

LICENSING ACT 2003 HEARING THURSDAY 02 MARCH 2023 @ 09:30HRS APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PREMISES LICENCE

1. Premises:

Vesuvio Pizzeria 20 Norcot Road

Tilehurst

Reading

RG30 6BU

2. Applicant:

Vesuvio Pizzeria Ltd

3. Background:

There is currently no licence in force at the property. A betting shop occupied the property between 2008 and 2018. The property is currently used as a temporary office for the applicant's adjacent car wash business.

<u>The application</u> has been submitted by Vesuvio Pizzeria Ltd and is attached as **Appendix RS-1**

Reading Borough Council's Licensing team and Thames Valley Police have agreed conditions with the applicant which are attached as **Appendix RS-2**

4. Proposed licensable activities and hours:

The application is for the grant of a premises licence for the following activities:

Provision of Late Night Refreshment:

Monday to Sunday from 2300hrs until 0200hrs

Sale by Retail of Alcohol (On & Off the Premises):

Monday to Sunday from 1100hrs until 2330hrs

Hours the Premises is Open to the Public:

Monday to Sunday from 0800hrs until 0000hrs

5. Temporary Event Notices

In considering any application the Licensing Authority should be aware of the possible use of Temporary Event Notices to authorise licensable activities. A premises can extend the hours or scope of their operation by the use of Temporary Event Notices. Up to 15 events per year (or 20 events in 2022 & 2023 only) can be held under this provision at a particular premises. These events may last for up to 168 hours provided less than 500 people are accommodated and provided the total number of days used for these events does not exceed 21 (or 26 in 2022 & 2023) per calendar year.

6. Date of receipt of application: 04 January 2023

7. Date of closure of period for representations: 01 February 2023

8. Representations received:

During the 28 day consultation period for the application, representations were received from:

- 1. Reading Borough Council Planning Department Attached as Appendix RS-3
- 2. Ms Jenny Trist Local Resident Attached as Appendix RS-4
- 3. Ms Claire Foxon Local Resident Attached as Appendix RS-5
- 4. Ms Fiona Conroy Local Resident Attached as Appendix RS-6

9. Powers of the Authority in determining an application for the grant of a premises licence

The Licensing authority, when determining an application for the grant of a premises licence may:

- Grant the application as applied for
- Grant the application with modifications
- Refuse the application

10. Licensing Objectives and Reading Borough Council's Licensing Policy Statement

In considering representations received the Licensing Authority has a duty to carry out it's functions with a view to promoting the four licensing objectives, which are as follows:

- The Prevention of Crime and Disorder
- Public Safety
- The Prevention of Public Nuisance
- The Protection of Children from Harm

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

In determining this application, the Licensing Authority must also have regard to the representations received, the Licensing Authority's statement of licensing policy and any relevant section of the statutory guidance to licensing authorities.

11. The Council's Licensing Policy Statement (2018):

- 1.6 The predominantly urban nature of Reading as a town means that an appropriate balance needs to be struck between the needs of local business and the needs of local residents. This licensing policy seeks to encourage all stakeholders to engage in the licensing process so that the needs of all can be taken into account and issues dealt with in a spirit of partnership and cooperation.
- 3. Licensing and integration with other legislation

3.1 Many other pieces of legislation impact directly or indirectly on the licensing regime. The Licensing Authority must have regard to the following when it discharges its responsibilities under the Licensing Act 2003 and in relation to the promotion of the four licensing objectives:

Crime and Disorder Act 1998

3.2 This Act requires local authorities and other bodies to consider crime and disorder reduction. Section 17 of the Act states that it shall be the duty of each authority, to exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in its area (including anti social and other behaviour) adversely affecting the local environment. This links specifically with the licensing objective of prevention of crime and disorder and the licensing authority will take into account all reasonable measures that actively promote this licensing objective.

5. Licensing Applications

Grant and Full Variations

- 5.6 During the 28-day consultation period, the authority will scrutinise the application along with all of the other Responsible Authorities to judge whether it undermines the promotion of the licensing objectives. The application will be made available to any person who requests to see it. As per Section 18 (6) of the Licensing Act 2003, it will consider the likely effect of granting any licence on the promotion of the licensing objectives. The authority will expect all applicants to have taken cognisance of the Secretary of State's Guidance; local strategies and initiatives; this policy and any other known local issues before submitting their application and that these matters are addressed within the operating schedule of the application.
- 5.7 Whilst many applications will be resolved without the need for a committee hearing, any matters or representations that are not resolved will trigger a hearing before the properly constituted Licensing Applications Committee for determination.

6. Licensing Conditions

General Approach

- 6.1 Conditions shall be appropriate and proportionate for the promotion of the licensing objectives and shall be unambiguous and clear in their stated aims. Conditions will also be tailored to the type, location and characteristics of the particular premises and the relevant licensable activities. Any condition imposed by the Authority shall also aim to avoid duplication of other legislation unless there is a requirement to impose such a condition in order to promote the licensing objectives (for example, a capacity limit for public safety reasons). This shall apply to all relevant applications (grant/variation of a premises licence or club premises certificate)
- 6.2 The operating schedule within an application should contain an assessment from the proposed licence holder of what they believe are appropriate and proportionate

measures to enable them to carry out their proposed licensable activities. This assessment should be arrived at by taking cognisance of this policy and the Secretary of State's guidance which outlines the matters that an applicant should take into account such as issues in the locality and why their proposed measures are suitable for their proposed operation.

