



APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OTHER THAN MINOR VARIATION

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LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005, SECTION 29

**This application should only be completed by the Licence Holder
of the appropriate Premises Licence or their Agent.**

1. TYPE OF VARIATION

This application for Variation other than a Minor Variation of Premises Licence is made under Section 29(5) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 in order to vary - (Tick all relevant boxes)

- Any of the Conditions to which the Premises Licence is subject
- Any of the information contained within the Operating Plan
- The Layout Plan
- Any other information contained or referred to in the licence (including any addition, deletion or other modification).

(Provide Details)

2. PREMISES LICENCE DETAILS

2(a) Licence Number of Premises EL093

2(b) Name and Address of Premises Tower Inn, 128-130 Church Street
Tranent

Post Code EH33 1BL Tel. No. _____

Email _____

2(c) Full Name and Address of Current Licence Holder

Four Sisters Properties Ltd

51 Craighouse Avenue, Edinburgh

Post Code EH10 5LP

Tel. No. [REDACTED] Email address _____

3. NATURE OF VARIATION

Complete the relevant section(s) regarding the variations sought -

3(a) Variation to the Conditions to which the Premises Licence is subject

Provide details of the Condition(s) to be varied and the variation being sought

3(b) Variation to the information contained within the Operating Plan of the Premises Licence

Provide a copy of the proposed operating plan and detail below the proposed changes. (See Note 1)

To increase the area for Outdoor Drinking Facilities, as shown on the new Layout Plan. The area will be enclosed with fencing.

There will be no increase in capacity but there will be a maximum of 40 customers in the area at any time.

3(c) Variation to the Layout Plan of the Premises Licence

A copy of the proposed Layout Plan must accompany this application. (See Note 2)
In addition please provide details below of the proposed change to the layout of the Premises.

To substitute a new Layout Plan showing including the proposed additional outside area.

3(d) Variation to any other information contained or referred to in the licence

Provide details below of any other variation sought to the Premises Licence (e.g. Alteration to the description of the premises contained within the Premises Licence)

[Empty box for providing details of other variations]

4. LICENCE TO BE AMENDED (See note 3 below)

Does the appropriate Premises Licence accompany this application?

YES NO

If the answer is NO, please provide an explanation.

I am unable to produce the Premises Licence because –

- The licence has not yet been issued by the Board
- The licence has already been returned to the Board in respect of an earlier application for variation or transfer
- Other (provide details)

5. FEE PAYABLE

Information on fees can be found at https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/info/210571/licensing/12259/alcohol_licences/2

If submitted with an application for transfer, please specify the order in which the applications are to be considered–

- Application for Transfer of Premises Licence followed by Application for Variation
- Application for Variation followed by Application for Transfer of Premises Licence

DECLARATION BY APPLICANT OR AGENT ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT

If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.

I confirm that

(a) the contents of this Application are true to the best of my knowledge and belief; and

(b) (i) the appropriate fee of £ 200.00 is enclosed



(ii) the proposed Operating Plan is enclosed



(iii) the proposed Layout Plan is enclosed



(iv) the Premises



Signature _____ (See note 5 overleaf)

Date 29/4/14

Capacity ~~APPLICANT~~ / AGENT (delete as appropriate)

If agent, please provide details

Full name Macdonald Licensing

Address 21a Rutland Square, Edinburgh

Post Code EH1 2BB

Tel. No. 0131 229 6181 Email address alistair@macdonaldlicensing.com

Note 1

Please note that the proposed Operating Plan must contain any aspects of the current Operating Plan that are to be preserved should the variation be granted. (e.g. If the current Operating Plan allows a premises to have 'live performances' but this is not requested on the proposed Operating Plan then the Licensing Board would view such an omission as a request to have 'live performances' deleted from the Operating Plan of the Premises.)

Note 2

Please refer to Paragraph 5 of the Premises Licence (Scotland) Regulations 2007 regarding the format of Layout Plans.

Note 3

The appropriate premises licence (including summary licence, operating plan and layout plan) must be returned to the Licensing Authority in order that the licence documents can be updated to reflect the details of the variation. If you are in possession of the appropriate Premises Licence but unable to provide said licence with this application, you must ensure the licence is forward to the Licensing Authority within 14 days in order to complete the process of variation.

