

**REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

**APPLICATION TO RENEW ENTERTAINMENTS LICENCE  
COMFORT HOTEL, GEORGE STREET, NOTTINGHAM**

**1.0 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 At its meeting on 16 September 2002, the committee granted an application to vary standard condition 25 of the entertainments licence for the Comfort Hotel to allow occasional "ladies nights" in the ballroom. The committee resolved that renewal of the licence be reserved to this committee and this application is to consider renewal of the licence.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT the committee consider the renewal application having regard to the amendment of condition 25 of the standard condition of entertainments and to the observations of Officers.

**3.0 BACKGROUND**

Mr J Duque (who has since left the Comfort Hotel) and Mr S Frewer were granted an annual entertainments licence to provide music and dancing in the ballroom and King George VI lounge as follows:-

Mondays to Saturdays - 10.30 am to 2 am

with condition 25 amended for the ballroom to include the following conditions:-

**25. Table dancing, lap dancing, pole dancing and all forms of entertainment, dancing or displays which include nudity or sexual performances of any kind are prohibited with the exception of the permitted activities.**

**25.1 The permitted activities shall be the services of a comedian and music and dancing which involves the removal by performers of their clothing, in accordance with the conditions set out below.**

**25.2 Performers shall only be engaged through a theatrical agency.**

**25.3 The performers shall only perform on the stage area of the ballroom marked as such on the extract plan of the premises submitted to the Committee, and shall remain on stage at all times during the entertainment.**

**25.4 Performers shall use the dressing room immediately off the stage, indicated "X" on the submitted plan.**

**25.5 There shall be no full nudity. 'G' strings, thongs or similar apparel shall be worn by performers at all times during their performance and must be made of non-transparent materials.**

**25.6 The permitted activities shall only be carried out by the performers, and no audience participation shall be permitted. No stage properties (props) shall be**

used during the performance. The use of marital aids, or types of objects appearing to be such, is expressly prohibited.

**25.7 Performers shall not be aged less than 18 years.**

**25.8 There shall be no physical contact between the performers and/or the customers, either before, during, or after the performance. The performance must be carried on in full view of the customers, but shall not be visible to any persons outside the ballroom.**

**25.9 Customers and guests shall be admitted to the performance by advanced ticket sales only, and shall be seated at dining tables no closer than six feet from the stage, throughout the entertainment.**

**25.10 Whilst the permitted activities are taking place, no person under the age of 18 shall be allowed in the ballroom and a clear notice shall be displayed at the entrance to the ballroom in a prominent position so that it can be easily read by persons entering the premises in the following terms:-**

**“NO PERSON UNDER 18 YEARS IS PERMITTED”**

**25.11 At least two security staff shall be present in the ballroom during the entertainment. The staff shall be positioned between the guests and the stage, in order to prevent any guests from reaching the stage.**

**25.12 The Licensee shall not permit photographs or other images which indicate that striptease or similar entertainment takes place on the premises to be displayed to the general public outside the premises.**

#### **4.0 PROPOSALS**

Mr S Frewer and Mr M Hands (resident hotel manager) have applied to renew the licence.

#### **5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

None

#### **6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Legal implications will be reported at the meeting

#### **7.0 OBSERVATIONS OF OFFICERS**

The Chief Fire Officer, Police and Environmental Health Officer have no objection.

#### **8.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

None

## **9.0 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

Licensing for public entertainments 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.

## **10.0 BEST VALUE**

None

## **11.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION**

- application dated 4 March 2003
- form D26 from the Fire Officer
- letter from Police dated 17 March 2003
- letter from Sharp & Partners Solicitors dated 7 March 2003

## **12.0 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT**

Licensing committee minutes for meeting held on 16 September 2002.

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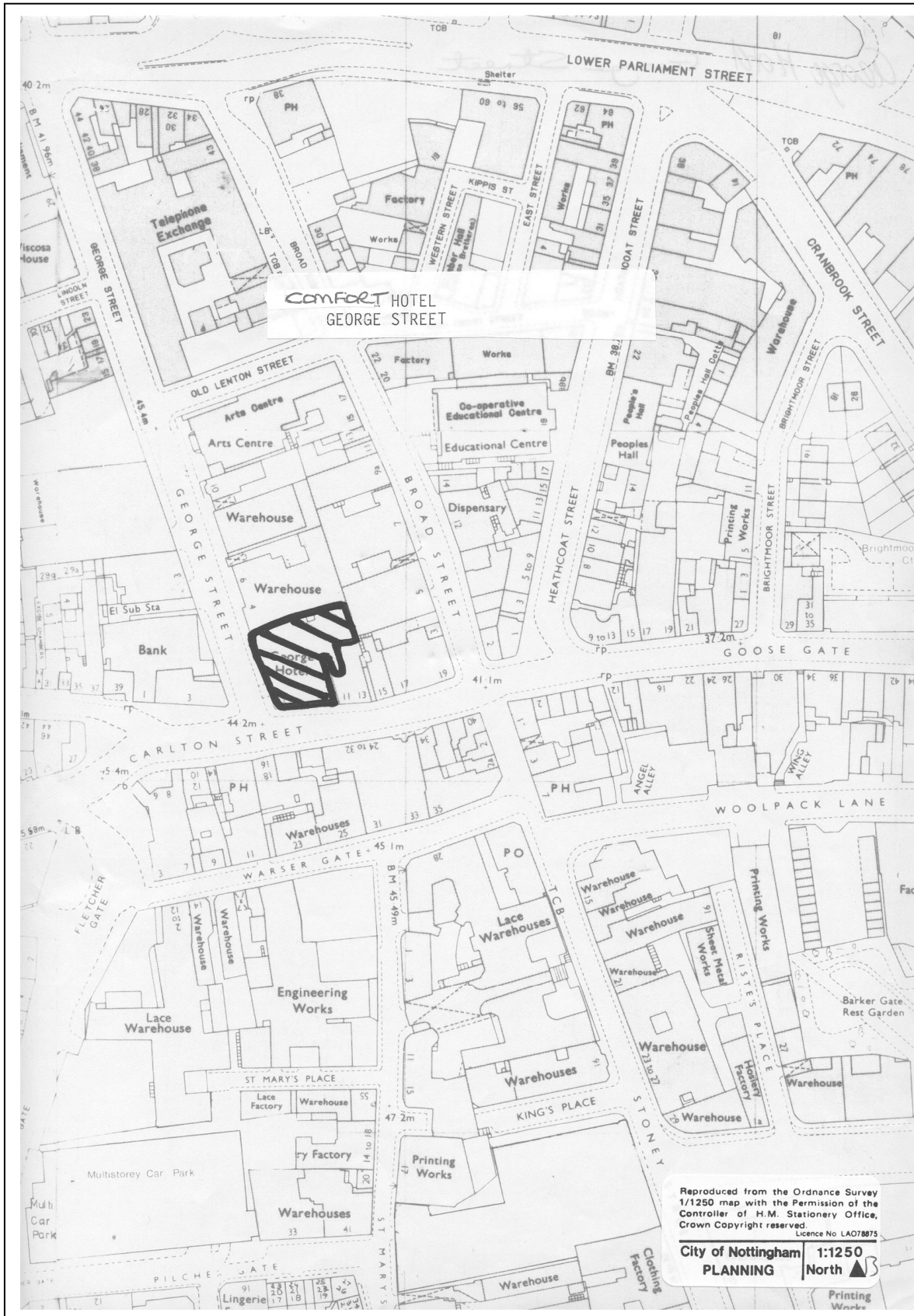
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