

LICENSING APPLICATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE 2 MEETING MINUTES - 4 APRIL 2019

Present: Councillor Woodward (Chair);
Councillors Maskell (Vice-Chair) and Grashoff

31. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings of Licensing Applications Sub-Committee 2 held on 14 February 2019 and 7 March 2019 were confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chair.

32. APPLICATION FOR THE VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE - READING PRIDE

The Head of Planning, Development and Regulatory Services submitted a report on an application by Reading Pride Limited for the variation of a Premises Licence in respect of Reading Pride, Kings Meadow, Reading, RG1 8BW.

The report stated that the premises currently had a Premises Licence in force and that a copy of the Premises Licence was attached to the report at Appendix 5.

The application was seeking to vary the Premises Licence to allow an increased capacity on the site from 4999 persons to 9999 persons. The report advised that all other licensable activities, and hours for licensable activities, would remain as per the existing Premises Licence.

A copy of the application form was attached to the report at Appendix 1.

The applicant stated at the meeting that the capacity on the site would not increase to 9999 persons in 2019 and that incremental increases in capacity would be made over a number of years.

The report stated that during the 28 day consultation process for the application, representations had been received from Thames Valley Police (attached to the report at Appendix 2), Reading Borough Council's Environment Protection (Noise) team (attached to the report at Appendix 3) and Reading Borough Council's Licensing Team (attached to the report at Appendix 4).

The report advised that the representations submitted by Reading Borough Council's Environment Protection (Noise) team and Reading Borough Council's Licensing Team had been withdrawn due to the applicant agreeing to accept their offered conditions.

The report stated that in considering the application, the Licensing Authority had a duty to carry out its functions with a view to promoting the four licensing objectives, as follows:

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety
- The prevention of public nuisance
- The protection of children from harm

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The report also stated that any conditions placed on the premises licence should be appropriate and proportionate with a view to promoting the licensing objectives and that the Licensing Authority could amend, alter or refuse an application should it be deemed appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

The report set out paragraphs 1.5, 8.41-8.49, 9.11-9.13, 9.42-9.43, 10.4-10.5, and 10.27-10.28 from the Secretary of State's guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 (April 2018) and paragraphs 1.1-1.2, 1.6, 3.2, 4.1, 4.5-4.6, 6.1-6.2, 6.33-6.35, 7.6-7.12, 7.14-7.15, 8.2-8.3, 8.16, 9.1-9.8, 9.12, 10.1-10.10 and 11.1 from the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy (October 2018).

The applicant submitted some additional documents prior to the meeting which had been circulated to the Sub-Committee. The applicant also submitted an additional document at the meeting which was accepted by the Sub-Committee.

Mr Martin Cooper, the applicant, was present at the meeting and addressed the Sub-Committee on the application and responded to questions. The applicant was accompanied by Ms Sophia James, who also addressed the Sub-Committee on the application.

Declan Smyth, Licensing Officer, Thames Valley Police, was present and addressed the Sub-Committee on their representations regarding the application as stated in the report.

Resolved -

That, in order to promote the licensing objectives, and having regard to the oral and written representations made, the Secretary of State's guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 (April 2018) and the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy, the variation of a Premises Licence in respect of Reading Pride Limited, Kings Meadow, be refused for the reason that, at this time, the security element, while in place this year, may not be in place in future years as capacity on the site increases.

(The meeting closed at 11.04 am)