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KIRKLEES COUNCIL

LICENSING PANEL

Wednesday 18th January 2023

Present: Councillor Amanda Pinnock (Chair)
Councillor Michael Watson
Councillor Paola Antonia Davies

In attendance: Jordan Barrett, Licensing Officer
Philip Asquith, Licensing Officer
Mike Skelton, Senior Licensing Officer
David Stickley, Senior Legal Officer

1 Site Visit

Site visit undertaken by Councillor Watson and Councillor Davies.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

That the minutes of the meeting held on the 5th December 2022, be approved as a correct record.

3 Interests

No interests were declared.

4 Admission of the Public

All agenda items were considered in public session.

5 Deputations/Petitions

No deputations or petitions were received.

6 Public Question Time

No public questions were asked.

7 Application for the Grant of a Premise Licence, Moll Springs Brewery, Moll Springs, Netherton, Huddersfield HD4 7DN

The Panel considered a report which outlined an application under section S51 of the Licensing Act 2003, for the Grant of a premises Licence, Moll Springs Brewery, Moll Springs, Netherton, Huddersfield, HD4 7DN.

The Panel was advised that on the 10th October 2022, the Licensing Department received an application for the grant of a premises licence for Moll Springs Brewery, Moll Springs, Netherton, Huddersfield, HD4 7DN.

The licensable activities applied for were as follows:

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Sale of alcohol (Both on and off the premises) Monday – Sunday 12:00 – 22:30

In response to the application, two representations from members of the public were received stating that should the licence be granted, the licensing objectives in respect of the prevention of crime and disorder, prevention of public nuisance, public safety, and the protection of children from harm would not be achieved.

The Panel was advised that the application had been served on responsible authorities to which one representation was received from Environmental Health. It was noted that the applicant had agreed to the conditions Environmental Health had requested.

The applicant advised that the business had operated several temporary events throughout lock-down, with 50 events taking place between 2020 to 2022, which did not receive any complaints from neighbours.

Responding to concerns raised by the objectors, the applicant explained that the neighbours were very important to the business, and that they had employed a steward on the entrance of the premises to ensure that the road and entrance was open for access. The applicant also advised that the intention was to move all events inside the brewery to minimise noise, with no music after 7:00pm.

RESOLVED:

That the application for the Grant of a Premises Licence: Moll Springs Brewery, Moll Springs, Netherton, HD4 7DN be granted as requested.

8 Application for the Grant of a Premises Licence: Sun News, 178 Healey Lane, Batley, WF17 8BN

The Panel considered a report which outlined an application under section S51 of the Licensing Act 2003, for the Grant of a premises Licence, Sun News, 178 Healey Lane, Batley, WF17 8BN.

The Panel was advised that on the 2nd December 2022, the Licensing Department received an application for the grant of a premises licence for Sun News, 178 Healey Lane, Batley, WF17 8BN.

The licensable activities applied for were as follows:

Sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises Monday – Sunday 07:00 – 22:00

In response to the application, three ward councillors for the area expressed concern that should the licence be granted, the licensing objectives in respect to public noise and the prevention of crime and disorder would not be achieved.

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The Panel was advised that West Yorkshire Police were consulted and raised no concerns regarding alcohol issues and anti-social behaviour in the area. No representations were made by any of the other Responsible Authorities regarding the application.

The applicant's representative advised the Panel that the business was a small family run business, where the applicant and his wife had 15 years of experience running small businesses. The applicant lived next door to the shop and was part of the community.

The Chair read the written submission from the local ward councillors, which outlined concerns regarding the impact another licenced premise selling alcohol would have on the area and the potential increase in anti-social behaviour.

RESOLVED:

That the application for the Grant of a Premises Licence: Sun News, 178 Healey Lane, Batley, WF17 8BN be granted as requested.