

LICENSING APPLICATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - 2 MARCH 2023

Present: Councillor Woodward (Chair), G Dennis and Kitchingham

15. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PREMISES LICENCE, VESUVIO PIZZERIA, 20 NORCOT ROAD, TILEHURST, READING, RG30 6BU

The Deputy Director of Planning, Transport and Regulatory Services submitted a report on an application for the grant of a premises licence in respect of Vesuvio Pizzeria, 20 Norcot Road, Tilehurst, Reading, RG30 6BU.

The report stated that the application was for the grant of a Premises Licence to permit the following licensable 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

A copy of the Premises Licence Application Form was attached to the report at Appendix RS-1. A copy of the agreed conditions between Reading Borough Council's Licensing Team, Thames Valley Police and the Applicant were attached to the report at Appendix RS-2.

During the 28-day consultation period for the application four representations were received by Reading Borough Council (RBC) from:

- Reading Borough Council, Planning Department - attached at Appendix RS-3;
- Ms Jenny Trist, Local Resident - attached at Appendix RS-4;
- Ms Claire Foxon, Local Resident - attached at Appendix RS-5;
- Ms Fiona Conroy, Local Resident - attached at Appendix RS6.

Reading Borough Council Licensing Team and Thames Valley Police did not make any representations.

Bill Donne, Silver Fox Consultants submitted further information on behalf of the applicants, including clarification that the provision of late-night refreshment referred to delivery only via in-house and third party aggregators collecting from the kitchen at the rear of the premises and plans showing the location of the premises in relation to the representations. None of the local resident objectors attended the meeting

The report stated that in determining 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;

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- The prevention of public nuisance;
- The protection of children from harm.

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 grant (subject to appropriate conditions to promote the licensing objectives), amend, alter or refuse an application should it be deemed appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

The report set out paragraphs 8.41 to 8.49, 9.12, 9.38, 9.39, 9.40, 9.42 and 9.43 from the Secretary of State's Guidance to the Licensing Act 2003 issued in April 2018. The report also set out paragraphs 1.6, 3.1, 3.2, 5.6, 5.7, 6.1, 6.2, 6.5, 7.2, 7.6, 7.7, 7.12, 7.16, 8.6, 10.1 and 10.3 from the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.

Bill Donne, Silver Fox Consultants, Augusto Romano, the Designated Premises Supervisor, Mrs Eglantina Klosi, manager and Mr Sirmij Klosi, the applicant, were present at the meeting, addressed the Sub-Committee on the application and answered questions.

David Brett, RBC Planning Department, also attended the meeting, addressed the Sub-Committee on the application and answered questions.

Robert Smalley, RBC Licensing Enforcement Officer, presented the report to the Sub-Committee.

Resolved -

That, after taking into consideration the Licensing Act 2003, the Secretary of State's Guidance issued under section 182 of that Act, the Environmental Protection Act 1990, the Equality Act 2010 and Reading Borough Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and the promotion of the four Licensing Objectives:

- the prevention of crime and disorder,
- public safety;
- the prevention of public nuisance;
- the protection of children from harm

and considering the written and oral representations received from the Applicant and their agent and the representations from resident objectors the Sub-Committee agreed to grant the premises licence to allow, subject to the conditions set out in Appendix RS2 to the report.

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(The meeting started at 9.30 am and closed at 10.23 am)

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