

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Nottingham Megabowl, Redfield Way, Clifton Boulevard, Nottingham
Application to vary entertainment licence

SUMMARY

This application is to vary an existing licence.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The committee is requested to determine the application in consideration of the comments of Officers and, if granted, it is recommended that it be subject to a satisfactory final inspection by the Chief Fire Officer; maximum occupancy to be determined by the Chief Fire Officer or Environmental Health Officer as appropriate and receipt of a suitable notice of completion of building control works issued by an Approved Inspector.

BACKGROUND

Mr M Blair-Park and Mr S R Holton applied to vary the entertainment licence for the above premises on 24 November 2000. The application has been delayed at the request of the applicants until recently.

Adam Crane and Kevin Pritchett applied to transfer the licence and currently hold a licence to provide recorded music and dancing on the first floor only as follows: -

Mondays to Wednesdays	-	10am to 1am
Thursdays to Saturdays	-	10am to 2am
Sundays	-	10am to 11pm

It is not proposed to amend the hours of operation. Special conditions state that the maximum occupancy for the first floor disco is 300 persons. A further condition refers to the installation and maintenance of a CCTV system which the applicants have agreed to.

The application to vary the licence is to provide music and dancing on the ground and first floors and to make alterations. The plans were amended by the applicants during the consultation process. The Police, Pollution Control Officer and Development Control Officer have no objection. The Chief Fire Officer has made recommendations regarding revised occupancies and fire precautions (attached). The Environmental Health Officer (health & safety) has commented on the application (see Appendix 1) regarding the proposal to have public dancing anywhere on the ground floor. Concern exists about the risk of physical injury to members of the public if no defined dance floor is provided that is of a suitable size and adequately sited, in accordance with the aim of the relevant special condition. The applicant has been invited to attend.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

These will be reported at the meeting.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

None.

CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

Licensing of public entertainment is an opportunity for the City Council to work in partnership with the Police to reduce the risk of crime and disorder occurring both within and immediately outside licensed premises, having regard to the effect of the proposals on both customers and residents.

List of background papers other than published works or those disclosing confidential or exempt information

- Application dated 24 November 2000
- Letters from Poppleston Allen dated 24 November 2000, 16 January 2001, 12 April 2001, 18 April, 5 June 2001, 22 June 2001, 27 June 2001, 4 July 2001, 22 August 2001, 25 January 2002, 20 February 2002, 22 March 2002
- Memo from Pollution control dated 30 November 2000, 5 July 2001, 28 February 2002, 9 April 2002
- Memo from Health and Safety dated 4 December 2000, 11 July 2001, 19 March 2002, 26 March 2002
- Memo from Building Control dated 4 December 2000
- Memo from Development Control dated 12 December 2000
- Letter from Chief Fire Officer dated 14 December 2000, 13 August 2001
- Letter from Police dated 21 December 2000
- Letter from Megabowl dated 19 June 2001
- Letter from HCD Ltd dated 14 June 2001

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30th April 2002

Dear Madam

Re: - Nottingham Megabowl, Redfield Way, Nottingham NG7 2UW

Health and Safety At Work etc. Act 1974 and associated legislation

I write in response to your letter dated the 2nd April 2002 and the letter which you sent to Mr Marsh, Food and Licensing Section on the 18th April 2002 and note its contents

With regards to the issue of restricting dancing at licensed venues to 'suitable' areas, this is a condition which is contained in Nottingham City Councils Standard Conditions of Entertainments Licence. Item 31a of a such conditions state the following:

'In premises licensed for public dancing, the dance floor shall be clearly delineated and shall be positioned in such a way as to ensure the safety of persons using the dance floor'.

The standard conditions also require that arrangements for access around the dance floor and for seating in the vicinity of the dance floor shall be such that neither dancers nor patrons, seated or otherwise, are put at risk of physical injury [Item 31b].

I would appreciate it if you would provide me with occupancy figures for the ground floor dance floor area.

With regards to your point raised relating to it being virtually impossible to prevent customers dancing 'on the lanes', this will be an issue for management at the venue to control for public safety reasons. I am unable to comment on other local authorities arrangements and am required to enforce conditions as stipulated by Nottingham City Council when deciding on the suitability of premises for licensing purposes.



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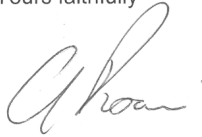
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As was previously discussed, due to the siting of the wash up area, staff would be required to walk across the dance floor to access the wash up area. As this compromises health and safety other controls/arrangements are required to prevent this activity.

