

Licensing Sub-Committee

Monday, 29th October, 2012

PRESENT: Councillor Dunn in the Chair

Councillors N Buckley and G Hussain

83 Election of the Chair

RESOLVED – That Councillor Dunn be elected Chair for the duration of the meeting.

84 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests

Councillor Hussain declared a significant interest in this item on the basis that the applicant was known to him.

85 "Apple International Foodstore" - Application for the grant of a premises licence in respect of Apple International Foods, 292 Cross Flatts Grove, Cross Flatts LS11 7BS

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 Apple International Foods, 292 Cross Flatts Grove, Cross Flatts, LS11 7BS.

A representation had been submitted by West Yorkshire Police, however the measures proposed had been agreed by the applicant and the representation subsequently withdrawn.

The Sub Committee had also received representations from 3 objectors and a local Ward Councillor.

The following representatives attended the hearing:

- Mr Uddin, Designated Premises Supervisor
- Mr Digwa, Applicant's representative
- Mr and Mrs Burton, Objectors
- Councillor Gabriel, Ward Member (Beeston and Holbeck).

Mr Digwa addressed the Sub-Committee and made the following points:

- The applicant had been trading at the premises for 2 years. There had been no issues of anti-social behaviour at the premises during that time.
- The premises consisted of a self-closing door. Signs had been displayed requesting customers to leave the premises quietly.
- Measures had been agreed with West Yorkshire Police, which included installation of CCTV.
- Confirmation that a proof of age check 21 policy was in place.
- A litterbin was being provided outside the premises.

Mr Burton addressed the Sub-Committee and raised the following concerns:

- Concern about the saturation of takeaways on Dewsbury Road.
- Issues in relation to noise disturbance and littering.
- Potential for anti-social behaviour, particularly youths congregating outside the premises.

Councillor Gabriel addressed the Sub-Committee and raised the following concerns:

- Concern about the lack of parking outside the premises.
- The South (Inner) Area Committee funded projects that discouraged young people from drinking alcohol. Approval of this application undermined the positive work that had been undertaken.
- The store was situated in a residential area.

The Sub Committee then carefully considered all the written and verbal submissions and made the following decision:

RESOLVED – To grant the application, subject to conditions.

(The hearing concluded at 11.00am.)