



Licensing Act Sub-Committee  
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2.00 p.m.

Item  
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## LICENSING ACT 2003

### APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE

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#### 1. Summary

To consider an application for a Premises Licence.

Premises: Ramandeep Singh Johal, 6-8 Shrewsbury Street, Prees, Whitchurch, SY13 2DH. A location plan is attached to the report as Appendix A.

Shropshire Council being the authorised licensing authority for the above premises has received an application for a premises licence.

The application has been accepted as a valid application and during the statutory consultation period relevant representations were made. The application is required to be determined by way of a hearing of the Licensing Sub-Committee.

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;
- Shropshire Council's Licensing Policy.

After considering all the relevant issues the licensing authority may grant the application subject to such conditions that are deemed necessary and appropriate. Any conditions imposed must be appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

Alternatively the application can be refused if it is considered appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives. It may also only allow certain requested licensable activities.

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.

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. Recommendations**

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.

That the Sub-Committee determines the application in accordance with the options in paragraph 9.

That the Sub-Committee provides the reasons for its decision.

## **REPORT**

### **3. Human Rights Act Appraisal**

The Committee is required to consider the consequences of refusal or approval on the applicant's human rights.

### **4. Financial Implications**

None.

### **5. Purpose of Report**

To consider an application for a Premises Licence for Ramandeep Singh Johal, 6-8 Shrewsbury Street, Prees, Whitchurch, SY13 2DH.

### **6. Background**

6.1 Ramandeep Singh Johal has made an application for a Premises Licence, the requested licensable activities and opening hours are:

#### **Supply of alcohol off the premises**

Monday to Sunday – 06:00 to 22:00

#### **Opening Hours**

Monday to Sunday – 06:00 to 22:00

6.2 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.

**6.2.1 Prevention of Crime and Disorder**

1. CCTV operating on premises at all times and recordings will be retained for a minimum of 31 days and made available to responsible authorities on request.
2. Alcohol will only be sold in sealed containers.

**6.2.2 Public Safety**

Fire extinguishers, serviced regularly, on site in accordance with up to date fire risk assessment.

**6.2.3 Prevention of Public Nuisance**

1. Area at front of shop will be swept at end of each evening.
2. Leave quietly notices above the door requesting customers to leave quietly and respect the neighbours.

**6.2.4 Protection of Children from Harm**

1. Challenge 25 Policy applied.
2. Refusals book maintained and made available to responsible authorities on request.
3. The till will have a proof of age prompt for alcohol.
4. Photographic id only, for age related products.

**7. Objections Received (Responsible Authorities)**

None.

**8. Objections received (Other Persons)**

8.1 Ten representations have been received from other persons, (together with a petition signed by c. 138 persons) who have concerns in respect of crime and disorder, public nuisance and public safety. Principally the concerns relate to parking and the proposed hours of trading, with suggestions that an end time of 6pm would be more appropriate.

8.2 The applicant has indicated that he wishes to continue with his application as detailed above.

8.3 The representations have not been withdrawn.

**9. Options for Consideration**

9.1 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 conditions
- To grant the licence but restrict the licensable activities
- To grant the licence with restricted times

- 9.2 If the application is to be granted in line with the submitted operating schedule then conditions detailed in paragraphs 6.2 of this report would need to be included in the licence, if deemed necessary and appropriate, with an appropriate decision.
- 9.3 Additional conditions or restrictions to licensable activities and/or times should only be imposed if considered appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives. If other law already places certain statutory responsibilities on a premises, it would not be appropriate to impose similar duties.
- 9.4 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.

## **10. Standard of Decision Making**

- 10.1 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.
- 10.2 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
- 10.3 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.
- 10.4 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.

### **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 (June 2013).  
The Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005.  
Application form and associated papers.  
Copies of representations received.

**Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)**

**Local Member**

Councillor Paul Wynn

**Appendices**

Appendix A – Location Plan