Argyll and Bute Licensing Board

7th September 2021

VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE

NAME OF PREMISES: Inveraray Castle Tearoom & Gift Shop, Inveraray, PA32 8XE

APPLICANT: Torquhil Ian Campbell, Duke of Argyll, Argyll Estates Office, Cherry Park,

Inveraray, PA32 8XE.

AGENT: n/a

DESCRIPTION OF PREMISES:

The premises comprise Inveraray Castle set in its own grounds. The gift shop and tearoom are both located on the ground or basement level and have access from both within the Castle and externally.

	EXISTING CORE HOURS		PROPOSED CORE HOURS	
	ON SALES	OFF SALES	ON SALES	OFF SALES
Monday	10.00 to 17.45	11.00 to 17.45	10.00 to 22.00	10.00 to 22.00
Tuesday	10.00 to 17.45	11.00 to 17.45	10.00 to 22.00	10.00 to 22.00
Wednesday	10.00 to 17.45	11.00 to 17.45	10.00 to 22.00	10.00 to 22.00
Thursday	10.00 to 17.45	11.00 to 17.45	10.00 to 22.00	10.00 to 22.00
Friday	10.00 to 17.45	11.00 to 17.45	10.00 to 22.00	10.00 to 22.00
Saturday	10.00 to 17.45	11.00 to 17.45	10.00 to 22.00	10.00 to 22.00
Sunday	10.00 to 17.45	12.30 to 17.45	10.00 to 22.00	10.00 to 22.00

DETAILS OF VARIATIONS SOUGHT:-

The applicant wishes to vary the licence as follows:-

- 1) To vary the core hours for on and off sales.
- 2) To amend the seasonal variation,
- 3) Changes to the type of events to be held within the castle and grounds.
- 4) Changes to the layout plan to include event space within the castle and grounds.

5) To add conference facilities, bar meals, receptions, Club or other group meetings; recorded music, live music, dance facilities, theatre and outdoor drinking as activities on the licence.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES: Restaurant.

SEASONAL VARIATION: At the present time there is no seasonal variation. The applicant wishes to add the following as a seasonal variation:-

"The castle presently runs as a tourist attraction from approx 1st April to 31st October. We wish to have the flexibility to run the occasional event over the winter months which is very dependent on demand."

CAPACITY: On Sales – currently 70; Proposed – as follows: Gift shop - 26

Tearoom internal - 49 Tearoom external - 50

Internal events (Function Rooms) Private dining room - 46
Yellow drawing room - 56
Saloon - 104
Armoury Hall - 70
State Dining Room - 57
Tapestry Drawing Room - 88
Exhibition Room - 19

Basement Area Old Kitchen - 50
Tearoom sitting area - 49
Tearoom servery - 5
Shop - 26
Shop turret - 8

LSO: See attached report.

POLICE COMMENTS: No Police objections.

OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS: NONE

POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION:

- 1. Extend the terminal hour for on-sales from 5.45p.m. to 10p.m. Monday to Sunday.
- 2. Extend off-sales hours to 10a.m. to 10p.m. Monday to Sunday.
- 3. Addition of a seasonal variation.

- 4. To add the following activities-conferences, bar meals, receptions, club or other group meetings, recorded music, live music, dance facilities, theatre and outdoor drinking.
- 5. Clarification of the nature of live music. Provision of a noise management plan.
- 6. Changes to the layout plan to include event space.
- 7. Terminal hour for outdoor drinking.