Please note also that once the variation is completed, any certified copies of the appropriate Premises Licence must also be updated to reflect the details of the variation.

Note 4

This refers to an application to Transfer the Premises Licence made under either Section 33(1) or Section 34(1) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 .

Note 5: Data Protection Act 2018

The information on this form will be used to update the Premises Licence of the appropriate premises. Accordingly, the information contained on this form may be held on an electronic public register which may be available to members of the public on request.

CONTACT US

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Received & Receipt No.	System Updated	Licence Issued

OPERATING PLAN

Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, section 20(2)(b)(i)

Name, address and postcode of premises to be licensed.

Tower Inn 128-130 Church Street Tranent East Lothian EH33 1BL

Question 1

STATEMENT REGARDING ALCOHOL BEING SOLD ON PREMISES/OFF PREMISES OR BOTH

<i>1(a) Will alcohol be sold for consumption solely ON the premises?</i>	NO
<i>1(b) Will alcohol be sold for consumption solely OFF the premises?</i>	NO
<i>1(c) Will alcohol be sold for consumption both ON and OFF the premises?</i>	YES
<i>*Delete as appropriate</i>	

Question 2

STATEMENT OF CORE TIMES WHEN ALCOHOL WILL BE SOLD FOR CONSUMPTION ON PREMISES

<i>Day</i>	<i>ON Consumption</i>	
	<i>Opening time</i>	<i>Terminal hour</i>
<i>Monday</i>	11am	11pm
<i>Tuesday</i>	11am	11pm
<i>Wednesday</i>	11am	11pm
<i>Thursday</i>	11am	1am
<i>Friday</i>	11am	1am
<i>Saturday</i>	11am	1am
<i>Sunday</i>	11am	Midnight

Question 3

STATEMENT OF CORE TIMES WHEN ALCOHOL WILL BE SOLD FOR CONSUMPTION OFF PREMISES

<i>Day</i>	<i>OFF Consumption</i>	
	<i>Opening time</i>	<i>Terminal hour</i>
<i>Monday</i>	11am	10pm
<i>Tuesday</i>	11am	10pm
<i>Wednesday</i>	11am	10pm
<i>Thursday</i>	11am	10pm
<i>Friday</i>	11am	10pm
<i>Saturday</i>	11am	10pm
<i>Sunday</i>	11am	10pm

Question 4

SEASONAL VARIATIONS

<i>Does the applicant intend to operate according to seasonal demand</i>	<i>YES</i>
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**If YES – provide details*

We would seek to take advantage of any extended period of trading granted by the Board for significant local/ national events e.g. festive period and bank holidays etc.

Question 5

PLEASE INDICATE THE OTHER ACTIVITIES OR SERVICES THAT WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE PREMISES IN ADDITION TO SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL

COL. 1 <i>5(a)</i> <i>Activity</i>	COL. 2 <i>Please confirm</i> <i>YES/NO</i>	COL. 3 <i>To be provided</i> <i>during core licensed</i> <i>hours – please</i> <i>confirm</i> <i>YES/NO</i>	COL. 4 <i>Where activities are</i> <i>also to be provided</i> <i>outwith core licensed</i> <i>hours please confirm</i> <i>YES/NO</i>
<i>Accommodation</i>	No	N/A	N/A
<i>Conference facilities</i>	No	No	No
<i>Restaurant facilities</i>	No	No	No
<i>Bar meals</i>	No	No	No
<i>5(b) Activity</i> <i>Social functions</i> <i>including:</i>	<i>Please confirm</i> <i>YES/NO</i>	<i>To be provided</i> <i>during core licensed</i> <i>hours – please</i> <i>confirm</i> <i>YES/NO</i>	<i>Where activities are</i> <i>also to be provided</i> <i>outwith core licensed</i> <i>hours please confirm</i> <i>YES/NO</i>
<i>Receptions including</i> <i>Weddings, funerals,</i> <i>birthdays, retirements</i> <i>etc.</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>Club or other group</i> <i>meetings etc.</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>5(c)</i> <i>Activity</i> <i>Entertainment</i> <i>including:</i>	<i>Please confirm</i> <i>YES/NO</i>	<i>To be provided</i> <i>during core licensed</i> <i>hours – please</i> <i>confirm</i> <i>YES/NO</i>	<i>Where activities are</i> <i>also to be provided</i> <i>outwith core licensed</i> <i>hours please confirm</i> <i>YES/NO</i>
<i>Recorded music – see</i> <i>5(g)</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>Live performances –</i> <i>see 5(g)</i>	Yes	Yes	No
<i>Dance facilities</i>	No	No	No
<i>Theatre</i>	No	No	No
<i>Films</i>	No	No	No
<i>Gaming</i>	Yes	Yes	No
<i>Indoor/outdoor sports</i>	Yes	Yes	No
<i>Televised sport</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes

