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KIRKLEES COUNCIL

LICENSING PANEL

Wednesday 23rd August 2023

Present: Councillor Amanda Pinnock (Chair)
Councillor Ammar Anwar
Councillor Donna Bellamy

In attendance: Mike Skelton, Senior Licensing Officer
Tahir Hanif, Senior Legal Officer

Apologies: Councillor Zarina Amin

1 Site Visit

The site visit was undertaken by Councillor Anwar.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

That the minutes of the meeting held on 5th June 2023 be approved as a correct record.

3 Declaration of Interests

Councillor Donna Bellamy declared an other interest in relation to agenda item 7 as a previous Ward Councillor for the Colne Valley Ward.

4 Admission of the Public

All agenda items were considered in public.

5 Deputations/Petitions

No deputations or petitions were received.

6 Public Question Time

No public questions were asked.

**7 Licensing Act 2003 - Application for the Grant of a Premises Licence:
Bankgate Mills, Bankgate, Slaithwaite, Huddersfield, HD7 5DL**

The Panel considered a report which outlined an application for the grant of a premises licence, Bankgate Mills, Bankgate, Slaithwaite, Huddersfield, HD7 5DL.

The Licensing Officer informed the Panel that on 4th July 2023, the Licensing Department received an application for the grant of a premises licence. The licensable activities applied for were as follows:-

Sale of Alcohol (on and off the premises)
Monday – Sunday 12:00 – 23:00

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The Licensing Officer advised the Panel that the responsible authorities had been consulted and no concerns or objections had been raised.

In response to this application, a total of 18 representation from members of the public, and one representation from Colne Valley Ward Councillors had been received which expressed concerns in relation to noise, public nuisance, anti-social behaviour, crime and disorder and public safety, and that if the license be granted the licensing objectives in respect of public nuisance, prevention of crime and disorder, protecting children from harm and public safety would not be achieved.

The applicant informed the Panel that he owned the Fourth Fiend which was a well-established tap room in Meltham, and that his intention was to replicate the tap room which catered for the community, in Bankgate Mills, Slaithwaite. The applicant also advised the Panel that he was happy to work with the community to create a successful business.

Responding to concerns raised by the objectors, the applicant explained to the Panel that until the landlord at Bankgate Mills had allocated the outside space to each unit, the applicant was unable to confirm the area that would be in use from the tap room, and that he expected people to walk to the venue obliterating the concern for parking at the site. The applicant advised the Panel that he would communicate with the landlord to discuss what could be implemented to protect the public from harm on exiting the tap room onto a busy road. The applicant also advised that the Fourth Fiends tap room was based in the centre of Meltham with residential properties close by and that there had only ever been one instance of a noise complaint in the last two years, the applicants intention was to do his utmost to ensure noise was kept to a minimum.

RESOLVED:

That the application for the Grant of a Premises License, Bankgate Mills, Bankgate, Slaithwaite, Huddersfield, HD7 5DL be refused.