

LSO REPORT

INVERARAY CASTLE TEAROOM & GIFT SHOP, INVERARAY CASTLE, INVERARAY, PA32 8XE

The licence holder has examined his current premises licence layout areas and services provided within these areas in terms of his Operating plan. He has decided on a number of changes to take the business forward in terms of new opportunities and extension of current activities. The applicant has been in early contact with the Licensing Standards Officer.

Operating Plan

Question 2

Core hours for on sales;

Current; 10.00 till 17:45 daily

Proposed; 10:00 till 22:00 daily

Question 3

Core hours for off sales

Current; 11:00 till 17:45 Monday till Saturday

12:30 till 17:45 Sunday

Proposed; 10:00 till 22:00 daily.

Question 4 Seasonal variation

Current No seasonal variation.

Proposed - the Castle presently runs as a tourist attraction from approx. the 1st April through until the 31st October. We wish to have the flexibility to run the Occasional event over the winter months which is very dependent on demand.

Question 5 Activities;

Add; accommodation, conference facilities and bar meals.

Add; social functions such as weddings funerals birthdays retirements and club meetings.

Add entertainment including recorded music, live performance, dance facilities and theatre.

Add; outside drinking facilities. (See new layout plans)

These activities are requested both within and outwith core hours where appropriate and include

Receptions, private evening events held within the castle and the external surroundings of the castle and garden.

Recorded music/live performance, entertainment for private events held within the castle and Garden.

Dancing – as part of a private event held within the castle and the external surroundings of the castle and garden

Question 5 (f)

Additional activities

Proposed; Castle and Gardens are open as a historic visitor attraction

To be able to sell alcohol through our on-line shop

Offer picnic hampers for consumption in the castle gardens
Bespoke premium tours of the castle with food and drink offering.
Pre-booked group dining
Whisky/wine tastings.

Question 6

Children and Young Persons

Terms

Current; Children will be permitted access provided that they are accompanied/supervised by an adult. There will be no restriction on young person's entering the tearoom.

Proposed; Children will be permitted access provided that they are accompanied/supervised by an adult. **(Over the age of 18)** There will be no restriction on young person's entering the tearoom.

Ages;

Current; Children up to the age of 15 will be permitted in the premises. Young persons of 16 and 17 will be permitted also.

Proposed; Children from the age of **0-15 years old** will be permitted in the premises. Young persons of 16 and 17 will be permitted also.

Times

Children and young persons will be allowed entry during the core hours, 10:00 -22:00, including for the duration of a function

Parts

Children and Young Persons will be permitted access to both the gift shop and the tearoom which will be licensed, along with other public areas of the castle and gardens.

Question 7

Capacity; the applicant has engaged a private consultant and architect to determine internal capacity in compliance with Building Regulations for events. The architect has broken down the person capacity per room/space to be utilised, a comprehensive view can be seen in the Operating Plan submitted. I conversed with the Council Building Standards Manager who confirms the methodology utilised.

The Off sales display capacity remains as is i.e. 2.024 square metres.

EHO

I contacted the applicant to request a copy of their completed site Covid-19 risk assessment. One was submitted to me which I reviewed and then asked the applicant to confirm what hand sanitiser and surface sanitiser spray/wipes they are using for cleaning. The products used are suitable for cleaning touch points in compliance with EN 14476 against Coronavirus.

The application states the intention for private events and performances, such as weddings, birthdays, dancing, and recorded and live music performances, to be held both within the castle and its external surroundings and garden potentially throughout the year. The

applicant should consider producing a noise management plan to be submitted to the Local Authority for approval prior to events/performances taking place. The purpose of this is to reduce potential noise impact on any nearby noise sensitive receptors.

The applicant also states their intention to hold theatre performances. Any person operating premises where they intend to use it for public performance of any play require to be licensed by the Local Authority. This is a requirement under the Theatres Act 1968.

We would have no objections to the application progressing.