

# Appendix C

Police Annex A

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**From:** Rackham, Peter

**Sent:** 25 April 2017 18:04

**To:** 'J.Smith' [REDACTED]

**Cc:** Moss, Matthew

**Subject:** RE: Liquid & Envy, Stanhope Road, Portsmouth (shortly to be known as PRYZM)

Hi Jonathan

Thankyou for the email and my apologies for the length of time it has taken to come back to you with our thoughts around an application to extend the premises licence at PRYZM for an extra hour for licensable activities between 02:00 and 03:00 Sunday to Thursday.

Ultimately should an application come to us regarding the above we will be almost certain to object to this.

Whilst I fully appreciate the comments around the conditions already on the premises licence and due to the stringent licence conditions, I agree it does make it difficult to offer up any further conditions.

I also fully appreciate that your client is investing £1 million of their own money into their own business to improve the quality of the business for their customers whose demographic is predominantly between the ages of 18-24, many of whom shall be living across the road come September time.

I would also like to make it very clear that the DPS and his team have worked very hard to ensure that the licensing objectives have been upheld. They have worked hard to ensure that standards are maintained and we do have a very positive working relationship with them.

However with the proposed application we have a number of concerns:

## CIZ

The CIZ still has a very real issue with violent crime in the hours your client wishes to extend their hours. This is supported by the figures currently gained at the start of this year. A snap shot of the issues are:

- A distinct increase in violent crimes between the day time and night time economies in the CIZ with the NTE showing higher levels of violence.
- Figures show that 71.36% of all violent crime within the CIZ is committed in the NTE. Over the last two years this has risen slightly.
- 6.56% of all violence incidents within the whole of the city of Portsmouth occur in the CIZ
- 45% of all violence incidents within the NTE CIZ occur from Sunday - Thursday.
- Between 19:00 - 07:00 hours, Sunday - Thursday, the CIZ accounts for 67-70% of all NTE area violence within Portsmouth. This is despite

being the smallest area out of the NTE areas in the city and the NTE area with the fewest amount of licensed premises.

Whilst you are quite right that violence is at its peak on Friday and Saturday, the rest of the week is also a concern for us violent crime wise.

### **Premises and crime figures linked to the premises**

I am unsure that your client is able to demonstrate a consistent approach to operating during the times they wish to extend their hours. It is our belief that for the last 12-18 months the premises has been open intermittently for large events mid week. The rest of the time they have operated on a weekend and been closed Sunday - Thursday. This does not give us a very good idea of how opening later during this time will not cause a negative cumulative impact or cause issues as the premises have not been open.

This is reflected in a higher amount of incidents reported to Police over Friday and Saturday night than any other time and does not show a true and accurate reflection of how the premises was performing if open the majority of the week.

I would also like to raise that when there have been serious concerns raised about disorder linked to the premises this has come during mid week opening hours when the premises has opened specially for particular events. This has included on occasion incidents of violent disorder which have occurred at the end of the night during the egress of the crowd.

As such we are almost certain to object to any application to extend hours at the premises.

Another option for your client could be to operate during the week as planned but keeping to the current licence. This would undoubtedly provide more evidence for your client at any future application stage and potentially allow them to show that despite being open they have not contributed to large amounts of crime and disorder. However I would be unable to state at this stage what the Police view would be in the future come any application.

I hope that this provides you with an answer and an idea of our position.

Should you wish to discuss this further then I am more than happy to speak with you or your client.

Kind Regards

Pete

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**From:** Jonathan Smith [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 12 April 2017 12:18  
**To:** Rackham, Peter  
**Subject:** Liquid & Envy, Stanhope Road, Portsmouth (shortly to be known as PRYZM)

Peter,  
I know that you met Ged last week, and I have been asked to contact you both about the application we lodged to approve changes to the internal layout of the premises during its conversion to PRYZM, but also about our client's proposal to extend the hours.

#### **Conversion to PRYZM**

I understand that there were two issues that you wanted assurance on:

##### **Booth Supervision**

As Ged confirmed to you, every booth has 4 levels of supervision, namely:

1. One waitress / hostess for every 3 booths;
2. Senior booth hostess supervisor who oversees all of the booths;
3. Door staff who monitor all internal areas, including the booths;
4. Duty management, whose role includes undertaking supervision of the booths.

Our client is also happy to use measured pourers on any spirit bottles supplied to the booth areas.

