

Minutes of the meeting of the REGULATORY SUB-COMMMITTEE held on THURSDAY 30 JULY 2020 at 6.04 pm

- Present:** Councillor Legg (Chair)
Councillors Bowyer, Marlow and Trendall
- Officers:** J Sloan (Senior Licensing Officer), K Hulatt (Principal Solicitor - Litigation) and J Crighton (Committee Manager)
- Apology:** Councillor Cryer-Whitehead
- Also Present:** K Brown (applicant) and P Caves (Team Leader [Traffic and Development]) (interested party)

RSC03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None disclosed.

RSC04 STREET TRADING CONSENT RENEWAL APPLICATION - K&A ONLY FOOD AND SAUCES, DEANS ROAD, OLD WOVERTON

The Sub-Committee considered an application for a Street Trading Consent Renewal for K&A Only Food and Sauces, Deans Road, Old Wolverton, to continue trading between the hours of 7.30 am and 1.30 pm.

The Senior Licensing Officer informed the Sub-Committee that the applicant had held Street Trading Consent in the location since January 2020 and that Street Trading Consent had been permitted on Deans Road since 2017.

It was reported that, during the consultation process for renewal, an objection had been received from the Council's Highways team.

The representation specifically looked at road safety, the suitability of the location for a street trader and how it could impede sight lines and force vehicles into oncoming traffic.

The Sub-Committee noted that statistics in relation to road safety issues had not been available to support the objection. It heard that other locations would be better from a Highways point of view and there were also difficulties with the trader accessing a specific spot on the road due to parking issues.

The Sub-Committee was advised that any signage displayed to alert road users to the street trading vehicle could potentially cause confusion.

The Sub-Committee asked if there was any benefit if the applicant uncoupled the trading vehicle from the car to shorten the vehicle, however, it was suggested that this seemed unduly onerous on the trader and Highways officers could not confirm that it would be of any benefit.

The applicant informed the Sub-Committee that the trading vehicle was at the edge of Old Wolverton Road which was a prohibited area. The applicant explained that she would like to remain at the location as she had built up a good rapport with local businesses and to move the trading vehicle would be difficult due to road congestion.

The Sub-Committee carefully considered the representations put forward, both from the Council's Highways Team and the applicant.

The Sub-Committee noted that there had been street trading on Deans Road since 2017, and there had been no complaints regarding obstruction of traffic and no recorded incidents of road traffic collisions at the site.

RESOLVED -

1. That the application for Street Trading Consent Renewal be granted for twelve months in the same location.
2. That the applicant liaise with the Highways team to introduce measures to reduce the risk to road users.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 6:48 PM