Whinwhistle Fishery – Premises Licence application

Reason for application

The primary reason for the application is to be able to sell alcohol to caravan and motor homers staying on site, fishermen using the lake and visitors to the cafe (many of whom regularly ask for alcohol as an accompaniment to their order). Many local residents who come in to use the cafe also request the same. The premises application seeks only to license the cafe/bistro and the outside seating area. Where the application requests sales of alcohol for consumption off the premises, this is purely to allow the occupiers of caravan and motor home pitches and anglers who are staying overnight to be able to purchase alcohol which they can then consume back at their caravan, etc. There is no intention for the site to operate as a general off licence.

As for concerns about noise/loud music, a countryside pursuit like a fishery would be unable to operate with loud music as it would deter customers. It should be noted that alcohol has been consumed since the fishery's opening well over 20 years ago – as members of the public bring it with them on their vacation/day trips – and during this time not a single incident of any concern has occurred.

Proposed conditions

1. Licensable activity shall not be provided at any event which is described as or could be considered as a rally, festival or large event to which the general public might have access.

2. Licensable activity shall only be provided within the building and external seating area and will not be permitted in any additional buildings or marquees in other locations around the Fishery.

3. All staff engaged in the sale of alcohol must be trained on their responsibilities in preventing the sale of alcohol to persons aged under 18 and those that are drunk. In this respect the premises will operate a Challenge 25 policy.

4. Live music provided externally shall be incidental or offered in such a way that it is not the primary attraction and the premises should consider restricting activity to that provided by a choir, acoustic guitar, keyboard or small band. In any event all external music shall cease by 2200 hours. Live music will be provided on no more than four occasions in any one calendar year.

5. Irresponsible drink promotions will not be allowed.

6. All licensable activity at the premises will be managed by the premises staff/management/owners i.e. responsibility shall not be passed to any third party.

7. High strength, cheaper alcoholic products commonly described as alco-pops and similar will not be sold. High-strength beers, ciders and lagers in excess of 8% ABV will not be sold.

8. Sales of alcohol will be restricted to campers and occupiers of caravans and motor homes, persons using the fishing lake and customers of the café i.e. the premises will not operate as a general off licence.

9. Children aged under 16 years of age must be always accompanied by an adult. Children and young people under 18 years of age are not permitted to sit at the bar.