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LICENSING ACT 2003 APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE

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1.0 Summary

- 1.1 **Premises:** Greenfields Convenience Store, 41 Wood Street, Shrewsbury, SY1 2PN. A location plan is attached to the report as Appendix A.
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to consider an application for a new Premises Licence.
- 1.3 Shropshire Council being the authorised licensing authority for the above premises has received an application for a premises licence.
- 1.4 The application has been accepted as a valid application and during the statutory consultation period a relevant representation was made. The application is required to be determined by way of a hearing of the Licensing Sub-Committee.
- 1.5 In determining the application the licensing authority must give appropriate weight to:
 - the steps that are necessary to promote the licensing objectives;
 - the representations (including supporting information) presented by all parties;
 - guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003;
 - the Shropshire Council Licensing Policy .
- 1.6 After considering all the relevant issues the licensing authority may grant the application subject to such conditions that are consistent with the operating schedule. Conditions imposed must be necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

- 1.7 Alternatively the application can be refused if it is considered appropriate for the promotion of the objectives. It may also only allow certain requested licensable activities.
- 1.8 Following a hearing, the licensing authority should give its decision and provide reasons to support it. This will be important if there is an appeal by any of the parties.
- 1.9 All parties are required to be notified of a decision and that decision should be accompanied by information on the right of the party to appeal.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Sub-Committee determines the application in accordance the Statutory Guidance issued under s182 of the Licensing Act 2003, the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy, the information contained within this report, supporting documentation and having had due regard to the applicant and the parties/authorised bodies making relevant representations.
- 2.2 That the Sub-Committee determines the application in accordance with the options in paragraph 12.
- 2.3 That the Sub-Committee provides the reasons for its decision.

3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

- 3.1 There are no risks associated with this report

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial issues associated with this report; however each party has the right of appeal on the decision made.

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5.0 Background

- 5.1 Gurmale Bhakar has made an application for a Premises Licence for Greenfields Convenience Store, 41 Wood Street, Shrewsbury, SY1 2PN. The licensable activities and opening hours requested are:

Supply of Alcohol

Monday to Saturday – 06:00 to 23:00 hours
Sunday - 08:00 to 22:00 hours

Opening Hours

Monday to Saturday – 06:00 to 23:00 hours
Sunday - 08:00 to 22:00 hours

- 5.1 For a new application, applicants are required to submit an operating schedule detailing how they intend to promote the four licensing objectives, these are the prevention of crime and disorder, promotion of public safety, the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm. The applicant has indicated that the following steps would be taken.

6.0 Prevention of Crime and Disorder

A new CCTV system will be installed. Tapes will be saved for 30 days and made available for inspection by the Police and Authorities if required.
A new alarm system and roller shutters will be installed on the premises.
A Challenge 25 policy will be in place. Acceptable ID will be Pass ID with Hologram, Passport or Driving Licence. Challenge posters will be sited within the premises.
A record book will be maintained to record all incidents of attempted under-age purchases. This will be made available for inspection by Police and Authorities if required
Any customers that appear to be drunk will not be served on the premises.

7.0 Public Safety

Regular risk assessments will be maintained and recorded.
Ample lighting will be installed in the premises.
Fire safety checks will take place regularly and will be recorded.
Fire extinguishers on the premises will be checked and maintained regularly

8.0 Prevention of Public Nuisance

Customers will be asked to leave the premises quietly.
Persons that appear to be drunk will not be served.

9.0 Protection of Children from Harm

Challenge 25 Policy will be implemented.
Cigarettes will not be fully on display and will not be sold to children.

Spirits will be displayed only behind the counter.

10.0 Objections Received (Responsible Authorities)

There were no objections received from Responsible Authorities.

11.0 Objections Received (Other Interested Parties)

An objection has been received relating to the Prevention of Public Nuisance Licensing Objective. This has been accepted as a valid representation.

12.0 Options Considered

12.1 The options available to the Licensing Sub-Committee having considered all the relevant information are as follows:

- To refuse to grant the licence
- To grant the licence with additional conditions
- To grant the licence without additional conditions
- To grant the licence but restrict the licensable activities
- To grant the licence with restricted times

12.2 If the application is to be granted in line with the submitted operating schedule then conditions detailed in paragraphs 6 to 9 of this report would be attached to the licence.

12.3 Additional conditions or restrictions to licensable activities and/or times should only be imposed if it considered appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives. If other law already places certain statutory responsibilities on a premise, it would not be necessary to impose similar duties.

12.4 Members of the Sub-Committee should be advised that the applicant, or any other person who made relevant representations in relation to the application may appeal against the decision made to the Magistrates' Court within 21 days of the date on which they were notified.

13.0 Standard of Decision Making

13.1 In accordance with the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003 and the council's scheme of delegation, all applications where a relevant representation has been made need to be determined by this Sub-Committee.

13.2 When determining the application, the Sub-Committee should only consider issues, which relate to the four licensing objectives. The licensing objectives are:

- The prevention of Crime and Disorder
- Public Safety
- The prevention of a Public Nuisance
- The protection of Children from Harm

- 13.3 Members of the Sub-Committee must have regard to the statutory guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 and the Council’s Statement of Licensing Policy. Members of the Sub-Committee may deviate from the statutory guidance and licensing policy only if they deem that there is good reason to do so.
- 13.4 Members of the Sub-Committee should not allow themselves to predetermine the application or to be prejudiced in favour or opposed to the licence and shall only determine the application having had an opportunity to consider all relevant facts.
- 13.5 Members of the Sub-Committee should not hear or decide on any applications for premises licences in their own ward.

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)

- Shropshire Council Licensing Policy.
- Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 (April 2012).
- The Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005.
- Application form and associated papers.
- Copies of representations received.

Human Rights Act Appraisal

None apparent

Environmental Appraisal

Not applicable.

Risk Management Appraisal

Not applicable.

Community / Consultations Appraisal

Not applicable.

Cabinet Member

Councillor Steve Charmley

Local Member

Councillor Dean Carroll

Appendices Appendix A – Location Plan.