

Meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee 1
Tuesday 19th March, 2024 at 10.00am
In the Council Chamber
at the Council House, Priory Road, Dudley

Agenda - Public Session
(Meeting open to the public and press)

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To report the appointment of any substitute Members for this meeting of the Sub-Committee.
3. To receive any declarations of interest under the Members' Code of Conduct.
4. To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 27th February, 2024 as a correct record (Pages 6 – 10)

The following application is to be considered under the provisions of the Gambling Act 2005:-

5. Application for a Licensed Premises Gaming Machine Permit – The Chequers Inn, 96 High Street, Stourbridge (Pages 11 - 20)

The following application is to be considered under the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003:-

6. Application for Grant of a New Premises Licence – The Black Country Wellbeing Centre, Vale Street, Upper Gornal (Pages 21 – 73)
7. To consider any questions from Members to the Chair where two clear days notice has been given to the Monitoring Officer (Council Procedure Rule 11.8).



Chief Executive

Dated: 11th March, 2024

Distribution:

Councillor A Lees

Councillors T Creed and M Howard

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Licensing Sub-Committee Procedure

- Chair to welcome parties and introduce Members and Officers
- Establish who the parties are and any representatives
- Chair to confirm that all parties have had disclosure of all documents that the Committee has before them and been allowed sufficient opportunity to read them prior to the meeting.
- Presenting Officer of the Local Authority or Solicitor to present the report to the Sub-Committee
- Relevant Authority to present their evidence and the Chair will then ask if any of the following have questions for the Officer:-
 - Objectors/or their representative
 - Applicant or representative
 - Sub-Committee Members and Legal Advisor
- Objectors or their representative/nominated person to present his/her case (including Ward Members)
 - Any witnesses to be called
 - Each witness to be questioned through the Chair in the following order:-
 - Representative of objectors (if present), if no representative, the objectors
- The Chair will then ask the following if they have any questions for the representative or the objectors:-
 - Presenting Officer Local Authority (or Solicitor)
 - Applicant or Representative
 - Sub-Committee Members and Legal Advisor
- Applicant or representative to introduce his or her case
 - Any witnesses for the applicant to be called
 - Each witness to be questioned through the Chair in the following order:-
 - Representative of Applicant (if present)
 - Presenting Officer Local Authority/Solicitor
 - Relevant Authority
 - Objector or Representative
 - Sub-Committee Members and Legal Advisor

- Presenting Officer of the Local Authority/Solicitor to sum up.
- Objectors/Representative to sum up
- Applicant or representative to sum up (must make final comments)
- Legal Advisor indicates to parties details of legal advice to be given to Sub-Committee
- Parties asked if they have had a fair hearing
- All parties, together with any members of the public to withdraw
- Sub-Committee to make their decision
- All parties invited to return and the Chair reads out the decision and the reasons for the decision.

**Minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee 1
Tuesday, 27th February 2024 at 10.00 am
In the Council Chamber, The Council House, Priory Road,
Dudley**

Present:

Councillors T Creed, M Howard and A Taylor

Officers: -

N Slym (Assistant Team Manager - Licensing and Waste Enforcement), S Wright (Solicitor) and K Taylor (Senior Democratic Services Officer).

36. Election of Chair

It was noted that Councillor A Taylor was elected Chair for this meeting of the Sub-Committee only.

(Councillor A Taylor in the Chair)

37. Apology for Absence

An apology for absence from the meeting was submitted on behalf of Councillor A Lees.

38. Appointment of Substitute Member

It was noted that Councillor A Taylor was appointed as substitute Member for Councillor A Lees for this meeting of the Sub-Committee only.

39. **Declarations of Interest**

No Member made a declaration of interest in accordance with the Members Code of Conduct.

40. **Minutes**

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 5th October, 2023, be approved as a correct record, and signed.

41. **Application for Grant of a New Premises Licence – Sedgley Mini Market, Unit 1-3 High Street, Sedgley**

A report of the Director of Environment was submitted on an application for the grant of a new premises licence in respect of the premises known as Sedgley Mini Market, Unit 1-3 High Street, Sedgley.

It was noted that the applicant, Mr M Hejrandoost was not in attendance at the meeting and notification of his absence had not been received. Following a telephone call, the applicant confirmed that he would not be attending the hearing. Mr Hejrandoost did not confirm that he wished for the application to be withdrawn, therefore, it would be a matter for the Sub-Committee to consider whether to proceed in the absence of the applicant.

The Sub-Committee resolved to proceed with the hearing, the following persons were in attendance, at the meeting:

K Maan and R Timmins (Environmental Health and Trading Standards)
K Turley and D Jenkins (West Midlands Police)
N Aston-Baugh and M Grainger (West Midlands Fire Service)
A Humphrey (Licensing and Waste Enforcement)

Following introductions, the Assistant Team Manager – Licensing and Waste Enforcement presented the report on behalf of the Council.

The Chair, on behalf of the Sub-Committee, confirmed that they had received copies of the application form, supporting documentation and the representations submitted by the responsible authorities and invited all parties present whether there was any additional information in which they would like to present or expand on further.

In responding to a question raised by the Chair, N Aston-Baugh confirmed that the fire safety issues outlined in the representations submitted had not been resolved by the applicant.

K Maan advised the Sub-Committee that since the writing of the report, further complaints and intelligence had been received reporting that illegal cigarettes continued to be sold at the premises. It was confirmed that the applicant was currently under investigation for several criminal offences and would be cautioned and interviewed. A number of products that had been seized during a visit to the premises had been confirmed to be counterfeit and further discussions would be undertaken with the business owners. It was further noted that despite several requests, the applicant had failed to provide passcodes for mobile phones that was required as part of the ongoing investigation.

Following further discussion, the Solicitor provided legal advice in relation to the case, following which the Sub-Committee came to their conclusion and the Chair of the Committee outlined the decision.

Resolved

That following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, the application for the grant of a new premises licence in respect of the premises known as Sedgley Mini Market, Unit 1-3 High Street, Sedgley, be refused.

Mr M Hejrandoost would be informed of his right to appeal the decision of the Sub-Committee.

42. Application for Grant of Consent to Engage in Street Trading – Stourbridge Town Centre

A report of the Director of Environment was submitted in respect of an application made by Mr B Davies for the grant of a consent to engage in street trading in Stourbridge Town Centre.

Mr B Davies (Applicant) was in attendance at the meeting with his wife, Mrs J Davies.

Following introductions, the Assistant Team Manager (Licensing and Waste Enforcement) presented the report on behalf of the Council, advising that an application had been received from Mr B Davies on 15th December, 2023 for the grant of a consent to engage in street trading in Foster Street, Stourbridge to sell Hot and Cold Coffee, Teas, Sandwiches and Cakes on the following days and times:

Monday to Friday – 7.00am until 3.00pm

Saturday – 8.00am until 2.00pm.

The application together with details of the proposed site and photographs of the trading vehicle had been circulated to the Committee and interested parties.

It was reported that mediation had been undertaken with Mr Davies following comments received from Transport and Highways Services, and all concerns had now been addressed regarding the positioning of the trailer. It was noted that confirmation had been received from the Transport and Highways Department that they no longer had objections to the application following the response by Mr Davies.

In support of his application, Mr Davies considered the business to be a good opportunity for Stourbridge High Street which would help increase footfall within the Town Centre.

In responding to questions by the Sub-Committee, Mr Davies confirmed that he had now proposed an alternative location on Foster Street, which had been used by a previous trader. This would reduce the width of the footpath, which would be taken up by the trailer allowing access for delivery and emergency vehicles. He also confirmed that the products would be sold through the trailer only and that he had traded at a number of market events previously.

Reference was made to Mr Davies e-mail outlining his response to all concerns raised, and the Solicitor sought clarification as to whether Mr Davies would be in agreement to attach points 1-5 as conditions to the consent should the Sub-Committee be minded to grant the application. Mr Davies confirmed that he would be in agreement.

The Solicitor provided legal advice in relation to the case, following which all parties withdrew from the meeting to enable the Sub-Committee to determine the application.

The Sub-Committee having made their decision invited the parties to return and the Chair outlined their decision.

Resolved

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted and presented at the meeting, the application made by Mr B Davies for the grant of a consent to engage in street trading in Stourbridge Town Centre be approved, with the following conditions:

1. The trailer will be positioned to allow access to Foster Street for emergency vehicles. The positioning of the trailer will be as per the green trailer shown in the image attached to this consent.
2. The towing vehicle will be parked on a nearby car park and will not be left with the trailer during trading hours.
3. All rubbish generated by the operation of the trailer will be taken away from Foster Street to be disposed of and not left at the trading location. A litter collection of the immediate area will take place at the end of every trading day to correctly dispose of any litter left by customers.
4. The trailer will be removed from site at the end of each trading day and not left in Foster Street overnight.
5. The towing vehicle will not enter Foster Street until 4pm in order to remove the trailer at the end of each trading day.

43. **Questions Under Council Procedure Rule 11.8**

There were no questions to the Chair pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 11.8.

The meeting ended at 10.53am

CHAIR

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Meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee 1 – 19th March 2024

Report of the Director of Environment

Application for a Licensed Premises Gaming Machine Permit

The Chequers Inn, 96 High Street, Stourbridge, DY8 4NY.