6.5 Any conditions imposed upon a premises licence or club premises certificate will be tailored to that type of premises and the style of operation. Consideration will also be given to the locality of the premises; issues in the locality; the issues set out in the Guidance and any policy, initiative or other matter the licensing authority wishes to take into account in order to promote the four licensing objectives.

7. Licensing Hours

General Approach

7.2 When an application receives representations, the authority may consider reducing the opening hours and times for licensable activities if it considers it appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

Licensed Premises in Residential Areas

- 7.6 When dealing with applications and issuing licences, the authority is likely to impose stricter conditions on premises operating in residential areas if it considers it appropriate and proportionate to do so. This will apply to all premises types.
- 7.7 Generally, any licensed premises looking to open past 11pm (2300hrs) in a residential area will need to demonstrate clearly in their operating schedule that public nuisance will not result from later operation. As part of the operating schedule, applicants should read the Secretary of State's Guidance, this policy and any other relevant document and ensure that robust measures are included in any application.
- 7.12 The licensing authority will seek the input of the Council's Environmental Protection and Nuisance team when looking at measures that may be appropriate for the prevention of public nuisance. This will include taking cognisance of any representations that are submitted as part of the application process or any enforcement action they have taken under their own legislation such as noise abatement notices.

Late Night Refreshment

7.16 There are concerns about noise, nuisance, crime and disorder and anti-social behaviour in respect of premises open late and providing hot food and drink. Operators and potential applicants of late night refreshment venues wishing to open past 11pm will need to demonstrate that there are suitable policies and procedures in place to mitigate any undermining of the licensing objectives from their operation. If suitable practices and policies are not put in place and it is the belief of the Authority that crime and disorder and/or a public nuisance is likely to occur due to the late operation of late night refreshment premises, then the Authority will look at

reducing the hours and or (subject to relevant representations being received) removing late night refreshment from an application in its entirety.

8. Children in Licensed Premises

8.6 The Authority will expect all licence holders or premises that wish to allow children on to their premises to ensure that access is restricted where appropriate. This would include, ensuring that all children are accompanied and that they do not have access to or sight of alcohol.

10. Administration, Exercise and Delegation of Functions

- 10.1 The powers of the Licensing Authority under the Licensing Act 2003 may be carried out by the Licensing Committee; by a Sub Committee or by one or more officers acting under delegated authority. The Licensing Committee will consist of between 10-15 members and the committee may establish one or more subcommittees consisting of two or three members.
- 10.3 A Licensing Sub-Committee shall hear all applications where relevant representations have been received and applications for the review of a premises licence that may have been submitted by Responsible Authorities or any other persons.

12. Amended Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 (December 2022)

Licensing Objectives and Aims:

- 1.2 The legislation provides a clear focus on the promotion of four statutory objectives which must be addressed when licensing functions are undertaken.
- 1.3 The licensing objectives are:
 - The Prevention of Crime and Disorder
 - Public Safety
 - The Prevention of Public Nuisance
 - The Protection of Children from Harm
- 1.4 Each objective is of equal importance. There are no other statutory licensing objectives, so that the promotion of the four objectives is a paramount consideration at all times.
- 1.5 However, the legislation also supports a number of other key aims and purposes. These are vitally important and should be principal aims for everyone involved in licensing work. They include:
- protecting the public and local residents from crime, anti-social behaviour and noise nuisance caused by irresponsible licensed premises.

Steps to promote the licensing objectives:

- 8.41 In completing an operating schedule, applicants are expected to have regard to the statement of licensing policy for their area. They must also be aware of the expectations of the licensing authority and the responsible authorities as to the steps that are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives, and to demonstrate knowledge of their local area when describing the steps they propose to take to promote the licensing objectives. Licensing authorities and responsible authorities are expected to publish information about what is meant by the promotion of the licensing objectives and to ensure that applicants can readily access advice about these matters. However, applicants are also expected to undertake their own enquiries about the area in which the premises are situated to inform the content of the application.
- 8.42 Applicants are, in particular, expected to obtain sufficient information to enable them to demonstrate, when setting out the steps they propose to take to promote the licensing objectives, that they understand:
- the layout of the local area and physical environment including crime and disorder hotspots, proximity to residential premises and proximity to areas where children may congregate;
- any risk posed to the local area by the applicants' proposed licensable activities;
 and
- any local initiatives (for example, local crime reduction initiatives or voluntary schemes including local taxi-marshalling schemes, street pastors and other schemes) which may help to mitigate potential risks.
- 8.43 Applicants are expected to include positive proposals in their application on how they will manage any potential risks. Where specific policies apply in the area (for example, a cumulative impact assessment), applicants are also expected to demonstrate an understanding of how the policy impacts on their application; any measures they will take to mitigate the impact; and why they consider the application should be an exception to the policy.
- 8.44 It is expected that enquiries about the locality will assist applicants when determining the steps that are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives. For example, premises with close proximity to residential premises should consider what effect this will have on their smoking, noise management and dispersal policies to ensure the promotion of the public nuisance objective. Applicants must consider all factors which may be relevant to the promotion of the licensing objectives, and where there are no known concerns, acknowledge this in their application.
- 8.45 The majority of information which applicants will require should be available in the licensing policy statement in the area. Other publicly available sources which may be of use to applicants include:
- the Crime Mapping website;
- Neighbourhood Statistics website;

