

LICENSING, ENVIRONMENT & SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE A

Meeting: 28 September 2021

At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Chris Gordon (Chair) in the chair; Councillors Dickie Davies and Alanna Vine.

1. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 2 September 2021 (copies of which had been circulated) were approved as a correct record and signed by the chair.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors and officers were invited to declare any interests which they had in any of the items on the agenda for the meeting.

No declarations were made.

3. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PUBLIC INTEREST TEST

RESOLVED - That notwithstanding the submission of information as part of Agenda Item 5 – ‘Licensing Act 2003: Application to vary the Premises Licence at 103 Bloom Street, Edgeley, Stockport’ which had been classified as ‘Not for Publication’ by virtue of it containing material which related to an individual, the Sub-Committee was satisfied that in the circumstances it was not necessary for the public to be excluded from the meeting.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No public questions were submitted.

5. LICENSING ACT 2003: APPLICATION TO VARY THE PREMISES LICENCE AT 103 BLOOM STREET, EDGELEY, STOCKPORT

A representative of the Corporate Director (Place) & Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing an application from Ms Monika Pyka for a variation of the premises licence at 103 Bloom Street Edgeley, Stockport to extend the hours for the supply of alcohol off the premises.

A representative of the applicant attended the meeting and answered Councillors’ questions in relation to the application. At this stage in the proceedings, the representative of the applicant indicated that they would be prepared to amend the application to reduce the hours for the sale of alcohol to 22.00 hours, Sunday to Thursday.

Six objectors to the proposal, having previously submitted written representations in relation to the application, also attended the meeting, explained their objections and answered Councillors’ questions in relation to the application. The Sub-Committee also

considered and were mindful of the further written representations that had been submitted in relation to this application.

There were no representations made by any responsible authority.

The Sub-Committee, having heard the interested parties, proceeded to consider the licensing objectives in respect of the application, together with the relevant parts of the Council's Licensing Policy and the guidance from the Home Office. However, the decision was reached on consideration of all the arguments given in relation to this specific application.

The Sub-Committee found the following:-

(i) Crime and Disorder

The Sub-Committee was satisfied that no relevant representations had been raised in respect of this licensing objective.

(ii) Protection of Children

The Sub-Committee was satisfied that no relevant representations had been raised in respect of this licensing objective.

(iii) Public Safety

The Sub-Committee was satisfied that no relevant representations had been raised in respect of this licensing objective.

(iv) Public Nuisance

The Sub-Committee was satisfied that relevant representations had been raised in respect of this licensing objective, specifically, the representations asserted that the variation of the premises licence would result in an increase in noise late at night associated with people entering and leaving the premises; car doors being closed; and the shop shutters being closed. Further representations were received in relation to anti-social behaviour taking place in the immediate vicinity of the premises and an increase in littering associated with the sale of alcohol.

The Sub-Committee noted that the applicant had offered to amend their application such that the hours for the sale of alcohol Sunday to Thursday be reduced to 22.00 hours - however it was of the view that notwithstanding the proposed amendment, this would not serve to suitably mitigate against the issues of public nuisance that would consequently be experienced within the locality during the extended hours of operation.

Further the Sub-Committee determined that there were no additional conditions that could be imposed on the licence that would satisfactorily ameliorate the concerns that had been expressed by the objectors during the hearing.

It was then

RESOLVED – That having heard an application for a variation of the premises licence at 103 Bloom Street Edgeley, Stockport to extend the hours for the supply of alcohol off the premises the Sub-Committee was satisfied that relevant representations had been raised in respect of this licensing objective, specifically, the representations asserted that the variation of the premises licence would result in an increase in noise late at night associated with people entering and leaving the premises; car doors being closed; and the shop shutters being closed. Further representations were received in relation to anti-social behaviour taking place in the immediate vicinity of the premises and an increase in littering associated with the sale of alcohol.

The Sub-Committee noted that the applicant had offered to amend their application such that the hours for the sale of alcohol Sunday to Thursday be reduced to 22.00 hours - however it was of the view that notwithstanding the proposed amendment, this would not serve to suitably mitigate against the issues of public nuisance that would consequently be experienced within the locality during the extended hours of operation.

Further the Sub-Committee determined that there were no additional conditions that could be imposed on the licence that would satisfactorily ameliorate the concerns that had been expressed by the objectors during the hearing, and accordingly it was determined that the application should be rejected.

The meeting closed at 7.31 pm