Purpose

1. To consider the application for the grant of a Licensed Premises Gaming Machine permit for 6 category C machines, in respect of the premises known as The Chequers Inn, 96 High Street, Stourbridge, DY8 4NY.

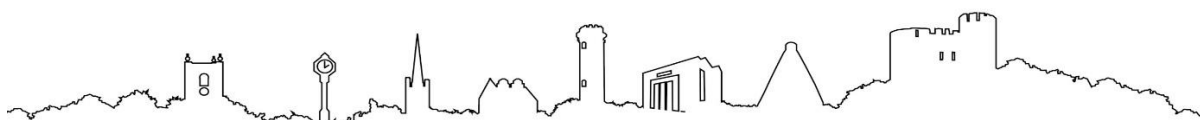
Recommendation

2. That the Committee determine the application for the grant of a permit for 6 category C machines in respect of the premises known as The Chequers Inn.

Background

3. The Chequers Inn, holds a current premises licence for the following: -

I: Late Night Refreshment	Monday to Sunday	23:00	02:00
B:Films	Monday to Sunday	09:00	02:00



J: Supply of Alcohol	Monday to Sunday From end of permitted hours on New Years Eve to commencement of permitted hours on New Years Day	08:00	02:00
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4. The Local Authority licensing policy states as follows:-

- If authorisation is sought for more than two category C or D machines the applicant will be required to attend a hearing to support the application. All plans submitted with applications for premises licences must set out the siting of each category C or D machine.
- There is a minimum age of 18 for all players for all category C machines. However there is no minimum age for players of category D machines. The holder of any permit or premises licence has to comply with the codes of practice issued by the Commission on the location of and access to gaming machines by children and young persons, and the separation from category C machines where those are also located on the same premises. It is, therefore, a matter for the discretion of the premises licence holder and any adults accompanying the children concerned whether they are entitled to play such category D machines. In the case of premises used exclusively or primarily for the consumption of alcohol, all children under the age of 16 will only be permitted entry to the premises if accompanied by adults. All such machines must be sited in accordance with the Gaming Act.
- There is unlikely to be the need for a hearing where the application is for renewal of the existing permit for more than two machines or where the application is for the grant of a Licensed Premises Gaming Machine Permit at premises which already have an existing permit for more than two machines, and where that number is not increased.

5. On 14th February 2024, The Licensing Office received from JD Wetherspoon PLC an application for the grant of a licensed premises Gaming Machine Permit for 6 category C machines. The application together with the site plan received on the 22nd February 2024 identifying the position of all 6 machines is attached to this report as Appendix 1.

6. The current licence holder of the premises licence is JD Wetherspoon PLC. The premises currently hold a permit for 5 category C machines which was approved by the Licensing Sub Committee on 14th February 2017.

Finance

7. There are no financial implications.

Law

8. Pursuant to part 12, section 283 of the Gambling Act 2005 the Council can grant a licensed premises gaming machine permits.
9. Pursuant to schedule 13 4(2) on considering an application for a permit the Licensing Authority shall:-
 - (a) grant an application
 - (b) refuse the application, or
 - (c) grant it in respect of:-
 - (i) a smaller number of machines than that specified in the application
 - (ii) a different category of machines from that specified in the application, or
 - (iii) both
10. Pursuant to schedule 13, 5
 - (1) A Licensing Authority may not attach conditions to a permit
 - (2) As soon as is reasonably practicable after granting an application a Licensing Authority shall issue a permit to the applicant.
11. Pursuant to schedule 13, 5(3) as soon as it reasonably practicable after refusing an application a Licensing Authority shall notify the applicant of:-
 - (a) the refusal, and
 - (b) the reasons for it

12. In pursuance of schedule 13 6 (2) a Licensing Authority may not refuse an application, or grant an application in respect of a different category or smaller number of gaming than that specified in the application, unless they have
 - (a) notified the applicant of their intention to refuse or grant the application in respect of
 - (i) a smaller number of machines than that specified in the application
 - (ii) a different category of machines than that specified in the application or
 - (iii) both, and
 - (b) given the applicant an opportunity to make representations
13. In pursuance of schedule 13 6 (3) a Licensing Authority can satisfy the opportunity to make representations by giving the applicant an opportunity to make:-
 - (a) oral representations
 - (b) written representations, or
 - (c) both
14. In pursuance of schedule 13 21 (1) the applicant for a holder of a permit may appeal to the Magistrates Court if the Licensing Authority:-
 - (a) reject an application for a permit
 - (b) grant an application for a permit in respect of a smaller number of machines than that specified in the application or a different category of machines from that specified in the application.

Risk Management

15. There are no risk management implications.

Equality Impact

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

17. The licensing of premises and individuals will impact on children and young people through their attendance at licensed premises.
18. There has been no consultation or involvement of children and young people in developing these proposals.

Human Resources/Organisational Development

19. There are no human resources/organisational development implications.

Commercial/Procurement

20. There are no commercial/procurement implications.

Environment/Climate Change

21. There are no Environment/Climate Change implications.

Council Priorities and Projects

22. This application falls within the Council's statutory responsibility for Licensing as a direct link to the Council's Plan 2022-25 as a place where communities can lead stronger, safer and healthier lives.
 - Dudley the borough of opportunity
 - Dudley the safe and healthy borough
 - Dudley the borough of ambition and enterprise
 - Dudley borough the destination of choice



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Appendices

Appendix 1 Application/Plan.

List of Background Documents

None

**APPLICATION FOR THE NOTIFICATION / GRANT / VARIATION /
TRANSFER OF A LICENSED PREMISES GAMING MACHINE PERMIT
(FOR USE BY PREMISES LICENSED TO SUPPLY ALCOHOL FOR CONSUMPTION
ON THE PREMISES)**

Please refer to guidance notes at the back of this form before completing

To:
Licensing Team
Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council
Unit 1, Hurst Business Park
Narrow Boat Way
Brierley Hill DY5 1UF

Section A – Applicant Details

1. Name of Applicant

JD Wetherspoon Plc

2. Date of Birth or Company registration No. as applicable

1709784

3. Address / registered office of applicant

Wetherspoon House, Reeds Crescent, Watford, Hertfordshire WD24 4QL

4. Telephone number (daytime) of applicant

5. E-mail address of applicant

6. Name, address, telephone and e-mail of agent (e.g. solicitor) if submitted on behalf of the applicant

SECTION B – Premises Details

1. Name of premises

Chequers Inn ...

2. Address of premises

96 High Street, Stourbridge, DY8 4NY ...

3. Telephone number of premises

4. E-mail address of premises (where available)?

5. Licensing Act 2003 Premises Licence Number

DY/51/0512

SECTION C – What do you want to do?

Please indicate what you would like to do:

a) Notify licensing authority that you intend to provide up to a maximum total of 2 gaming machines of category C and / or D. *If you choose this option then please complete section F.*

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b) Apply to the licensing authority for more than 2 gaming machines. *If you choose this option then please complete sections D and F.*

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c) Apply to vary an existing permit. *If you choose this option then please complete sections D and F.*

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d) Request that the licensing authority transfers an existing permit to yourself. *If you choose this option then please complete sections E and F.*

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SECTION D – Grant and variation requests

1. How many gaming machines are you currently authorised to provide and how many do you wish to provide? Please complete the boxes in the table.

Category machine	Number currently authorised to provide	Number wish to provide
C	...5...	6
D
Total6...

2. If you are authorised to provide more than 2 machines, please provide your existing permit, or provide reasons stating why it cannot be provided.

Existing permit provided

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Reasons why existing permit cannot be provided

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Section E – Transfer request

1. Name of person requesting the transfer

JD Wetherspoon plc

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2. Please confirm that an application to transfer the relevant Premises Licence under the Licensing Act 2003 has been:

Requested

☐

Granted

☐

3. Please provide your existing permit, or provide reasons stating why it cannot be provided.

Existing permit provided ☐

Reasons why existing permit cannot be provided

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Section F – Fee and Signature(s)

1. I enclose

In all cases

- *the relevant fee*

✓

2. I confirm that

- *the premises where the machines are proposed to be located are licensed to supply alcohol for consumption on the premises and that there is a bar for serving alcohol to customers on the premises (without the requirement that alcohol is served only with food).*

✓

- *I am aware of and will abide by the Gaming Machine Code of Practice for Alcohol Licensed Premise Permits and Permissions issued by the Gambling Commission.*

✓

- *All staff will be trained as to the limits of any stakes and prizes and the requirements of the Act, Guidance and any appropriate codes of practice or conduct*

✓

Please note: It is an offence under section 342 of the Gambling Act 2005 if a person, without reasonable excuse, gives to a licensing authority for a purpose connected with that Act information which is false or misleading.

Dated 15th December 2023

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Signed by or on behalf of the applicant

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Name (please print).....

behalf of JD Wetherspoon plc

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* If you wish to have a maximum of 2 gaming machines then the fee payable is £50. If you wish to have more than 2 gaming machines then the fee payable is £100 by an existing operator or £150 in all other cases.