- websites or publications by local responsible authorities;
- websites or publications by local voluntary schemes and initiatives; and
- on-line mapping tools.
- 8.46 While applicants are not required to seek the views of responsible authorities before formally submitting their application, they may find them to be a useful source of expert advice on local issues that should be taken into consideration when making an application. Licensing authorities may wish to encourage co-operation between applicants, responsible authorities and, where relevant, local residents and businesses before applications are submitted in order to minimise the scope for disputes to arise.
- 8.47 Applicants are expected to provide licensing authorities with sufficient information in this section to determine the extent to which their proposed steps are appropriate to promote the licensing objectives in the local area. Applications must not be based on providing a set of standard conditions to promote the licensing objectives and applicants are expected to make it clear why the steps they are proposing are appropriate for the premises.
- 8.48 All parties are expected to work together in partnership to ensure that the licensing objectives are promoted collectively. Where there are no disputes, the steps that applicants propose to take to promote the licensing objectives, as set out in the operating schedule, will very often translate directly into conditions that will be attached to premises licences with the minimum of fuss.
- 8.49 For some premises, it is possible that no measures will be appropriate to promote one or more of the licensing objectives, for example, because they are adequately covered by other existing legislation. It is however important that all operating schedules should be precise and clear about the measures that are proposed to promote each of the licensing objectives.

The role of responsible authorities

9.12 Each responsible authority will be an expert in their respective field, and in some cases, it is likely that a particular responsible authority will be the licensing authority's main source of advice in relation to a particular licensing objective. For example, the police have a key role in managing the night-time economy and should have good working relationships with those operating in their local area5. The police should usually therefore be the licensing authority's main source of advice on matters relating to the promotion of the crime and disorder licensing objective. However, any responsible authority under the 2003 Act may make representations with regard to any of the licensing objectives if they have evidence to support such representations. Licensing authorities must therefore consider all relevant representations from responsible authorities carefully, even where the reason for a particular responsible authority's interest or expertise in the promotion of a particular objective may not be immediately apparent. However, it remains incumbent on all responsible authorities to ensure that their representations can withstand the scrutiny to which they would be subject at a hearing.

Hearings

- 9.38 In determining the application with a view to promoting the licensing objectives in the overall interests of the local community, the licensing authority must give appropriate weight to:
 - the steps that are appropriate to promote the licensing objectives;
 - the representations (including supporting information) presented by all the parties;
 - this Guidance;
 - its own statement of licensing policy.
- 9.39 The licensing authority should give its decision within five working days of the conclusion of the hearing (or immediately in certain specified cases) and provide reasons to support it. This will be important if there is an appeal by any of the parties. Notification of a decision must be accompanied by information on the right of the party to appeal. After considering all the relevant issues, the licensing authority may grant the application subject to such conditions that are consistent with the operating schedule. Any conditions imposed must be appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives; there is no power for the licensing authority to attach a condition that is merely aspirational. For example, conditions may not be attached which relate solely to the health of customers rather than their direct physical safety. Any conditions added to the licence must be those imposed at the hearing or those agreed when a hearing has not been necessary.
- 9.40 Alternatively, the licensing authority may refuse the application on the grounds that this is appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives. It may also refuse to specify a designated premises supervisor and/or only allow certain requested licensable activities. In the interests of transparency, the licensing authority should publish hearings procedures in full on its website to ensure that those involved have the most current information.

<u>Determining actions that are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing</u> objectives

- 9.42 Licensing authorities are best placed to determine what actions are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives in their areas. All licensing determinations should be considered on a case-by-case basis. They should take into account any representations or objections that have been received from responsible authorities or other persons, and representations made by the applicant or premises user as the case may be.
- 9.43 The authority's determination should be evidence-based, justified as being appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives and proportionate to what it is intended to achieve.

Licensing Act 2003

The Licensing Act 2003 under Section 18 (6) also states that any relevant representation should be considered in the context of:

(a) the <u>likely effect</u> of the grant of the premises licence on the promotion of the licensing objectives.

Therefore, in the context of the grant of a licence, it is reasonable for the Licensing Authority to base its decision on an application on what the <u>likely effects</u> of granting a licence would have on the promotion of the licensing objectives.

13. Relevant Case law for consideration:

(R) on the application of Hope and Glory Public House v Westminster City Council (2011) EWCA Civ31 illustrates that licensed premises, and the activities that take place in those premises, exist in a dynamic environment and should not be looked at entirely in isolation and confirms that this can include the impact that licensable activities have on a range of factors such as crime, the quality of life for residents and visitors to the area, and demand for licensed premises.

<u>East Lindsey District Council v Abu Hanif (t/a Zara's Restaurant) (2016)</u> this underpins the principles widely acknowledged within the Licensing Act 2003 that the licensing objectives are prospective, and that the prevention of crime and disorder requires a prospective consideration of what is warranted in the public interest, having regard to the twin considerations of prevention and deterrence.

