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FAO Christopher Harrison

Many thanks for your consultation dated 31st July 2025. I wish to offer the following comments, which I have considered from a crime prevention perspective.

Unfortunately, there is no information in the published documents that indicates how this application complies with the Copeland Local Plan 2021-2039 in this regard:

“Designing out crime

6.4.6 When drafting proposals applicants should remove opportunities for crime and in doing so reduce the vulnerability of people and property and the fear of crime....”

Policy DS4: Design and Development Standards

The Council will expect all new development to meet high-quality design standards which contribute positively to the health and wellbeing of residents. This means that developments must:

k) Incorporate measures to design out crime and reduce the fear of crime, taking into consideration secured by design principles;”

Licensed premises continue to feature in our crime statistics, historically as a target for burglary or as a consequence of alcohol related disorder. The applicant should therefore incorporate reasonable measures to address these issues:

- Building resistance to burglary - specification and arrangement of exterior doors, locking devices and glazing (laminated preferred) to resist forced entry and malicious damage. Locking devices should be specified to a recognised security standard, e.g. Europrofile cylinder locks certified to 'Sold Secure' SS312 ◊ standard
- Presence and configuration of an intruder alarm (if police response is required, the equipment and appointed Alarm Receiving Centre must be compliant with National Police Chief's Council Security Systems Policy)
- Internal access controls – robust separation of public areas from servery / storerooms etc.
- Secure cash handling facilities and to minimise storage of cash on premises. Deployment of Insurance Approved safes certified to BS EN 1143:2019
- Secure storage of stock assets

- Secure storage for staff personal belongings
- Secure external waste bin management – to mitigate against exploitation as climbing aid and arson risks
- Presence and configuration of CCTV. Requirement for CCTV may be a condition of the Premises Licence, but a system should form part of the overall security package. (Image standard and GDPR compliance issues to address)

The proposed trading hours are noted, i.e. the premises closing each day at midnight (10pm Sundays and Public Holidays) and consequently will not be contributing to the local Night Time Economy.

I shall be pleased to advise on any crime prevention queries arising from this application.

Best regards

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