

LICENSING, ENVIRONMENT & SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE A

Meeting: 20 May 2024

At: 11.00 am

PRESENT

Councillor Dickie Davies (Chair) in the chair; Councillors Grace Baynham and Liz Crix.

1. 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 of interest were made.

2. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members of the public were invited to put questions to the Chair on any matters in the powers or duties of the Sub-Committee, subject to the exclusions set out within the Code of Practice.

No public questions were submitted.

3. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PUBLIC INTEREST TEST

RESOLVED – That, notwithstanding the submission of information as part of Agenda Item 4 – ‘Application to vary the premises license at Inventory, 59-61 Station Road, Cheadle Hulme, Stockport, SK8 7AA’, which had been classified as ‘not for publication’ by virtue of it containing material which related to an individual, the Sub Committee was satisfied that in the circumstances it was not necessary for the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. APPLICATION TO VARY THE PREMISES LICENCE AT INVENTORY, 59-61 STATION ROAD, CHEADLE HULME, STOCKPORT, SK8 7AA

A representative of the Director of Place Management submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing an application from Inventive Drinkery Co Limited to vary the premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003 at Inventory, 59–61 Station Road, Cheadle Hulme, Stockport, SK8 7AA, which sought an extension of the hours for the sale of alcohol (on and off the premises) on Monday to Sunday from 08:00 to 01.00 hours; an extension of the hours for the provision of recorded music (indoors), Monday to Sunday from 08:00 to 01:00 hours; and to include the provision of late night refreshment Monday to Sunday from 23:00 to 01:00 hours.

The applicant and their representative attended the meeting, presented their application, and answered Councillors’ questions in relation to the application.

An objector to the proposal, having previously submitted a written representation in relation to the application also attended the meeting, explained their objections to the proposals and answered Councillors’ questions in relation to the 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 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 from Harm

The Sub-Committee noted that a representation had been submitted on the basis that the application did not promote the protection of children from harm licensing objective. However, the Sub-Committee was of the view that the representation related to matters of public nuisance and considered that it should be addressed as part of that licensing objective.

The Sub-Committee was therefore 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) Prevention of Public Nuisance

The Sub Committee was satisfied that relevant representations had been received in respect of this licensing objective, specifically the representations asserted that the granting of the variation would result in increased noise levels in the outside area of the premises during licensable hours, creating disturbances for nearby residents.

The Sub Committee noted with approval the voluntary conditions proposed by the premise licence holder, namely:

- That the Designated Premises Supervisor will operate a last entry time of midnight.
- That a written dispersal policy shall be in place.
- That a complaints log will be held.
- That an external area management plan will be drawn up and implemented.

However, it was determined that in order to properly address the prevention of public nuisance licensing objective, it would be necessary to impose further conditions on the premises, namely:

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- That any doors and windows to the rear of the building will also be closed by the time that the external area stops being used, save for access and egress, namely Sunday to Friday from 22:00 hours, and Saturday from 23:00 hours.
- That a telephone number must be provided to residents which must be answerable during opening hours.

It was then

RESOLVED – (1) That the hours of the supply of alcohol (on and off the premises) be approved as Monday to Sunday, 08:00 hours to 01:00 hours.

(2) That the hours of the provision of recorded music (indoors) be approved as Monday to Sunday, 08:00 hours to 01:00 hours.

(3) That approval be given to the imposition of the proposed conditions by the applicant as part of a letter sent to residents to appear on the premises licence in addition to the mandatory conditions.

(4) That approval be given to the condition that any doors and windows to the rear of the building will also be closed by the time that the external area stops being used, save for access and egress, namely Sunday to Friday from 22:00 hours, and Saturday from 23:00 hours.

(5) That approval be given to the condition that a telephone number must be provided to residents which must be answerable during opening hours.

The meeting closed at 12.48 pm