R (on application of Daniel Thwaites plc) v Wirral Magistrates' Court and Others (2008) EWHC 838 (Admin) The case recognises that Responsible Authorities are experts in their fields, and that weight should be attached to their representations.

14. Appendices

Appendix RS-1: Premises Licence Application Form

Appendix RS-2: Agreed conditions between Reading Borough Council's Licensing Team, Thames Valley Police, and the Applicant

Appendix RS-3: Reading Borough Council - Planning Department

Appendix RS-4: Ms Jenny Trist - Local Resident Appendix RS-5: Ms Claire Foxon - Local Resident Appendix RS-6: Ms Fiona Conroy - Local Resident

Application for a premises licence to be granted under the Licensing Act 2003

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form. If you are completing this form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary. You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

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(B) OTHER APPLICANTS

Please provide name and registered address of applicant in full. Where appropriate please give any registered number. In the case of a partnership or other joint venture (other than a body corporate), please give the name and address of each party concerned.

Name Vesuvio Pizzeria Ltd
Address Vesuvio Pizzeria 20 Norcot Road Tilehurst, Reading
Berkshire RG30 6BU
Registered number (where applicable) 14537621
Description of applicant (for example, partnership, company, unincorporated association etc.) Limited Company
Telephone number (if any) tbc
E-mail address (optional)

Part 3 Operating Schedule

When do you want the premises licence to start?

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If you wish the licence to be valid only for a limited period, when do you want it to end?

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Please give a general description of the premises (please read guidance note 1)

Location

The Vesuvio Pizzeria is a restaurant located in the busy high street in Norcot Road with other shops, pubs and take away outlets. The premises has a ground floor with a commercial kitchen and seating area. On the first floor there is staff residential accommodation accessed by a separate entrance.

There is a large commercial car wash facility immediately next to the side and rear of the restaurant property with a related ownership.

Scope of application

The business will operate throughout the day and evening from 08:00 hours each day as a café and pizzeria restaurant for diners eating in and a collection service until 23:30 hours, and will also offer a delivery service throughout the day until 02:00 hours the following morning.

The delivery service will be operated with both in-house and third-party aggregators delivery drivers collecting product directly from the kitchen at the rear of the premises. Access will be via the side road.

Alcohol sales for delivery with hot food will be completed by 23:30 hours each day.

If 5,000 or more people are expected to attend the premises at any one time, please state the number expected to attend.	

What licensable activities do you intend to carry on from the premises? (please see sections 1 and 14 and Schedules 1 and 2 to the Licensing Act 2003)

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Please tick all that apply

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b)	films (if ticking yes, fill in box B)					
c)	indoor sporting events (if ticking yes, fill in box C)					
d)	boxing or wrestling entertainment (if ticking yes, fill in box D)					
e)	live music (if ticking yes, fill in box E)					
f)	recorded music (if ticking yes, fill in box F)					
g)	performances of dance (if ticking yes, fill in box G)					
h)	anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) (if ticking yes, fill in box H)					
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State the name and details of the individual whom you wish to specify on the licence as designated premises supervisor (Please see declaration about the entitlement to work in the checklist at the end of the form):

Mr Augusto MECURIO ROMANO				
Personal licence number: LP7003310				
Issuing licensing authority: Reading Borough Council				

Please highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children (please read guidance note 9).	
None	

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Hours premises are open to the public Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)		State any seasonal variations (please read guidance note 5)
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Describe the steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives:

a) General – all four licensing objectives (b, c, d and e) (please read guidance note 10)

1.0 LICENSING OBJECTIVES

a) All members of staff working in the bar and restaurant area will be trained in how to promote the four licensing objectives.

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

2.0 CCTV

- a) The premises shall install and maintain a comprehensive digital CCTV
- b) All entry and exit points will be covered enabling frontal identification of every person entering in any light condition.
- c) The CCTV system shall continually record whilst the premises is open for licensable activities and during all times when customers remain on the premises.
- d) All recordings shall be stored for a minimum period of 31 days with date and time stamping.
- e) A staff member from the premises who is conversant with the operation of the CCTV system shall be on the premises at all times when the premises is open.
- f) Viewing of recordings shall be made available immediately upon the request of Police or authorised Council officer throughout the entire 31day period
- g) This staff member must be able to provide a Police or authorised council officer copies of recent CCTV images or data within seventy-two hours of a request in writing.

3.0 INCIDENT REPORTS

- a) An incident log shall be kept at the premises, and made available on request to an authorised officer of the Council or the Police.
- b) It must be completed within 24 hours of the incident and will record the following:
 - (a) all crimes reported to the venue
 - (b) all ejections of patrons
 - (c) any complaints received concerning crime and disorder
 - (d) any incidents of disorder
 - (e) all seizures of drugs or offensive weapons
 - (f) any faults in the CCTV system, searching equipment or scanning equipment
 - (g) any refusal of the sale of alcohol
 - (h) any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service.