<i>5(d)</i> <i>Activity</i>	<i>Please confirm</i> <i>YES/NO</i>	<i>To be provided</i> <i>during core licensed</i> <i>hours – please</i> <i>confirm</i> <i>YES/NO</i>	<i>Where activities are</i> <i>also to be provided</i> <i>outwith core licensed</i> <i>hours please confirm</i> <i>YES/NO</i>
<i>Outdoor drinking</i> <i>facilities</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>5(e)</i> <i>Activity</i>	<i>Please confirm</i> <i>YES/NO</i>	<i>To be provided</i> <i>during core licensed</i> <i>hours – please</i> <i>confirm</i> <i>YES/NO</i>	<i>Where activities are</i> <i>also to be provided</i> <i>outwith core licensed</i> <i>hours please confirm</i> <i>YES/NO</i>
<i>Adult entertainment</i>	No	No	No

Where you have answered YES in respect of any entry in column 4 above, please provide further details below.

Receptions – we have the facility to offer a range of reception facility. This may include funeral purveys that require alcohol on the premises from 9am. This activity would be subject to the expedient grant of an Extended Hours Application.

Club Meetings – we have the facility to host local community meetings. This may include events that require alcohol to be available on the premises from 9am e.g. golf day. This would be obtained through an Extended Hours Application.

Recorded Music – this may be played outwith core hours during reception.

Televised Sport – we anticipate that certain major sporting events e.g. Olympics, Football World Cup may be televised outwith core hours and we would wish to offer the sale of alcohol on premises at these times. This would be obtained through an Extended Hours Application.

Outside Drinking facilities-may be used by customers if the premises are open before the commencement of licensed hours

5(f) any other activities

If you propose to provide any activities other than those listed in 5(a) – (e) please provide details or further information in the box below.

We may provide a range of activities during core hours such as quiz nights, dominoes, charity nights, or similar social activities appropriate to the target market. Activities requiring alcohol outwith core hours will be subject to an Extended Hours Application being granted. No additional activities shall take place after core hours (with or without the provision of alcohol) unless under the authority of an Extended Hours Application.

Food may be supplied for customers, having been prepared at other premises, but consumed on these premises.

5(g) Late night premises opening after 1.00am

<i>Where you have confirmed that you are providing live or recorded music, will the decibel level exceed 85dB?</i>	<i>N/A</i>
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<i>When fully occupied, are there likely to be more customers standing than seated?</i>	N/A
<i>*Delete as appropriate</i>	

Question 6 (On-sales only)

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS

6(a)	<i>When alcohol is being sold for consumption on the premises will children or young persons be allowed entry</i>	YES
	<i>*Delete as appropriate</i>	

6(b) *Where the answer to 6(a) is YES provide statement of the **TERMS** under which they will be allowed entry*

Children and Young Persons will be admitted only when accompanied by an adult.

6(c) *Provide statement regarding the **AGES** of children or young persons to be allowed entry*

No restriction (0-17 years).

6(d) *Provide statement regarding the **TIMES** during which children and young persons will be allowed entry*

Children must vacate the premises by 8pm and Young Persons by 11pm unless attending a private pre-booked function in which case they may remain until the end of the function, subject to management discretion.

6(e) *Provide statement regarding the **PARTS** of the premises to which children and young persons will be allowed entry*

Children and Young Persons will be admitted to all public areas.

Question 7

CAPACITY OF PREMISES

What is the proposed capacity of the premises to which this application relates?

