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KIRKLEES COUNCIL

LICENSING PANEL

Tuesday 17th March 2026

Present: Councillor Eric Firth (Chair)
Councillor Mohan Sokhal
Councillor Alex Vickers

In attendance: Steve Mycroft, Licensing Officer
Mike Skelton, Senior Licensing Officer
Alexandra Garry, Senior Environmental Health Officer
Tahir Hanif, Legal Advisor to the Panel

62 Membership of the Panel
No apologies were received.

63 Minutes of Previous Meeting
RESOLVED –
That the Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd March 2026 be approved as a correct record.

64 Declaration of Interests
No interests were declared.

65 Admission of the Public
All agenda items were considered in public session.

66 Deputations/Petitions
No deputations or petitions were received.

67 Licensing Act 2003 - Application for Velora Desserts, 717 Huddersfield Road, Dewsbury, WF13 3LQ

The Panel considered a report which outlined an application for the Grant of a Premises Licence in respect of Velora Desserts, 717 Huddersfield Road Dewsbury, WF13 3LQ.

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The Licensing Officer outlined the application, advising the Panel that on the on 29th January 2026, the Licensing Department received an application for the Grant of a New premises licence for Velora Desserts, 717 Huddersfield Road, Dewsbury, WF13. The licensable activities applied for by the applicant were as follows:

Provision of late-night refreshments:

- Monday to Thursday - 7pm to 2am the following day
- Friday to Sunday - 7pm to 3am the following day

As the appellant was not in attendance at the hearing, the Panel considered the written submissions contained within the application.

The Panel heard from Kirklees Environmental Health Service, who made representations in relation to the Prevention of Public Nuisance objective, outlining concerns regarding the potential for noise nuisance to nearby residential properties arising from customers and delivery vehicles.

Having considered all the information presented both verbally and in writing, the Panel, in reaching its decision, had due regard to the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003, the statutory guidance issued under section 182 of the Act, the Councils Statement of Licensing Policy and the relevant provisions of the Human Rights Act.

RESOLVED -

That the application for the grant of a premises licence in respect of Velora Desserts, 717 Huddersfield Road Dewsbury, WF13 3LQ be refused.

The reasons for the Panel's decision were that:

- Concerns raised by Environmental Health, which highlighted that the close proximity of residential properties to the premises, combined with the arrival, departure, and congregation of customers, as well as associated delivery vehicle movements, would likely to result in unreasonable disturbance.
- The proposed hours of business operation are the most sensitive time for noise disturbance and concluded that there are no conditions that would mitigate the noise outside the premises, and the circumstances of granting the licence would undermine the Prevention of Public Nuisance objective.
- The Environmental Health evidence was persuasive and unchallenged.