4.0 STAFF TRAINING

Staff shall receive training on:

- h) The premises age verification policy
- i) The law relating to under age sales
- j) The procedure for validating documents produced as proof of age
- k) Proxy purchasing
- 1) The Standard Operating Procedures for the seizures of drugs and weapons
- m) Staff shall be trained in conflict management and refusals of sale
- n) Their training will be recorded and kept on record for a period of twelve months and will be available for inspection on request from a police constable or a proper officer from the Council.
- o) Refresher training for front of house staff will be provided every six months.

c) Public safety

6.0 RISK ASSESSMENTS

- a) There shall be risk assessments for Health and Safety in place and reviewed annually or sooner if required.
- b) There shall be a specified named first aider.

d) The prevention of public nuisance

7.0 NOISE PREVENTION

- a) No noise generated on the premises, or by its associated plant or equipment, shall emanate from the premises nor vibration be transmitted through the structure of the premises which gives rise to a nuisance.
- b) Notices shall be prominently displayed at all exits requesting patrons to respect the needs of local residents and businesses, and to leave the area quietly
- c) Notices shall be prominently displayed at any area used for smoking requesting patrons to respect the needs of local residents and use the area quietly.

e) The protection of children from harm

8.0 CHALLENGE 25

- 1) A Challenge 25 proof of age scheme shall be operated at the premises where the only acceptable forms of identification are recognised holographic photograph identification cards:
 - a) driving licence
 - b) passport
 - c) proof of age card with the PASS Hologram.
 - d) Staff shall be trained in the five point and FLARE checklist to identify fraudulent cards.
 - e) Staff training on checking proof of age procedures will be recorded and kept on file.

9.0 REFUSALS LOG

- a) A record shall be kept detailing all refused sales of alcohol and shall include the date and time of the refused sale and the name of the staff member who refused the sale.
- b) The record shall be available for inspection at the premises by the police or an authorised officer of the Council at all times whilst the premises is open

10.0 DELIVERY CONDITIONS

- a) Alcohol shall only be delivered to a bona fide residential or commercial address. Deliveries shall not be made to car parks, bus stops, middle of fields, etc.
- b) Any order for a non bona fide address shall be refused and the reason for refusal recorded in the refusals book. Alcohol must not be delivered to an address other than as per the order.
- c) It shall be a term of any contract or agreement, between the premises licence holder and any third party delivery company, that the delivery company shall require ID verification when orders containing age restricted items are delivered.
- d) Alcohol shall not be delivered to customers after 23:30 hours each day.

•	I have made or enclosed payment of the fee.	\boxtimes
•	I have enclosed the plan of the premises.	\boxtimes
•	I have sent copies of this application and the plan to responsible authorities and others where applicable.	\boxtimes
•	I have enclosed the consent form completed by the individual I wish to be designated premises supervisor, if applicable.	\boxtimes
•	I understand that I must now advertise my application.	\boxtimes
•	I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected.	\boxtimes
•	[Applicable to all individual applicants, including those in a partnership which is not a limited liability partnership, but not companies or limited liability partnerships] I have included documents demonstrating my entitlement to work in the United Kingdom or my share code issued by the Home Office online right to work checking service (please read note 15).	

Please tick to indicate agreement

IT IS AN OFFENCE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION. THOSE WHO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT MAY BE LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE OF ANY AMOUNT.

IT IS AN OFFENCE UNDER SECTION 24B OF THE IMMIGRATION ACT 1971 FOR A PERSON TO WORK WHEN THEY KNOW, OR HAVE REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE, THAT THEY ARE DISQUALIFIED FROM DOING SO BY REASON OF THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS. THOSE WHO EMPLOY AN ADULT WITHOUT LEAVE OR WHO IS SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS AS TO EMPLOYMENT WILL BE LIABLE TO A CIVIL PENALTY UNDER SECTION 15 OF THE IMMIGRATION, ASYLUM AND NATIONALITY ACT 2006 AND PURSUANT TO SECTION 21 OF THE SAME ACT, WILL BE COMMITTING AN OFFENCE WHERE THEY DO SO IN THE KNOWLEDGE, OR WITH REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE, THAT THE EMPLOYEE IS DISQUALIFIED.

Part 4 – Signatures (please read guidance note 11)

Checklist:

Signature of applicant or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent (see guidance note 12). If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity.

Declaration	 [Applicable to individual applicants only, including those in a partnership which is not a limited liability partnership] I understand I am not entitled to be issued with a licence if I do not have the entitlement to live and work in the UK (or if I am subject to a condition preventing me from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity) and that my licence will become invalid if I cease to be entitled to live and work in the UK (please read guidance note 15). The DPS named in this application form is entitled to work in the UK (and is not subject to conditions preventing him or her from doing work relating to a licensable activity) and I have seen a copy of his or her proof of entitlement to work, or have conducted an online right to work check using the Home Office online right to work checking service which confirmed their right to work (please see note 15)
Signature	Wíllíam Donne
Date	29 th December 2022
Capacity	Licensing Agents Silver Fox Consultants

For joint applications, signature of 2nd applicant or 2nd applicant's solicitor or other authorised agent (please read guidance note 13). If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity.

