

Report to:	Licensing Panel
Relevant Officer:	Sharon Davies, Head of Licensing Services
Date of Meeting :	10 January 2017

APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE – Grosvenor Stores

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider an application for a Premises Licence at Grosvenor Stores, 226 Church Street.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 The panel is requested to consider the application and determine whether the granting of this licence would adversely impact on the licensing objectives.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 Representations have been received therefore there must be a hearing to determine the application.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None, once an application has been submitted and representations received it must be considered by the Licensing Panel.

4.0 Background Information

4.1 On 7 November 2016, the Licensing Service received an application from Mr Araz Said for a Premises Licence at Grosvenor Stores, 226 Church Street

4.2 The application requests permission to sell alcohol for consumption off the premises 08.00 – 22.00 hours daily (from 08.30 on Sundays). A copy of the application is

attached at Appendix 4a.

- 4.3 Representations have been received from Lancashire Constabulary, Public Health, the Licensing Authority and Children's Services. Copies of the representations are attached at Appendices 4b, 4c, 4d and 4e.

4.4 **Local policy considerations**

This premises is situated within Talbot Ward which is one for four wards that form part of the off-licence saturation policy. The effect of this policy is to create a rebuttable presumption that applications will be refused. To rebut this presumption, an applicant would be expected to show through the operating schedule, and where appropriate with supporting evidence, that the operation of the premises will not add to the cumulative impact already being experienced. The following sections of the policy are relevant:

4.8.3 This policy does not act as an absolute prohibition on the granting of new off licences however, the policy will only be overridden in genuinely exceptional cases where the applicant can demonstrate that the granting of the application will not undermine the policy and the reasons for it.

4.8.4 An application is not likely to be classed as exceptional merely on the ground that the premises have been or will be operated within the terms of its licence or that they are/will be well managed. This is to be expected of any application.

4.5 **National policy considerations**

9.12 – The police are an essential source of advice and information on the impact and potential impact of licensable activities, particularly on the crime and disorder objective. The licensing authority should accept all reasonable and proportionate representations made by the police unless the authority has evidence that do so would not be proportionate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

9.42 – The authority's decision should be evidence-based, justified as being appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives and proportionate to what it is intended to achieve.

13.35 – After receiving relevant representations in relation to a new application for or a variation of a licence or certificate, the licensing authority must consider whether it would be justified in departing from its special policy in the light of the individual circumstances of the case... if the licensing authority decides that an application should be refused, it will still need to show that the grant of the application would undermine the promotion of one of the licensing objectives and that appropriate conditions would be ineffective in preventing the problems involved.

4.6 Observations

None

4.7 Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

4.8 List of Appendices:

Appendix4a: Application

Appendix 4b: Representation from Lancashire Constabulary

Appendix 4c Representation from Licensing Authority

Appendix 4d: Representation from Public Health

Appendix 4e: Representations from Children's Services

5.0 Legal considerations:

5.1 Please see local and national policy in the background information.

6.0 Human Resources considerations:

6.1 None

7.0 Equalities considerations:

7.1 None

8.0 Financial considerations:

8.1 None