

Decision Notice

Date	4 December 2013
Applicant	AKS School
Reason for Hearing	The Licensing Authority received an application for the grant of a Premises Licence at AKS School, Arnold KEQMS, Clifton Drive South, Lytham St Annes (the School)
	There were representations from 'other persons' and this means that the Panel has to determine the application.
Parties in attendance	<p>Panel – Councillors Christine Akeroyd, Convenor, Keith Beckett, Alan Clayton, John Davies (Reserve)</p> <p>Applicant: Robin Atkinson and Roger Wightman representing KEQMS (AKS School)</p> <p>Responsible Authorities: None</p>

The application was for the grant of a Premises Licence at AKS School, Arnold KEQMS (AKS), Clifton Drive South, Lytham St Annes. A number of representations from other persons were received in response to the application and were considered today.

The panel heard oral representations from Mrs Thorpe, who attended the meeting. The panel also heard representations from Mr Roger Wightman and Robin Atkinson on behalf of the applicant.

In considering the application before it today, the panel had to consider whether granting the licence would undermine any of the four licensing objectives which are:

- The prevention of crime and disorder;
- Public safety;
- The prevention of public nuisance; and
- The protection of children from harm.

The panel heard from Mrs Thorpe about concerns regarding disruption to residents resulting from inconsiderate parking by parents taking their children to and from School and that there were fears that this would be exacerbated if events were to be held in the evenings. Mrs Thorpe was also unsure as to whether the application for the licence included the grounds of the School.

The panel then heard from Mr Wightman that car parking will be made available at events within the School grounds and that the application relates to licensable activities taking place within the senior and junior school buildings and not the grounds. Mr Whiteman asserted that the Operating Schedule takes account of the location of the School and will address the concerns raised by the objectors thereby promoting the licensing objectives.

The panel recognised the concerns raised about car parking but were satisfied that the parking to be provided at events was adequate and that in any event, the issue of car parking isn't a licensing objective. The panel noted that no responsible authorities objected to the application and were satisfied that the steps proposed to be taken as set out in the Operating Schedule address the concerns of the local residents.

The panel carefully considered all that it had read and heard, and decided to grant the licence as applied for subject to the amendment that all licensable activities will take place indoors only i.e. in the Junior and Senior school buildings.

DECISION

Taking into account the Information put before them, the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and the Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 the panel decided as follows:

To grant the application for a Premises Licence at AKS School in accordance with the conditions attached to the application. By way of clarification all licensable activities are permitted indoors only.