To Vary the Permit £100

To Transfer the Permit £25

**GUIDANCE NOTES: APPLICATION FOR THE NOTIFICATION / GRANT / VARIATION /
TRANSFER OF A LICENSED PREMISES GAMING MACHINE PERMIT**
(FOR USE BY PREMISES LICENSED TO SUPPLY ALCOHOL FOR CONSUMPTION ON THE PREMISES)

1. This form is to be used for the NOTIFICATION of up to 2 gaming machines of categories C and / or D under Section 282 of the Gambling Act 2005, or the GRANT / VARIATION / TRANSFER of a gaming machine permit under Section 283 and Schedule 13 of the Gambling Act 2005.
2. All references to 'Premises Licence' refer to a Premises Licence under the Licensing Act 2003 authorising the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises.
3. The premises must be licensed under the Licensing Act 2003 to sell alcohol for consumption on the premises.
4. A 'Premises Licence holder' is a person holding a Premises Licence under the Licensing Act 2003.
5. The gaming machines must be located on these licensed premises and there must be a bar for serving alcohol to customers on the premises, without the requirement that alcohol is served only with food.
6. The permit's duration is indefinite as it is linked to the Premises Licence. There is a first annual fee payable 30 days after the grant of the permit and an annual fee payable after that before each anniversary of the date of issue of the permit. Failure to pay the annual fee may result in the cancellation of the permit. The annual fee is £50.
7. Two types of gaming machines can be located in alcohol licensed premises. These are:
 - Category C: Maximum stake = 50p / Maximum prize = £25
 - Category D: Maximum stake = 10p or 30p non-monetary / Maximum prize = £5 cash or £8 non-monetary
8. The holder of a licensed premises gaming machine permit must comply with any relevant Code of Practice issued by the Gambling Commission under Section 24 of the Gambling Act 2005. The Gaming Machine Code of Practice for Alcohol licensed premises permits and permissions is available via the Gambling Commission's website at: <http://www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk/> Should you be unclear as to the provisions of such a code of practice please contact your local licensing officer at the council address provided.
9. This licensing authority must notify the applicant of its grant / refusal of the application for a permit as soon as is reasonable practicable after that decision to grant / refuse has been made.

Official Use Only

Date of receipt:

Signature and name of staff who received:

Date of receipt of fee:

Signature and name of staff who received fee:

Application accepted / returned (please delete as appropriate)

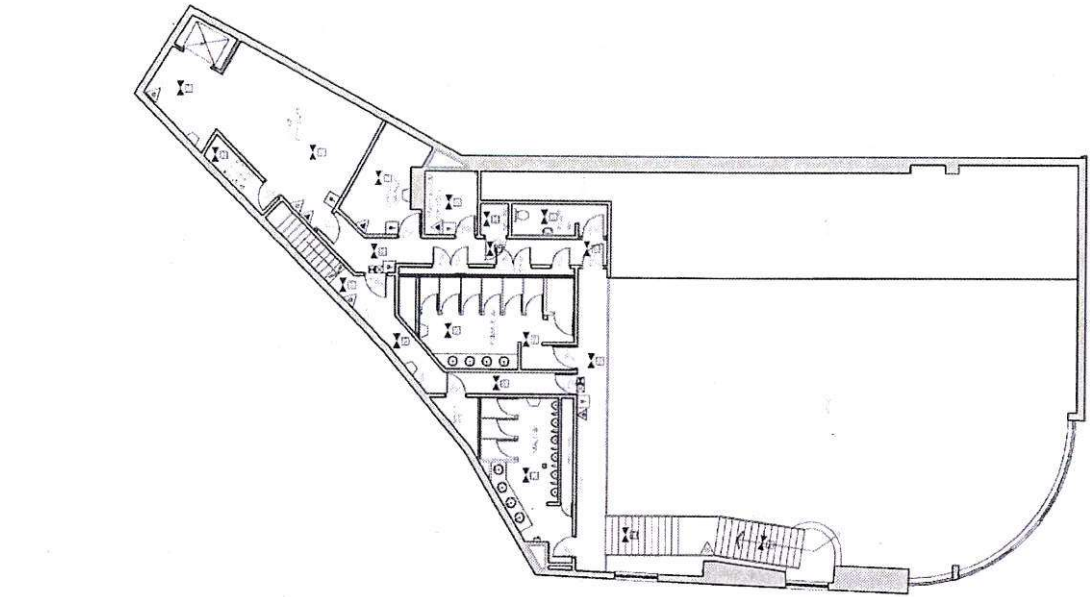
Date of premises licence (Licensing Act 2003) transfer (if applicable):



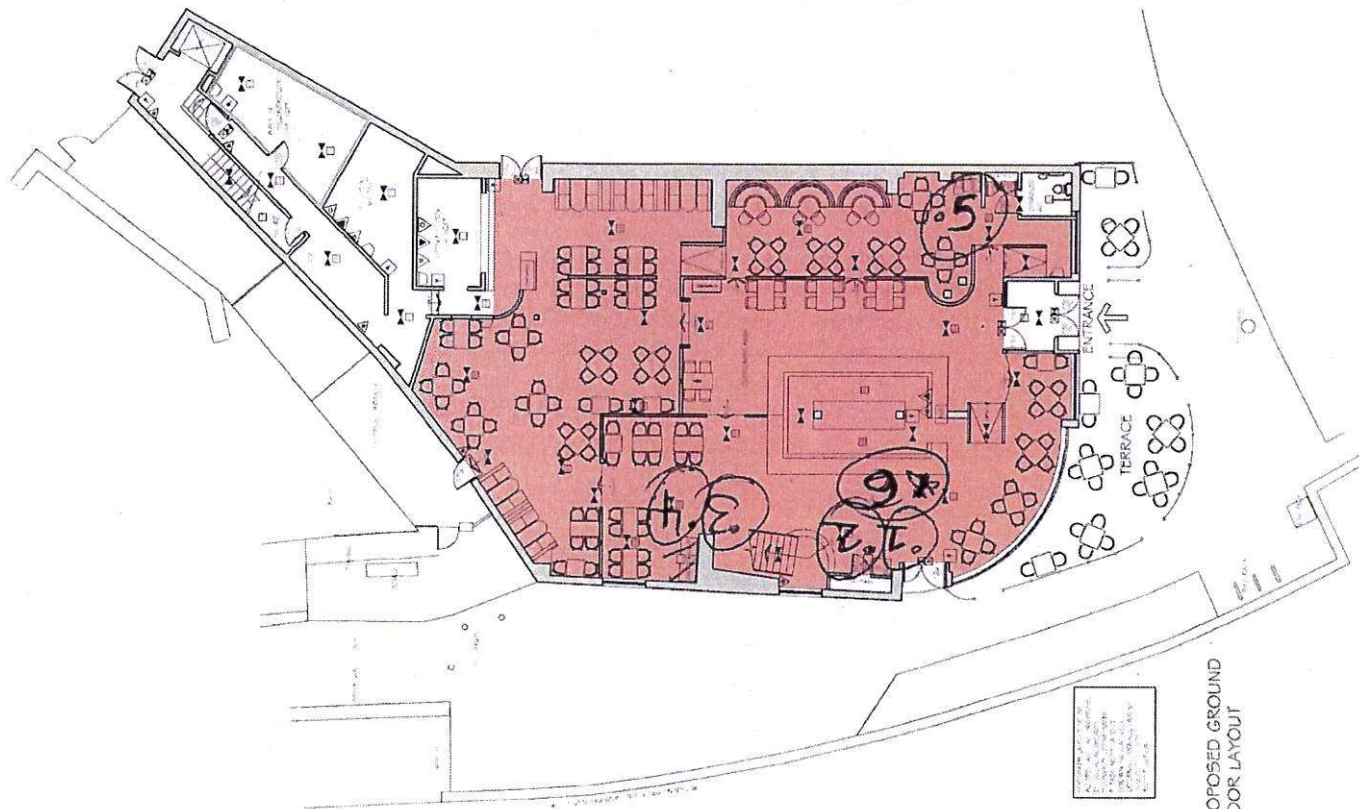
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PROPOSED FIRST FLOOR LAYOUT



PROPOSED GROUND FLOOR LAYOUT

Meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee 1 – 19th March 2024

Report of the Director of Environment

Application for Grant of a New Premises Licence

The Black Country Wellbeing Centre

Purpose

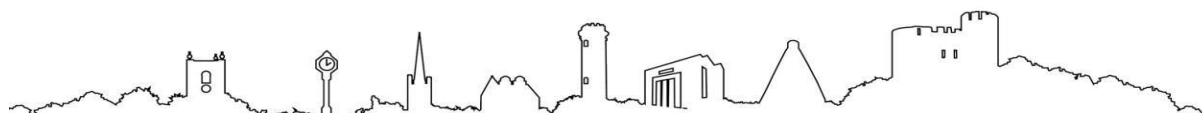
1. To consider the application for the grant of a new premises licence in respect of the premises known as The Black Country Wellbeing Centre, Vale Street, Upper Gornal, Dudley, DY3 3XF.

Recommendation

2. That the Sub-Committee determine the application for the grant of a premises licence in light of representations raised.

Background

3. On the 30th January 2024, an application for the grant of a new premises licence was received from The Black Country Wellbeing Centre, Vale Street, Upper Gornal for the grant of a new premises licence. A copy of that application has been forwarded to all responsible authorities in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003 and is attached to this report as Appendix 1.
4. The application had the following documents enclosed:-
 - Plan of the premises
 - Correct fee
 - Consent of the DPS



The application for a premises licence is as follows:

Supply of Alcohol

Friday 18.00 until 22.30

Saturday 15.00 until 22.30

Sunday 12.00 until 22.30

24th December 18.00 until 00.00

31st December 18.00 until 00.00

5. Confirmation that copies of the application form and supporting documentation have been served on the responsible authorities has been received.
6. Representations have been received from 2 Ward Members and 13 Local Residents, copies of the representations have been forwarded to the applicant in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003 and are attached to this report as Appendix 2.