On Sales – 156 (Maximum of 40 customers in the outside area)

Question 8

PREMISES MANAGER (NOTE: not required where application is for grant of provisional premises licence)

Personal details

8(a) *Name*

Jenna Stephanie Dignan Baxter

8(b) *Date of birth*



8(c) *Contact address*



8(d) *Email address*

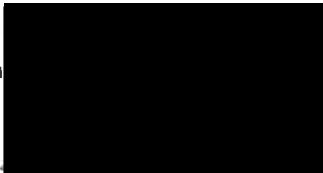

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8(e) *Personal licence*

<i>Date of issue</i>	<i>Name of Licensing Board issuing</i>	<i>Reference no. of personal licence</i>
24 February 2022	East Lothian Licensing Board	EL1829

DECLARATION BY APPLICANT OR AGENT ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT

If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.

The contents of the  are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature (see note below)

Date 29/2/24

Capacity APPLICANT/AGENT (delete as appropriate).

Telephone number and email address of signatory

Macdonald Licensing
21a Rutland Square
Edinburgh, EH1 2BB

0131 229 6181, alistair@macdonaldlicensing.com

*** Data Protection Act 1998**

The information on this form may be held on an electronic public register which may be available to members of the public on request.



SUPPLEMENTARY APPLICATION INFORMATION

This information is required in relation to all Premises Licence/Provisional Licence applications or any application which is a Premises Licence Variation, not considered to be a Minor Variation.

Application submissions generally tend to be insufficiently detailed as to provide a complete picture of what businesses propose to provide the public. Therefore, Licensing Boards often have too little information, in advance of Board hearings, to fully appreciate what is being applied for. This situation often leads to numerous unnecessary objections and representation being made due to interested parties, such as neighbouring residents, not understanding what proposed activities really relate to i.e. What does Live Music actually mean and how will it impact on their lives. For these reasons, the Board has made a policy decision to require applicants to provide a fuller description of their business proposals and detail how the five licensing objectives will be met.

BUSINESS PROFILE

Please describe your business offering

This is a new outside area to be added to the licensed area. It will be used for customers to sit outside, weather permitting.

ON CONSUMPTION

(a) Please describe the type of business you intend to operate in respect of On consumption.

For use by customers of the bar who will come in and purchase drinks to take outside.

OFF CONSUMPTION

(b) Please describe the type of business you intend to operate in respect of Off consumption & deliveries

Not applicable.



**CLARIFICATION IS REQUIRED IN RELATION TO THE
CONTENT OF YOUR PROPOSED OPERATING PLAN**

To what extent do you intend to use any of the following:
Accommodation; Conference Facilities; Restaurant Facilities; Bar Meals:
Non of these in this area.

Social Functions – Weddings; Birthdays; Retirements ; Other:
If you intend to provide for any of these functions please describe the
nature and extent and likely frequency of each:

Not specifically, but customers attending an event may take
advantage of this area.

Entertainment – Recorded Music; Live Performances; Dance Facilities;
Theatre; Films; Gaming; Indoor/outdoor sports; Televised Sport – If you
intend to provide for any of these facilities please describe the nature and
extent and likely frequency of each:

None .

Outdoor Drinking Facilities – If you intend to provide outdoor drinking facilities please describe where and what the facilities will be used for. You will also be required to provide a statement in the objectives section how you intend to prevent public nuisance from use of such facilities:

There will be no music in this area.

The area will be monitored by staff and covered by CCTV.

The permission is till 8pm, within the Board policy, to minimise any such nuisance.

Adult Entertainment – If you intend to provide any entertainment of a sexual nature please state the type and likely frequency if use. Adult entertainment is any form of sexual stimulation and includes adult humour or explicit language. The Board will also expect you to address the objective of preventing harm to children and young persons:

Not applicable.

Activities Outwith Licensed Core Hours – In your Operating Plan, at 5(e), you should have given details of any activity that will be provided outwith core licensed hours. If you wish you can expand on your explanation here:

Might be used before licensed hours if customers were having a coffee or soft drink.

Any Other Activities – In your Operating Plan at 5(f) you should have given details of any other type of activity you are likely to cater for. It would be useful to give an indication of the extent and frequency of such events:

None.

Children and Young Persons – If you intend to provide access for children and young persons on the premises please provide details of what facilities you have on the premises in respect of different age groups. In addition, please state where and what baby changing facilities will be provided for children under five years.

Baby changing facilities available in the bar.

Children and young persons would require to be with an adult, but staff will also monitor.

Nothing will take place there that would be inappropriate for children to be present.

