



## 1. Reason for Hearing

The Senior Licensing Officer advised the Sub-Committee that a hearing was necessary to determine an application for a Variation to a Premises Licence in respect of The Point Kiosk, Central Milton Keynes.

The Senior Licensing Officer informed the Sub-Committee that the application was to amend the plan and to remove Condition 2.4 on the current licence, which would permit the applicant to sell beers that were a higher percentage ABV and also spirits, which had previously been prohibited due to the 6% limit.

## 2. Considerations

During the consultation process, an objection had been received from Thames Valley Police.

The applicant's representative informed the Sub-Committee that the premises had not sold alcohol since the licence had been granted in 2017; there was very limited space in the premises; they were aware that higher strength alcohol could potentially encourage street drinkers and teenagers; the premises had not failed a test purchase and team members were adequately trained.

## 3. Decision

The Sub-Committee carefully considered all the evidence before it, including the applicant's representatives comments and the representation from Thames Valley Police, and resolved:

That the variation to the Premises Licence be granted, with the following conditions:

1. That Condition 2.4 be amended to read:  
  
    'No Alcohol with alcohol levels above 6% ABV be sold at the premises after 8.00 pm'.
2. That alcohol be stored in a lockable cabinet.

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3. That a review of the licence take place if problems arose, such as anti-social behaviour.

**4. Reasons**

The Sub-Committee heard from the applicant's representative and carefully considered the submission from Thames Valley Police on this matter.

The Sub-Committee noted that the premises was situated beside The Point in the middle of the shopping centre and was surrounded by commercial and shopping units, a public transport hub and the market.

It noted that the premises had not sold alcohol in the last three years as the landlord had not given permission for them to do so, however, the premises was under a new landlord who had granted consent for the sale of alcohol.

The Sub-Committee noted the main concern of the Police was that Central Milton Keynes was the most prolific area relating to street drinking and anti-social behaviour and, if the application was granted, this could result in an increase of this behaviour in the area. There was no objection made against the amendment to the plan.

It noted that Central Milton Keynes was subject to a Public Space Protection Order which prohibits the consumption of alcohol within the area and gave the Police more powers when dealing with alcohol related anti-social behaviour.

The Sub-Committee noted that the premises had recently been inspected by the Licensing Authority and the necessary documentation was in place ready to sell alcohol in compliance with the conditions on the licence.

It noted that the applicant's representative had suggested that, if the licence be granted, this be for a three month trial period and if no evidence was found that the sale of alcohol increased street drinking and anti-social behaviour, then the licence be increased.

The Senior Licensing Officer advised the Sub-Committee that it did not have the authority to grant a licence for a time limited period.

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## 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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