



Building Control Service
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23rd February 2026

Dear [REDACTED]

RE:- Entertainment Licence renewal, transfer and variation

Margot, 18 Donegall Square East, Belfast, Antrim, BT1 5HD

Please note that District Councils are the lead organisation for Entertainment Licensing and the provisions of the Order under Schedule 1 allows for the application, regulation and restriction following consideration by the licensing authority.

The Order allows for the granting of a licence with conditions with the overarching aim of maximising safety and minimise risk and impact that may result from the granting of a licence.

The role of the Police Service in consideration of entertainment licences is limited however I would highlight current regulatory practice:

- Private Security Industry Act 2001 – covers the requirement for the provision of licensed activities that may impact this application.
- **Responsible retailing code (NI) – covers the responsible promotion and retail of alcohol.**
- The Registration of Clubs (NI) Order 1996
- The Licensing (NI) Order 1996
- The Licensing and Registration of Clubs (amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2021.

There are no current grounds for PSNI objections to the above application for an entertainment licence renewal, transfer and variation and request it is **further considered by Belfast City Council, residents, other local business and NIFRS and the following special conditions be considered for inclusion on the licences to ensure the peaceful and orderly conduct of the area and that the appropriate number of committee persons or SIA approved only doorstaff be deployed within the licenced premises.**

- **The licence holder to take positive steps to manage the premises responsibly in a peaceful and orderly manor**
- Robust complaints procedure in place for dealing with residents' concerns expeditiously
- APPENDIX E – Safer Dancing / Reduction in the supply of drugs within the BCC Rules of Management be complied with ASAP

If the Entertainment Licence application is granted in due course police note that **APPENDIX E – Safer Dancing / Reduction in the supply of drugs within the BCC Rules of Management it is the responsibility of the licence holder. Any breaches or non-compliance should be managed by Belfast City Council.**

Please note if a Pavement Café area is included within the Entertainment Licence, an application under the permanent scheme should be made to Belfast City Council ASAP as any existing temporary Pavement Café Licence will no longer be valid.

Please forward police a copy of the above Entertainment Licence with any special conditions or restrictions with confirmation that all Belfast City Council requirements and conditions including all Building Regulations approvals have been adhered to and that the Licensing (NI) Order 1996 will be adhered to by the licence holder.

Can you please also ensure that the applicant has registered the premises with the ongoing 'Ask for Angela' campaign as we continue to raise awareness for this simple, yet effective initiative that allows those who may find themselves in a vulnerable situation, with a quick and discreet way to access the help they need. Please feel free to share and encourage your applicants to registered and appear on the province wide map.



The Police Service of Northern Ireland has developed a short training package, in partnership with Hospitality Ulster for the 'Ask for Angela' safeguarding initiative across Northern Ireland. People who feel unsafe, vulnerable or

threatened can discreetly seek help by approaching venue staff. Asking for 'Angela' will indicate to trained staff that this person requires help in

the form of; reuniting them with a friend, seeing them to a taxi, or by calling venue security and/or Police. The training package for the scheme is now available to access on the Hospitality Ulster website here: <https://hospitalityulster.org/askforangela> or on the Northern Ireland Hotel Federation website here: <https://www.nihf.co.uk/ask-for-angela/> Any venue that wishes to take part must **first register via the link** above to sign up to the scheme and then they will be given access to the bespoke training package for their staff and promotional materials for their venue.

Once venues have signed up they will be added to a map that has been designed to make the public aware of what once venues have signed up they will be added to a map that has been designed to make the public aware of what venues are involved.

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