

LSO REPORT

GLENFORSA CAFÉ & FARM SHOP, GLENFORSA, AROS, ISLE OF MULL, PA72 6JN (REPORT BY RAYMOND PARK)

A Provisional Premises Licence application for a new restaurant and farm shop on the Isle of Mull. The applicant's website states;

"We have received full planning permission from Argyll and Bute Council and are currently building an exciting new restaurant and farm shop on the banks of the River Forsa. This development will open its doors in April 2024 and will provide visitors with a go-to destination for lunch or dinner, and enable them to view and purchase a large range of island produce in the adjoining farm shop."

<https://www.benmoreestate.co.uk/the-estate/future-developments/>

Description of Premises

Glenforsa Café and Farm Shop is a retail and restaurant venue located just outside Salen on the Isle of Mull. The building is detached, solely occupied and situated in its own grounds in a rural setting.

Following discussion with the Licensing Standards Officer the application has been amended as follows;

Operating Plan;

Question 1, alcohol will be sold for both consumption on and off the premises.

Question 2, on sales, 11:00 till 23:00 seven days

Question 3, off sales, 10:00 till 22:00 seven days.

Question 4; Seasonal Variation

Proposed, we intend to operate seasonally, that is, Between Easter and 31 October and out of this season we will operate dependent upon demand

The applicant has been advised of the following Board policy.

"Applicants should be aware that the Board anticipates that applicants will only apply for the licensed hours that they intend to operate. The Board recognises, however, that at certain times of the year demand may diminish to the point where it is no longer economically viable for premises to remain open, particularly on weekday evenings.

The Board expects that premises licence applicants ensure that if they anticipate being affected by this and wish to close early, for example during the winter months, that this is specifically referred to in their operating plan.

For guidance, the Board is likely to consider the following variation acceptable:

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 applicant has understood the Board policy and seeks the aforementioned seasonal variation as research shows this to be more in line with demand on the Isle of Mull.

Question 5 Activities

Restaurant & bar, receptions, clubs, recorded and live performance, (5 f; on the occasions when live music is provided this music may be amplified and comprise contemporary musicians/bands and/or ceillidh bands.) Televised sport, outdoor drinking area (shown on Layout Plan).

Applicant has been reminded that outside drinking, if granted, to cease at 10pm for adults and 8pm for children and young persons.

5a, Restaurant Facilities - we intend to open for Breakfast outside core licensing hours - from 9am.

5b, Recorded Music - we intend to have background music on from opening. This will not be Loud and purely atmospheric.

Question 6

Terms; Children and young persons will be permitted access to the premises provided they are accompanied by an adult aged 18 or over.

Ages; Children 0-15 Years; Young person's 16 & 17 years

Times; Children and Young Persons are permitted to remain on the premises until 10pm or the terminal hour if they are attending an event or private function.

Parts; all public parts with the exception of the immediate vicinity of the bar counter.

Question 7 Capacity 60

Area 1 first floor; 2.9 square metres

Area 2 ground floor; 7.5 square metres

Layout Plan; will be amended to show baby changing facilities

EHO; The EHO has been made aware of this application, a section 50 certificates will be required prior to confirmation. The applicant will seek noise management advice from the EHO.