LICENSING ACT SUB-COMMITTEE AGENDA



Tuesday, 6 July 2010 at 2.00 pm

in Committee Room A, Civic Centre, Hartlepool

MEMBERS: LICENSING ACT SUB-COMMITTEE:

Councillors Fleet, Griffin and Rogan

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
- 2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS
- 3. ITEMS FOR DECISION
 - 3.1 Application For Variation Of Premises Licence 19 Church Street, Hartlepool Assistant Director, Community Safety and Prevention

LICENSING ACT 2003



Procedure for Review Hearings

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, a representative of the Democratic Services Section shall establish the identity of those present, who they represent and who intends, or wishes to speak.

- 1. The Chair's opening comments, including introduction of Members of sub-committee and officers present. Explanation of the decision to be considered.
- 2. Head of Public Protection and Housing outlines the application, any relevant representations and relevancy to Licensing Policy and statutory guidance.
- 3. Members ask any questions of the Head of Public Protection and Housing.
- 4. Applicant for Review presents their case (either personally or via legal representation) and introduces witnesses where appropriate.
- 5. Questions by Members to applicant and/or applicant's witnesses.
- 6. Representations by responsible bodies and/or interested parties and witnesses introduced where appropriate.
- 7. Questions by Members to responsible bodies/interested parties and/or their witnesses.
- 8. Licence/Club Certificate holder presents their case (either personally or via legal representation) and introduces witnesses where appropriate.
- 9. Parties may question and clarify issues raised with the consent of the Chair.
- 10. If required, applicant/responsible bodies/interested parties to be given opportunity to sum up.
- 11. If required, the Licence /Club Certificate holder to be given opportunity to sum up.
- 12. Members to have the opportunity to clarify any points raised. The Chair shall ask whether all parties are satisfied they have said all they wish to.
- 13. Members to go into closed session to deliberate.
- 14. Chair informs parties of their decision, with reasons.

Report of: Assistant Director, Community Safety & Protection

Subject: APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF PREMISES

LICENCE – 19 CHURCH STREET, HARTLEPOOL

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To consider an application for the variation of a premises licence in respect of 19 Church Street, Hartlepool.

2. SUMMARY OF APPLICATION

2.1 Applicant: Mr Seied Siroos Ahmadi

Premises: 19 Church Street (Pizza Hart)

Hartlepool TS24 7DH

2.2 The applicant has applied for an extension of hours for the following activities 'Late Night Refreshment' and 'Recorded Music' for the following times:

> Sunday to Wednesday (inclusive) 1600 - 0100 Thursday to Saturday (inclusive) 1600 - 0445

The applicant has also requested an extension to stay open on Bank Holidays until 0445.

A copy of the application is attached as Appendix 1.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The application is for the variation of an existing premises licence in respect of an Italian Hot Food Takeaway known as Pizza Hart on 19 Church Street.
- The premises licence for 19 Church Street currently authorises: 'Late Night Refreshment' and 'Recorded Music' during the following times:

Sunday to Wednesday (inclusive) 1700 - 2400 Thursday to Saturday (inclusive) 1700 - 0230

3.3 The current premises licence was granted on 28th October 2005.

- 3.4 The current application has been advertised in the prescribed manner and a representation has been received from Cleveland Police a copy of which is attached as Appendix 2.
- 3.5 In summary Cleveland Police's representation states that if the variation of the premises licence was granted, both the crime and disorder and public safety objectives would be undermined in an area where alcohol related crime and disorder already exists.
- 3.6 Cleveland Police have also stated that it has been necessary to speak to the applicant, Mr Ahmadi, regarding the matter of Pizza Hart opening later than currently permitted on two separate occasions in May 2010. The Council's licensing department are currently investigating the matter.

4. ISSUES

- 4.1 As a relevant representation has been received within the prescribed time period, a hearing must be held for Members to consider those representations (unless all parties agree a hearing is unnecessary).
- 4.2 Having regard to the representation received, Members may take any of the following steps for the promotion of the licensing objectives:
 - i) Grant the application without amendment
 - ii) Grant the application in part and/or with conditions or amended conditions
 - iii) Refuse the application
- 4.3 The licensing objectives are:
 - i) The prevention of crime and disorder
 - ii) Public safety
 - iii) The prevention of public nuisance, and
 - iv) The protection of children from harm
- 4.4 Members are reminded that they must only consider those aspects of the licence application that are relevant to the representation received.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 That members consider the representations made by the applicant and Cleveland Police and determine what aspects, if any, of the proposed application should be granted and, if appropriate, what conditions, if any, should be attached.