Finance

7. There are no financial implications.

Law

8. The law relating to the determination of applications for the grant of premises licence is governed by the Licensing Act 2003, part 3, section 18.
9. Pursuant to Section 18(3) of the Licensing Act 2003, where relevant representations are made the Licensing Authority must:-
 - (a) hold a hearing to consider them, unless the authority, the applicant each person who has made such representations

agree that a hearing is unnecessary, and

- (b) having regard to the representations, take such of the steps mentioned in subsection (4) (if any) as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the Licensing objectives.

10. Pursuant to Section 18 (4) the steps are:-

(a) to grant the licence subject to:-

- (i) such conditions as are consistent with the operating schedule accompanying the application modified to such extent as the authority considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives, and

- (ii) any condition which must under section 19, 20 or 21 be included in the licence;

(b) to exclude from the scope of the licence any of the licensable activities to which the application relates;

(c) to refuse to specify a person in the licence as the premises supervisor;

(d) to reject the application

11. Pursuant to Section 23(1) of the Licensing Act 2003 where an application (or any part of an application) is granted under section 18 of the Licensing Act 2003, the Licensing Authority must immediately give notice to that effect to:-

1 (a) (i) the applicant

1 (a) (ii) any person who made relevant representations in respect of the application and

1 (a) (iii) the Chief Officer of Police for the police area in which the premises are situated and

- 1 (b) issue the application with the licence and a summary of it
12. Pursuant to section 23(2) where relevant representations were made in respect of the application, the notice under subsection (1)(a) must state the authority's reasons for its decisions as to the steps (if any) to take under section 18(3)(b).
13. Pursuant to section 23(3) where an application is rejected under section 18, the licensing authority must forthwith give a notice to that effect stating its reasons for the decision, to
- (a) the applicant
 - (b) any person who made relevant representations in respect of the application, and
 - (c) the Chief of Police for the police area or each police area in which the premises are situated
14. Where a Local Authority grant a licence under section 18 pursuant to schedule 5 of the Licensing Act, section 2 the holder of the licence may appeal against any decision:-
- (a) to impose conditions on the licence under subsection (2)(a) or 3(b) of that section, or
 - (b) to take any step mentioned in subsection (4)(b) or (c) of that section (exclusion of licensable activity or refusal to specify person as premises supervisor)
15. Where a person who made relevant representations in relation to the application desires to contend:-
- (a) that the licence ought not to have been granted, or
 - (b) that, on granting the licence, the licensing authority ought to have imposed different or additional conditions, or to have

taken a step mentioned in subsection (4)(b) or (c) of that section, he may appeal against the decision.

16. In pursuance of regulation 26(2) of the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearing Regulations 2005) the Licensing Authority must make its determination within 5 working days of the conclusion of the hearing.
17. If the Licensing Authority refuse to grant the application, there is a right of appeal. The appeal under this part must be made to a Magistrates' Court pursuant to schedule 5 section 9 of the Licensing Act 2003.

Risk Management

18. There are no risk management implications.

Equality Impact

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

Human Resources/Organisational Development

22. There are no human resources/organisational development implications.

Commercial/Procurement

23. There are no commercial/procurement implications.

Environment/Climate Change

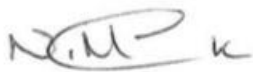
24. There are no Environment/Climate Change implications

Council Priorities and Projects

25. This application falls within the Council's statutory responsibility for

Licensing as a direct link to the Council's Plan 2022-25 as a place where communities can lead stronger, safer and healthier lives.

- Dudley the borough of opportunity
- Dudley the safe and healthy borough
- Dudley the borough of ambition and enterprise
- Dudley borough the destination of choice



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Appendices

Application Form - Appendix 1

Representations - Appendix 2

List of Background Documents

None

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.

I/We THE BLACK COUNTRY WELLBEING CENTRE
(Insert name(s) of applicant)

apply for a premises licence under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below (the premises) and I/we are making this application to you as the relevant licensing authority in accordance with section 12 of the Licensing Act 2003

Part 1 – Premises details

Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description <u>THE BLACK COUNTRY WELLBEING CENTRE</u> <u>VALE STREET</u> <u>UPPER GORNAL</u>	
Post town	<u>DUDLEY</u>
Postcode	<u>DY3 3XF</u>

Telephone number at premises (if any)	
Non-domestic rateable value of premises	<u>£ 6,000.</u>

Part 2 - Applicant details

Please state whether you are applying for a premises licence as appropriate Please tick as

a)	an individual or individuals *	<input type="checkbox"/>	please complete section (A)
b)	a person other than an individual *	<input type="checkbox"/>	
i	as a limited company/limited liability partnership	<input type="checkbox"/>	please complete section (B)
ii	as a partnership (other than limited liability)	<input type="checkbox"/>	please complete section (B)
iii	as an unincorporated association or	<input type="checkbox"/>	please complete section (B)
iv	other (for example a statutory corporation)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	please complete section (B)

c)	a recognised club	please complete section (B)
d)	a charity	please complete section (B)
e)	the proprietor of an educational establishment	please complete section (B)
f)	a health service body	please complete section (B)
g)	a person who is registered under Part 2 of the Care Standards Act 2000 (c14) in respect of an independent hospital in Wales	please complete section (B)
ga)	a person who is registered under Chapter 2 of Part 1 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (within the meaning of that Part) in an independent hospital in England	please complete section (B)
h)	the chief officer of police of a police force in England and Wales	please complete section (B)

* If you are applying as a person described in (a) or (b) please confirm (by ticking yes to one box below):

- I am carrying on or proposing to carry on a business which involves the use of the premises for licensable activities; or
- I am making the application pursuant to a
- statutory function or
- a function discharged by virtue of Her Majesty's prerogative

(A) individual applicants (fill in as applicable)

Mr	Mrs	Miss	Ms	Other Title (for example, Rev)	
Surname			First names		
Date of birth		I am 18 years old or over		Please tick yes	
Nationality					
Current residential address if different from premises address					
Post town				Postcode	
Daytime contact telephone number					
E-mail address (optional)					
Where applicable (if demonstrating a right to work via the Home Office online right to work checking service), the 'share code' provided to the applicant by that service (please see note 15 for information)					

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Second individual applicant (if applicable)

Mr	Mrs	Miss	Ms	Other Title (for example, Rev)	
Surname			First names		
Date of birth or over		I am 18 years old		Please tick yes	
Nationality					
Current residential address if different from premises address					
Post town				Postcode	
Daytime contact telephone number					
E-mail address (optional)					
Where applicable (if demonstrating a right to work via the Home Office online right to work checking service), the 'share code' provided to the applicant by that service: (please see note 15 for information)					

(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	THE BLACK COUNTRY WELLBEING CENTRE
Address	VALE STREET. UPPER GORNAL DUDLEY. DY3 3XF

Registered number (where applicable)
Description of applicant (for example, partnership, company, unincorporated association etc.)
COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY
Telephone number (if any)
E-mail address (optional)
enquiries@bcwc.co.uk

Part 3 Operating Schedule

When do you want the premises licence to start?

DD	MM	YYYY

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

DD	MM	YYYY

Please give a general description of the premises (please read guidance note 1)
The Black Country Wellbeing Centre is a one level building situated on Quarry Park in Upper Gornal. To the rear of the building is a gated secure community garden with adjacent car parking for 15 plus cars.

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

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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)

Provision of regulated entertainment (please read guidance note 2)	Please tick all that apply
a) plays (if ticking yes, fill in box A)	
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)	

<u>Provision of late night refreshment</u> (if ticking yes, fill in box I)	
<u>Supply of alcohol</u> (if ticking yes, fill in box J)	✓

In all cases complete boxes K, L and M

A

Plays Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Will the performance of a play take place <u>indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	
Day	Start	Finis h		Outdoors	
Mon			<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 4)		
Tue					
Wed			<u>State any seasonal variations for performing plays</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Thur					
Fri			<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of plays at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 6)		
Sat					
Sun					

n/a

B

Films Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Will the exhibition of films take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	
Day	Start	Finis h		Outdoors	
Mon			Please give further details here (please read guidance note 4)	Both	
Tue					
Wed					
Thur			State any seasonal variations for the exhibition of films (please read guidance note 5)		
Fri					
Sat			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the exhibition of films at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 6)		
Sun					

n/a

C

Indoor sporting events Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Please give further details (please read guidance note 4)
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon			State any seasonal variations for indoor sporting events (please read guidance note 5)
Tue			
Wed			
Thur			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for indoor sporting events at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 6)
Fri			
Sat			
Sun			

n/a.

D

Boxing or wrestling entertainments Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Will the boxing or wrestling entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors
				Outdoors
				Both
Day	Start	Finis h		
Mon			Please give further details here (please read guidance note 4)	
Tue				
Wed				
Thur			State any seasonal variations for boxing or wrestling entertainment (please read guidance note 5)	
Fri				
Sat			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for boxing or wrestling entertainment at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 6)	
Sun				

n/a.