LICENSING OBJECTIVES

Please provide details below of how you will ensure that the 5 Licensing Objectives are complied with. It may be helpful in answering this section if you refer to the East Lothian Council Licensing Board's 'Statement of Licensing Policy, which can be found at

https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/downloads/file/27884/statement_of_licensing_policy_2018-2023

Preventing Crime and Disorder

Will be monitored by staff. Will notify Police if appropriate. CCTV will be regularly monitored and staff will clear tables on a regular basis.

Securing Public Safety:

Enclosed fence and CCTV. Shouldn't be any issues, and safety of customers is paramount.

Preventing Public Nuisance:

No music in this area.

Area will be monitored to check customers behaviour and to take appropriate action if such behaviour could result in public nuisance.

May involve asking customers to reduce their voice, but will be asked to leave if appropriate.

Protecting and Improving Public Health:

This is to allow customers to sit and enjoy the better weather with their family and friends. Consumption will be monitored.

Protecting Children and Young Persons From Harm:

Would be with an adult, but staff will monitor CCTV and be in the garden to clear tables/ monitor behaviour.



APPLICATION SUPPORTING COMMENTS

Additional Information

Just to add a facility to the bar, which customers will appreciate.

Supporting Comments

i.e. reasons why the Board should support your application.

Outside areas are important to licensed operations. Customers like to sit outside, especially in the summer.

Well run operation, which will not prejudice their reputation by allowing them to become a nuisance of any kind.

SIGNATURE AND DECLARATION BY APPLICANT

IT IS AN OFFENCE TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION

(Criminal Law (Consolidation)(Scotland) Act 1995 Section 44(2)(b))

The contents of this Application are true to my knowledge and belief.

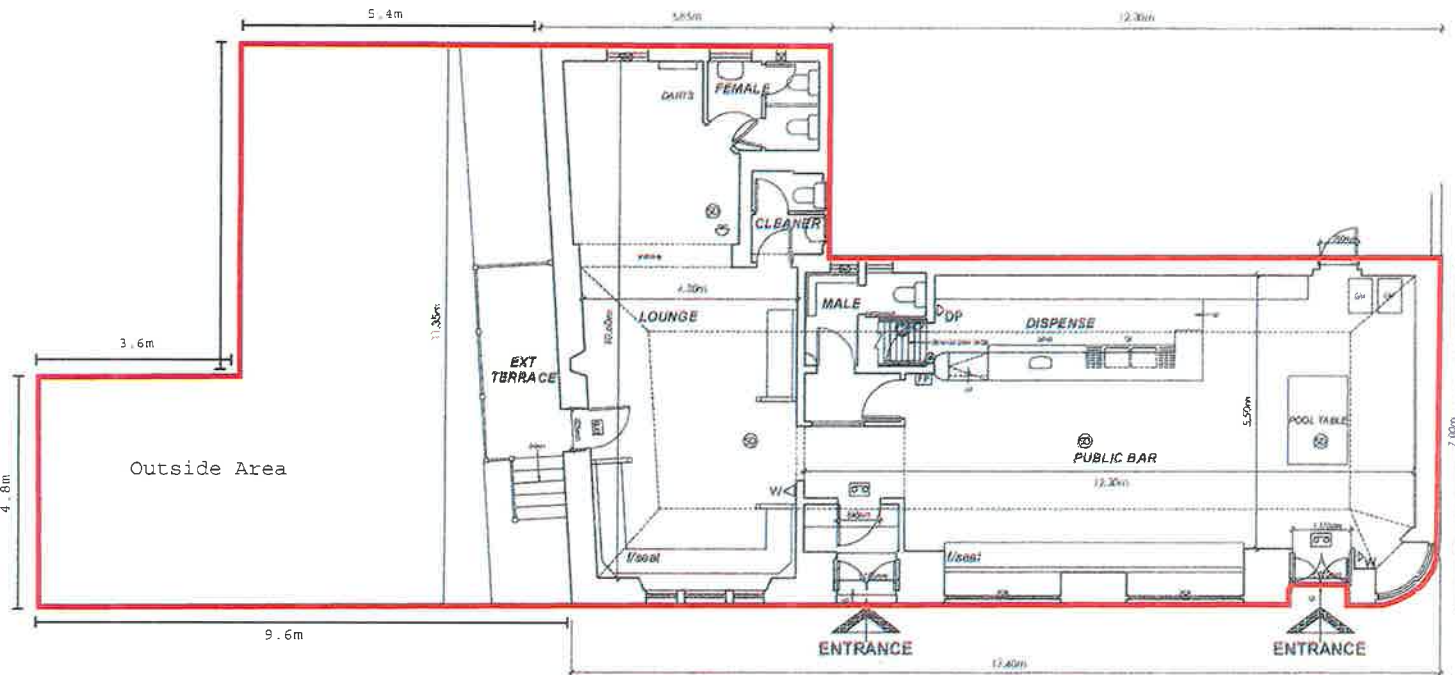
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Date _____

