

LICENSING PANEL
01/05/2025 at 10.00 am



Present:

Councillors Bishop, S. Hussain and Shuttleworth

Also in Attendance:

Alan Evans	Group Solicitor
Elise Brophy	Licensing Officer
Susan Loftus	Licensing Officer
Andrew Mather	Constitutional Services
Paul Bailey	Environmental Health Officer

1 **ELECTION OF CHAIR**

RESOLVED: that Councillor S Hussain be appointed as Chair for the meeting.

2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence received.

3 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business received.

4 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received.

5 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No public questions had been submitted.

6 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th April 2025 be approved as a correct record.

7 **ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS**

RESOLVED that, the Order of Proceedings be noted.

8 **REVIEW OF A PREMISES LICENCE FOLLOWING REVIEW
NOTICE ANGLERS ARMS, 95 WRIGLEY HEAD,
FAILSWORTH, MANCHESTER, M35 9BH**

The Licensing Panel considered a report of the Director of Environment pursuant to Section 53C of the Licensing Act 2003, asking Members to review the premises licence in respect of Anglers Arms, 95 Wrigley Head, Failsworth following the application for a 'Summary Review', of those premises, made by Greater Manchester Police on 7th April 2025.

In accordance with Section 53B of the Licensing Act 2003, on 8th April 2025, a duly constituted Licensing Panel considered whether it was necessary, based on the information before them, to take interim steps in respect of the premises licence pending this review taking place. Members of that panel heard submission from Greater Manchester Police and the premises licence holder. Having taken into account the information before them, Members of the panel took the decision to suspend the

premises licence until the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) was replaced, pending this full review taking place.

Following submission and advertisement of the application, public representations were received, these were attached as appendices to the report.

The Panel considered representations from attendees who had notified the Panel of their wish to speak. In each case the Panel and other attendees were given the opportunity to ask further questions of the speaker

The Panel heard further representations by an officer of Greater Manchester Police who informed the Panel that since the last meeting the DPS had been replaced with an interim DPS and the premises had re-opened without incident. It was however the Police view that the Licence should be modified to require that 2 SIA registered door staff should be on duty on Saturdays and Sundays from 8pm to closing time.

A member of the public attended the meeting and addressed the Panel objecting to the licence on various grounds including, a pattern of disturbance to neighbouring residents, due to music, noisy behaviour, drug use and other anti-social behaviour which caused upset and fear.

An Environmental Health Officer addressed the Panel on previous noise complaints received about the premises although it was acknowledged that requests for evidence to support complaints had not been forthcoming and that therefore no formal action had been taken on those complaints. The Panel was asked to consider requiring an earlier end to the playing of music and an earlier closing time.

Tony Lyons acting on behalf of Advalue Properties Ltd and the previous DPS Annette Noakes and her son Jamie Nokes addressed the Panel on steps taken since the incident including the appointment of a new DPS and also previous actions which had been taken to regulate customer behaviour and avoid disturbance with neighbours and future planned actions. The licensees argued that the requirement to have 2 SIA registered door staff every weekend was both unnecessary, as the existing premises licence conditions required the need for SIA staff to be risk assessed when functions or other events were taking place and not financially sustainable for the business.

RESOLVED:

The Panel has considered a review of the Premises Licence for the Anglers Arms, 95 Wrigley Head, Failsworth, under Section 53C of the Licensing Act 2003, at the request of the Police following a stabbing which took place on 7 April 2025.

The Panel has considered representations made by Greater Manchester Police, the premises licence holder, the Council's environmental health section, and representatives made by

members of the public both in favour of and opposing the review of the licence.



The Panel has noted that the Police were no longer requesting that the Premises' operating hours should be reduced, but that there should be 2 SIA-registered door staff from 8pm on Saturdays and Sundays.

Having regard to the licensing objectives, in particular the prevention of crime and disorder, the Panel has noted that the Police evidence of recent incidents at the premises did not demonstrate that there were crime and disorder issues on Sunday evenings.

The Panel was therefore satisfied that it was appropriate to modify the conditions of the premises licence following the stabbing incident to require a minimum of 2 SIA-registered door staff from 8pm on Saturday evenings. The requirement for 2 SIA-registered door staff on Sunday evenings shall be risk assessed in accordance with the current premises licence conditions.

The meeting started at Time Not Specified and ended at Time Not Specified

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