

Licensing Subcommittee

08 November 2013 at 9.30 am

Present:	Councillors Tyler (Chairman), Patel and Cooper	
	Licensing Manager	Mrs Sarah Meeten
	Licensing Officer	Peter Savage
	Applicant	Ms Katarzyna Lecka-Sgagzad Mr Anthony O'Connell, Applicant's Advisor
	Interested Parties	Mrs Teresa Hamlin, Local Resident Mrs Karen Short, Local Resident
	Legal Representative	Delwyn Jones

1. Election of Chairman

Prior to commencement of the meeting it had been agreed that Councillor Tyler would chair the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

3. Application for a Premises Licence under Section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 – Wick Express, 2 Essex House, Wick Street, Littlehampton

Prior to commencement of consideration of this item, the Chairman requested those in attendance to introduce themselves and stated that there was a laid down procedure to be followed, a copy of which was before all those speaking at the meeting. He also stated that a verbatim note of the meeting would not be taken and should anyone wish anything particular to be noted they should indicate accordingly to enable this to be done.

The Licensing Officer presented this report which set out the detail of an application for a new premises licence for a convenience store to be known as Wick Express, 2 Essex House, Wick Street, Littlehampton. Matters had been resolved between the applicant, the Police and the Council by way of conditions being added to the operating schedule. However, two representations from interested parties relating to public nuisance remained outstanding.

In line with the Council's procedure, representations were received and taken due account of from the applicant and the interested parties.

In presenting the applicant's case, Mr O'Donnell requested amendment of the condition applied to address the Protection of Children from Harm licensing objective to 'An age verification scheme set at a minimum age of 25....' rather than 'A proof of age scheme, such as Challenge 25.....' The Licensing Officer was of the view that the amended wording was better and could see no reason not to agree. In addition, Mr O'Donnell offered that the opening hours of the premises would be reduced to a closing time of 10.00 p.m. 7 days a week and hoped that would address the concerns of the local residents. The applicant wished to work closely with all parties and asked that if any issues arose to please contact her so that they could be resolved as she had no wish to exacerbate any problems in the area.

Mrs Hamlin and Mrs Short were pleased to note the offer of reduced hours of opening for the premises.

Following questions and answers between all parties present, the Subcommittee then retired from the meeting to consider its decision. The Council's Solicitor was asked to verify the lawfulness of the decision being made and, on the meeting being reconvened, he gave advice to that effect.

The Chairman then advised all those in attendance of the decision of the Subcommittee as follows:-

That, following consideration of the application for a premises licence for Wick Express, Wick Street, Littlehampton, a licence be granted in accordance with the agreed conditions to be attached to the operating schedule, subject to a closing time of the entire premises of 10.00 p.m. 7 days a week and amended wording of the Age 25 condition detailed above.

Reason: The Subcommittee was of the view that the applicant was taking adequate steps to address the concerns of the interested parties.

(The meeting concluded at 10.01 a.m.)

Signed Chairman