29/1/04

FIRE & EQUIPMENT LEGEND	
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	3hr minid emergency incl Euro Legends
	Fire Alarm Sounder
	F Alarm Break Glass Pnt
	Fire Blanket
	Smoke Detector (Contined 90 & 100-000)
	Heat Detector (Contined 90 & 100-000)
	Fire Alarm Control Panel
	Emergency Push Bar
	Self closing FR doors
	Self closing door
	Fire Ext-Water 9L
	Fire Ext-Dry Powder 2.3kg
	Fire Ext-Carbon Dioxide 2.3kg (Type 21b)
	Dry Foam
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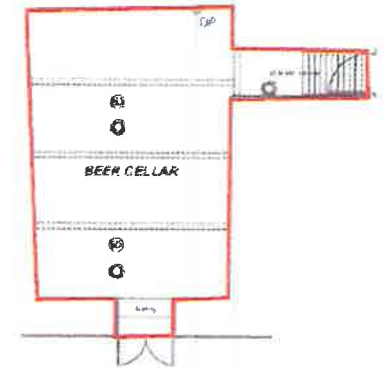
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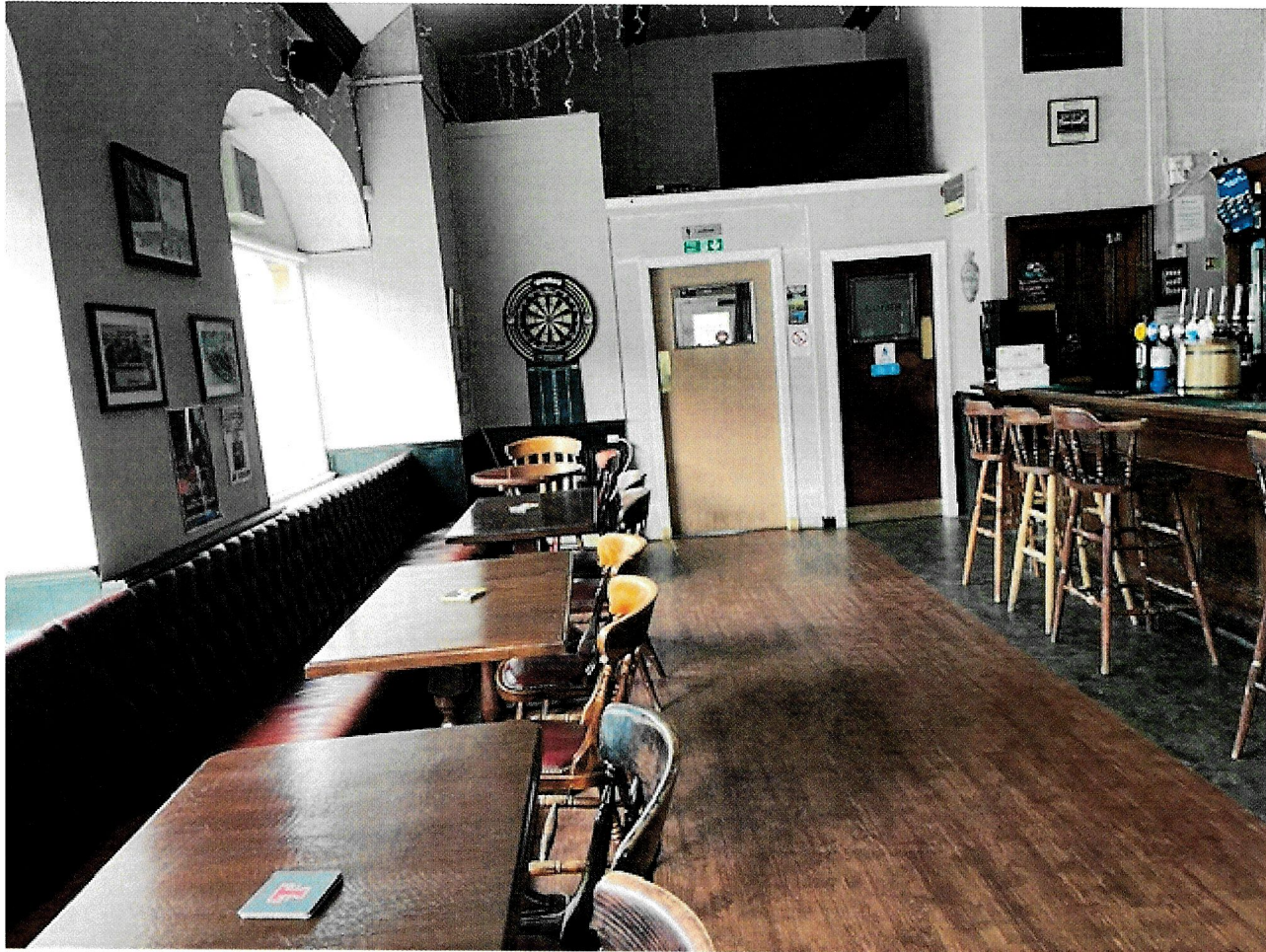
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PROJECT TOWER INN 130 Church Street Tranent EH35 1BL		
NATURE LICENSING APPLICATION	DRG. PLAN 13	SCALES 1:100





