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KIRKLEES COUNCIL

LICENSING PANEL

Tuesday 21st January 2025

Present: Councillor Eric Firth (Chair)
Councillor Mohan Sokhal
Councillor Timothy Bamford

In attendance: Tahir Hanif, Legal Advisor to the Panel
Jordan Barrett, Licensing Officer
Mike Skelton, Senior Licensing Officer

- 1 Site Visit**
Site visit undertaken.
- 2 Membership of the Panel**
All Panel members were in attendance.
- 3 Minutes of Previous Meeting**
RESOLVED -
That the minutes dated on 25th November 2024 were approved has a correct record.
- 4 Declaration of Interests**
No interests were declared.
- 5 Admission of the Public**
All agenda items were considered in public.
- 6 Deputations/Petitions**
No deputations or petitions were received.
- 7 Public Question Time**
No public questions were asked.
- 8 Licensing Act 2003 – Application for the Grant of Premises Licence for Stop and Shop, 293B and 293C Old Wakefield Road, Moldgreen, Huddersfield, HD5 8AG**

The Panel considered a report which outlined an application for the Grant of a Premises Licence Stop and Shop, 293B and 293C Old Wakefield Road, Huddersfield, HD5 8AG.

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The Licensing Officer advised the Panel that on 12th December 2024, the Licensing Department received an application for the grant of a premises licence for Stop and Shop. In response to the application four representations had been received. One from Environmental Health, one from a Ward Councillor, one from the Headteacher of a local primary school, and one from a local resident.

The submitted representations indicated that the licensing objectives in respect of the prevention of The Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Public Safety, The Prevention of Public Nuisance and The Protection of Children from Harm would not be achieved if the licence was granted.

The licensable activities applied for were as follows:

- Sale of Alcohol (Off the Premises)
- Sunday - Thursday 8:00-02:00
- Friday - Saturday 8:00-04:00

The agent proposed a reduction in the hours:

- Sunday - Thursday 08:00-23:00
- Friday - Saturday 08:00-00:00

The proposed reduction of hours was rejected by three of the four objectors as they felt that it would not alleviate their concerns relating to the licensing objectives.

The Panel invited the representative of the applicant to outline the application. The Panel was informed that the premises would be a general convenience store, which would sell a range of goods and alcohol. The applicant had entered into a 10-year lease at the property and experience of operating a similar successful business in Wakefield. The representative explained that the premises had previously been a takeaway with an alcohol licence, and no representations has been received from West Yorkshire Police.

The Panel invited representations from those who had objected to the application. One objector explained that their concerns of a late-night off-licence was due to its proximity to the local primary school. The proposal raised significant concerns regarding increased traffic, littering, and the potential for antisocial behaviour in an area frequented by young children and families. The Environmental Health Officer explained that whilst they did not object to the overall application, the concern was the proposed operating hours due to the close proximity of residential properties, as this could cause a potential noise nuisance outside the premises late at night.

Having considered all the information presented both verbally and in writing, the Panel determined as follows:

RESOLVED - That the application be approved with the following conditions.

- That the sale of alcohol (off the premises) be Sunday-Saturday 8:00-23:00.

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- That litter be collected throughout the day and disposed of correctly, along with keeping a log of collections to be produced on request from responsible authorities.