

Licensing Sub-Committee

Monday, 9th February, 2015

PRESENT: Councillor B Gettings in the Chair

Councillors K Bruce and C Townsley

90 Election of the Chair

Councillor Gettings was elected to the Chair for the duration of the meeting

91 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals against refusal of inspection of documents

92 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There were no exempt items

93 Late Items

There were no late items

94 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests were made

95 Application for the grant of a premises licence for Off Licence 51 Monkwood Drive, Seacroft, Leeds, LS14 1DW

The report of the Head of Licensing and Registration asked Members of the Licensing Sub Committee to consider an application for the grant of a premises licence, made by Kawal Singh Chahal, for Off Licence 51 Monkwood Drive, Seacroft , Leeds, LS14 1DW.

The application was made for a proposed general convenience store with the sole licensable provision of retail by sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises, 7:00am until 10:00pm seven days a week.

Responsible authorities and Ward Members had been notified of the application, but no representations had been received.

One representation had been received from a local resident who had expressed their concerns that granting the application would add to noise nuisance and anti- social behaviour in the area.

Members were made aware of the location of the objectors address in relation to the proposed off licence premises.

Mr Howard Cohen represented the proposed licence holder Mr Kawal Singh Chahal who was not in attendance at the hearing. Latvir Singh Chahal the proposed Designated Premises Supervisor was in attendance at the hearing.

Mr Cohen addressed the concerns expressed by the objector in the letter at Appendix D of the submitted report

Mr Cohen provided a map of the area which highlighted Ramshead Hill as the nearest off licence to the proposed off licence on Monkswood Drive.

Members noted that the Off Licence would be located on a parade of shops on Monkswood Drive with a takeaway next door and a public house at the opposite end.

Mr Cohen was of the view that 10.00pm was not late and suggested that some people did shop at this time. He said that there was no evidence to suggest that opening the shop until 10.00pm would cause crime and disorder the police had raised no concerns.

In respect of local people clearing bottles and litter from gardens there was no evidence of this and Environmental Protection Team had not made any objections.

Mr Cohen also informed the Committee that there was no evidence to suggest that residents were scared to go out at night or that there was a risk to children. The applicant had completed a risk assessment proforma as requested.

Mr Latvir Singh the proposed Designated Premises Supervisor informed the Licensing Sub Committee that the Off Licence would be on a similar line to Nisa. They would have CCTV inside and outside the premises and would work alongside the Police.

Mr Litvir Singh informed the Members that he personally had no experience of running this type of premises but had taken the exams and other members of the family ran similar businesses.

He also informed the Committee that his family owned the takeaway next door which was being refurbished to regenerate the shops area. He was of the view that the public house was well run.

RESOLVED – The Licensing Sub Committee carefully considered the application and noted the steps that the applicant had taken in addressing the concerns raised. The Committee granted the application as requested.