

Licensing Act Sub Committee Hearing

2nd April 2013

Members of the Panel:	Councillors Ged Hall (Chair), Kaylee Sirs and Linda Sheilds
Application Premises:	176 Raby Road, Hartlepool
Officers present:	Sylvia Pinkney, Public Protection Manger Tony Macnab, Solicitor Rachael White, Democratic Services Officer
Applicant:	Mrs Thanaluxmy Pathmanathan
Respondent:	Mr Darren Conning
Decision:	
<p>The Licensing Sub-Committee considered an application from Mrs Pathmanathan for a premises licence for the sale of alcohol in respect of the premises at 176 Raby Road.</p> <p>The applicant's daughter presented the application and explained that the premises would be run as a convenience store, not mainly selling alcohol as the applicant has other premises in the area that sells alcohol. The applicant's daughter stated that there had been no trouble or accidents in the area for two years and that the rubbish complained about is from takeaways.</p> <p>Mr Conning had written a letter of objection and had organised a petition objecting to the granting of the licence on the grounds that the four licensing objectives would be undermined if the application was granted. The petition contained approximately 125 names. Mr Conning explained that he believed the peace and safety of others would be compromised if the application was granted. He stated that there was already a problem with antisocial behaviour and rowdiness in the area. He stated that there is congested parking and that his nephew had nearly been knocked over on his way home from school. He stated that there had been damage to property and his car had been scratched and windows broken due to people hanging around. He added that kids had been hanging around the area and asking adults to buy cigarettes and alcohol for them. The Police had been called but the kids had gone by the time the Police arrived.</p> <p>In summing up, the applicant's daughter said that there hadn't been as much rowdiness since the pub had closed down.</p> <p>The Licensing Sub-Committee considered the application and representations put forward by the applicant's daughter. The Licensing Sub-Committee considered the representation put forward by Mr Conning and took into account that a petition had been presented.</p> <p>The Licensing Sub-Committee considered that the operating schedule in the</p>	

application demonstrated that the licensing objectives would be promoted.

The Licensing Sub-Committee considered that the objector did not demonstrate that the licensing objectives would be undermined by the granting of the application. The Police had not objected to the application and there was therefore no statistical evidence to show that the licensing objectives would be undermined.

The Licensing Sub-Committee therefore grants the application.

CHAIR