

**Report of the Chief Officer Elections and Regulatory**

**Report to the Licensing Sub Committee**

**Date: Tuesday 12 November 2024**

**Subject: Application for the Grant of a Premises Licence for Meanwood Convenience Store, 54 Green Road, Meanwood, Leeds, LS6 4JP**

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Moortown		
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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number:		
Appendix number:		

**Summary of Main Issues**

This is an application for the grant of a premises licence made by Aaditya Ltd., for Meanwood Convenience Store, 54 Green Road, Meanwood, Leeds, LS6 4JP.

The premises is a small grocery convenience store forming part of a retail parade within Meanwood. The applicant has applied for the Sale by Retail of Alcohol from 06:00 – 23:00 daily.

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

The application has attracted representations from 11 members of the public which remain a matter outstanding for Members' consideration.

The applicant has reached an agreement with West Yorkshire Police agreeing to adopt additional conditions to promote the crime prevention objective. As a result, the police have withdrawn their representation.

## **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 is the first application for a premises licence for these premises.

## **3 The Application**

- 3.1 The applicant's name is Aaditya Ltd.
- 3.2 The proposed designated premises supervisor is Mr Taru Pahwa.
- 3.3 In summary the application is for:

*Sale by Retail of Alcohol – (for consumption off the premises only)  
06:00 – 23:00 Everyday*

*Opening hours of the premises to the public  
06:00 – 23:00 Everyday*

- 3.4 A redacted version of the application has been attached at Appendix A.
- 3.5 The applicant proposes to promote the licensing objectives by taking the steps identified in "Section M" of the application form.

## **4 Location**

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

## **5 Representations**

- 5.1 Under the Act representations can be received from anyone but they must be relevant and, in the case of a member of the public, must not be frivolous or vexatious.

### Representations from Responsible Authorities

- 5.2 Any representation may be negotiated prior to the hearing. In this instance the operating schedule has been amended to include the measures agreed with West Yorkshire Police. A copy of the representation and agreement may be found at Appendix C.

### Other Representations

- 5.3 The application has attracted 11 representations from members of the public (described as 'other persons' in the legislation) which are opposed to this

application mainly on the grounds of the prevention of public nuisance and public safety.

- 5.4 One representation has been received from a member of the public who has expressed concern that they may be at risk of retribution should their details be made public. As such, their personal details have been redacted and they will remain anonymous. For this reason and despite their strength of feeling they will not be attending the hearing and would like their representations to be considered in their absence.
- 5.5 In order to protect personal data, redacted copies of the representations are attached at Appendix D and original copies will be made available to the Licensing Sub Committee in advance of the hearing.

## **6 Licensing Hours**

- 6.1 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.
- 6.2 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.
- 6.3 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 adversely impact on the licensing objectives.
- 6.4 A list of premises in the local area and their licensed hours and activities is provided at Appendix E.

## **7 Equality and Diversity Implications**

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

## **8 Options Available to Members**

- 8.1 The Licensing Sub Committee 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.
  - Refuse to specify the said person as the designated premises supervisor.
  - Reject the whole or part of the application.

8.2 Members of the Licensing Sub Committee 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.

## **9 Background Papers**

- Guidance issued under S182 Licensing Act 2003
- Leeds City Council Statement of Licensing Policy