

Licensing Sub-Committee 4 – 15th January 2008

Report of the Director of Law and Property

Application for a Premises Licence

Purpose of Report

1. To consider the application for the grant of a premises licence in respect of 201-203, Stourbridge Road, Dudley, West Midlands.

Background

2. On the 14th November 2007, an application was received from Murria Solicitors, on behalf of Veena Virk, in respect of the premises known as 201 – 203, Stourbridge Road, Dudley, 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 documents enclosed:-
 - Correct Fee (£190.00)
 - Plan of the premises

4. The application for a premises licence is as follows:

To allow the sale of alcohol.

Monday – Sunday 08.00 – 23.00

Confirmation that copies of the application form and supporting documentation have been served on the relevant authorities has been received.

5. We have received objections from 2 local residents, a copy of the letters have been sent to the Committee Members and the Applicant in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003.
6. 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.

Finance

7. There are no financial implications.

Law

8. The law relating to the granting of applications for the grant of a premises licences is governed by the Licensing Act 2003, Section 11, Part 3 and Schedule 8, Part 1.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. If the Licensing Authority refuse to grant the application, there is a right of appeal to the Magistrates' Court pursuant to Schedule 5, Part 1(b).

13. Pursuant to Section 4(1), (2) and (3), Schedule 5 of the Licensing Act 2003, where the Licensing Authority grant an application for 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 item 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

14. This report takes into account the Council's policy on equal opportunities.
15. The licensing of premises and individuals will impact on children and young people through their attendance at licensed premises.
16. There has been no consultation or involvement of children and young people in developing these proposals.

Recommendation

17. That the Sub-Committee determine the application.

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List of Background Papers

None.