AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE 2

21ST FEBRUARY 2006

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF LAW AND PROPERTY

APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO ENGAGE IN STREET TRADING

PURPOSE

To consider the application on behalf of Ms Adele Grove for the grant of a Street Trading consent to trade in Brierley Hill Town Centre.

BACKGROUND

- On the 18th November, 2005, Ms Grove made application for the grant of a consent to engage in street trading to sell hot jacket potatoes, hot/cold drinks in Cottage Street, Brierley Hill.
- This application was circulated to the West Midlands Police, Directorate of the Urban Environment, Democratic Services, Brierley Hill Town Centre Manager and Julie Jones, Commercial Operations Manager, Corporate Estates. A copy of the application and site plan is attached to this report as Appendix 1.
- The Director of the Urban Environment (Highways) made comments which are attached to this report as Appendix 2.
- The Town Centre Manager also made comments which are attached to this report as Appendix 3.
- 6 None of the other agencies raised any objections.
- 7 This report has a direct link to the Council priority for safety as the principal reason for submission is safeguarding the public.

PROPOSAL

That the Committee consider Ms Grove's application for the grant of a consent to engage in street trading.

FINANCE

9 There are no financial implications.

LAW

- The grant of consents to engage in street trading is governed by Part III of Schedule IV to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982. High Street/Coventry Street, Stourbridge is a consent streets designated as such by a resolution of the Council. To trade without such a consent is an offence.
- Paragraph 7(2) of Schedule IV of the 1982 Act, states that the Council may grant a consent if it thinks fit and, when granting or renewing a consent, the Council may attach such conditions as it considers necessary.
- Paragraph 10 of Schedule IV of the 1982 Act, states that a street trading consent may be granted for one period not exceeding 12 months but may be revoked at any time.
- Where the consent allows the holder to trade from a cart, barrow, or other vehicle, then the consent must specify the location from which the trade/may trade and the times between which or periods for which he may trade.
- There is no right of appeal against the Council's decision to vary a condition upon which a consent is issued, or refusal to grant or renew a street trader's consent.

EQUALITY IMPACT

This report takes account of the Council's policy on equal opportunities.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee determine Ms Groves application for the grant of a street trading consent in Brierley Hill Town Centre.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

17 Application Form.

DIRECTOR OF LAW AND PROPERTY

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