

Minutes of the meeting of the LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE held on WEDNESDAY 18 AUGUST 2021 at 8.15 pm

Present: Councillor McLean (Chair)
Councillors Minns and Wallis

Officers: S Teesdale (Licensing and Business Manager), E Fisher (Senior Licensing Officer), M Tiley (Solicitor - Litigation) and J Crighton (Committee Manager)

Also Present: Mr R Thurairajah (applicant) and Mr C Robinson (applicant's representative)

LSC07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None disclosed.

LSC08 APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE - STRAWBERRY LOCAL, ST JOHN'S STREET, NEWPORT PAGNELL

The Sub-Committee considered an application for a new Premises Licence in respect of Strawberry Local, Newport Pagnell.

The Senior Licensing Officer informed the Sub-Committee that the premises was designed to operate as a convenience store which would supply alcohol for consumption off the premises.

The application had been to seek the sale of alcohol from 07.00 to midnight, Monday to Sunday.

The Senior Licensing Officer reported that, during the consultation process, representations had been received from a Responsible Authority, and other persons including a local business and a petition from residents mainly residing in Newport Pagnell.

The Sub-Committee noted that the applicant had subsequently agreed to additional conditions put forward by Trading Standards as a Responsible Authority, therefore, the representation had been withdrawn.

It noted that the representation received from the business was in close proximity to the premises and raised concern that the hours sought were excessive and there was no requirement for a further premises to sell alcohol.

It was reported that the petition, which had received over a 100 signatures, raised similar concerns together with issues surrounding parking, anti-social behaviour and littering. However, it was noted that only 42 signatories could be identified as those who had made a representation.

The Sub-Committee had undertaken a site visit of the premises prior to the hearing and had requested a summary of the licensed hours of public houses and off-licenses in the vicinity.

The applicant's representative informed the Sub-Committee that the necessary measures in respect of training staff and CCTV had been put in place; the petition was as a result of another off-licence premises in the area; and the applicant had agreed to reduce the hours of the sale of alcohol to 11.00 pm.

It noted that the off-license responsible for the petition misinterpreted the application believing it was a large business that could ultimately see the closure of smaller establishments.

RESOLVED -

1. That the application for the sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises be granted, from 07:00 to 11.00 pm, Monday to Sunday.
2. That the applicant to position CCTV to cover the external front area of the premises as part of the CCTV system to be installed, as specified within his operating schedule.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 8.38 PM