

# APPENDIX 5

## Statement for Lockside@Greenway Hall

This statement is made on behalf of Lockside@Greenway Hall in response to the representations made against the Premises Licence Grant Application that was submitted on the 6th March 2023.

We submitted a Premises Licence application for Lockside@Greenway Hall on the 6th March 2023. The application for the new licence has been made for 2 reasons: The first being to separate the two premises on the current licence, that being the Clubhouse itself(now Lockside@Greenway Hall) and the Driving Range. The second reason was to extend the licensable area to include the external area to the side of the Clubhouse, where the Marquee is situated.

The current licence is held by Debbie Burton and the new licences will remain in her name, however the DPS on both Licences is Brett Barlow. Brett is the new tenant at Lockside@Greenway Hall and accepts the responsibility for that premises but wishes to relinquish the responsibility for the Driving Range which would seem to be a correct decision and accepted by Debbie Burton the PLH. If the new licence were to be granted then the next agreed step would be to apply for a minor variation of the current licence and remove the Clubhouse from the Licence and submit a variation of the DPS thus achieving the aim of having 2 licences for the 2 buildings and different DPS on each licence.

The application for the new licence was identical to the current licence and had the same conditions expressed in the application with regard to the provision of live or recorded music in the external areas which must cease at 2300 everyday, this was a condition imposed following the Licensing Committee hearing on 19th June 2020.

Brett Barlow and his business partner, Adam Gregory, took over the tenancy of the Clubhouse in October 2022 and then spent considerable time and money on refurbishing works throughout the premises. The Clubhouse reopened at the beginning of December 2022 and is primarily a Bar and Restaurant, (exactly the same as it has been for the past twelve years under the Burton ownership), within the grounds of the Golf Club. The Partners want the premises to remain a valuable Community Asset, attract upmarket clientele, hence the new interior design and subtle layout changes, and succeed in what remains a very difficult and almost impossible climate for hospitality businesses.

When Brett and Adam took over the tenancy of the Clubhouse they had a business plan and strategy to make the business more efficient and financially viable. In particular they wanted to overcome previous business challenges experienced within the Clubhouse and accommodate a diverse range of customers both comfortably and peacefully. Part of the

refurbishment plan was to extend the licensable area to the side of the building and place a marquee in this area. The marquee would be used primarily for low key events such as funerals, corporate and charity events, Golf presentations, christenings, and as an area where golfers or other patrons could congregate instead of using the bar and restaurant when that was busy. All of these events would have the same restrictions regarding Music being played and would finish at 23:00. The application included the new area in the licensable area and we extended the conditions that are applicable to the current outside area to include the new area. As these conditions were already agreed by Environmental Health when the original variation application was granted by the Licensing Committee in June 2020 we believed these would be applicable and acceptable in the new application.

There is no difference in the times on the new application than those on the current licence and all the conditions on the new application are identical to the existing licence conditions.

Since the application was submitted we understand that concerns have been raised by local residents and the Environmental Health Department about the noise issues and to this end we have met with the Local Residents and Denis Colgan from EH on a number of occasions and have volunteered further conditions to be applied to the licence, including having no music at all in the Marquee area( we wished to keep the ability to have a bar in this area), noise monitoring systems and offered that any celebrations, birthday parties and weddings planned for the Marquee area would be covered by Temporary Event Notices.

The application was, as we have previously stated, to separate the 2 premises and have 2 licences for the 2 separate buildings. If this licence is not granted then the Premises will still operate under the current licence licences with the identical conditions applied to the outside area. We understand there has not been one single complaint about the premises in the time since the licence was varied in June 2020 until the new application was made in March 2023.