E

Live music Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Will the performance of live music take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	
Day	Start	Finis h		Outdoors	
Mon			Please give further details here (please read guidance note 4)		
Tue					
Wed					
Thur			State any seasonal variations for the performance of live music (please read guidance note 5)		
Fri					
Sat			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of live music at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 6)		
Sun					

n/a.

F

Recorded music Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Will the playing of recorded music take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	
Day	Start	Finish		Outdoors	
Mon			Please give further details here (please read guidance note 4)	Both	
Tue					
Wed					
Thur			State any seasonal variations for the playing of recorded music (please read guidance note 5)		
Fri					
Sat					
Sun			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the playing of recorded music at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 6)		

n/a.

G

Performances of dance Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Will the performance of dance take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	
				Outdoors	
Day	Start	Finish	Both		
Mon			Please give further details here (please read guidance note 4)		
Tue					
Wed			State any seasonal variations for the performance of dance (please read guidance note 5)		
Thur					
Fri			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of dance at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 6)		
Sat					
Sun					

n/a

H

Anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Please give a description of the type of entertainment you will be providing		
Day	Start	Finish	Will this entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	
Mon				Outdoors	
				Both	
Tue			Please give further details here (please read guidance note 4)		
Wed					
Thur			State any seasonal variations for entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) (please read guidance note 5)		
Fri					
Sat			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 6)		
Sun					

12/12/12

Late night refreshment Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Will the provision of late night refreshment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	
				Outdoors	
Day	Start	Finish		Both	
Mon					
Tue			Please give further details here (please read guidance note 4)		
Wed					
Thur			State any seasonal variations for the provision of late night refreshment (please read guidance note 5)		
Fri					
Sat			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the provision of late night refreshment at different times, to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 6)		
Sun					

n/a

J

Supply of alcohol Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Will the supply of alcohol be for <u>consumption</u> – please tick (please read guidance note 8)	On the premises	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
				Off the premises	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finis h			
Mon			State any seasonal variations for the supply of alcohol (please read guidance note 5) 24 DECEMBER. 31 DECEMBER.		
Tue					
Wed					
Thur			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the supply of alcohol at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 6) 24 DECEMBER - SERVING UNTIL 00:00 HRS (OPEN FROM 18:00 HRS) 31 DECEMBER - SERVING UNTIL 00:00 HRS (OPEN FROM 18:00 HRS)		
Fri	18:00 HRS	22:30 HRS			
Sat	15:00 HRS	22:30 HRS			
Sun	12:00 HRS	22:30 HRS			

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):

Name	NATALIE WARMER
Date of birth	
Address	
Postcode	
Personal licence number (if known)	DY/50/4110
Issuing licensing authority (if known)	Dudley MBC.

K

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).

n/a

L

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)
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon			<p>24 DECEMBER - CLOSED AT 00:30 HRS WITH LAST SERVING AT 00:00 HRS.</p> <p>31 DECEMBER - CLOSED AT 00:30 HRS WITH LAST SERVING AT 00:00 HRS.</p>
Tue			
Wed			
Thur			
Fri	18:00 HRS	23:00 HRS	<p><u>Non standard timings. Where you intend the premises to be open to the public at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 6)</p>
Sat	15:00 HRS	23:00 HRS	
Sun	12:00 HRS	23:00 HRS	

M

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)

Any incidents of crime & disorder reported to police. Log kept of all reportings. Refusals of entry record kept & maintained. All staff to receive training in relation to the sale of alcohol, crime prevention & drug awareness. Risk Assessments in place & reviewed.

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

The Centre is equipped with 5 ANNKE CCTV CAMERAS (3 internal - 2 of which are focused on the proposed bar area and 2 external - 1 covering the main door & car park and 1 covering the rear exit gates). Recording is backed up and stored to a hard drive for 3 months. Two staff members have access via mobile phone app to live & pre recorded videos at all times. ANNKE DEVICE BT 81 GA/620652731).

c) Public safety

Fire safety procedures in place. Annual inspection of fire extinguishers, smoke detectors/illuminated fire exits. CCTV in operation & backed up to hard drive.

d) The prevention of public nuisance

Ensure noise kept to a minimum. Patrons asked to be quiet when leaving premises - notices displayed to be respectful & quiet park cars with consideration. Do not empty bins of glass at night. No over use of lighting at night.

e) The protection of children from harm

Age verification including a 'challenge 25 policy' in place. No unaccompanied children under 16 years permitted on site. clear signage restricting sale of alcohol to under 18's.

Checklist:

Please tick to indicate agreement

<input type="checkbox"/>	I have made or enclosed payment of the fee.	✓
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have enclosed the plan of the premises.	✓
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have sent copies of this application and the plan to responsible authorities and others where applicable.	✓
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have enclosed the consent form completed by the individual I wish to be designated premises supervisor, if applicable.	✓
<input type="checkbox"/>	I understand that I must now advertise my application.	✓
<input type="checkbox"/>	I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	[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).	✓

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)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [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
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	<p>the UK (please read guidance note 15).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	
Date	20.01.24.
Capacity	DIRECTOR.

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	
Date	
Capacity	

<p>Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 14)</p> <p>NATALIE WARNER.</p>	
Post town	Postcode
Telephone number (if any)	
<p>If you would prefer us to correspond with you by e-mail, your e-mail address (optional)</p> <p>enquiries@bcwc.co.uk</p>	

Notes for Guidance

and any premises licence to be granted or varied in respect of this application made by

THE BLACK COUNTRY WELLBEING CENTRE.
(name of applicant)

concerning the supply of alcohol at

THE BLACK COUNTRY WELLBEING CENTRE
VALE STREET. UPPER GORNAL
DUDLEY. DY3 3XF.

(name and address of premises to which application relates)

I also confirm that I am entitled to work in the United Kingdom and am applying for, intend to apply for or currently hold a personal licence, details of which I set out below.

Personal licence number

DY/50/4110.

(insert personal licence number, if any)

Personal licence issuing authority

DUDLEY M.B.C

(insert name and address and telephone number of personal licence issuing authority, if any)

Signed

Name (please print)

NATALIE WARNER.

Date

23.11.23.

Consent of designated to being specified as premises supervisor

PREMISES LICENSE
that name of prospective premises supervisor

of

Form address of prospective premises supervisor

herby confirm that I give my consent to be specified in the designated premises supervisor in relation to the application by

PREMISES LICENSE
Type of application

by

THE BLACK COUNTRY WELLSBURY CENTRE
(name of applicant)

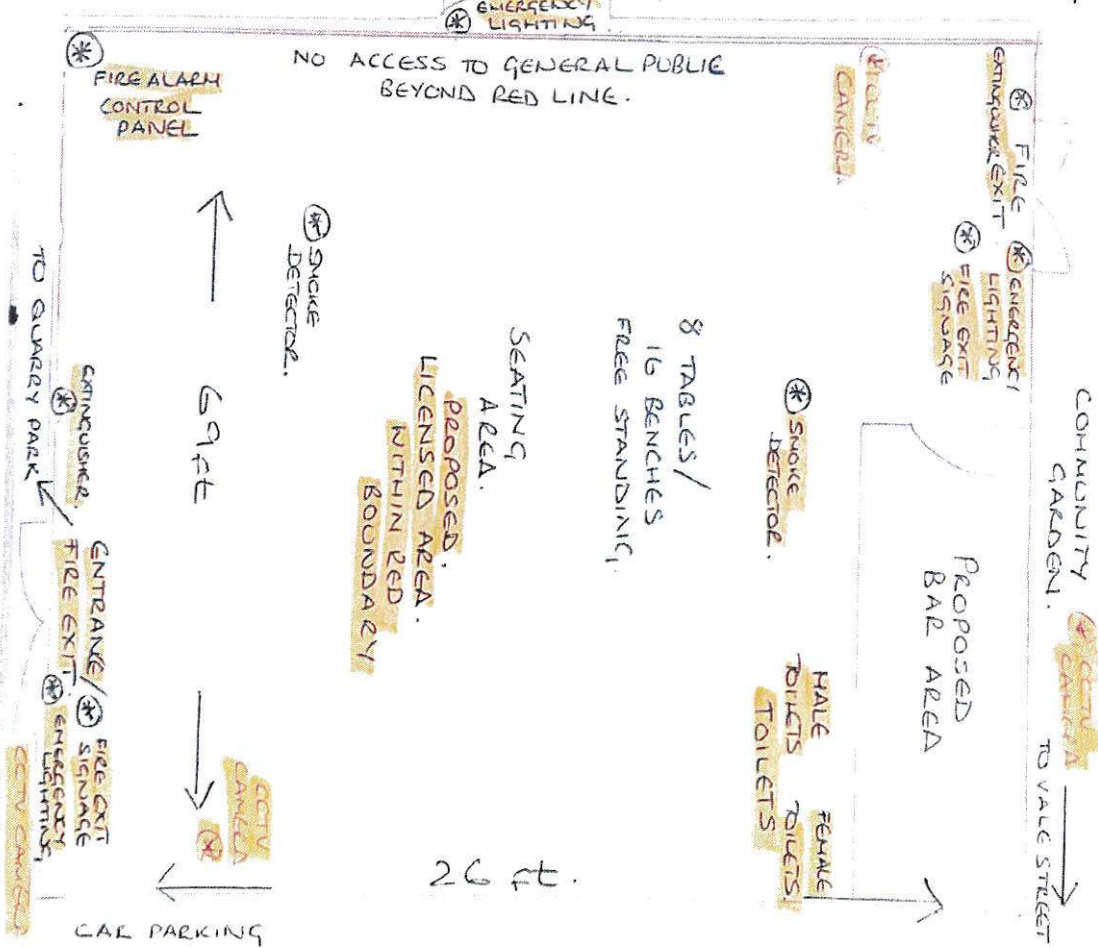
relating to a premises licence

(number of existing licences, if any)

for

THE BLACK COUNTRY WELLSBURY CENTRE
UPPER GORNAH
DUDLEY
DY3 3AF

(name and address of premises to which the application relates)

