Licensing Act 2003 Sub-Committee

Monday, 18 July 2011

Present: Councillor Stella Walsh (Chair) and Councillors Doreen Dickinson and Marion Lowe

11.LAS.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

11.LAS.02 DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

11.LAS.03 APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE - TALBOT EXPRESS STORE, 7 TALBOT ROW, BALSHAW LANE, EUXTON

Members of the Sub-Committee considered a report from the Director of People and Places which sought the Sub-Committee's decision on an application for a premises licence for the Talbot Express Stores, 7 Talbot Row, Balshaw Lane, Euxton.

The applicant, his colleague, and agent attended the meeting to put forward their representations supporting the application, and four residents also attended to object to the application.

Members of the Sub-Committee considered carefully the applicant and the applicant's agent's written and verbal representations and the written representation from residents and verbal representations from the resident nominated to speak on behalf of the residents at the meeting. Members of the Sub-Committee had considered the guidance issued under Section 4 of the Licensing Act 2003, its Statement of Policy and the amended guidance issued by the Secretary of State under Section 182 of the Act, together with the Council's Licensing Policy, in particular those paragraphs referred to in the report. Members of the Sub-Committee also considered Human Rights implications, in particular Article 6, Article 8 and Article 1 of the First Protocol.

Members of the Sub-Committee considered that:

- concerns raised by interested parties relating to parking were not relevant to the licensing objectives
- the reduction in opening hours to 22.30 hours by the applicant addressed the concerns of the interested parties regarding late opening
- that there had not been any representations from other responsible authorities including the Police in relation to the crime and disorder objective

They further considered that the conditions relating to CCTV, the Challenge 25 Policy, and training and in addition the indication from the applicant that signage would be installed at the premises reminding patrons to leave quietly addressed the issues raised relating to the licensing objectives.

Members of the Sub-Committee were of the view that the licensing objective of the prevention of crime and disorder and the other licensing objectives would not be undermined by the grant of the application and unanimously RESOLVED – To grant the application for a premises licence subject to the conditions proposed in the application and the changes proposed by the applicant at the hearing which are as follows (Points 2 and 3 to be conditions attached to the premises licence):

- 1. Reduction in the closing time and supply of alcohol, Monday to Sunday 07.00-22.30 hours
- 2. The premises will operate a Challenge 25 Policy
- 3. That no sale of alcohol will take place on the premises until all staff have been adequately trained in avoiding underage alcohol sales such training to be repeated at six monthly intervals thereafter.

Chair