

Present: Councillor Edwards (Chair);
Councillors Rynn and Woodward (Vice-Chair)

6. APPLICATION FOR THE VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE - PHANTOM BREWING COMPANY, MEADOW ROAD, READING

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A copy of the application form and a plan was attached to the report at Appendix 1. The report stated that during the 28-day consultation process for the application, representations had been received from Reading Borough Council's Licensing Team (Appendix 2), Reading Borough Council's Planning Team (Appendix 3) and four residents (Appendices 4 to 7).

The report advised that the Licensing Team's representation had been withdrawn as the Team's recommended conditions had been agreed with the Applicant. The suggested conditions were set out at Appendix 2.

The report reminded Councillors that in considering representations received, 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
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The report identified relevant guidance/legislation that needed to be taken into consideration, as set out in the Licensing Act 2003 and the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy (October 2018).

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Peter Narancic, Senior Licensing and Enforcement Officer, Reading Borough Council presented the report. Tom Hughes, Planning Officer, Reading Borough Council was present and addressed the Sub-Committee on his representations regarding the application.

The Applicant was present and was assisted by Andrew Somerville. They addressed the Sub-Committee separately on the application and responded to questions. The Applicant advised that Phantom Brewing Company had recently extended its premises to include Unit 2 Meadow Road, which amounted to an increase of approximately 5,930 square feet.

The Sub-Committee was advised that the Applicant had agreed to the additional conditions recommended by Reading Borough Council's Licensing team.

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 (October 2018), the variation of a Premises Licence in respect of Phantom Brewing Company, Meadow Road, Reading, be granted to permit the following licensable activities and hours:

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Hours the Premises is Open to the Public

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and that the following conditions shall apply:

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2. Whilst on duty Door Supervisors shall be clearly identifiable and display Hi-Vis personalised armbands containing their SIA badge.
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 - Date and time that the Door Supervisor commenced duty, countersigned by the Designated Premises Supervisor or Duty Manager.
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4. The premises licence holder must have applied for and been granted planning permission to at least the times stated on the licence before commencing activities to those hours, which include the extended unit covering approximately an extra 5,930 square feet.
5. All doors and windows must be kept closed, other than for access and egress, from 2000hrs

Condition 17 on the current licence be amended to state:

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(The meeting closed at 10.43 am)