

## **Licensing Sub-Committee**

**Monday, 5th January, 2015**

**PRESENT:** Councillor B Selby in the Chair

Councillors R Downes and G Hyde

### **77 Election of the Chair**

**RESOLVED** – That Councillor Selby be Chair for the duration of the meeting.

### **78 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents**

There were no appeals against the refusal of inspection of documents.

### **79 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public**

There were no resolutions to exclude the public.

### **80 Late Items**

There were no formal late items submitted to the agenda for consideration. However two items of supplementary information relating to Agenda Item 6 (Minute No.82 refers) had been circulated and published.

### **81 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

No declarations were made.

### **82 Application for the grant of a premises licence for Candle House Ground Floor Commercial Unit, Candle House, 1 Wharf Approach, Holbeck, Leeds, LS1 4GJ**

Members of the Licensing Sub Committee were asked to consider an application for the grant of a premises licence for Candle House, Ground Floor, Commercial Unit, Candle House, 1 Wharf Approach, Holbeck, Leeds, LS1 4GJ.

The application had received representations from Leeds City Council Environmental Health as a responsible authority. Also representations and a petition from other persons had been received.

Representations had previously been received from West Yorkshire Police however these were withdrawn following agreement with the operator to the conditions sought.

In attendance were the following:

Mr Whur – Solicitor representing the applicant  
Mr and Mrs Lawson – Applicants

Mr Mann – LCC Environmental Health  
Mr Higgins – LCC Environmental Health

Mr Essam – Objector

At this point in the meeting Mr Whur confirmed to the Sub- Committee and to Environmental Health officers present that the applicant was happy to comply with all the conditions proposed by Environmental Health. Officers from Environmental Health subsequently withdrew the Environmental Health representation.

The Sub Committee then heard from Mr Whur on behalf of the applicant, whose presentation included the following points:

That the applicant's business was a successful Yorkshire family owned entity, founded in 1997, and which now has over 23 pubs and associated breweries. It was put to the Sub Committee that all the pubs are run successfully by a responsible, experienced operator and as such have not been subject to any reviews of licences.

The business continues to expand and offers quality food and drink.

The premises in question are below the landlord's offices of an apartment block which would provide a sound buffer for residents. Also that the site was a good opportunity due to the new southern entrance to the train station opening in the near future.

That the licence applied for is modest and that external seating will be withdrawn at 10pm. Furthermore the space inside would be occupied by seating with no stage or live music.

That the premises would be a positive for the area and represent a significant investment.

At this stage the Sub Committee had no questions.

The Sub Committee heard from Mr Essam who highlighted the concerns held by residents about the noise that would be produced should the licence be granted both from taxis ferrying customers to and from the venue and the increased number of people who would be drinking at the venue. Mr Essam also raised concerns about the health and safety of pedestrians on the single track road used by taxis which leads to the building. Finally the risk to security at the building and the possibility of the venue's customers accessing the residential part of the building was put to the Sub Committee.

Members then asked questions to the applicant about arrangements for security and for the management of taxis dropping off and collecting customers. It was confirmed to Members that taxi firms would be asked to ensure that they pick up and drop off at the entrance to the nearby hotel. With regards to security it was highlighted that CCTV will be in place and that the operator would be available to discuss any concerns raised by residents on an ongoing basis. Mr Whur said that the Applicant will continue to assess and review security and was also committed to working with residents regarding the positioning of the smoking area and, if necessary, this would be moved.

Mr Whur stated that some of the issues raised such as taxi provision were planning issues. It was highlighted that the operator was responsible and had no problems with any of its other venues and that it would co-operate fully with the police and other responsible authorities. Mr Whur referred to additional condition 2 and to section 136 of the Licensing Act 2003.

**RESOLVED** – That the application be granted subject to all additional conditions proposed by West Yorkshire Police and the Environmental Health department being accepted and applied by the applicant. The Sub Committee also noted the applicant's commitment to continue to work with residents.