

Application for Extended Hours

	Applicant	Premises	Event	Date(s) Requested	Times Requested
1.	M.E.T. Corporate Ltd	Mulligans 7-9 Arthur Street Ayr	Golf Open Troon 2024	14 th – 21 st July 2024	09:00 - 11:00* *Outwith Board Policy

M.E.T. Corporate Ltd - Mulligans, 7-9 Arthur Street, Ayr
Extended Hours Application – 14th to 21st July 2024
Report by Licensing Standards Officer

I refer to the Extended Hours application made for the premises now known as Mulligans, which is located in Arthur Street, Ayr. The application is to cover the use of these premises between the hours of 9am and 11am during the period of the 152nd Open Golf Championships which are being held on the Royal Troon Golf Course in Troon and the dates requested are Sunday 14th to Sunday 21st July 2024.

These premises currently enjoy core hours from 11am until 1.30am Monday to Sunday following a recent variation of the Operating Plan to move the opening time and terminal hour forward to cater for the food focus which is being advertised by the licence holder.

Having spoken to the applicant's representative I understand that the premises has received enquiries from local accommodation providers who are aware of large group bookings of visitors to the area looking for breakfast provision during the Open Golf Championship. There are a number of smaller cafes in the area, however they have a lower overall capacity than the 300 permitted by Mulligans Operating Plan and therefore the premises can accommodate large group bookings that cannot be catered for elsewhere and the operator has advised there is a demand for this.

Whilst the event itself is being held in Troon, many visitors to the area are booking accommodation and hospitality in the surrounding towns and this operator wishes to take advantage of the morning trade from those travelling on to the Golf.

The application seeks two additional morning hours per day which is out with what can be granted under delegated powers. It is usual practice for the Board to grant licences from 10am, however they have previously granted an extension of core hours to permit a 9am start to other premises in South Ayrshire when there are relevant sporting events.

I can confirm there are on sales premises in both Ayr and Prestwick who have core hours permitting the sale of alcohol from 9am so anyone visiting the area would be able to obtain alcohol from that time.

As the 152nd Open Golf Championships is an event of national significance, I am satisfied that it meets the application criteria, however the Board may wish to consider if it is willing to grant an additional two hours for this reason rather than the usual one hour per day.

Catrina Andrew
Licensing Standards Officer
1st May 2024