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Hartlepool Borough Council, Civic Centre, Victoria Road, Hartlepool, TS24 8AY

APPLICATION TO VARY A PREMISES LICENCE UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003

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b) The prevention of crime and disorder

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c) Public safety

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Notes for Guidance

This application cannot be used to vary the licence so as to extend the period for which the licence has effect or to vary substantially the premises to which it relates. If you wish to make that type of change to the premises licence you should make a new premises licence application under section 17 of the licensing Act 2003.

- Describe the premises. For example the type of premises, its general situation and layout
 and any other information which could be relevant to the licensing objectives. Where your
 application includes off-supplies of alcohol and you intend to provide a place for consumption of
 these off-supplies you must include a description of where the place will be and its proximity to the
 premises.
- Where taking place in a building or other structure please tick as appropriate. Indoors may include a tent.
- For example the type of activity to be authorised, if not already stated, and give relevant further details, for example (but not exclusively) whether or not music will be amplified or unamplified.
- For example (but not exclusively), where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.
- For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a
 particular day, e.g. Christmas Eve.
 Please give timings in 24 hour clock (e.g. 16:00) and only give details for the days of the
 week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.
- 7. If you wish people to be able to consume alcohol on the premises please tick on, if you wish people to be able to purchase alcohol to consume away from the premises please tick off. If you wish people to be able to do both please tick both.
- 8. Please give information about anything intended to occur at the premises or ancillary to the use of the premises which may give rise to concern in respect of children, regardless of whether you intend children to have access to the premises, for example (but not exclusively) nudity or semi-nudity, films for restricted age groups, the presence of gaming machines.
- Please list here steps you will take to promote all four licensing objectives together.
- The application form must be signed.
- An applicant's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they
 have actual authority to do so.
- Where there is more than one applicant, both applicants or their respective agents must sign the application form
- This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.

Copies of this completed application form must be sent to:-

The Licensing Team (HBC)
Principal Trading Standards Officer (HBC)
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27th May 2010

Dear Sirs

Re:- Pizza Hart - 19 Church Street, Hartlepool

Cleveland Police have received an application for a variation of the above premises licence which is a fast food take away establishment. Cleveland Police make representations in relation to the application to extend the opening hours for late night refreshments from 02.30 hours until 04.45hours from Thursday to Sunday inclusive and all Bank Holidays.

Historically, an increase in hours has lead to an increase in alcohol related crime and disorder and the premises is situated in an area where alcohol related crime and disorder already exists. Although additional conditions may assist in preventing the licensing objectives being undermined, unfortunately, concerns would remain because it is the belief of Cleveland Police, that if the variation is granted, both the crime and disorder and public safety objectives would be undermined.

There is concern due to the fact that patrons vacating licensed public houses are often fuelled with alcohol which results in late night refreshment establishments becoming a flashpoint for crime and disorder and historically, allowing such persons to loiter unnecessarily in the vicinity has resulted in persons being injured.

Mr Ian Harrison Licensing Department Hartlepool Borough Council DX 60669 Hartlepool

Although each case is judged on its merits, Cleveland Police have in the past had cause to have to request that a late night refreshment shop close due to concerns regarding public

safety. This resulted when late night revellers attended a venue in such numbers that public safety and fear of crime and disorder were imminent unless the venue closed. There is no reason to suggest that this venue will not suffer from the same problems. This incident resulted in a drain on police resources.

In addition to the above, it has been necessary for Cleveland Police to speak to Mr Seied Siroos Ahmadi due to the fact that he has remained open and continued with licensable activities, namely selling of food after the hours his premises licence permits.

Furthermore, at a time when the Responsible Authorities are attempting to reverse an already difficult situation in respect to public disorder in Hartlepool's Night Time Economy, the opening of yet another potential disorder confluence point can in no way ameliorate an already fraught situation.

Hartlepool Police will be operating a Taxi Marshalling system in Church Street soon. Patrons burdened with "fast food" may be denied access to cabs by their drivers and this too may act as a additional catalyst for disorder, particularly when revellers are queuing for scarce cabs.

In the event that this application is not withdrawn, a witness statement from PC Swales will be sent in the near future.

Yours faithfully

Marie Nevison
On behalf of Legal Services