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Kay Dewinski (Neighbourhood Services)

From: Cllr. Mark Westwood (Dudley Council Elected Member)
Sent: 24 February 2024 14:51
To: Liquor Licensing
Subject: RE: DY/51/1679 - New Premises Licence Application for The Black Country Wellbeing Centre, Vale Street, Upper Gornal. DY3 3XF [OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE PERSONAL]

Sensitivity: Confidential

Dear Kay

I have received several calls from the residents of Upper Gornal and Woodsetton raising objections to the liquor licence request by the Black Country Well Being Centre. The Centre does some fantastic work for the Young and Old in the area, however the request for a liquor licence is not in keeping with the use of the property now. Furthermore, my objections are based on the following;

The road approaching the entrance to the centre is very narrow and struggles with the volumes of traffic on there now. Any increase of this traffic will have further impact on the congestion and nuisance to the local residents.

The Car Parking space is not sufficient for an increase in volume if the Liquor licence was approved. There will still be dog walkers, families using the park facilities and walkers, therefore the car park is far from sufficient for extra vehicles. The use of the field for parking is not sustainable and if used would cause a nuisance to residents and damage to the greenery.

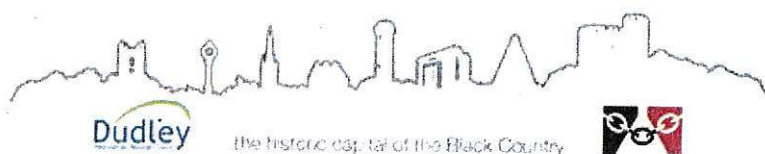
During the spring and summer months the potential of customers consuming liquor outside of the building will create noise and potential anti-social behaviour due to the nature of the fields / houses surrounding the building.

If the liquor licence was granted the egress of customers on foot would be across the open field through Vale Street and various cut throughs that are available across the field, which would create the potential for further anti-social behaviour late into the evening for the surrounding residents.

Regards,

Cllr. Mark Westwood

Dudley Council
 Council House, Priory Road, Dudley, DY1 1HF
www.dudley.gov.uk



Kay Dewinski (Neighbourhood Services)

From: Cllr. Adam Aston (Dudley Council Elected Member)
Sent: 26 February 2024 22:36
To: Liquor Licensing
Subject: DY/51/1679 - New Premises Licence Application for The Black Country Wellbeing Centre, Vale Street, Upper Gornal. DY3 3XF [OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE PERSONAL]

Sensitivity: Confidential

Good evening Team,
Thanks for your email regarding the liquor license application from Black Country Wellbeing Centre.

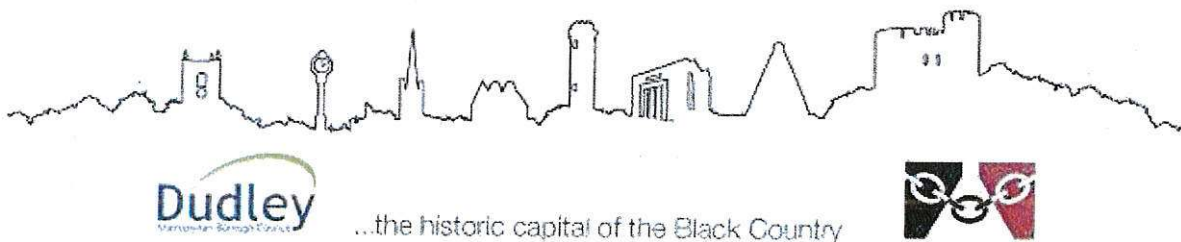
Since the application has been covered in the local press, I have been contacted by five local residents to raise concerns about the plan to sell alcohol at the centre; the basis of the concerns include the potential for drinking on Vale St Recreation Ground/Quarry Park on which Black Country Wellbeing Centre is located and associated noise nuisance; the lack of required parking has also been raised.

I have advised residents to make representations directly with the Licensing Team via the official process.

Best Wishes

Adam

Councillor Adam M Aston
Shadow Cabinet Member for Public Health and Adult Social Care
Upper Gornal and Woodsetton Ward
Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council



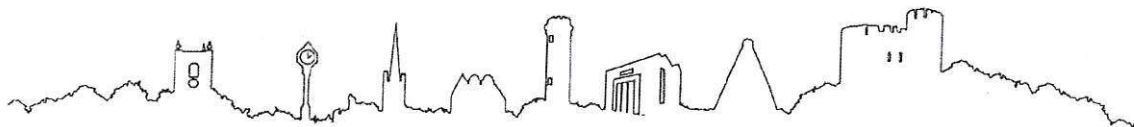
Representation Form

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Your name:	Alan Jones
Your postal address:	
Your email address:	
Your contact telephone number/s:	

Name of premises relevant to your representation/s:	Wellbeing Centre Vale
Address of premises relevant to your representation/s:	Vale Street Upper Gornal

Licensing Objective/s that relate to your representation/s:	Please list the reasons for your representation/s and include the supporting evidence here. Use separate sheets, if necessary:
Prevention of crime & disorder:	
Public Safety:	
Prevention of public nuisance:	
Protection of children from harm:	



If there are any conditions that you would like the committee to consider adding to the licence then please list them here:

As elderly local resident I want to object to the licence application for the Well Being centre.
will hear increased noise from park and venue late at night
It will encourage anti-social behaviour
Increased noise from park late at night
More traffic around narrow streets
More cars parking on the narrow streets near the park
Increased noise on entrances with people walking to & from the centre.
More litter on and around the park
Already have several licensed premises in the vicinity that cater for such parties/events -

I fully understand that this document will be made available to the applicant and included in the Sub Committee's Hearing papers which are publicly accessible documents, and any subsequent appeal court proceedings.

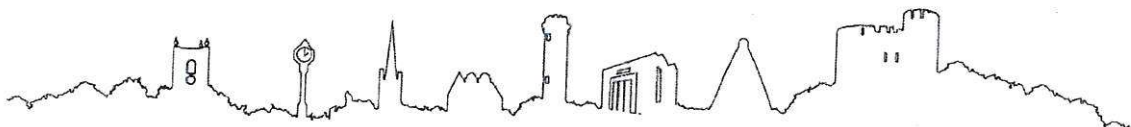
Signed: Alan Jones

Date: 25/02/24

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Your name

MR. BRIAN JONES

Your postal address

HON ALDERMAN BRYAN COTTERILL

Your email address

Your contact telephone number/s

Name of premises relevant to your representation/s

WELLBEING CENTRE
VALE ST. UPPER GORNAL DUNGEY.

Address of premises relevant to your representation/s

AS ABOVE

Licensing Objective/s that relate to your representation/s

Please list the reasons for your representation/s and include the supporting evidence here. Use separate sheets, if necessary.

Prevention of crime & disorder

THE WELLBEING CENTRE AT PRESENT DOES'NT HAVE A LIQUOR LICENSE AND THEREFORE NO EVIDENCE OF DISORDER OR ASSB

Public Safety

THE WELLBEING CENTRE IS USED BY YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE ELDERLY AND THEREFORE SHOULD HAVE BEEN INSPECTED BY DMBC.

Prevention of public nuisance

NO EVIDENCE OF PUBLIC NUISANCE CURRENTLY BUT THERE IS EVERY POTENTIAL WITH THE GRANTING OF THE LICENSE APPLIED FOR COULD AFFECT NEAR BY RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES - NOISE

Protection of children from harm

THE WELLBEING CENTRE IS MAINLY USED BY YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEREFORE DOES NOT SIT WELL WITH THE SALE OF ALCOHOL. IT SHOULD BE Borne IN MIND THAT THE CENTRE IS ADJACENT TO A PLAY PARK FOR YOUNGSTERS. THEREFORE, WE STRONGLY OBJECT TO THE LICENCE APPLIED FOR.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE PARKING IS NOT COVERED BY THIS APPLICATION HOWEVER IT SHOULD BE STRONGLY CONSIDERED THAT PARKING IS LIMITED.

I fully understand that this document will be made available to the applicant and included in the Sub Committee's Hearing papers which are publicly accessible documents, and any subsequent appeal court proceedings.

