Licensing Act Sub Committee Hearing

Monday 19th December 2011

Members of the Panel:	Councillors Lawton, Tempest and Wells
Application Premises:	1-3 Victoria Road, Hartlepool
Officers present:	Sylvia Pinkney, Public Protection Manager
	Tony Macnab, Solicitor
	Jo Stubbs, Democratic Services Officer
	Vicky Bosley, Democratic Services Officer
Applicant	Mr Jugjit Singh Ladhar (not in attendanœ)
	Applicants Representatives:
	Mr Bill Crannay
	Mr Mike Chalder
	Mr Atkinson
Respondents	Cleveland Police
	Sgt Jonathan Wrigley
	Mrs Scott-Bell
Decision:	

Meeting adjourned as applicant not in attendance. Meeting reconvened 10th February 2012, 10am.

Friday 10th February 2012

Members of the Panel:	Councillors Lawton, Tempest and Wells
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Officers present:	lan Harrison, Principle Trading Standards and Licensing Officer
	Tony Macnab, Solicitor
	Vicky Bosley, Democratic Services Officer
Applicant	Mr Jugjit Singh Ladhar
	Applicants Representatives:
	Mr Bill Crannay
	Mr Mike Chalder
Objector	Cleveland Police
	Sgt Jonathan Wrigley
	Mrs Scott-Bell

Interested Party	Wyn yard Leisure
	Antony Gill
Decision:	

Meeting reconvened 10th February 2012, 10am.

The Licensing Sub-Committee considered an application for a premises licence in respect of the supply of alcohol for off sales at 1-3 Victoria Road.

The applicant plans to open the premises as a general dealer with the facility to sell alcohol for off sales. The applicant had agreed conditions with the trading standards responsible authority in respect of the operation of a challenge 21 scheme and the implementation of a CCTV system.

The Police responsible authority objected to the granting of the licence on the basis that if granted it would undermine all four of the licensing objectives.

The Police's Main concern was that they did not want another facility in the town centre whereby members of the public could purchase cheaper alcohol from another off-licence and take it into on-licensed premises thereby drinking to excess earlier on in the evening.

The interested party objected to the granting of the licence on a similar basis to the Police. In addition the interested party's written representation stated that the granting of a licence would increase the chances of children hanging around the area and trying to gain entry to licensed premises.

The Licensing Sub-Committee was not satisfied that the representations made by the Police responsible authority and interested party disclosed strong enough reasons and evidence to demonstrate that the granting of the application would not promote the licensing objectives.

The Licensing Sub-Committee was satisfied that the conditions agreed between the applicant and the trading standards responsible authority would enable the licensing objectives to be promoted.

For the above reasons the Licensing Sub-Committee grants the premises licence for the supply of alcohol on an off sales only basis with the agreed conditions imposed on the licence.

CHAIR