

Report of the Head of Elections, Licensing and Registration

Report to the Licensing Sub Committee

Date: 21st June 2016

Subject: Application for the grant of a premises licence for DOC, Ground Floor, 27 Wellington Street, Leeds, LS1 4EA

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): City & Hunslet		
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Appendix number:		

Summary of main issues

This is an application for the grant of a premises licence, made by Wellington Pizza Co Ltd, for DOC Ground Floor, 27 Wellington Street, Leeds, LS1 4EA.

Responsible authorities and Ward Members have been notified of this application.

The application has attracted representations from other persons.

The premises are located within an area covered by a cumulative impact policy.

This application was adjourned from the Licensing Sub Committee on 17th May 2016 to allow the applicant and other persons to liaise with one another, to add enforceable conditions to the operating schedule and alleviate the concerns raised during the consultation period.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To advise Members of an application made under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 ("the Act") for a new premises licence in respect of the above mentioned premises.
- 1.2 Members are required to consider this application due to the receipt of representations.

2 History of the premises

- 2.1 This premises was previously licensed under the Licensing Act 2003 for an off licence / convenience store with supply of alcohol Monday to Saturday 08:00 until 23:00 and Sunday 10:00 until 22:30. The off licence / convenience store business has closed and the premises licence has been suspended due to non payment of the annual fee.

3 The application

- 3.1 The applicant's name is Wellington Pizza Co Ltd.
- 3.2 The proposed designated premises supervisor is Mr Geoff Thornton
- 3.3 In summary the application is for:

*Provision of Recorded Music
Every Day 08:00 - 23:30*

*Supply of alcohol
Every Day 11:00 - 23:00*

*Non standard timings
New Year's Eve extension until 01:00*

- 3.4 Further details for recorded music are as follows "Recorded music will be for the sole purpose of background music."

4 The operating schedule

- 4.1 The applicant proposes to promote the licensing objectives by taking the steps identified in the operating schedule which is attached at Appendix A.

5 Location

- 5.1 A map which identifies the location of this premises is attached at Appendix B.

6 Representations

- 6.1 Under the Act representations can be received from responsible authorities or other persons. Representations must be relevant and, in the case of another person, must not be frivolous or vexatious.

Representations from Responsible Authorities

6.2 There have been no representations from responsible authorities.

Other representations

6.3 The application has attracted representation from members of the public (described as 'other persons' in the legislation).

6.4 The licensing authority is in receipt of three individual letters of objection all of which are opposed to this application on the grounds of crime & disorder and public nuisance.

6.5 In order to protect personal data, redacted copies of the representations are attached at Appendix C. Unredacted copies will be available at the hearing for Members consideration.

7 Cumulative Impact Policy

7.1 The premises are located within the cumulative impact area for Area 1 – City Centre.

7.2 Cumulative impact means the potential impact on the promotion of the licensing objectives due to the significant number of licensed premises concentrated in one area.

7.3 An applicant wishing to obtain a new licence for premises falling within any of the cumulative impact areas must identify, through the risk assessment process and/or the operating schedule, the steps they intend to take so that the council and responsible authorities can be satisfied that granting a new licence would not add to the impact already being experienced.

7.4 Details of the cumulative impact policy specific to Area 1 – City Centre and an outline of the evidence behind the reason for setting this policy is attached at Appendix D.

7.5 Members are directed to paragraphs 7.51 to 7.54 of the Statement of Licensing Policy which provides examples of how an application may be considered exceptional and the matters that the council would not normally take into consideration.

8 Licensing hours

8.1 Members are directed to paragraphs 6.8 to 6.15 of the Statement of Licensing Policy which states the criteria that will be applied to any decision for new applications or variations which include extending hours.

8.2 In brief the Policy states at 6.14 that restrictions may be made to the proposed hours of use where, after receiving relevant representations, the council considers it appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives to do so.

8.3 The council will take into account the existing pattern of licensed premises in an area when considering what is appropriate to promote the objectives. Applications which are significantly out of character for a locality will need to demonstrate that granting the hours sought will not impact on the licensing objectives, given the potential for neighbouring premises to seek the same additional hours to prevent rivals gaining a commercial advantage.

8.4 A list of premises in the local area and their licensed hours and activities is provided at Appendix E.

9 Equality and diversity implications

9.1 At the time of writing this report there were no implications for equality and diversity. Any decision taken by the licensing subcommittee will be in accordance with the four licensing objectives as prescribed by the Licensing Act 2003.

10 Options available to Members

10.1 The licensing subcommittee must take such of the following steps as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives:

- Grant the application as requested.
- Grant the application whilst imposing additional conditions and/or altering in any way the proposed operating schedule.
- Exclude any licensable activities to which the application relates.
- Refuse to specify the said person as the designated premises supervisor.
- Reject the whole or part of the application.

10.2 Members of the licensing subcommittee are asked to note that they may not reject the whole or part of the application merely because they consider it desirable to do so. It must be appropriate in order to promote the licensing objectives.

11 Background papers

- Guidance issued under s182 Licensing Act 2003
- Leeds City Council Statement of Licensing Policy