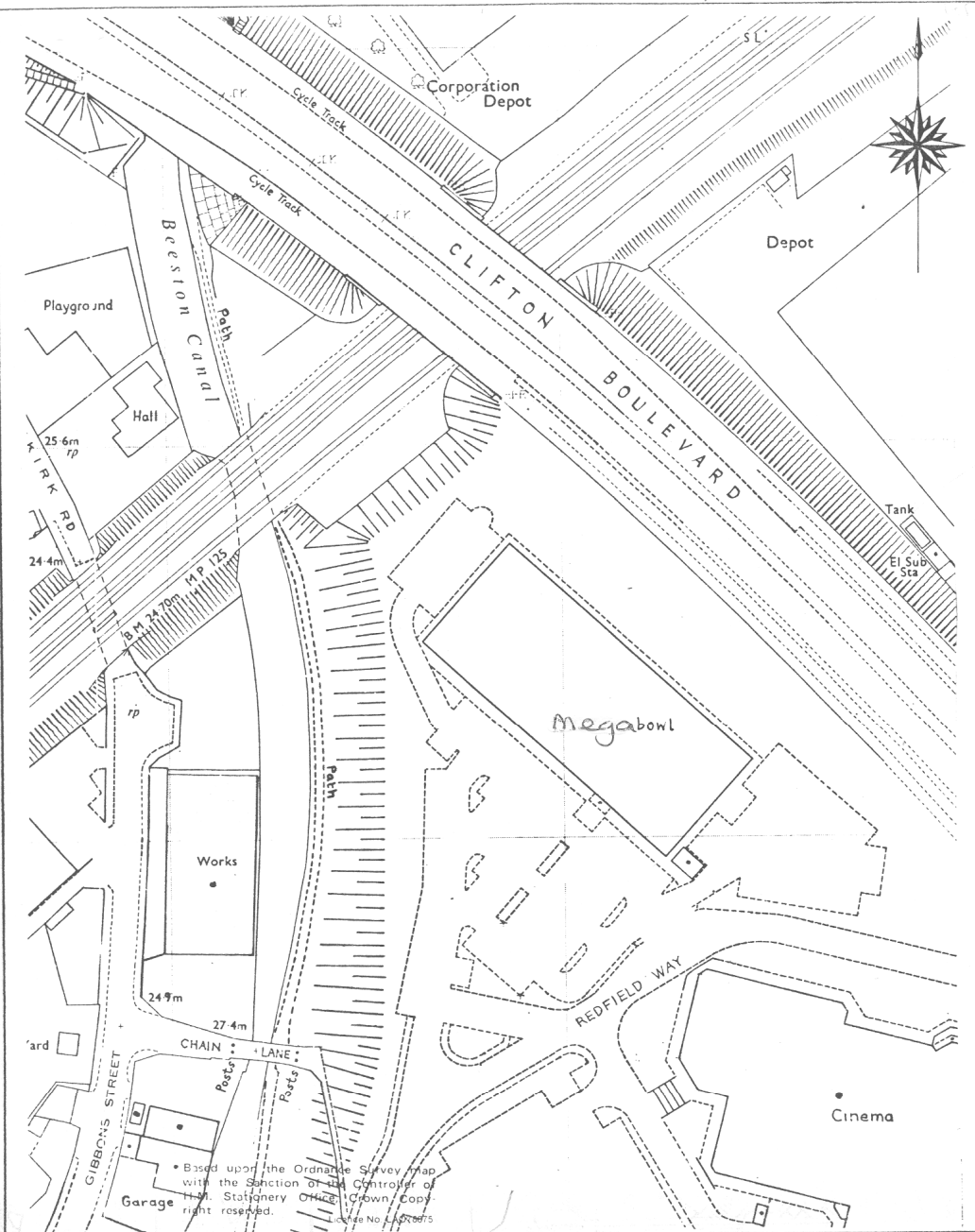
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Yours faithfully



Gabrielle Pisani
Environmental Health Officer
Health and Safety Enforcement Section

copy to - Janet Swain, Team Leader, Food & Licensing

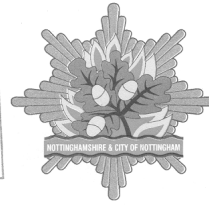


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Dear Madam

REFERENCE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1982

**PREMISES: NOTTINGHAM MEGABOWL
REDFIELD WAY
NOTTINGHAM**

I refer to the inspection of the above premises carried out in accordance with our Fire Safety Risk Assessment Re-inspection Programme.

I have to inform you that the Fire Authority is not yet satisfied that the fire precautions for the premises are such as may reasonably be required in connection with the use of the premises.

It is recommended that before the application for the above Licence is granted, the observations contained in the enclosed report should be implemented.

Yours faithfully

FIRE SAFETY STATION OFFICER

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LICENSING FIRE SAFETY REPORT

Legislation: LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1982

Premises: NOTTINGHAM MEGALBOWL
REDFIELD WAY
NOTTINGHAM

Reference: DB.21/498/ICM/LMB

Date of Inspection: 13 AUGUST 2001

OBSERVATIONS:

FIRE EXITS

Several of the above require immediate attention as they need to be openable with one easy action. Namely at the following locations:

1. Glass double doors from diner.
2. Double exit from rear of alley to car park.
3. Double exit at the end of the corridor from the bar area.

FIRE DOOR

The door to the store in the corridor from the bar area requires attention to ensure it closes fully and needs to be kept locked shut at all times.

UPHOLSTERY

Several areas of seating were found to have exposed foam and require immediate repair or replacement.