##### **CCTV**

The CCTV will be upgraded as part of the site refurbishment. The ground floor will be completely updated with a total of 23 new IR enhanced 700 TVL high resolution static cameras, and 2 HDIP cameras.

On the first floor the existing IR cameras will be serviced but maintained as they are, since this area is fully lit.

The two new HD cameras will record on the existing 12 Tb NVR providing storage for 31 days at a minimum, and refreshing at a rate of 8 frames per second.

I believe that you have also met Roger Gajewski, who has also explained the installation to you.

#### **Extension of Hours**

##### **Proposal**

My client would propose to extend the hours for licensable activities until 03:00, closing at 03:30 Sunday to Thursday.

##### **Current Hours**

The Premises Licence currently permits licensable activities Sunday to Thursday until 03:00, but not the sale of alcohol, with closing at 03:00 Sunday to Thursday.

##### **Variation Sought**

The variation would therefore be to extend the sale of alcohol for one hour Sunday to Thursday, and opening by half an hour. The premises do already have a licence which would permit them to remain open and trading for licensable activities other than the sale of alcohol until 03:00 earlier in the week.

##### **Conditionality**

The premises is possibly one of the most highly conditionalised licences we have seen, as licensing solicitors acting for many thousands of premises across the country.

The high standards of management include:

- A comprehensive CCTV system which, of course, is also being substantially overhauled as part of the refurbishment;
- Use of body worn cameras, with a minimum of 3, with additional body worn cameras once the numbers of customers exceeds 500;
- 4 door supervisors for the first 100 customers, and then an additional 1 door supervisor for every 100 thereafter;
- At least 3 SIA registered door staff for 30 minutes aiding dispersal outside the premises;
- A comprehensive dispersal policy;
- The use of Scannet on all nights of trading, other than for those people who appear to be over the age of 25, where their entry is approved by the Duty Manager or Head Doorman;
- The use of floor walkers in order to ensure that any vulnerable people are spotted early, and to look out for signs of intoxication.

It is hard therefore to see where any additional conditions could be offered.

#### Refurbishment

As part of the refurbishment, an area will be set aside for booths, and you have the assurances given above as to the supervision of those areas.

The general standards of management, which are already demonstrated at these premises, and the relationship the client enjoys with Hampshire Police is second to none and, whereas normally we would be able to offer up additional conditions as part of any variation to hours, it is difficult to imagine how standards can be improved upon or additional conditions offered. If however you have any thoughts then please feel free!

#### Investment in the City

My client is looking to invest over £1 million in the club; probably the largest biggest one-off investment in an existing trading licensed premises in the city.

That part of Guildhall Walk in particular is in need of re-generation, and its refurbishment will "bring the area to life". Effectively, a "new venue" offering such a fantastic experience to the people of Portsmouth can only be a positive for the area.

#### Cumulative Impact Policy

These premises obviously fall within the Council's Cumulative Impact Policy, which covers Guildhall Walk and Guildhall Square. Our client obviously already has hours for licensable activities until 03:00. Unfortunately, it is impossible to prove our case here, as Astoria and Zanzi's have recently done by the use of Temporary Event Notices, since the club room accommodates more than 500 people, but then both those premises were extending their licences to 04:00 on Fridays and Saturdays, the nights when NTE crime is at its highest in the CIP.

However, directly across the road, the old Zurich House building is in the process of being converted into student accommodation for approximately 1,000 students.

These students (being students) will want to go out somewhere in the evening and, at the moment, to go to a club with the latest trading student night (being the most attractive to them) they will walk to Tiger Tiger at Gunwharf Quays. This will take them straight down the middle of the Cumulative Impact Area. The same can be said for any students living near to the train station.

The Statement of Licensing Policy's Cumulative Impact Policy at 13:3 refers to the fact that Saturday is the peak evening in terms of night-time economy violence, and Friday is the second busiest. We are seeking extensions for the other days of the week.

Having the facility for a student night, which can trade to the same time as that at Tiger Tiger, means students will no longer have to walk down the length of Guildhall Walk and back again at the end of the night but, rather, would have a very short trip over the road.

This will both assist in ensuring there are less people on Guildhall Walk (and the majority of the incidents we anticipate happen outside venues rather than inside them where customer control is much greater), and will also ensure the students' public safety.

We understand that you will be speaking to the powers that be, and advise on whether or not any application to extend the hours is going to be met with an objection from Hampshire Constabulary.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

**Jonathan**

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