Signed

[Redacted Signature]

Date

16.02.2024

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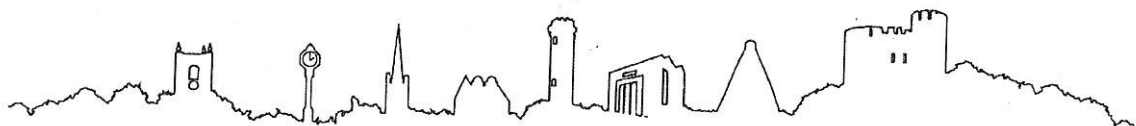
Metropolitan Borough Council

Please refer to the attached guidance notes prior to completing this form

Your name:	Mrs Donna Hemmings
Your postal address:	
Your email address:	
Your contact telephone number/s:	

Name of premises relevant to your representation/s:	Black country well being centre
Address of premises relevant to your representation/s:	127 Vale Street Upper Gornall Dudley DY3 3XQ

Licensing Objective/s that relate to your representation/s:	Please list the reasons for your representation/s and include the supporting evidence here. Use separate sheets, if necessary:
Prevention of crime & disorder:	Anti-social behaviour entering onto the Quarry park
Public Safety:	After consuming Alcohol clientele could easily venture out onto the park and become a nuisance to the general public.
Prevention of public nuisance:	Alcohol is a major contributing factor to public nuisance & the noise levels coming from the premises
Protection of children from harm:	Proposed hours conflict with families or children playing football and playing on the play ground on the park.



If there are any conditions that you would like the committee to consider adding to the licence then please list them here:

Serving alcohol in a well being centre surely contravenes the purpose of a well being centre. There is no additions to the licence that could change the clear message that alcohol is good for our health & well being when we all know the overriding evidence is quite the opposite.

I fully understand that this document will be made available to the applicant and included in the Sub Committee's Hearing papers which are publicly accessible documents, and any subsequent appeal court proceedings.

Signed:

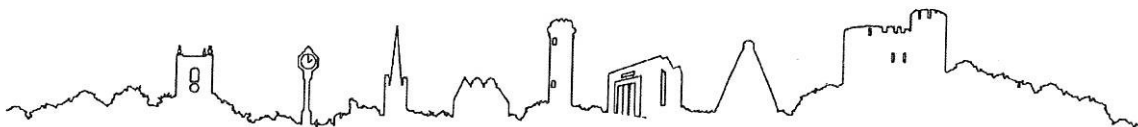
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Mr Nick Slym
Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council
Neighbourhood Services – Licensing Environment
Lister Road Depot
Dudley
DY2 8JW

24th February 2024

Dear Mr Slym

New Premises Licence Application for Black Country Wellbeing Centre

Having reviewed the Statement of Licensing Policy (The Licensing Act 2003) I submit my representation in line with the objectives set out in the Act and the limited information available to me.

(1) There needs to be clarification as to why there is a fundamental need for a permanent alcohol licence in a Wellbeing Centre sited in a relatively small public park incorporating a children's playground.

This application seems in direct contrast to the core principles associated with a Wellbeing Centre of providing a safe space in promoting good health, physical, mental and spiritual well-being. An alcohol license offers no benefit to the community but is more likely to be detrimental.

The issuing of an alcohol licence gives the legal basis for a "Pop-Up Public House" on a Friday, Saturday and Sunday each week and at other times. The Community does not need an additional Public House.

It is inconsistent with the Community Interest Statement "help to engage with people who may be socially isolated, obese and with mental health problems".

This Community Interest Statement also raises the question of safeguarding protocols with the introduction of alcohol into the Wellbeing Centre when part of their proposed remit was to help vulnerable adults and children.

The setting for the Wellbeing Centre is in an open space with residential dwellings bordering each side of the building. The open space (park) houses a football pitch and a children's playground. This is not an appropriate or safe setting for the granting of an alcohol licence.

The Park has a history of periodic antisocial behaviour over a number of years which follows the usual cycle experienced in open public spaces of recurring antisocial behaviour, the introduction of interventional processes to improve and eliminate antisocial behaviour, followed by complacency and at intervals reactivation.

This park is accessible twenty-four hours a day and has numerous entrances and exits. In the interests of the prevention of crime, disorder and public nuisance the provision for late night opening of a building, directly situated in the park and in the presence of alcohol consumption, should be vehemently discouraged.

For residents living in close proximity, without boundary to the park, there would be an increased risk to their safety, security, health and well-being when an alcohol licence is unnecessary.

The direct impact of the activity taking place at the licensed premises on public who live, work and carry out normal activity in close proximity and the neighbourhood of the Black Country Wellbeing Centre needs serious consideration.

Certainly there is a case that would support Article 8 of the Human Rights Act 1998

“Right to Respect for Private and Family Life”

The nature of this application directly affects the Human Rights Act. The time when most people are working during the week is usually from Monday to Friday. The weekend usually commences on Friday evening. This is when they reconnect as a family and spend quality time together. It is also a time for relaxation, communication and a time to recharge and destress.

This licensing application for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, together with other times, could severely impact this right and is discriminatory towards family and private life.

There appears to be no qualifying reason from the application submitted for a permanent alcohol licence to be approved and should be refused.

E. Barratt

Kay Dewinski (Neighbourhood Services)

From: Elaine Barratt
Sent: 26 February 2024 12:10
To: Kay Dewinski (Neighbourhood Services)
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Licensing Act 2003 - Application for a New Premises Licence for the Black Country Wellbeing Centre

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Dear Mr Smith

Although I have not received a copy of your letter dated the 23rd February 2024, I have been made aware of the contents of this letter.

Some of the points raised in this letter require clarification as detailed below:

I have made reference to antisocial behaviour in my own representation letter.

It certainly would not be surprising if some of those submitting objections were concerned about their full addresses and names being made available. The security surrounding personal details is extremely important particularly in the elderly.

Such details could quite easily be maintained by Dudley MBC and readily accessible should their authenticity need to be validated. This in no way would undermine the applicants right to review the objection letter. Dudley MBC does have a duty of care to those who may feel vulnerable in this way.

The additional information provided since the Wellbeing Centre application submission also needs clarification:

"....that there are no services available at the site for vulnerable groups"...

This does not correlate with the community interest statement aims: "Help to engage with people who may be socially isolated, obese and with mental health problems".

".... provides facilities for local schools where some of their special educational needs (SEND) children attend and hold regular fitness classes...."

SEND adults and children are vulnerable. Please could you clarify whether the schools simply utilise the facilities at the Black Country Wellbeing Centre with their own school staff in attendance and no involvement of the Black Country Well Being Centre Staff. This point is not clear.

"....The Centre is currently experiencing financial difficulties....."

Selling alcohol to raise finance in a Wellbeing Centre sited in a Park with a football pitch and a children's playground is not a suitable environment or place for this venture.

It is not acceptable and is not a justifiable reason for the issuing of an Alcohol Licence.

".....To rent the room for private functions. It would not be open every weekend, but there would be an ability to open it when needed, without having to make future TENs applications"

Types of private function for room rental need to be more clearly defined with protocols, a risk evaluation and processes that would be in place for monitoring and contact details for attendees.

Verbal reassurance "it would not be open every weekend" are no guarantee and have no impact on the license application for licensing Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

All of the above needs consideration and certainly discussion before any decision is made.

Yours sincerely
Mrs E Barratt

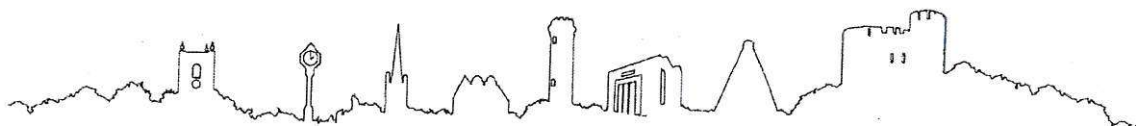
Representation Form

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Your name:	Lee & Nicola Anslow
Your postal address:	
Your email address:	
Your contact telephone number/s:	

Name of premises relevant to your representation/s:	Wellbeing Centre Vale
Address of premises relevant to your representation/s:	Vale Street Upper Gornal

Licensing Objective/s that relate to your representation/s:	Please list the reasons for your representation/s and include the supporting evidence here. Use separate sheets, if necessary:
Prevention of crime & disorder:	
Public Safety:	
Prevention of public nuisance:	
Protection of children from harm:	



If there are any conditions that you would like the committee to consider adding to the licence then please list them here:

As residents we want to object to the licence application for the Well Being centre am unable to provide facts as application has not been granted yet but envisage

Encouraging anti-social behaviour

Increased noise from park late at night

More traffic around narrow streets

More cars parking on the narrow streets near the park

Increased noise on entrances with people walking to & from the centre.

More litter on and around the park

Already have several licensed premises in the vicinity that cater for such parties/events -

The Well Being Centre does a great job with children's classes & OAP groups now neither of which need the premises to be licensed. Would like to understand how being licensed would improve services provided?

I fully understand that this document will be made available to the applicant and included in the Sub Committee's Hearing papers which are publicly accessible documents, and any subsequent appeal court proceedings.

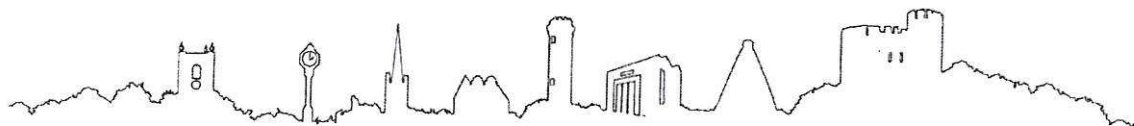
Signed: Nicola Anslow

Date: 25/02/24

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Kay Dewinski (Neighbourhood Services)

From: Mark Holder
Sent: 26 February 2024 09:41
To: Liquor Licensing
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Objection to Black Country Wellbeing Centre Vale Street application

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Dear Sir/Madam,

During summer months and better weather there are already occasions when noisy disturbances occur at the side of our house, mainly young people drinking cans of alcohol, the empties sometimes ending up thrown into our garden.

