



Subject:	Applications for the Variation of an Outdoor Entertainments Licence for Pug Ugly's, 21 Bedford Street.
Date:	13 April 2022
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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues						
1.1	<p>To consider an application for the variation of a 7-Day Annual Outdoor Entertainments Licence for the hours during which entertainment may be provided at the outdoor space at Pug Uglys (known as the Boneyard) based on the Council's standard conditions to provide outdoor musical entertainment.</p> <table><tr><td>Area and Location</td><td>Ref. No.</td><td>Applicant</td></tr><tr><td>Pug Uglys (The Boneyard) Car park to the rear of 29 Bedford Street Belfast BT2 7EJ</td><td>WK/202002571</td><td>Mr Paul Langsford Bedford Taverns Limited, 21 Bedford Street, Belfast, BT2 7EJ</td></tr></table>	Area and Location	Ref. No.	Applicant	Pug Uglys (The Boneyard) Car park to the rear of 29 Bedford Street Belfast BT2 7EJ	WK/202002571	Mr Paul Langsford Bedford Taverns Limited, 21 Bedford Street, Belfast, BT2 7EJ
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1.2	A location map is attached as Appendix 1.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>Taking into account the information presented and any representations received Members are required to consider the application and to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Approve the application for the variation of the 7-Day Annual Outdoor Entertainments Licence for permission to provide entertainment to 2.00am from Monday to Saturday and to 1.00am on Sunday as requested, or b) Approve the application for the variation with special conditions, or c) Refuse the application for the variation of the 7-Day Annual Outdoor Entertainments Licence for permission to provide entertainment to 2.00am Monday to Saturday and to 1.00am on Sunday as requested.
2.2	<p>If an application is refused, or special conditions are attached to the licence to which the applicant does not consent, then the applicant may appeal the Council's decision within 21 days of notification of that decision to the County Court. In the case that the applicant subsequently decides to appeal, entertainment may not be provided to the later hours until any such appeal is determined.</p>
3.0	Main report
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>The applicant has a current outdoor entertainment licence for the carpark area to the rear of 29 Bedford Street, known as the Boneyard, with a maximum capacity of 800 persons.</p>
3.2	<p>Members are reminded that, at your meeting on 20 August 2020, the Committee agreed to grant the Seven-Day Annual Outdoor Entertainments Licence for Pug Uglys, 21 Bedford Street, thereby permitting entertainment to take place on Monday to Saturday from 12.00 pm to 1.00 am the following morning, and on Sunday from 12.30 pm to midnight.</p>
3.3	<p>The days and hours during which entertainment is proposed to be provided, are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday to Saturday: 11.30am to 2.00am the following morning and • Sunday: 12.30pm to 1.00am the following morning.
3.4	<p>Members are reminded that applications to provide outdoor entertainment beyond 11.00pm are subject to consideration by Committee.</p>
3.5	<p>The days and hours during which entertainment may be provided under the terms of the indoor Entertainments Licence are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday to Saturday: 11.30am to 3.00am the following morning, and • Sunday: 12.30pm to 3.00am the following morning.
3.6	<p>The applicant has stated that the extension of hours to 2.00am would help them to compete with the majority of licensed premises in the vicinity. He highlighted that many patrons, due to Covid 19, prefer to socialise outdoors and this increase in permitted hours would allow those patrons to socialise later into the evening without being disadvantaged.</p>

3.7	<p>A Layout plan of the outdoor area is attached at Appendix 2.</p> <p><u>Representations</u></p>
3.8	<p>Public notice of the application has been placed and no written representation has been lodged as a result of the advertisement.</p> <p><u>PSNI</u></p>
3.9	<p>The Police Service of Northern Ireland have been consulted and has confirmed that they have no objection to the application.</p>
3.10	<p>A copy of their correspondence is attached at Appendix 3.</p> <p><u>NIFRS</u></p>
3.11	<p>The Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service have been consulted in relation to the application. At the time of writing this report the Service have not received a response. An update will be provided for Committee at your meeting.</p> <p><u>Health, safety and welfare</u></p>
3.12	<p>An inspection has been carried out on the premises within the past 12 months and Officers from the Service are satisfied with all safety measures and management procedures.</p> <p><u>Noise</u></p>
3.13	<p>The applicant has provided the Service with an acoustic report for the outdoor area. This has been provided to the Environmental Protection Unit (EPU) for evaluation.</p>
3.14	<p>There are already special licence conditions regarding noise measures attached to the licence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All entertainment must be provided at the level which has been agreed by the City and Neighbourhood Services Department. This level may be subject to change if noise nuisance occurs. 2. Outdoor area must be managed in accordance with the Noise Management Strategy developed by the applicant's consultant.
3.15	<p>No noise complaints have been received in relation to the premises in the last 12-month period.</p>
3.16	<p>Members are reminded that the Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act 2011 gives the council additional powers in relation to the control of entertainment noise after 11.00 pm.</p> <p><u>Applicant</u></p>
3.17	<p>The applicant, and/or their representatives, will be available at your meeting to answer any queries you may have in relation to the application.</p> <p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p>
3.18	<p>None.</p>

3.19	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> There are no issues associated with this report.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appendix 1 – Location map• Appendix 2 – Layout Plans• Appendix 3 – PSNI Response