

DONCASTER METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 28TH JANUARY, 2021

A MEETING of the LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE was held VIRTUALLY via MICROSOFT TEAMS on THURSDAY, 28TH JANUARY, 2021, at 10.00 am.

PRESENT:

Chair - Councillor Iris Beech

Councillors Steve Cox, Charlie Hogarth and Nikki McDonald

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, IF ANY.

No declarations were reported at the meeting.

2 MINUTES OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 13TH OCTOBER, 2020.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on 13th October 2020, be approved as a correct record.

3 MINUTES OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 17TH NOVEMBER, 2020.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on 17th November 2020, be approved as correct record.

4 APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE FOR EDEN STORES, 146 THORNE ROAD, EDENTHORPE, DONCASTER.

The Sub-Committee considered an application for a new Premises Licence in respect of Eden Store, 146 Thorne Road, Edenthorpe, Doncaster.

The Sub-Committee Members, the Applicants, persons making representations and Responsible Authorities, had received the agenda prior to the meeting. Copies of the representations were attached to the report at Appendix E.

At the commencement of the hearing, the Chair welcomed all parties to the meeting, made introductions and outlined the procedure to be followed.

As the hearing was being held via a teleconferencing facility, Members of the Sub-Committee and other parties, were informed by the Chair that she would indicate who would speak next in order to ensure that the meeting ran as smoothly as possible.

The Senior Licensing Practitioner introduced the report and outlined the salient points in relation to the application.

The Applicant's Agent Mr Ian Rushton and the Applicant Mr Ratheesan Selvanayakam, were in attendance at the meeting, made representations and answered questions.

Mr Gurbhej Singh who had made written representations in respect of the application, outlined his concerns and objections to the application, and answered questions.

All parties were then asked to leave the teleconference meeting whilst the Sub-Committee deliberated on the application and reached a decision.

All parties were then invited back in to the meeting to be informed of the Sub-Committee's decision.

RESOLVED that the Sub-Committee, having considered the application for a new Premises Licence in respect of Eden Stores, 146 Thorne Road, Edenthorpe, Doncaster and have taken into account the written representations made, the evidence presented today, the steps that are appropriate to promote the Licensing Objectives, the Home Office Guidance and our Statement of Licensing Policy, has decided to grant the licence in the terms set out in Appendix B including the conditions at pages 44 and 45 with the addition that CCTV will be made available to the Police and other authorised officers upon request.

The Committee have noted that the applicant has worked in licensed premises for 10 years and has experience of owning such premises. He has held a personal licence for 7-8 years.

The committee noted that the applicant has agreed to reduce the hours of selling alcohol from 8:00am to 11:00pm and removed the provision relating to late night refreshment as a concession to those making representations.

Mr G Singh addressed the committee and explained that he was aware of crime and anti-social behaviour from social media, but had no further substantiating evidence. Mr G Singh accepted that reducing the hours for selling alcohol was reasonable.

The committee, were satisfied that the applicant has properly addressed the licensing objectives and whilst the representations were fully considered, they do not provide any evidence to substantiate their representations and the committee have noted the provision within the guidance issued under the Licensing Act 2003 which confirms that need and commercial demand are not issues for the licensing authority to consider.

CHAIR: _____

DATE: _____