To grant a license until 11pm on weekends could extend the potential of antisocial behaviour problem year round, hence our request that this license should NOT be granted.

Yours sincerely,
Mark and Lynne Holder.

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad

Dudley MBC
Licensing Team
Lister Road
Dudley
DY2 8JW

Mrs J Kinsell

19/02/24

Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to object to the application from The Black Country Well Being Centre (BCWBC), 127 Vale St, Upper Gornal, Dudley DY3 3XQ for Supply of Alcohol (Fri 6pm-11pm, Sat 3pm-11pm, Sun 12midday-11pm). My objection is based on my concern that this new licence may increase the possibility of public nuisance for the many dwellings nearby, including my own. I also detail out below my concerns:

- **Increased Noise:** A Premises Licence would probably mean more people hence more Noise especially if Alcohol Consumption is involved. Also, the proposed opening hours will encourage noise at an unreasonable time by people congregating outside either waiting for their friends, or waiting for taxis. Also, Taxis may pick up from the end of the Driveway thus blocking Vale Street while collecting, this would also increase noise levels.
- **Increase in Anti-social behaviour:** Leaving the premises and particularly on dispersal at the end of the evening especially after Alcohol has been consumed. Considerable noise is commonplace anyway from the shouting of patrons who appear to wish to communicate with each other in total disregard for those inhabitants of the area who are trying to rest and sleep,
- **Increased Traffic and Parking:** Problems are a regular occurrence, I myself have had my wall knocked down three times from people entering/exiting the Driveway and regularly have to get cars removed from outside my Garden Gates (even though there is White Line) due to obstruction from Parked vehicles, there is only one entrance and exit for this building (BCWBC) and traffic already backs up onto Vale Street particularly on Sundays and parking is a "Nightmare" already, this could potentially be a Public Safety Issue. The number of cars using the venue would also rise substantially creating more issues. How many would be drinking and driving? How would the operator police this? or will this crime just go unnoticed until people are killed?

I would be grateful if the Licensing team would consider my objection, this application needs to be rubber stamped with a large "No"

Yours Sincerely

J C Kinsell

Mrs J C Kinsell

Mrs J. Nicklin

I am objecting to the application for
licensing hours for the Black Country
Wellbeing Centre Vale Street

The centre is used for what I see it
for children as well as adults

The 2 football childrens teams arrive now and
there isnt enough parking space for 2 good
teams and families and they end up parking
the overflow in Vale Street in a very fast
and narrow road which is very dangerous.

Allowing alcohol on the premises means people
would stay there longer causing extra problems
to the public and a nuisance.

The parking at the entrance to the centre is
filled with 11 cars which are the residents of
mainly Vale Street when the teams arrive.

The problem is not enough space inside the
park the grass area should be opened up.

The gate is never closed at night allowing
anyone to drive through with food and what
else it should't be open all hours during

would encourage this.

The centre is a good facility for the children
with no need for alcohol the name Wellbeing
does not go well with f.w.d.
alcohol.

MR & MRS J. CARTER

17 FEB 2024

DEAR SIR/MADAM

I WOULD LIKE TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSED DRINKS LICENSE
FOR THE WELL BEING CENTRE VALE ST.

OUR OBJECTIONS ARE BASED ON THE FACT THAT THIS IS A
CHANGE OF USE, FROM A WELL BEING CENTRE ^{FOR} YOUNG CHILDREN / YOUNG FAMILIES
TO LICENCED PREMISES.

SECONDLY I PRESUME MUSIC WILL BE PLAYED ON THESE NIGHTS

THIS WOULD HAVE A MASSIVE IMPACT ON OUR LIVES & RESIDENTS IN
VALE ST, HILL ST. & SURROUNDING AREAS. THIS IS BECAUSE WHEN MUSIC
IS PLAYED AT THE CENTRE IT IS A THUMPING SOUND TO THE BEAT OF
THE MUSIC THAT IS HEARD IN PROPERTIES & I PRESUME ITS WHEN THE
DOORS ARE BEING OPEN & CLOSED THE NOISE IS A LOT WORSE.
(OBVIOUSLY SOUND PROOFING NOT ADEQUATE)

WE HAVE NEVER COMPLAINED BECAUSE EVENTS HAVE FINISHED AT 9 O'CLOCK
& HAVE MOSTLY BEEN FAMILY EVENTS & ONLY OCCASIONALLY. THIS WOULD
HAVE A MASSIVE IMPACT IF IT WAS EVERY WEEK END TILL 11 O'CLOCK PLUS
SPECIAL EVENTS. YOU WOULD ALSO HAVE NOISE FROM CAR DOORS BEING
CLOSED & TALKING ON CAR PARK LATE AT NIGHT.

THIS VENUE IS SITUATED IN A RESIDENTIAL AREA WITH LOTS OF
ELDERLY RESIDENTS WHO I FEEL SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERA-
TION. THEY HAVE LIVED IN THEIR PROPERTIES A GOOD MANY YEARS.

THE VENUE IS ON A PARK SO I THINK IF THIS LICENSE IS
GRANTED IT WILL ENCOURAGE ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR.
E.G. YOU WILL GET CHILDREN / TEENAGERS WHO'S PARENTS ARE IN THE CENTRE
PLAYING ON THE PARK & RUNNING ⁶7 AROUND SURROUNDING AREAS IT WILL

P.T.O

ATTRACT OTHER YOUTHS TO THE PARK AT NIGHT. THEN I CAN SEE
ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR BEING A BIG PROBLEM.
THE CENTRE APPEAR TO BE DOING A GOOD WORK WITH
CHILDREN / YOUNG PEOPLE BUT I DISAGREE WITH LICENCED
PREMISES ON A COUNCIL PARK / PLAYGROUND IT WILL ENCOURAGE
ALL THE THINGS I HAVE OBJECTED TO. J. Cant

Re: Letter of objection to proposed alcohol licence
to wellbeing centre

Dear sir/madam

We are writing in objection to the proposed
licence at the centre (VALESI).

We feel the centre at the moment which
is fantastic for the local community young & old
and offers fantastic sessions for people who use
it. With a licence to the premises we feel it would
bring a number of issues as below

- o A change of use for the venue taking the
community element out of it & turning it to a bar.
- o The anti social behaviour that comes with a
licence with parents at the venue & children
roaming the park & surrounding areas.
- o The noise that comes from people leaving
& vehicle doors being ~~shut~~ shut as the centre
is based in close proximity to residential houses

Mr & Mrs, Carter

19th Feb 24

Re: application for licence to sell
alcohol - Black Country
Wellbeing Centre Upper Gornal.

I wish to object to the above application
the premises are currently used for the
community ie childrens sport and elderly
persons meetings.

The premises if selling alcohol would
obviously be used for functions and I believe
would encourage antisocial behaviour also
access to this building is via a drive into
Quarry Park this is difficult and vehicles cannot
pass resulting in cars reversing into Vale street
a busy and narrow street, allowing functions
would make it more dangerous.

Thank you

Maureen Tighe.

Upper Gornal
Dudley
West Midlands

Licensing Team
Lister Road
Dudley
DY2 8JW

21st February 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

The Black Country Wellbeing Centre, Vale Street, Upper Gornal, DY3 3XF
Alcohol License Application - Objection

In connection with the above, I would like to raise my objection to the application due to the undernoted reasons:-

- In addition to the opening times shown on your website, my understanding is that it is proposed to serve alcohol bank holidays (including Christmas Eve and New Years Eve) up to 11.00 p.m. From previous experience, this will have an impact on local residents who have to get up early for work, as undoubtedly there will be cars leaving after 11.00 p.m. and there will be an increased footfall on both Vale Street, Stone Mill Walk and the surrounding area with people congregating and conversations (sometimes louder than usual) taking place.
- In the past we hear music from the Centre which hasn't been too much of a problem as it has finished at around 9.00 p.m. but by extending the time to 11.00 p.m. is a cause for concern.
- Assuming there will be children attending with parents and, there is a park directly opposite, children being children, will no doubt go outside especially in the summer months until late evening.
- As the current purpose of the Centre is 'wellbeing' the application for an alcohol license changes the use of the venues completely. Has a change of premises application been submitted? Is it being proposed to hire out the Centre for private parties?
- Increase in amount of litter in the surrounding area

- There have been a number of anti-social incidents over the past few years, which admittedly have not all arisen from the Centre, my concern is that these will increase if the application is successful.
- My understanding is that the purpose of the application to serve alcohol is to raise funds for the Centre surely there are other options available to raise money. There are many public houses in the area so I am not sure how profitable serving alcohol at the Centre would be.

Whilst I appreciate the Centre does good work for the community, the wellbeing of the immediate local residents should be taken into consideration as this could have a detrimental impact on the majority of residents who live in the surrounding area.

Regards.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lynn Whittingham' followed by a stylized flourish.

Lynn & Mark Whittingham

I am writing to object to the
wellbeing centre being given a liquor
license, my reasons are as follows
1 the centre is on a children park
2 when it was opened we all
told it was for the children 2 youth
in our area, and that the
park gate would be locked
at 6PM.

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I am 34 yrs old
and have lived in this house
for 58yrs

A I am upset that this
application if granted, will impact
considerable nuisance to the
residents

Yours H Bowen (Mrs)