

LSO Report

THE TOWER DIGITAL ARTS CENTRE, & SCOTTISH SUBMARINE CENTRE, CORNER OF SINCLAIR STREET AND WEST KING STREET, HELENSBURGH, G84 8TG (REPORT BY RAYMOND PARK)

The Tower Digital Arts Centre, incorporating the Scottish Submarine Centre is the result of a long term commitment to refurbish and make safe the old Church building where the charitable business is situated. After lengthy collaboration and upgrade the premises were able to confirm the Premises Licence, following agreement from Building Standards and the Fire Service. However that confirmation relates to a partial completion to the satisfaction of the aforesaid authorities.

This partial confirmation is best seen in terms of the current approved Layout Plan, which shows the restricted areas currently for use in red. When contrasted with the newly submitted Layout Plan the Board will note the extent of the change and the reason for this major variation to incorporate the additional area, provided Fire and Building Standards are satisfied in terms of public safety for their use.

Premises Licence Description of Premises

Current; The Tower Digital Arts Centre is a Scottish charity managed by volunteers. The centre operates 7 days a week providing the town with arts events and latest release cinema. The Centre also provide community training. The Scottish Submarine Trust operates the Scottish Submarine Centre and is also a Scottish charity managed by volunteers. The Scottish submarine centre operates as a museum 6 days a week.

Both social enterprises are operated from the former St Columba church complex. The building was built in 1861 and is a landmark building in the centre of Helensburgh. The centre was granted a change of use in 2017 and the two charities between them attract over 50,000 visitors a year.

Operating Plan

Question 4 Seasonal Variation.

Current; yes; on New Year's Eve, the premises operate to 2.00am.

Proposed No, delete above wording

Question 5 Activities

Remove; restaurant facilities, remove televised sports

Outdoor drinking, to be added to the layout plan

Question 6 Children and Young Persons

Terms;

Current; children are allowed entry to age appropriate events. For cinema this is as currently laid down under the cinema act and rated by the bbfc.

Proposed; The Venue (Tower and Submarine centre) allow children to enter. Drinks are purchased at the bar and consumed when the customer is seated. No alcohol will be consumed at the bar.

LSO proposal; Children and young persons are permitted access to the premises

Ages;

Current All ages

Proposed; all ages (in accordance with appropriate certification of films)

LSO proposal; Children 0-15 years Young Person's 16 &17 years

Times;

Current; All the Time

Proposed All Times

LSO proposal; children and young persons may remain on the premises until 10pm and may remain for the duration of a special event or function, provided, children are accompanied by an adult 18 years or over.

REGULATORY SERVICES – LICENSING STANDARDS

Parts

Current; all parts

Proposed; all areas of the premises.

LSO proposal; all public areas with exception of the immediate vicinity of any bar counter.

Question 7 capacity

Current 330 persons

Proposed

Screen 1 300

Screen 2 40

Screen 3 20

Submarine centre 150

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Will be consulted.