

COMMITTEE:	Licensing Panel
DATE:	Monday 24th December 2001
SUBJECT:	Application to extend the public entertainment licence terminal hour at the House of Commons, 2A/2B Pevensey Road, Eastbourne, from 2am until 3.30am on New Year's Day 2002.
REPORT OF:	Douglas Lindsay, Commercial Services Manager, Environmental Health.
Ward(s):	Devonshire
Purpose:	Determination of the public entertainment licence application for the House of Commons on New Year's Day 2002.
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Recommendations:	<p>Licensing Panel grants an extension to the public entertainment licence for the House of Commons, 2A/2B Pevensey Road, Eastbourne, to 3.30am on New Year's Day 2002, subject to these conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. No person is admitted to the premises after 12.30am. b. 5 door supervisors are engaged on the premises until the last person has left at the end of the entertainment.
1.0	<u>Introduction</u>

1.1	The House of Commons is an established venue, holding a public entertainment licence to 2am the following mornings Mondays to Saturdays and midnight on Sundays. In addition, public entertainment is permitted to extend to 12.30am the following day on ordinary Sundays and Easter Sunday and 2am the following day on other Sundays preceding a Bank Holiday for a 3 month period, not yet implemented.
1.2	The licence capacity is 100 in the basement, 275 on the ground floor and mezzanine.
1.3	There are no recent complaints of noise arising directly from the premises. There is an increase in environmental noise in the neighbourhood at around and after closing time, particularly on Fridays and Saturdays, owing to customers leaving the premises.
2.0	<u>The House of Commons Application</u>
2.1	The proposal is to extend the public entertainment licence on New Year's Day from 2am through to 3.30am on the ground floor and mezzanine only, a combined licence number of 275 persons.
2.2	The context in which this application is made differs significantly from previous years. This New Year, alcohol licensing hours have been relaxed. Any premises that has an on-license (for example public houses, nightclubs and registered members clubs) can now serve alcohol through the night.
2.3	The effect of this application is therefore to permit public dancing to continue through to 3.30am. The alcohol licence is unaffected.
2.4	Although this is the only application for an extension of a public entertainment licence, Kings Nightclub 18-20 Langney Road has consent for public entertainment to 3am on New Years Day, through an earlier Special Order of Exemption granted by Eastbourne Magistrates Court. The Order extends the alcohol and public entertainment licences to 3am. This route is apparently now closed as a consequence of the relaxing of alcohol licensing hours. The relaxation, unlike special orders of exemption, does not automatically extend the public entertainment hours.
2.5	The applicants have not publicly advertised the extension of hours to allow for public objection. I would recommend that this provision is waived on this occasion, in consideration of the alternative route the applicants could have taken through the Magistrates Court and the deregulation of alcohol licensing hours.

3.0	<u>Consultations</u>	
3.1	Sussex Police, through their Licensing Officer, Mr Garry Clark, has been consulted on the application and raise no objections.	
4.0	<u>Environmental Implications</u>	
4.1	The likelihood of disturbance in the neighbourhood from public entertainment is a major consideration when determining a public entertainment licence application. There are no recent complaints of noise arising from the House of Commons. No neighbourhood noise problems are anticipated as a result of this application on this festive occasion. Public houses and other premises with on-licences can remain open throughout the night without the controls and conditions applicable to places licensed for public entertainment.	
5.0	<u>Human Resource, Financial Community Safety, Youth and Anti-Poverty Implications</u>	
5.1	There are none	
Douglas Lindsay		
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Background Papers:		
The Background Papers used in compiling this report were as follows:		
Application for Public Entertainment Licence of 16 November 2001.		
To inspect or obtain copies of background papers please refer to the contact officer listed above.		
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