

Licensing Act Sub Committee Hearing

Wednesday 8th May 2013

Members of the Panel:	Councillors Hall (Chair), Dawkins and Fleet
Application Premises:	Mission Hall, Burbank Street, Hartlepool
Officers present:	Ian Harrison, Principal Trading Standards & Licensing Officer Tony Macnab, Solicitor Rachael White, Democratic Services Officer
Applicant:	Subashini Thamarajah (not present) represented by her agent Jane Gilliead with applicant's son Mr Tharmarajah
Objectors:	Angela Hall Clive Hall, Chair of Bridge Community Association
Decision:	
<p>The Licensing Sub-Committee considered an application from Subashini Thamarajah for a premises licence for the sale of alcohol in respect of The Mission Hall, Burbank Street from 9:00 am to 10pm 7days a week.</p> <p>The Licensing Authority had received objections from Angela Hall, a local resident and from Clive Hall as Chair of Bridge Community Association. A representation had been received by the local planning authority advising that whereas planning permission was in place for the licensed hours sought Monday to Friday the permission did not extend beyond 5 pm on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays.</p> <p>There had been no representations made on behalf of Cleveland Police or the responsible authority in respect of the protection of children from harm</p> <p>Ian Harrison, advised that there had been no objections in respect of the original planning application and that a new application to cover the omissions had been made with the consultation period ending on 17th June.</p> <p>The applicant's agent Jane Gilliead addressed the planning issues and outlined the application. The agent advised that the applicant had been a personal licence holder for over 5 years and that her and her husband currently run a premises in Norton.</p> <p>The applicant's son gave evidence concerning his mother's experience and the steps taken to promote the licensing objectives at the current premises.</p> <p>The applicant's agent addressed the licensing objectives. The applicant will also be the DPS. Challenge 25 will be implemented and advertised in store. There will be a till prompt. A refusal ledger will be maintained. There will also</p>	

be a training manual. The licence holder will work in co-operation with the police. CCTV will cover both inside and outside the shop. Alcohol would not be available at times when children are going to school. In answer to a question from the Chair, it was confirmed that initially there would be four trained members of staff on duty but then would review the situation.

Angela Hall outlined her objections to the application. She stated that there are elderly people living in nearby bungalows. There is a nearby school. There are vulnerable adults and alcoholics who have special needs living nearby who would buy alcohol for persons aged under 18. She stated that the Police are called out most weekends to fights and that opening a licensed shop will cause these incidents to escalate.

Clive Hall, Chair of the Bridge Community Association, outlined his objections. He stated that there had been a shop on the estate selling alcohol in the past and it was closed because of the amount of anti-social behaviour associated with it. He stated that the street is a ward priority area. He stated that there would be lots of problems with a shop selling alcohol on a housing estate.

The Licensing Sub-Committee considered the application as presented by the applicant's agent and the evidence given by the applicant's son.

The Licensing Sub-Committee considered the objections raised by two local residents including on behalf of the Bridge Community Association.

The Licensing Sub-Committee considered that the objectors did not present strong enough reasons and evidence to demonstrate that the licensing objectives would be undermined if the application was granted.

The Licensing Sub-Committee determined that the application would promote the licensing objectives and therefore grants the application.

CHAIR