Signature				
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Notes for Guidance

- 1. Describe the premises, for example the type of premises, its general situation and layout and any other information which could be relevant to the licensing objectives. Where your application includes off-supplies of alcohol and you intend to provide a place for consumption of these off-supplies, you must include a description of where the place will be and its proximity to the premises.
- 2. In terms of specific regulated entertainments please note that:
 - Plays: no licence is required for performances between 08:00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - Films: no licence is required for 'not-for-profit' film exhibition held in community premises between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day provided that the audience does not exceed 500 and the organiser (a) gets consent to the screening from a person who is responsible for the premises; and (b) ensures that each such screening abides by age classification ratings.
 - Indoor sporting events: no licence is required for performances between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 1000.
 - Boxing or Wrestling Entertainment: no licence is required for a contest, exhibition or display of Greco-Roman wrestling, or freestyle wrestling between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 1000. Combined fighting sports – defined as a contest, exhibition or display which combines boxing or wrestling with one or more martial arts – are licensable as a boxing or wrestling entertainment rather than an indoor sporting event.
 - Live music: no licence permission is required for:
 - a performance of unamplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, on any premises.
 - a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a workplace that is not licensed to sell alcohol on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a church hall, village hall, community hall, or other similar community premises, that is not licensed by a premises licence to sell alcohol, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance from a person who is responsible for the premises.
 - a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, at the non-residential premises of (i) a local authority, or (ii) a school, or (iii) a hospital, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance on the relevant premises from: (i) the local authority concerned, or (ii) the school or (iii) the health care provider for the hospital.
 - Recorded music: no licence permission is required for:
 - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.

- any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a church hall, village hall, community hall, or other similar community premises, that is not licensed by a premises licence to sell alcohol, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance from a person who is responsible for the premises.
- o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, at the non-residential premises of (i) a local authority, or (ii) a school, or (iii) a hospital, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance on the relevant premises from: (i) the local authority concerned, or (ii) the school proprietor or (iii) the health care provider for the hospital.
- Dance: no licence is required for performances between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 500. However, a performance which amounts to adult entertainment remains licensable.
- Cross activity exemptions: no licence is required between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, with no limit on audience size for:
 - o any entertainment taking place on the premises of the local authority where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the local authority;
 - any entertainment taking place on the hospital premises of the health care provider where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the health care provider;
 - o any entertainment taking place on the premises of the school where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the school proprietor; and
 - o any entertainment (excluding films and a boxing or wrestling entertainment) taking place at a travelling circus, provided that (a) it takes place within a moveable structure that accommodates the audience, and (b) that the travelling circus has not been located on the same site for more than 28 consecutive days.
- 3. Where taking place in a building or other structure please tick as appropriate (indoors may include a tent).
- 4. For example the type of activity to be authorised, if not already stated, and give relevant further details, for example (but not exclusively) whether or not music will be amplified or unamplified.
- 5. For example (but not exclusively), where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.
- 6. For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.
- 7. Please give timings in 24 hour clock (e.g. 16.00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.
- 8. If you wish people to be able to consume alcohol on the premises, please tick 'on the premises'. If you wish people to be able to purchase alcohol to consume away from the premises, please tick 'off the premises'. If you wish people to be able to do both, please tick 'both'.
- 9. Please give information about anything intended to occur at the premises or ancillary to the use of the premises which may give rise to concern in respect of children, regardless of whether you intend children to have access to the premises, for example (but not exclusively) nudity or semi-nudity, films for restricted age groups or the presence of gaming machines.
- 10. Please list here steps you will take to promote all four licensing objectives together.
- 11. The application form must be signed.
- 12. An applicant's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
- 13. Where there is more than one applicant, each of the applicants or their respective agent must sign the application form.
- 14. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.

15. Entitlement to work/immigration status for individual applicants and applications from partnerships which are not limited liability partnerships:

A licence may not be held by an individual or an individual in a partnership who is resident in the UK who:

- does not have the right to live and work in the UK; or
- is subject to a condition preventing him or her from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.

Any licence issued in respect of an application made on or after 6 April 2017 will become invalid if the holder ceases to be entitled to work in the UK.

Applicants must demonstrate that they have the right to work in the UK and are not subject to a condition preventing them from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity. They do this in one of two ways:

- by providing with this application copies or scanned copies of the documents which an applicant may provide to demonstrate their entitlement to work in the UK (which do not need to be certified) that are published on GOV.UK and in guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003
- 2) by providing their 'share code' to enable the licensing authority to carry out a check using the Home Office online right to work checking service (see below).

Home Office online right to work checking service

As an alternative to providing a copy of original documents, applicants may demonstrate their right to work by allowing the licensing authority to carry out a check with the Home Office online right to work checking service.

To demonstrate their right to work via the Home Office online right to work checking service, applicants should include in this application their 9-digit share code (provided to them upon accessing the service at https://www.gov.uk/prove-right-to-work) which, along with the applicant's date of birth (provided within this application) will allow the licensing authority to carry out the check.

In order to establish the applicant's right to work, the check will need to indicate that the applicant is allowed to work in the United Kingdom and is not subject to a condition preventing them from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.

An online check will not be possible in all circumstances because not all applicants will have an immigration status that can be shared digitally. The Home Office online right to work checking service sets out what information and/or documentation applicants will need in order to access the service. Applicants who are unable to obtain a share code from the service should submit copy documents as set out above.