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EAST LoTHIAN COUNCIL

Licensing Standards

From: Licensing Standards Officer

To: C. Grilli

Clerk to the Licensing Board

Date: 11th March 2024

Subject: LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005

PREMISES LICENCE MAJOR VARIATION

TOWER INN, 128-130 CHURCH STREET, TRANENT, EAST LoTHIAN EH33 1BL

I can confirm that the applicant and premises have been visited in relation to this variation application. The site notice was on display as required. The premises have been inspected over the last 12 months and found to be compliant with the Act. There has been 1 complaint in the last 12 months in relation to loud music and intoxicated patrons. A meeting was held with police, management and I at the premises and guidance was given.

The changes applied for are:

- To change layout to extend the outdoor drinking area to the side of the premises to form a beer garden.

The premises already has outdoor drinking on the operating plan and the small landing area at the top of the steps that enters the lounge bar is within the licensed area. From discussions with the director, Dominic McNeil of Cairn McNeill Group who run the premises, the intention is to create a contained external beer garden to provide a larger outdoor drinking area with seats for a maximum of 40 customers. Mr McNeil keeps regular contact with me in relation to the operations at the premises.

I recommend the following conditions in line with Board policy:

- 1) The outside area must be clearly delineated, and entry only be permitted to patrons by coming through the main premises.
- 2) No public entertainment, amplified music, amplified vocals or live music played in the outdoor area to ensure the use does not cause nuisance to neighbouring residential properties.
- 3) The use of outdoor areas will cease by 8.00pm
- 4) The external area is covered by an effective and properly maintained CCTV system.

Licensing Standards Officer

18/03/2024

Your Ref: TOWER INN
Our Ref: 802895

The Clerk of the Licensing
Board
East Lothian Council
John Muir House
Haddington
East Lothian
EH41 3HA



Catriona Paton
Chief Superintendent
Divisional Commander
The Lothians and Scottish Borders Division
Dalkeith Police Station
Newbattle Road
Dalkeith, EH22 3AX

Dear Sir/Madam,

**LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005
APPLICATION FOR THE VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE
TOWER INN 131 CHURCH STREET, TRANENT, EAST LOTHIAN, EH33 1BL.**

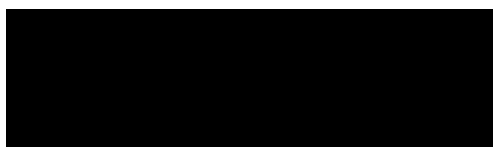
I refer to the above variation of a premises licence in terms of Section 29(5) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005.

The variation requested consists of a change in the layout plan to include the addition of an outdoor area for alcohol consumption.

In terms of Section 29(5) this request can be considered a variation.

I have no adverse comment to make regarding the variation proposed.

Yours faithfully



Catriona Paton
Chief Superintendent

For enquiries please contact the Licensing Department on 0131 561 6136.

