

Report of the Head of Elections, Licensing and Registration

Report to the Licensing Sub Committee

Date: 19th July 2016

Subject: Application to vary a premises licence held by The Forge 143 - 145 New Road Side, Horsforth, Leeds, LS18 4QD

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

This is an application to vary a premises licence, made by Mr Mohammed Abrar, for The Forge 143 - 145 New Road Side, Horsforth, Leeds, LS18 4QD.

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

The application has attracted representations from responsible authorities.

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

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To advise Members of an application made under section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003 ("the Act") to vary a 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 premises

- 2.1 An application to vary an existing Justices 'On' licence was received on the 3rd August 2005 and was granted as applied for.
- 2.2 A variation application was received on the 25th February 2010 to vary the hours of licensable activities, remove conditions and to add late night refreshment. Representations were received from members of the public and responsible authorities. The sub-committee decided to grant the licence in part by adding conditions imposed by West Yorkshire Police and to keep the hours as existing.
- 2.3 Since the initial application, various applications have been received to vary the designated premises supervisor and to transfer the licence holder.
- 2.4 An application to vary the licence was received on the 23rd May 2016. This is to extend all licensable activities by 1 hour and to also include late night refreshment to the licence. Please see below for the time changes on Sunday.
- 2.5 A copy of the existing licence is attached at Appendix A.

3 The application

- 3.1 The applicant is Mr Mohammed Abrar.
- 3.2 Briefly the application is to:
 - Add an additional hour onto the hours for sale of alcohol and regulated entertainment Monday – Saturday. On a Sunday, the hours the premises have applied for are Sun-Thurs 10:00 – 00:00 and Fri-Sat 10:00 – 01:00.

4 The operating schedule

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

5 Location

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

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 Representations have been received from Environmental Health in their capacity as a responsible authority.
- 6.3 The representation submitted by Environmental remains as a matter for Members consideration. A copy of the representation may be found at Appendix D.

Other representations

- 6.4 There are no other representations.

7 Cumulative Impact Policy

- 7.1 The premises are located within the cumulative impact area for Area 5 – Horsforth.
- 7.2 Cumulative impact means the potential impact on the promotion of the licensing objectives due to significant number of licensed premises concentrated in one area.
- 7.3 An applicant wishing to vary a licence for premises which fall within any of the cumulative impact areas must identify, through their operating schedule, the steps they intend to take so that the council and responsible authorities can be satisfied that granting this variation would not add to the impact already being experienced.
- 7.4 Details of the cumulative impact policy specific to Horsforth and an outline of the evidence behind the reason for setting this policy is attached at Appendix E.
- 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 for 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. 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.

- 8.3 A list of premises in the local area and their licensed hours and activities is provided at appendix F.

9 Equality and diversity implications

- 10.1 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 variation as requested.
 - Grant the variation whilst imposing additional conditions and/or altering in any way the proposed operating schedule.
 - Exclude any licensable activities to which the application relates.
 - Reject the whole or part of the application.
- 10.2 Members of the licensing subcommittee are asked to note that they may not modify the conditions or reject the whole or part of the application merely because it considers it desirable to do so. It must actually be appropriate in order to promote the licensing objectives.

11 Background papers

- Guidance issued under s182 Licensing Act 2003
- Statement of Licensing Policy