



Subject:	Applications for the Variation of 7-Day Annual Entertainments Licences for Muriel's, The Spaniard and The Jeggy Nettle
Date:	21 August 2024
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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues												
1.1	<p>To consider the applications, from JK Pubs Limited, for the variation of their 7-Day Annual Entertainments Licences based on the Council's standard conditions, to provide music, singing, dancing or any other entertainment of a like kind, for the following three premises:</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>Area and Location</th> <th>Ref. No.</th> <th>Applicant</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Muriel's, 12-14 Church Lane, Belfast BT1 4QN</td> <td>WK/2022/03931</td> <td>Ms Janine Kane, JK Pubs Limited.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>The Spaniard, 3 Skipper Street, Belfast, BT1 2DZ</td> <td>WK/2022/03933</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>The Jeggy Nettle, 12 Stranmillis Road, Belfast, BT9 5AA</td> <td>WK/2022/03935</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Area and Location	Ref. No.	Applicant	Muriel's, 12-14 Church Lane, Belfast BT1 4QN	WK/2022/03931	Ms Janine Kane, JK Pubs Limited.	The Spaniard, 3 Skipper Street, Belfast, BT1 2DZ	WK/2022/03933		The Jeggy Nettle, 12 Stranmillis Road, Belfast, BT9 5AA	WK/2022/03935	
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1.2	The location maps for the three premises are attached as Appendix 1												
2.0	Recommendations												
2.1	<p>Taking into account the information presented and any representations made in respect of the applications you are required to <u>consider each application in turn</u> and make a decision to either:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Approve the application for the variation of the 7-Day Annual Entertainments Licence to vary the hours during which entertainment may be provided as requested, or Approve the application for the variation with special conditions, or Refuse the application for the variation of the 7-Day Annual Entertainments Licence. 												
2.2	If an application is refused, or special conditions are attached to the licence to which the applicant does not consent, then the applicant may appeal the Council's decision within 21 days of notification of that decision to the County Court. In the case that the applicant subsequently decides to appeal, entertainment may not be provided to the later hours requested until any such appeal is determined.												
3.0	Main report												
	<u>Key Issues</u>												
3.1	<p>The days and hours during which entertainment may be provided under the terms of the current Entertainments Licences are:</p> <p>Muriel's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday – Saturday 11:30am to 1.00am the following morning • Sunday 12:30pm to 1.00am the following morning. <p>The Spaniard</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday – Saturday 11:30am to 1.00am the following morning • Sunday 12:30pm to 1.00am the following morning. 												

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- Monday – Saturday 11:30am to 1.00am the following morning
- Sunday 12:30pm to 12.00 midnight.

3.2 The nature of the variation applied for is to extend the hours during which entertainment may be provided in each of the three premises to 2.00am the following morning on every night of the week.

3.3 At present entertainment is provided in the form of DJ's and live bands on the following nights:-

Muriels and The Spaniard

3.4 Friday and Saturday nights.

The Jeggy Nettle

3.5 Monday and Wednesday to Sunday nights inclusive.

3.6 The licensee has stated that they would like the variation to extend the permitted hours until 2.00am as the Licensee feels that the three premises are an integral part of Belfast's nightlife and that an increase in operating hours will allow them to compete within the sector, which is essential for the commercial success of the businesses.

3.7 Layout plans for the three premises are attached as Appendix 2.

Representations

3.8 Public notice of each of the applications has been placed in the newspaper and no written representation has been lodged as a result of the advertisements.

PSNI

3.9 The Police Service of Northern Ireland have been consulted in relation to each of the applications and have confirmed that they have no objection to the variation applications.

3.10 A copy of their response is included as Appendix 3 to this report.

NIFRS

3.11 The Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service have been consulted in relation to each of the applications and have confirmed that they have no objection to the applications.

Health, safety and welfare

3.12 Each of the premises have been subject to inspections as part of the licensing application process and all technical requirements and associated operational and management procedures have been checked and are satisfactory for all three.

Noise

3.13 No noise complaints have been received by the Service in the past 12 months in relation to any of the three venues.

3.14 Members are reminded that the Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act 2011 gives the council additional powers in relation to the control of entertainment noise after 11.00 pm.

	<u>Applicant</u>
3.15	The applicant, and/or their representative will be available at your meeting to answer any queries you may have in relation to the applications.
4.0	Financial & Resource Implications
4.1	None
5.0	Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment
5.1	There are no issues associated with this report.
6.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appendix 1 – Location maps • Appendix 2 – Layout plans • Appendix 3 – PSNI Comments