

**Minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee 2
Tuesday, 21st June, 2022 at 10.00 am
In the Council Chamber, the Council House, Dudley**

Present:

Councillor K Razzaq (Chair)
Councillors M Howard and E Taylor

Officers:

L Rouse – Senior Licensing Clerk (Directorate of Public Realm), R Clark – Principal Solicitor and H Mills - Democratic Services Officer (Directorate of Finance and Legal).

1. **Apology for absence**

An apology for absence from the meeting was submitted on behalf of Councillor P Drake.

2. **Appointment of Substitute Member**

It was reported that Councillor M Howard had been appointed to serve as a substitute member for Councillor P Drake, for this meeting of the Committee only.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

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

4. **Minutes**

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 12th October 2021, be approved as a correct record, and signed.



5. **Application for Grant of a New Premises Licence – Shell Corner Off-Licence and Newsagent, 307-308 Long Lane, Halesowen**

A report of the Interim Director of Public Realm was submitted on an application for Grant of a New Premises Licence in respect of the premises known as Shell Corner Off-Licence and Newsagent, 307-308 Long Lane, Halesowen.

The following persons were in attendance at the meeting:-

V Saravanabavan – Applicant

R Jordan – Applicant’s representative

Following introductions, the Senior Licensing Clerk presented the report on behalf of the Council and confirmed that representations had been received from two Ward Councillors. Confirmation of their attendance at the meeting had not been received.

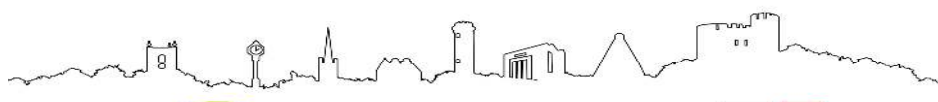
In providing clarification, and in response to a question raised by R Clark, on behalf of the Sub-Committee, R Jordan confirmed that the premises currently had a licence to sell alcohol between the hours of 7am to 11pm, seven days a week. A new application had been submitted instead of a variation application, and should the Sub-Committee be minded to grant the new premises licence, the existing licence would be surrendered.

R Jordan then presented the case on behalf of the applicant, and in doing so, confirmed that documentation in support of the application and operating schedule had been submitted and circulated to Members in advance of the meeting. It was reported that no representations had been received from West Midlands Police or any other responsible authority fortifying the objections raised by the two Ward Councillors.

In responding to the comments made in the objections, R Jordan commented that it was considered unlikely that youths would congregate at the premises and that the outcome of the application in relation to the premises located opposite Shell Corner Off-Licence and Newsagent, was irrelevant in the consideration of this application.

R Jordan confirmed that staff would be required to undertake training and a copy of the training material had been circulated to the Sub-Committee prior to the meeting. Signage would also be displayed to request customers to limit noise nuisance, although it was highlighted that no residents had objected to the application.

In response to a question raised by Councillor E Taylor in relation to the staffing arrangements required to service the additional hours, the applicant stated that there would be two members of staff on the premises throughout the night. Customers would be able to access the premises up until 2am, after that time, sales would be made through a hatch until 5am.



In responding to a question raised by the Chair, R Jordan confirmed that the outside area would be monitored through the premises window in addition to external Close Circuit Television (CCTV) which was installed at the premises.

All parties were provided with the opportunity to sum up their cases, following which all parties withdrew from the meeting to enable the Sub-Committee to determine the application. Having made their decision, the meeting was reconvened, and the Chair outlined the decision.

Resolved

That following consideration of the information contained in the report submitted and presented at the meeting, the application for a new premises licence in respect of the premises known as Shell Corner Off-Licence and Newsagents, 307-308 Long Lane, Halesowen, be granted.

6. **Application for Grant of a New Premises Licence – Tesco Express, Belmont Road, Stourbridge**

The Sub-Committee noted that the objection to this application had been withdrawn in advance of the meeting and therefore the Sub-Committee were no longer required to consider the application.

The meeting ended at 10.25am.

CHAIR