 minutes to drink up. The staff on duty included Mr Toomassi 4 other bar staff and a glass collector, there were no door staff present and they were clearly unable to keep order at the premises. Officers assisted in clearing the bar and detained a man in possession of cocaine. Once in the street outside the premises customers displayed rowdy

behaviour resulting in one man being issued an FPN for disorder and several verbal warnings being given.

11. Given this sequence of events and their cumulative effect, plus complaints from residents who do not wish to be named for fear of reprisals, a point has been reached where the police no longer have any confidence in Mr Zak Toomassi's ability to promote the licensing objectives at these premises.

12. The situation is compounded by the absence of registered doostaff as referred to in paragraphs 8 and 10 above. Similarly paragraph 9 describes a situation which could not have existed if Mr Toomassi had adopted the Challenge 21 policy as he undertook to following our meeting in July.

13. The police recommend that the Committee remove Mr Toomassi as the designated premises supervisor.

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
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

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

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

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Date

.....

Capacity Licensing Officer

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

Post town

Post Code

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.