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Background Information

The Premises is located within Gipton / Harehills which an area of concern for the council as life expectancy is lower due to various factors including obesity and alcohol consumption. The council policy raises concerns in regard to the wide availability of alcohol in convenience stores, corner shops and off licences together with mental health or alcohol problems including easily obtaining alcohol or those who are already intoxicated to obtain more alcohol. There is also concern on pack size super strength white cider being sold which leads to people with alcohol dependency to drink more. Harehills falls within the cumulative impact zone where there is a rebuttable presumption against the grant of applications, unless the Applicant can demonstrate that there will be no negative cumulative impact on one or more of the licensing objectives.

The proposed new premises licence application relates to a convenience store selling products for domestic use including food and laundry products. The Operator wishes to offer the sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises. Whilst there are concerns in relation to these types of premises, the premises are not alcohol led and the Applicant is only proposing that not more than 25% of the sales area be used for the sale or display of alcohol, which is reflected by the conditions proposed.

The proposed hours for licensable activities are 09:00-20:30 Sunday to Thursday and 09:00-22:00 Friday and Saturday, which are not controversial. The Applicant wishes to cater to customer demand and for those customers who would usually attend alternative premises to purchase alcohol. The Applicant will not be selling super strength white cider, as reflected by the conditions proposed. Various additional conditions are being proposed to uphold the licensing objectives, as set out below.

Proposed Conditions

- 1. The premises shall install and maintain a comprehensive CCTV system as per the minimum requirements of the Police Licensing Team.
 - (a) All entry and exit points will be covered enabling frontal identification of every person entering in any light condition.
 - (b) The CCTV system shall continually record whilst the premises is open for licensable activities and during all times when customers remain on the premises and will include the external area immediately outside the premises entrance.
 - (c) All recordings shall be stored for a minimum period of 31 days with date and time stamping.
 - (d) Viewing of recordings shall be made available immediately upon the request of Police or authorised officer throughout the entire 31-day period.
- 2. A staff member from the premises who is conversant with the operation of the CCTV system shall be on the premises at all times when the premises is open. This staff member must be able to provide a Police or authorised council officer copies of recent CCTV images or data with minimum of delay when requested.
- 3. All sales of alcohol for consumption off the premises shall be in sealed containers only, and shall not be consumed on the premises.

- 4. No super-strength beer, lagers, ciders or spirit mixtures of 5.5% ABV (alcohol by volume) or above shall be sold at the premises, except for premium beers and ciders supplied in glass bottles and cans.
- 5. No single cans or bottles of beer or cider or spirit mixtures shall be sold at the premises.
- 6. No more than 25% of the sales area shall be used at any one time for the sale, exposure for sale, or display of alcohol.
- 7. All tills shall automatically prompt staff to ask for age verification identification when presented with an alcohol sale.
- 8. A Challenge 21 or Challenge 25 proof of age scheme shall be operated at the premises where the only acceptable forms of identification are recognised photographic identification cards, such as a driving licence, passport or proof of age card with the PASS Hologram.
- 9. A record shall be kept detailing all refused sales of alcohol. The record should include the date and time of the refused sale and the name of the member of staff who refused the sale. The record shall be available for inspection at the premises by the police or an authorised officer of the Council at all times whilst the premises is open.
- 10. An incident log shall be kept at the premises, and made available on request to an authorised officer of the Council or the Police. It must be completed within 24 hours of the incident and will record the following:
 - a) all crimes reported to the venue
 - b) all ejections of patrons
 - c) any complaints received concerning crime and disorder
 - d) any incidents of disorder
 - e) all seizures of drugs or offensive weapons
 - f) any faults in the CCTV system, searching equipment or scanning equipment
 - g) any refusal of the sale of alcohol
 - h) any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service.
- 11. All staff will be trained in the law and their responsibility in selling alcohol. A record of the training will be made available for inspection upon request made to the premises licence holder from an authorised officer of a relevant authority.