

Argyll and Bute Licensing Board

26th February 2019**VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE****NAME OF PREMISES:** Caol Ila Distillery, Port Askaig, Isle of Islay, PA46 7RL**APPLICANT:** Diageo Scotland Limited, 5 Lochside Way, Edinburgh Park, Edinburgh, EH12 9DT**AGENT:** Morton Fraser, Quartermile Two, 2 Lister Square, Edinburgh, EH3 9GL**DESCRIPTION OF PREMISES:**

Caol Ila Distillery is situated on the coast some two miles from the ferry terminal of Port Askaig, Isle of Islay. Caol Ila Distillery is a working distillery and welcomes visitors. The distillery complex basically comprises two buildings, separate but close to each other. One is an office block and one mainly comprises the actual distillery process building. Both buildings are on two levels. On the ground floor of the office building, is a room that has in the past been used as a sales outlet. On the ground floor of the main building is an area that currently serves as the site sales shop.

	EXISTING CORE HOURS		PROPOSED CORE HOURS	
	ON SALES	OFF SALES	ON SALES	OFF SALES
Monday	N/A	10.00 to 17.00	10.00 to 23.00	10.00 to 22.00
Tuesday	N/A	10.00 to 17.00	10.00 to 23.00	10.00 to 22.00
Wednesday	N/A	10.00 to 17.00	10.00 to 23.00	10.00 to 22.00
Thursday	N/A	10.00 to 17.00	10.00 to 23.00	10.00 to 22.00
Friday	N/A	10.00 to 17.00	10.00 to 23.00	10.00 to 22.00
Saturday	N/A	10.00 to 17.00	10.00 to 23.00	10.00 to 22.00
Sunday	N/A	10.00 to 17.00	10.00 to 23.00	10.00 to 22.00

DETAILS OF VARIATIONS SOUGHT:-

The applicants wish to vary the licence as follows:-

ITEM 5(a)

- 1) To include on-sales Monday to Sunday 10.00 - 23.00.
- 2) To amend off-sales hours to Monday to Sunday 10.00 - 22.00.
- 3) To amend the seasonal variation.
- 4) To include conference facilities, restaurant facilities, receptions, club or other meetings, recorded music, live performances, dance, theatre, film and outdoor drinking as activities.
- 5) To amend the wording at Question 5(f) Any other activities.
- 6) Insertion of wording relating to children and young persons.
- 7) To include on sales capacity and increase off-sales capacity.
- 8) Change to the layout of the premises.
- 9) Change to the description of the premises.

CURRENT SEASONAL VARIATION:- Although no application is made for seasonal variation, the premises would like to exercise the right not to open the facility when there is no demand.

PROPOSED SEASONAL VARIATION:- The premises may close outwith the times stated in light of customer demand or weather conditions.

ACTIVITIES:- There are currently no activities noted on the operating plan. The licence holders wish to add conference facilities; restaurant facilities; receptions; club or other group meetings; recorded music; live performances; dance; theatre; film and outdoor drinking.

PROPOSED CHILDREN & YOUNG PERSON'S CONDITIONS:-

TERMS - Children may be permitted access on the premises if accompanied by an adult. Young persons may be permitted access unaccompanied.

AGES - All ages of children and young persons may be permitted on the premises.

TIMES - At all times the premises are open.

PARTS - Children and young persons may be permitted on all public parts of the premises.

ALCOHOL DISPLAY AREA:- Proposed off sales – 25.25m². Proposed On sales – 232 persons with 1000 for special events/festivals.

CURRENT DESCRIPTION OF PREMISES:- Caol Ila Distillery is situated on the coast some two miles from the ferry terminal of Port Askaig, Isle of Islay. Caol Ila Distillery is a working distillery and welcomes visitors. The distillery complex basically comprises two buildings, separate but close to each other. One is an office block and one mainly comprises the actual distillery process building. Both buildings are on two levels. On the ground floor of the office building, is a room that has in the past been used as a sales outlet. On the ground floor of the main building is an area that currently serves as the site sales shop.

PROPOSED DESCRIPTION OF PREMISES:- Caol Ila Distillery is situated on the coast some two miles from the ferry terminal of Port Askaig, Isle of Islay. Part of a whisky distillery, the licensed areas include a shop, office/reception building, cooperage and external licensed areas.

LSO:- This is a major variation to update several aspects of premises operation. The premises will be updated to include On-Sales and Visitor Centre. The licensing standards officer has no concerns with this application.

Description of Premises

The current description of the premises is –

“Caol Ila Distillery is situated on the coast some two miles from the ferry terminal of Port Askaig, Isle of Islay. Caol Ila Distillery is a working distillery and welcomes visitors. The distillery complex basically comprises two buildings, separate but close to each other. One is an office block and one mainly comprises the actual distillery process building. Both buildings are on two levels. On the ground floor of the office building, is a room that has in the past been used as a sales outlet. On the ground floor of the main building is an area that currently serves as the site sales shop.”

This will be amended to –

“Caol Ila is situated on the coast some two miles away from the ferry terminal of Port Askaig, Isle of Islay. Part of whisky distillery, the licensed areas include a shop; office/reception building; cooperage; and external licensed area.”

Operating Plan

The operating plan will be updated as follows:

Question 1

On-Sales and Off-sales.

Question 2

Addition of On-Sales hours 1000 - 2300 (daily).

Question 3

Change to Off-Sales hours from 1000 – 1800 (daily) to 1000 - 2200 (daily).

Question 4

Change Seasonal Variation from –

“Although no application is made for seasonal variation, the premises would like to exercise the right not to open the facility when there is no demand.”

To –

“The premises may close outwith the times stated in light of customer demand or weather conditions”.

Question 5

Update activities to include – conference facilities; restaurant facilities; receptions; club or other meetings; recorded music; live performance; dance; theatre; film; and outdoor drinking;

Update to statement where activities take place outwith core hours.

Question 5(f)

Update of other activities, including -

Outdoor Drinking - the Board may wish to include in this section the standard terminal hour for the use of this facility as –

“The terminal hour for the external drinking area is 10:00pm for adults aged 18 years and over and 8:00pm for children and young persons.”

Question 6

Addition of Children and Young Persons access.

Under the 'Terms' section the Board may consider revising the wording to include "...adult aged 18 years or over."

Under 'Times' section the Board may consider adding the standard terminal hour for the outdoor drinking area; "The terminal hour for the external drinking area is 10:00pm for adults aged 18 years and over and 8:00pm for children and young persons."

Question 7

Amend capacity to –

Off-Sales – 25.25m².

On-Sales – 232 with 1000 for special events/festivals.

N.B. Visitor Centres and premises where alcohol is produced are exempt from the requirements of Licensing Condition 13 with regards to display of alcohol in specific areas.

EHO

No comments received.

POLICE COMMENTS: No Police objections

OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS:

POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION:-

- (1) The addition of on-sales Monday to Sunday 10am to 11pm.
- (2) Increase in off-sales from 5pm to 10pm Monday to Sunday.
- (3) A new seasonal variation.
- (4) Addition of various activities.
- (5) Terms and conditions for children and young persons.
- (6) Terminal hour for the external area.
- (7) Increase capacity for off-sales to 25.25m².
- (8) Addition of on-sales capacity – 232 and 1000 for special events/festivals.