

Officer's recommendation

To grant the premises licence variation application as follows:

	<u>Activity Hours for Alcohol and Regulated Entertainment</u>	<u>Opening Hours</u>
Friday	01:00	01.30
Saturday	01:00	01.30

Reasons

The premises is operated by the Santi and Santi group who occupy two other successful premises in Hillingdon. However, running a quiet and un-problematic late night operation with late closing with the dispersal of customers becomes increasingly difficult to achieve the later the licence permits.

Different aspects of a licensed operation affect the level of nuisance and/or disturbance to those who live near to the premises. Some examples of which are the dispersal direction of customers in relation to local housing, the type of clientele, the ambient noise of the area at the time, the provision of parking, the type of music played at the venue, the style of entertainment, age restrictions, dress considerations, door staff, firm management, the list is not exhaustive but each having a part to play on the effects customers leaving can have on local residents.

The premise has been well designed and has become popular. It has not been subject to complaint (as recorded and prior to this application) and the premises have a number of strict controlling conditions over noise control and escape.

The premise has been inspected prior to the hearing and was found not to have completely complied with the conditions that had been attached to the licence on grant. This breach was in part, in the area of sound escape concerning the volume level set of the sound restriction equipment. This breach can be rectified in partnership with the Councils noise officers. Other minor breaches were found and have been identified to the Premises Licence Holder.

In my view I feel that the application should not be granted in its original form at this time. There is evidence that since opening and especially in the summer months the premise has caused some degree of nuisance and disturbance. An extension of the licence would not address that problem but most likely cause it to occur over a longer period of time and with a later end time.

The current closing time for the premises on a Friday and Saturday night is 01:30 and the provision of regulated entertainment and the sale of alcohol is 00:30. This is an unusually long drinking up time, and whilst it could be considered that the premises hours should not be extended there could be a consideration to allow a slightly longer provision for the sale of alcohol, but not the extension of regulated entertainment.

Extending the availability of alcohol by half an hour may allow the customer base to begin to leave over a longer period of time thus lessening the effect of the customers all leaving when bar sales close.