

## **Minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee 1**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 at 10.20 am**  
**In the Council Chamber, The Council House, Dudley**

### **Present:-**

Councillor S Keasey (Chair)  
Councillors C Elcock and C Perks

### **Officers:-**

B Hughes – Assistant Team Manager (Place Directorate); R Clark – Solicitor and  
H Shepherd – Democratic Services Officer (Chief Executive's Directorate).

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#### **4. Declarations of Interest**

No Member made a declaration of interest in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct.

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#### **5. Application for Grant of a New Premises Licence – 22 Manor Lane, Halesowen**

A report of the Strategic Director Place was submitted on an application for the grant of a new premises licence, in respect of the premises known as 22 Manor Lane, Halesowen.

The following persons were in attendance at the meeting in respect of this application:-

Mr H Singh – Applicant  
Mr S Singh – Landlord of the premises

Following introductions, the Assistant Team Manager presented the report on behalf of the Council. It was noted that written representations had been received from two Ward Councillors, copies of which had been submitted to all relevant parties in advance of the meeting.

In the absence of the two Ward Councillors, the Assistant Team Manager presented the objections on their behalf.

Mr S Singh, presented the case on behalf of the applicant and commented that he himself had formerly managed the premises and that a premises licence had previously been granted.

Mr S Singh also stated that the applicant's wife would be supporting Mr H Singh with the operation of the store and that Mr H Singh had recognised that the hours outlined in the application for the proposed sale of alcohol may be considered excessive and therefore had contemplated amending the proposed operating schedule.

In addressing the issues raised with regard to parking within the locality of the premises, Mr S Singh confirmed that it was proposed for the frontage of the property to be converted into additional car parking spaces. It was commented that the school referred to in the objections, was located a distance from the premises and was not directly opposite the store. It was also stated that the public house and bridal store located within the vicinity, both had their own car parking facilities, therefore it was considered that there was adequate car parking available.

It was stated that Mr H Singh understood the law and fire requirements of a premises and confirmed that Close Circuit Television (CCTV) had been fitted with recording mechanisms to support the prevention of crime and disorder at the premises. It was Mr H Singh's intention to provide a good service to the general public.

Arising from a question asked by a Member, it was confirmed that Mr H Singh and his wife were both Directors of the organisation Midland Express Limited and that Mr H Singh had not previously held a premises licence but had had experience of working in a store within the Leicester area. It was confirmed that the premises was not currently open, but had been refitted in anticipation of a licence being granted and that he also proposed to sell newspapers, hence the reason for the proposed early operating times.

In response to a question raised by the Chair, Mr H Singh, although supported by Mr S Singh due to his difficulty in speaking the English language, was unable to outline the four licensing objectives. It was confirmed that Mr H Singh had obtained his personal licence three months prior and would be the appointed Designated Premises Supervisor at the premises.

Following the opportunity for the applicant to sum-up his case, all parties withdrew from the meeting to enable the Sub-Committee to determine the application.

The Sub-Committee having made their decision invited the parties to return and the Solicitor outlined the decision.

### **Resolved**

That, following consideration of the information contained in the report submitted and presented at the meeting, the application for grant of a premises licence in respect of the premises known as 22 Manor Lane, Halesowen, be refused, as the Sub-Committee was not satisfied that the applicant understood the licencing objectives or the responsibilities of a Premises Licence Holder or that of a Designated Premises Supervisor.

Mr H Singh was advised of his right to appeal the decision of the Sub-Committee.

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The meeting ended at 11.00am

CHAIR