LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE No. 1

Tuesday 17 December 2013

Membership:

Councillor Audrey Lewis (Chairman), Councillor Nick

Evans and Councillor Ahmed Abdel-Hamid

Legal Adviser:

Barry Panto Chris Wroe

Policy Adviser:

Committee Officer: Jonathan Deacon

Objections: 2 objectors.

Present:

Mr David Clifton (Representing the Applicant).

The Gaslight Club, 4 Duke of York Street, SW1 13/06773/LISEVR

Application:

An application for a renewal of the sexual entertainment venue premises licence to provide pole dancing and table dancing and involve implied nudity, full and partial nudity between the hours of 19:00 to 02:00 Monday to Saturday. The applicant has not requested to change the relevant entertainment or to remove any conditions to the licence if the application is granted.

Amendments to application advised at hearing:

None.

Decision (including reasons if different from those set out in report):

The Sub-Committee noted that there had been representations from two objectors. One had stated that the activities had no place in the immediate area of St James and if longer hours were granted there would be potential noise and disruption in the early hours of the morning. The other representation expressed concerns about the proposed change of the licence to a 'Sexual Entertainment Venue'. The Sub-Committee in granting the application noted, however, that the premises had been granted a SEV premises licence in June 2012. The Applicant had not requested to change the relevant entertainment or to remove any conditions to the licence if the application was granted. There was no increase in the proposed hours for the activities and no evidence to believe that the Applicant had not complied or would not comply in the future with the conditions on the SEV licence. There was no specific evidence that the existing operation of the premises was causing any problems in the area or that the character of the relevant locality had altered in such a way that the renewal of the licence would be inappropriate. The Police and Environmental Health had not submitted any objection to the application.

There were no amendments to the conditions.

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