Your right to work will be checked as part of your licensing application and this could involve us checking your immigration status with the Home Office. We may otherwise share information with the Home Office. Your licence application will not be determined until you have complied with this guidance.

Vesuvio Pizzeria 20 Norcot Road, Tilehurst, Reading

Agreed Conditions

- 1. The premises licence holder shall ensure the premises' digitally recorded CCTV system cameras shall continually record whilst the premises are open to the public and recordings shall be kept for a minimum of 31 days with time and date stamping. The entire licensable area shall be covered by the CCTV. There shall be at least one camera positioned at each entry and exit point to monitor any external areas to the premises. This includes any areas designated for tables and chairs and/or a designated smoking area. Data recordings shall be made immediately available to an authorised officer of Thames Valley Police or Reading Borough Council together with facilities for viewing upon request subject to the provisions of the Data Protection Act and GDPR legislation. Recorded images shall be of such quality as to be able to identify the recorded person in any light. At least one member of staff on the premises at any time during operating hours shall be trained to access and download material from the CCTV system.
- 2. Signs shall be placed in prominent positions on the premises notifying customers that CCTV is in operation.
- 3. All incidents which impact on any of the four licensing objectives shall be recorded in a register kept at the premises for this purpose. The register shall include, but not be limited to:
 - (i) all crimes reported to the venue
 - (ii) all ejections of patrons
 - (iii) any complaints received concerning crime and disorder
 - (iv) any incidents of disorder
 - (v) all seizures of drugs or offensive weapons
 - (vi) any faults in the CCTV system, searching equipment or scanning equipment
 - (vii) any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service.
 - (a) this record shall be available for inspection by a Police Officer or an authorised officer of Reading Borough Council upon request and shall be retained for one year. The record shall be signed off by the DPS or nominated representative at the end of each trading session;
 - (b) a weekly review of the incident register shall also be carried out by the DPS.

- 4. Staff employed at the premises to sell and deliver alcohol shall undergo training upon induction. This shall include, but not be limited to:
 - i. The premises age verification policy
 - ii. The law relating to underage sales
 - iii. Dealing with refusal of sales
 - iv. Proxy purchasing
 - v. Recognising valid identity documents produced as proof of age
 - vi. Identifying attempts by intoxicated persons to purchase alcohol
 - vii. Identifying signs of intoxication
 - viii. Conflict management
 - ix. How to identify and safeguard vulnerable persons who attend and leave the premises
 - x. Identifying signs of drug usage
 - xi. The four licensing objectives

Such training sessions are to be documented and refreshed every six months. All training sessions are to be documented in English. Records of training shall be kept for a minimum of one year and be made available to an authorised officer of Thames Valley Police and Reading Borough Council upon request.

- 5. The premises shall at all times operate an age verification policy of at least Challenge 25 to prevent any customers who appear to staff members to be under the age of 25 years from purchasing alcohol without having first provided identification. Only a valid driver's licence showing a photograph of the person, a valid passport, national identity card or proof of age card showing the "PASS" hologram are to be accepted as identification. Notices advertising the Challenge 25 and proof of age policies shall be displayed in prominent positions on the premises. Staff shall be trained in the five point FLARE checklist to identify fraudulent cards. Staff training on checking proof of age procedures will be recorded and kept on file.
- 6. The Premises Licence holder shall display in a prominent position a copy of their policy on checking proof of age.
- 7. All staff employed at the premises involved in the sale and delivery of alcohol shall be trained to record refusals of sales of alcohol in a refusals log (whether written or electronic). The log shall contain:
 - Details of the time and date the refusal was made;
 - The identity of the staff member refusing the sale;
 - Any detail or description of the person refused and the reason why

This book /register will be available for inspection by an officer of Thames Valley Police or Reading Borough Council and shall be retained for one year.

- 8. The immediate vicinity outside of the premises and in any external areas associated with the premises shall be kept clear of litter.
- 9. During the operating hours of the premises a telephone number shall be made available to local residents should they wish to speak to the duty manager about nuisance related issues.
- 10. The licensee or nominated representative shall ensure that no noise shall emanate from the premises nor vibration be transmitted through the structure of the premises which gives rise to undue disturbance to local residents or local businesses.
- 11. Clearly legible and suitable notices shall be prominently displayed at all exits requesting customers to respect the needs of local residents and to leave the premises and area quietly.
- 12. Clearly legible and suitable notices shall be prominently displayed at any area used for smoking requesting customers to respect the needs of local residents and to use the area quietly.
- 13. Delivery bikes, or any other vehicle used for the delivery of orders, shall be used and stored in a way that does not cause undue disturbance to neighbouring residents or businesses.
- 14. Alcohol shall only be delivered to a bona fide residential or commercial address. Deliveries shall not be made to car parks, bus stops, middle of fields, etc. Any order for a non bona fide address shall be refused and the reason for refusal recorded in the refusals book. Alcohol must not be delivered to an address other than as per the order.
- 15. It shall be a term of any contract or agreement, between the premises licence holder and any third party delivery company, that the delivery company shall require ID verification when orders containing age restricted items are delivered. A Challenge 25 age verification policy must be operated. Only a valid driver's licence showing a photograph of the person, a valid passport, military ID, a proof of age card showing the 'Pass' hologram (or any other nationally accredited scheme) or a national ID card that contains an ultraviolet feature or holographic mark are to be accepted as identification. Orders must not be left with anyone under the age of 18 years and must be returned to the premises and the reason for refusal recorded in the refusals book.
- 16. Alcohol shall not be delivered to customers after 2330hrs each day.



