

DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE 5

11TH OCTOBER 2005

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF LAW AND PROPERTY

APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE

PURPOSE

- 1 To consider the application for the grant of a premises licence in respect of the Chatney's Restaurant, 47, High Street, Stourbridge, West Midlands.

BACKGROUND

- 2 On the 16th August 2005, an application was received from Restaurant Management & Marketing on behalf of Mr Mohammed Chowdhury, in respect of the Chatneys Restaurant, 47, High Street, Stourbridge, West Midlands, for the grant of a premises licence. The application is attached to this report at Appendix 1.
- 3 The application had the following requisite certified copies of documents enclosed:-
 - Relevant Justices On Licence
 - Correct Fee (£100.00)
 - Plan of the premises
 - Consent of the proposed Designated Premises Supervisor
 - Consent of the current licensee.
- 4 The application for a premises licence is as follows:

Provision of facilities for late night refreshment

Mon – Thurs	23.00 – 00.00
Fri & Sat	23.00 – 01.00
Sun	23.00 – 00.00
- 5 Confirmation that copies of the application form and supporting documentation have been served on the relevant authorities has been received.
- 6 Representations have been received from the Director of the Urban Environment and are attached to this report as appendix 2.

7 The following comments have been made by the Planning Division

8 Planning Permission

There are time restrictions relating to the planning permission for this site (94/50270)

Condition 4 : The restaurant hereby approved shall be open to the public only between the hours of 10.00 hours and 23.00 hours Monday to Sundays

Condition 5: there shall be no takeaway service to the public from the restaurant premises hereby approved throughout the life of the development.
Therefore the license would be in breach of planning permission.

9 This application falls within the Council's recent responsibility for liquor licensing which has a direct link to the Council's key corporate priority that safety matters.

PROPOSAL

10 That the Sub-Committee consider the application made by Restaurant Management and Marketing on behalf of Mr Mohammed Chowdhury, in respect of the Chatneys Restaurant, 47 High Street, Stourbridge, West Midlands, for the grant of a premises licence.

FINANCE

11 There are no financial implications.

LAW

12 The law relating to the granting of applications to vary premises licences is governed by the Licensing Act 2003, Section 11, Part 3 and Schedule 8, Part 1.

13 Pursuant to Section 35(3)(a) of the Licensing Act 2003, where a relevant authority has made representations, the Licensing Authority must:-

- Hold a hearing to consider item, unless the authority, the applicant and each person who has made such representations agree that a hearing is unnecessary, and
- Having regard to the representations, take such of steps mentioned in subsection (4) (if any) as it considers necessary for the promotion of the Licensing objectives.
- The steps are:-
 - to modify the conditions of licence;
 - to reject the whole or part of the application.

- 14 Pursuant to Section 36(1) and (4) of the Licensing Act 2003 where an application (or any part of an application) is granted or rejected under Section 35 of the Licensing Act 2003, the Licensing Authority must immediately give notice to that effect to:-
- the applicant;
 - any person who made relevant representations in respect of the application and
 - the Chief Officer of Police for the police area in which the premises are situated.
- 15 In pursuance of Regulation 26(1) of the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearing Regulations 2005), the Licensing Authority must make its determination at the conclusion of the hearing.
- 16 If the Licensing Authority refuse to grant the application to vary the premises licence, there is a right of appeal to the Magistrates' Court pursuant to Schedule 5, Part 1(b).
- 17 Pursuant to Section 4(1), (2) and (3), Schedule 5 of the Licensing Act 2003, where the Licensing Authority grant an application to vary a premises licence in whole or in part. The applicant may appeal against any decision to modify the conditions of the licence under subsection 4(a) of Section 35 of the Licensing Act 2003.

Where a person who made relevant representations to the application desires to contend:-

- that any variation made ought not to have been made, or
- that, when varying the licence, the Licensing Authority ought not to have modified the conditions of the licence, or ought to have modified it in a different way, under subsection 4(a) of Section 35 of the Licensing Act.

They have the right of appeal to the Magistrates' Court.

EQUALITY IMPACT

- 18 This report complies with the Council's policy on equal opportunities.

RECOMMENDATION

- 19 That the Sub-Committee determine the application.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

20 None.

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