

Licensing Sub-Committee

Monday, 5th March, 2012

PRESENT: Councillor Townsley in the Chair

Councillors P Latty and B Selby

217 Election of the Chair

Councillor Townsley was appointed as Chair for the meeting.

218 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Selby declared a personal interest in Agenda Items 7 and 8, East African Centre and Safran Restaurant as he had previously worked with the applicant's representative.

219 "Ibson's News" - Application for the grant of a premises licence for Ibsons News, 10A Strathmore Drive, Harehills, Leeds LS9 6AB

The sub-committee having regard to the Licensing Act 2003, the Section 182 Guidance and the Authority's own statement of Licensing Policy Considered an application for the grant of a premises licence for Ibson's News, 10A Strathmore Drive, Harehills, Leeds, LS9 6AB.

The application was for a premises licence for the sale of alcohol on the following days and times:

Monday to Saturday	0600 to 2300
Sunday	0800 to 0000

The premises were open until midnight.

It was reported that the application was a first application for a premises licence and representations had been received from West Yorkshire Police and local residents. Agreement had been made with West Yorkshire Police prior to the meeting and representations from local residents had been made on the grounds of noise and anti-social behaviour.

RESOLVED – That the application be granted as applied for and subject to conditions as requested by West Yorkshire Police.

220 "East African Centre" - Application for the grant of a premises licence for East African Centre, 11A Cherry Row, Burmantofts, Leeds LS9 7LY

The sub-committee having regard to the Licensing Act 2003, the Section 182 Guidance and the Authority's own statement of Licensing Policy Considered an application for the grant of a premises licence at East African Centre, 11A Cherry Row, Burmantofts, Leeds, LS9 7LY.

The application was for the provision of Recorded Music, Facilities for Making Music, Facilities for Dancing, Sale by Retail of Alcohol and Late Night Refreshment.

It was reported that this was a first application for these premises and had there had been enforcement issues regarding unauthorised licensing activities. Representations had been received from West Yorkshire Police, Planning, Environmental Health and local residents and a local Ward Councillor.

The hours applied for were as follows:

Recorded Music, Facilities for Making Music, Facilities for Dancing and Sale by Retail of Alcohol:

Sunday to Thursday	10:00 – 23:30
Friday	10:00 – 03:00
Saturday	10:00 – 04:00

Late Night Refreshment:

Sunday to Thursday	23:00 – 23:30
Friday	23:00 – 03:00
Saturday	23:00 – 04:00

The applicant's representative addressed the Panel and reported that it was wished to reduce the hours to 01:00 on a Friday and Saturday with the premises to close at 1:30. The applicant and his representative also raised the following issues:

- The centre served approximately 75 to 100 customers.
- It was the only place in Leeds that catered specifically for the Somalian/Eritrean community.
- The centre currently opened until 23:30 and had done so for the past 18 months.
- The applicant had met with West Yorkshire Police and CCTV requirements had been met.
- There had been a visit from Environmental Protection. It was felt that previous issues regarding noise nuisance had been resolved. The premises benefited from double door entrances which were self closing to prevent noise pollution.
- The premises were in a mixed business/residential area.

In response to comments and questions from Members, issues discussed included previous uses of the premises and complaints regarding noise. It was also announced that the applicant wished to withdraw the application for the provision of Late Night Refreshment.

A representative of the planning department addressed the meeting. Issues highlighted included concerns regarding noise disturbance and the close proximity to residential properties, unauthorised licensing activities that had taken place and the need to change the class of the premises to allow the sale of alcohol. During the representations from planning it was highlighted that it was unclear what the true address of the premises was and it was suggested that a land registry search be carried out to clarify the address.

RESOLVED – That the hearing be adjourned until clarification was sought from the Land Registry on the address of the premises.

221 "Safran Restaurant" - Application for the grant of a premises licence for Safran Restaurant, 81 Kirkgate, Leeds LS2 7DJ

The Sub-Committee, having regard to the Licensing Act 2003, the Section 182 Guidance and the Authority's own Statement of Licensing Policy, considered an application for the grant of a Premises Licence for Safran Restaurant, 81 Kirkgate, Leeds, LS2 7DJ.

The application was for:

Supply of Alcohol – Monday to Sunday 12:00 to 02:00

Late Night Refreshment – Monday to Sunday 12:00 to 02:00

Representations had been made from West Yorkshire Police and Environmental Health. It was reported that the premises were located within Cumulative Impact Area 1 – City Centre.

The applicant's representative addressed the meeting and informed the Sub-Committee that the applicant wished to amend the hours applied for to finish at 23:00 every day and that due to this, the fact that the premises fell within the Cumulative Impact Area no longer affected the application. West Yorkshire Police and Environmental Health both withdrew representations following this change to the application.

RESOLVED – That the application be granted with the amended times as reported.