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FOR THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE FOR 19 JUNE 2006

APPLICATION TO TRANSFER PREMISES LICENCE

Applicant: Admiral Taverns (Pyramid) Limited Ref.No.MBRO/PR0182

Premises: The Grove Inn, 95 Broadwell Road, Easterside, Middlesbrough, TS4 3QU

Application received: 11 May 2006

Summary of current Licensable Activities:

Sale by retail of alcohol for consumption on and off the premises,

Summary of current hours of Licensable Activities:

| Sale of Alcohol 11.00am – 11.00pm | Monday to Saturday |
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12noon – 10.30pm Sunday 12noon – 10.30pm Good Friday 12noon – 3.00pm and 7.00pm – 10.30pm Christmas Day

1. Background

The premises consist of a Public House situated in close proximity to residential premises.

2. Details of Application

On 11 May 2006 an application was made to transfer the Premises Licence, with immediate effect, in respect of The Grove Inn from Mrs J James to Admiral Taverns (Pyramid) Limited.

3. Details of Representation

On 17 May 2006 a representation was received from Cleveland objecting to the transfer on the basis that the granting of such an application would undermine the four licensing objectives. They state that there have been numerous incidents of crime and disorder at the premises including a serious stabbing, drug use and reports of underage drinking. They also state that Police concerns are such that they currently have an application pending for a review of the Premises Licence in respect of The Grove Inn. A copy of the representation is attached at Appendix 1.

4. Legislation

The Licensing Act 2003 allows for the Transfer of Premises Licences between parties. In addition, the Act allows for representations by the Police against such a transfer providing that they are satisfied that the exceptional circumstances of the case are such that the granting of the application would undermine the crime prevention objective.

Where a request is made for the transfer to have immediate effect the Act allows the applicant to continue to carry out licensable activities at the premises as if they were the holder of the Premises Licence until the application is determined or withdrawn.

5. The Licensing Policy

Members are referred to the following relevant sections of the Council's Licensing Policy.

Prevention of Crime and Disorder Pages 17 and 18

And any other sections of the Policy which Members consider to be relevant.

6. Guidance to the Licensing Act 2003

Members are referred to the following relevant sections of the Guidance.

Prevention of crime and disorder Starting at para 7.20

Annex D

Transfer of Premises Licences Starting at 5.80

And any other sections of the Policy which Members consider to be relevant.

7. Members' Options

Members may consider the following options:

1. Grant the application Reject the application

Members are reminded that any aggrieved party (i.e. Applicant or Chief Officer of Police) may appeal any decision of the Licensing Committee to the Magistrates Courts.

Contact Officer: Tim Hodgkinson

Principal Licensing Officer

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Head of Community Protection

Date 19 June 2006

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Decision:

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