




**LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE HEARING  
MEMBERS' RECORD OF DETERMINATION**

**STRAWBERRY LOCAL, ST JOHN'S STREET, NEWPORT PAGNELL**

**NEW PREMISES LICENCE**

**18 AUGUST 2021**

<b>Constitution of the Sub-Committee:</b>	Councillors Minns and Wallis	
<b>Chair</b>	Councillor McLean	
<b>Legal Advisor:</b>	Meurig Tiley	
<b>Committee Manager:</b>	Jane Crighton	
<b>Licensing Officers:</b>	Simon Teesdale Ed Fisher	Licensing and Business Manager Senior Licensing Officer
<b>Premises Licence Holder:</b>	Mr Ramkumar Thurairajah	Strawberry Local
<b>Premises Licence Holder's Representative:</b>	Chris Robinson	
<b>Also Present:</b>	N/A	
<b>Documentation:</b>	Report of the Senior Licensing Officer and documentation.	
<b>Apologies:</b>	None	
<b>Disclosures of Interest:</b>	None	

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## 1. Reason for Hearing

The Senior Licensing Officer advised the Sub-Committee that a hearing was necessary to determine an application for a new Premises Licence for Strawberry Local, St John's Street, 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.

## 2. Considerations

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conditions put forward by Trading Standards as a Responsible Authority, therefore, the representation had been withdrawn.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 was 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.

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### 3. Decision

The Sub-Committee carefully considered all the evidence before it, including the applicant's representative's comments and the representations from interested parties, and 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 was 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.

### 4. Reasons


The Sub-Committee carefully considered the submission from the applicant and representations on this matter.

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.

### 5. Appeal

An appeal must be commenced by notice of appeal given by the applicant or persons who made a relevant representation to the designated officer for the Magistrates' Court within the period of 21 days beginning with the day on which the applicant was notified by the Sub-Committee of the decision appealed against.

Should they choose to appeal this decision, they are advised to seek independent legal advice prior to doing so.

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