Licensing

From: Robertson, Scott
Sent: 06 March 2024 10:42
To: Licensing
Subject: RE: Tower Inn-Major Variation

Hello,

Please note there is no record of planning permission for the use of the area of land as a beer garden and planning permission would be required for the change of use of the land to a beer garden.

The applicant has submitted a planning application (24/00236/PP) which is currently invalid as we await further information. The applicant should wait until planning permission has been granted before starting any works to the proposed beer garden.

Kind Regards
Scott

Scott Robertson | Assistant Planner – Development Control | East Lothian Council | John Muir House | Haddington EH41 3HA

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Subject: FW: Tower Inn-Major Variation

Hi

Please find attached Major Variation to increase the outside area drinking facilities as shown on the new layout plan. Can I please have comments/representations by 31st March, 2024.

Kind regards

Gillian
Gillian Herkes
Licensing Officer
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Good afternoon

I would like to raise concerns with regards to the application for major changes at The Tower Inn, Tranent (ref: CG/mjw/EN/L/L1).

I do not necessarily have 'objections' with regards to the building of an outdoor space, if the right rules are in place, but I do have concerns with regards to this. I have discussed these directly with Dominic McNeil but wanted them to be noted formally. My concerns relate to the noise to the surrounding residential properties that the influx of people drinking outside will cause.

We have had several dealings with Dominic and his team regarding the departure of their patrons in the early hours of the mornings, they are often loose willed, shouting, fighting, in the road and green areas for large periods of time. Dominic and his team have passed on their numbers to contact them should we have issues in the small hours with them not vacating the area. We have often had to contact them but I am disappointed that it comes to this on occasions as we are then at the mercy of their team.

Now with the building of a 'beer garden' are we to expect to have elevated noise up to 8pm or even possibly 10pm, as Dominic advised he has already been given permission to have them out there until 10pm. Also, what are the plans for live music, are we to expect this to be outside given that most of the patrons could be outside rather than in, at any one time?

We are in a conservation area and have single glazing with the Council blocking the opportunity to upgrade to double glazing, so how are we to protect ourselves from this additional noise? I have two small children, who often wake with the noise at kick out time and now I am facing the potential of having noise right through their bedtimes. So, reality is that my under 1yr old and 6yr old may have disrupted sleep for the majority of their weekends?

As I note above, I have discussed these issues with Dominic but I would like these concerns to be discussed on a larger scale to see if there are rule/regulations that can be put in place to assist all, not only residents, most of whom have young families, but the business too. I know Dominic has worked hard at turning the fortunes of the pub around, but it cannot be at the cost of those that live around it. The Council needs to find the balance in what is permitted to satisfy all.

Kind regards
Chrissie Burt



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I would like to raise a few points that are concerning me regarding the proposed changes to the Tower Inn with regards to the building of an outdoor space to accommodate up to 40 people. I am concerned about noise issues with lots of people drinking and probably music playing. I have already been disturbed by loud music when the Inn first opened. I would point out I live in Duncan Gardens in the 1st house I could hear the music in my lounge which is at the back of a detached property it was very loud. I have been wakened up several times in the early hours of the morning with people coming into our street and shouting etc this is a cul de sac with no way out. I have also witnessed people across from my garage doing things they shouldn't be doing and a couple of times it sounded like someone was trying to open my garage door but it may well have been people leaning against the door. I feel I now have to go to the trouble of getting a security light and camera put above my garage door. I have lived here for 31 years and have never had any trouble like this until the Tower changed hands, it would appear they are attracting a young crowd it was always a quiet pub and we never had any problems with bad behaviour. There has been a lot of noise and fighting on Church street, I have also noticed quite a lot of vomit on Church Street and the odd glass and bottles at weekends obviously from people who have been drinking. We get a lot of cars parked in our street when there is a function on in the pub I am happy if people leave their cars overnight at least they are not drinking and driving but sometimes the cars are

left for days on end its not a big street so it can be very inconvenient for people living here I have often had cars parked

across my garage door.

This is a conservation area its being spoiled for the residents in the area.

I am an elderly lady living on her own I feel my nice quiet existance has gone and don't feel secure any more. I worry it will only get worse

if things are not dealt with fairly and sensibly to all concerned.

Regards

Mrs M.V.Rutherford

