

MINUTES OF LICENSING PANEL MEETING - TUESDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2023

Present:

Councillors

Hunter D Scott Wilshaw

In Attendance:

Lennox Beattie, Executive and Regulatory Manager

Sharon Davies, Senior Licensing Solicitor

1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

The Licensing Panel considered the appointment of a Chairman for the meeting.

Resolved:

That Councillor Hunter be appointed Chairman for the meeting.

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST - LICENSING

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

3 PROCEDURE FOR THE MEETING

The Chairman explained the procedure for the meeting including that an equal time limit of twenty minutes had been allocated for all parties.

4 APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE - ARTHUR'S DAILY, 306 HIGHFIELD ROAD, BLACKPOOL, FY4 3JX

The Licensing Panel considered an application for a new Premises Licence in respect of Arthur's Daily, 306 Highfield Road. The application requested permission for the sale of alcohol between 0700 and 2300 Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 2330 Friday and Saturdays.

Mr Luke Stubberfield, Director of the Applicant and Proposed Designated Supervisor was in attendance and spoke in support of the application. Mr Stubberfield explained that the shop would be a convenience store with the sale of alcohol part of a range of goods. The business would be operated by Mr Stubberfield and members of his immediate family many of whom were experienced in such an environment. Mr Stubberfield further explained that he had been a local resident for many years and so was aware of the environment of the locality.

The Public Objector Mrs Jeyanthini Sutha was in attendance accompanied by her representative Mr Mark Marshall of M Squared Services Ltd. Mr Marshall on behalf of Mrs Sutha explained the problems which had been experienced for many years in the area particularly with anti-social behaviour linked to the nearby High School. Mr Marshall

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expressed Mrs Sutha's concerns that another convenience store nearby would undermine the Licensing Objectives particularly the Protection of Children from Harm. Mr Marshall expressed concerns at the shop layout and outlined his opinion that this reinforced his view of the applicant's inexperience.

The Licensing Panel considered the evidence submitted by both parties. On balance it was not persuaded by the objections submitted as these were not supported by the Police or other responsible authorities. It noted that the Premises were not within the Cumulative Impact Zone and no other representations had been received.

Its view was that while the locality might prove challenging for a new operator equally Mr Stubberfield was both aware of the area and his responsibilities under the Licensing Act. It therefore concluded that the licence should be granted. The Licensing Panel did recommend that the shop layout be revised to maximise the supervision of alcohol. In particular it recommended that the slushy machine be moved so that counter staff could more easily supervise the premises.

Resolved:

That the Premises Licence in respect of Arthur's Daily be granted as applied for.

Chairman

(The meeting ended at 7.00 pm)

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