

Licensing Act Sub Committee Hearing

Monday 2nd April 2007

Members of the Panel:	Councillors Dr Morris (Chair), Rayner and Rogan
Application Premises:	One Stop Stores Ltd
Applicant Responsible Authority	Tony Green, Trading Standards, HBC
Other Responsible Authorities:	Ann McMorris, Head Of Safeguarding Unit Lorraine Hutchinson, Licensing Clerk for Safeguarding Unit Linda Anthony, Safeguarding Unit
Officers present:	Pat Watson, Democratic Services Officer Tony Macnab, Solicitor Ralph Harrison, Head of Public Protection
Respondent Premises Licence Holder	Anna Naylor, Solicitor, DIA Piper UK LLP Aaron Steadmans, One Stop Stores, Licensing Officer Mike Powell, One Stop Stores, Head Of Trading Standards Diane Williams. Designated Premises Supervisor
Decision:	
<p>The Licensing Authority considered that the application for a review of the premises licence by the Trading Standards, Responsible Authority, was relevant to the licensing objective relating to the protection of children from harm.</p> <p>The application related to the commission of an offence of the sale of alcohol to an individual aged under 18 on 28th July 2006 at the respondent premises. The shop assistant who made the sale was convicted on the 5th February 2007 and was fined £70 and ordered to pay £130 costs.</p> <p>The Responsible Authority for children, made a representation under the category of protection of children from harm. They stated that the implications of supplying alcohol to a minor places the child at risk, both in terms of their health and personal safety. Alcohol can have a serious impact on anti-social behaviour in an area and be a nuisance to residents.</p> <p>Anna Naylor, Solicitor, stated that the offence was an isolated incident committed by an employee. She stated that the Company have a number of policies and procedures in place including comprehensive staff training throughout all the Company's stores. These were well documented in the</p>	

papers supplied to the Committee.

A number of conditions had been proposed by the applicant Responsible Authority and agreed by the Company to enable the promotion of the licensing objective relating to protection of children from harm.

The Licensing Authority was satisfied that there were detailed documented policies and procedures in place, however, considered that the imposition of the proposed conditions would further help to prevent the sale of alcohol to under 18s at these premises

The Licensing Authority decided to modify the conditions of the Licence by imposing the following:

1. One Stop Stores Ltd will install and operate a CCTV system that is fit for purpose, retaining images for at least 31 days and upon request, make these readily available to the enforcing / responsible authorities.
2. One Stop Stores will adopt a 'Think 21 Policy', train its staff in the implementation of it and will monitor compliance within the store.
3. At least one notice shall be displayed at the entrance to the premises where it can be clearly seen and read and shall indicate the company's policy on 'Think 21'.
4. One Stop Stores shall maintain and where necessary make available, training records for all staff authorised to sell or supply alcohol.
5. There shall be a means of alerting staff to verify the age of a prospective purchaser whenever an age restricted product is presented for purchase.

The Licensing Authority considered that this action was necessary under subsection 3 of section 52 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

Dr George Morris

Chairman