



Minutes of the meeting of the LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE held on TUESDAY 5 JANUARY 2021 at 7.30 pm

**Present:** Councillor Legg (Chair)  
Councillors Bowyer and Nazir

**Officers:** M Tiley (Solicitor - Litigation), S Teesdale (Licensing and Business Manager), A Ward (Licensing Officer) and J Crighton (Committee Manager)

**Also Present:** F Romanelli (applicant) and Councillor Nolan (interested party)

**LSC16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None disclosed.

**LSC17 NEW PREMISES LICENCE - ROMANELLI'S PIZZA RESTAURANT, ELFIELD PARK**

The Sub-Committee considered an application for a New Premises Licence, under Section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003, in respect of Romanelli's Pizza Restaurant, for the following licensable activities:

**Sale of Alcohol and Late Night Refreshments (Off Sale)**

11.00 to 02.00, Sunday to Thursday

11.00 to 05.00, Friday to Saturday

The Licensing Officer informed the Sub-Committee that the applicant traded from a purpose-built self-contained catering unit which was located off the V4. However, the unit was set back from the main road, but was visible from the highway.

The applicant had been trading from the area for approximately twelve months and provided food and non-alcohol beverages for collection or delivery only.

During the consultation process, an objection had been received from Councillor Nolan, a Ward Councillor for Loughton and Shenley.

Councillor Nolan informed the Sub-Committee that, whilst she supported local businesses, the hours applied for were excessive and she had concerns that people might purchase alcohol and consume it in neighbouring public areas and add to the existing problems of

litter; people drinking alcohol in the parks would spoil other people's enjoyment of the parks; existing graffiti, anti-social behaviour and gangs would potentially escalate; the impact on the recently licensed outdoor cinema at Elfield Park; and the concern that children and young people might have access to alcohol.

The applicant informed the Sub-Committee that alcohol would only be sold with food following a pre-order made by a customer either for collection or delivery; only beer and wines would be sold; the premises would operate a comprehensive CCTV system; staff would undertake adequate training relating to underage sales; and, to date, there had not been any complaints about noise.

The Sub-Committee noted that the extended hours applied for had been to increase the applicant's sales and he had sought advice from the Licensing team about the necessary measures to promote the licensing objectives; and had submitted proposed conditions with the application.

The Sub-Committee expressed concern at the applicant's ability to implement an effective Challenge 25 policy, specifically when making home deliveries. The applicant, however, assured the Sub-Committee that an effective Challenge 25 policy would be implemented, and, at the point of delivery, drivers would challenge any persons who appeared to be under the age of 25 and request that adequate proof of age be provided.

The Sub-Committee considered the concern of the interested party in relation to the existing problem of litter, however, there was no evidence that this problem was caused by the premises' customers.

RESOLVED -

That the application for a New Premises Licence be granted, with the following conditions:

1. that the licensable activities be undertaken only between:
  - (a) 11.00 am to midnight, Sunday to Thursday;
  - (b) 11.00 am to 2.00 am, Friday to Saturday;
2. that alcohol, in the form of beer and wines, only be sold with food;
3. that the shutters to the catering unit be closed at 10.00 pm and a delivery service only be operated after this time;
4. that collections be made 20 minutes after placing an online / mobile order; and

5. that the applicant take necessary steps to reduce litter.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 8.47 PM

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