From: Brett, David <David.Brett@reading.gov.uk>

Sent: 04 January 2023 12:16

To: Richards, Sian < Sian.Richards@reading.gov.uk > Cc: Eatough, Richard < Richard.Eatough@reading.gov.uk >

Subject: RE: Consultation - Grant premises licence Vesuvio Pizzeria 20 Norcot

Road

Hi Sian,

Thank you for your email.

Having looked at the proposed floor plan provided, the proposed use appears to be as a restaurant rather than a hot food takeaway. The applicant states that the scope of the proposal as follows; "The business will operate throughout the day and evening from 08:00 hours each day as a café and pizzeria restaurant for diners eating in and a collection service until 23:30 hours, and will also offer a delivery service throughout the day until 02:00 hours the following morning."

20 Norcot Road received prior approval in 2020 for the conversion from bookmakers (Sui Generis Use Class) to offices (B1 Use Class). The planning application reference number for the prior approval is 200766 and was issued on 06/08/2020, I am not sure if this has been implemented and the latest Google Streetview imagery is only from 2016. If prior approval was implemented, then no change of use will have occurred as the B1 Use Class for offices and A3 Use Class for restaurants now fall under Class E, however, if approval 200766 has not been implemented there would be a change of use from Sui Generis to Class E for which full planning permission is required. Advertisement Consent would also be required for any signage for the proposed restaurant.

Planning objects to the application due to:

Impact on neighbouring amenity with noise and disturbance arising from the takeaway and home deliveries aspect of the business combined with the proposed opening hours. This is in terms of customer trips to the premises and delivery vehicles

I hope the above is useful. If you have any questions; please let me know.

Kind regards,

David Brett

Senior Planning Officer

Planning | Directorate for Economic Growth & Neighbourhood Services

Sun 22/01/2023 23:22 Jenny Trist 20 Norcot Road, Tilehurst, Reading

Dear Sir

I have recently read the above property has applied for a food and drinks license until 2am in 7 days a week.

I do not object to selling food until 11pm 7 days per week. I do object to selling food and drinks until 2am, 7 days per week indoors and outdoors.

I live on Norcot Road and I see today teenagers on electric bikes and scooters delivering drugs and it will just become another drug drop and collection point especially at 2am in the morning.

This license should be line with the pub opening times on Norcot Road and no later as I believe it will take up serious amounts of police time as there is a lot of anti social behaviour in Tilehurst due to little Police presence.

I hope you consider this application very seriously. Jenny

Tue 24/01/2023 22:18

Claire Foxon

Licensing application 20 Norcot Road, Tilehurst

Hi,

Re: Licensing application - 20 Norcot Road, Tilehurst.

I'm a local resident of Tilehurst and have lived on Polsted Road for circa 14 years.

I'd like to object to the proposed opening hours of the newly planned Pizzeria which has been reported in the local news recently.

To be clear, I have no objections to the proposed change in use from a bookmaker to a takeaway/restaurant, nor any objections to this being a licensed premises. However I do object to the proposed opening hours till 2am on the basis of noise disturbance given that this is a heavily populated residential area, which is normally quiet at night time.

If a licence were to be granted, please consider the feelings of the local residents when making the decision around restrictions to the licence.

Best regards

Claire Foxon

Mon 30/01/2023 13:48

Fiona Conroy

Application: 20 Norcot Road, Tilehurst Reading. Vesuvio Pizzeria Ltd

Dear Sirs I object to the application based on numerous concerns, mainly the ones listed below:

The location is extremely close to quiet residential housing. A business whose principle hours of business are late at night is not compatible with this location and I have concerns will impact local residents negatively, particularly where alcohol is involved, the possibility for inappropriate and anti-social behaviour is increased. As there are residential properties and gardens in the immediate vicinity, a service yard with the inevitable issues that stored rubbish and materials present to local residents that are, possibly not in total control of all their faculties, there is also the concern of increased vermin in the area if the rubbish is not managed appropriately. There are also concerns regarding increased traffic in an already very busy area/road, this coupled with limited parking is a concern. I am assuming that the application for these premises has included for adequate provision for parking.

The risk of possible damage, violence, anti-social behaviour is increased by introducing a considerable number of people, late at night and having been in an environment where alcohol is involved, is not an acceptable risk for existing residents. Generally any activity involving increased numbers of people, vehicles, and alcohol after 11:30pm is not appropriate for a residential area and it increases the possibility of becoming a public nuisance, safe guarding issue's and significantly raises the risk of criminal and disorderly behaviour

I have lived in the immediate area 15+ years and strongly believe the application will have a detrimental impact on local resident's human rights; see note below,

Human Rights Act 1998

3.5 The Council has a duty under the European Convention on Human Rights to protect both the rights of a resident to privacy and family life (Article 8) and the rights of a licence holder to operate their business without undue interference (Article 1 of the First Protocol). This promotes the need for the licensing authority to reach a balance between these two principles when making decisions.

Kind regards Fiona