

LSO REPORT

THE BARCALDINE CASTLE, BENDERLOCH, PA37 1SA

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The premises is a 16th century castle providing bed & breakfast accommodation to guests; lunches and afternoon teas to the public, and a wedding/events venue and is located some 9 miles north of Oban.

The premises website can be viewed here – <https://www.barcaldinecastle.co.uk/>

The applicant has liaised with the LSO and there are no concerns with this application.

Seasonal Variation

The applicant's Seasonal variation is at odds with the Board's policy –

Applicant's

"The business closes in November for one month and also in February for one month."

Board's Policy

"The Management reserve the right to open the business one hour later than the commencement of licensed core hours or close one hour earlier than termination of core hours on any day of the week during winter months i.e. 1st October to 31st March."

The seasonal variation requested is to allow maintenance of the premises during winter downtime and vacation for the applicant and her husband who are the only permanent workers at the premises. In the circumstances the Board may wish to look favourably on this proposal.

Activities Outwith Core Licensing Hours

The applicant has requested –

"Restaurant facilities to provide for wedding breakfasts which may include on occasion bucks fizz and whisky breakfasts."

The Board has granted similar wording to another premises specialising in wedding receptions/celebrations and it is recommended that this request be looked upon favourably.

Outdoor Drinking

In keeping with Board policy, the applicant requests a 10:00pm curfew for adults aged 18 years or over. In relation to children and young person access, the applicant has asked that children and young person access to the outdoor area be curtailed at 9:00pm and not the Board's usual policy hour of 8:00pm. The premises is situated in its own grounds with no near neighbours and therefore there is no likelihood of noise nuisance.

Children and Young Persons Access

The LSO assisted the applicant in drawing up the following which is included in the proposed operating plan and is keeping with Board policy -

Terms

Children under 14 years not allowed in bed and breakfast accommodation. Children and young persons of all ages allowed access while accompanied by an adult aged 18 years or over until 6:00pm for lunch or afternoon tea and to 9:00pm when attending a wedding or other family event.

Ages

Children and young persons of all ages (birth to 17 years).

Times

12:00pm to 6:00pm for lunch or afternoon tea.

12:00pm to 9:00pm when attending a wedding or other family event. Young persons (16 & 17 years) until 9:00pm generally.

Outdoor drinking area until 9:00pm.

Parts

All public parts of the premises.

Disabled Access & Facilities Statement

The applicant has submitted this statement.

EHO

Environmental Health has been made aware of this application and no comments have been received.