Licensing Act Sub Committee Hearing

Wednesday 10th December 2008

Members of the Panel:	Councillors Aiken, Brash and Morris
Application Premises:	40 Wharton Terrace, Hartlepool
Officers present:	Tony Macnab, Solicitor
	Sylvia Pinkney, Consumer Services Manager
	lan Harrison, Principal Licensing Officer
	Jo Wilson, Democratic Services Officer
Applicant:	Pamela Mann
Interested Parties	Miss Keen, Objector
	Mr Randall, Objector
Decision:	

The Licensing Authority were provided with details of the five interested parties addresses and were satisfied that they all lived within the vicinity of the premises subject to the application.

The Licensing Authority hereby rejects the application for a new premises licence for the sale of alcohol as it is not satisfied that the application together with the conditions included in the operating schedule would promote the licensing objectives relating to the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety and the prevention of public nuisance.

The Licensing Authority heard evidence from Mr Randall and Miss Keen who gave details of criminal damage and anti-social behaviour occurring in Wharton Terrace caused by young persons which they stated would increase if the premises were to be granted a licence. Written representations were received from three other interested parties and these disclosed concerns relating to increased crime and problems with public safety and public nuisance if the premises were to be granted a licence.

The Licensing Authority considered that the evidence and representations given by the interested parties demonstrated that if the premises were granted a licence for the sale of alcohol this would exacerbate the existing problems of alcohol-related anti-social behaviour and public nuisance experienced by the local residents.

The Licensing Authority did not consider that any additional conditions could be applied to the application which would enable the licensing objectives relating to the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety and the prevention of public nuisance to be promoted.

For the above reasons the application for a new premises licence for the sale of alcohol is hereby refused.