

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

**Report to the Licensing Sub Committee**

**Date: Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023**

**Subject: Application for the Grant of a Premises Licence for Maxi Foods,  
22 Harehills Road, Harehills, Leeds, LS8 5PB**

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Gipton & Harehills		
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 Maxi Food Leeds Ltd, for Maxi Foods, 22 Harehills Road, Harehills, Leeds, LS8 5PB.

The application is made in respect of a premises wishing to operate as a convenience store with the licensable provision sale by retail of alcohol for consumption off the premises.

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

The application has attracted representations from other persons and responsible authorities.

The premises are located within an area which is covered by the Harehills Cumulative Impact Assessment.

## **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 Maxi Food Leeds Ltd.
- 3.2 The proposed designated premises supervisor is Dylan Safy.
- 3.3 In summary, the application is for:

*Sale by Retail of Alcohol (for consumption off the premises)*  
*Every Day 08:00 – 23:00*

- 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 18 of the application form which is attached at Appendix A.

## **4 Location**

- 4.1 A map which identifies the location of the 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 Representations objecting to the application have been lodged by the following responsible authorities and copies can be viewed at the corresponding appendices:
- 5.3 Licensing Authority, Leeds City Council - **Appendix C**
- 5.4 Environmental Protection Team, Leeds City Council - **Appendix D**
- 5.5 West Yorkshire Police - **Appendix E**
- 5.6 Safer Stronger Communities Team, Leeds City Council - **Appendix F**

- 5.7 Anti-Social Behavior Team, Leeds City Council - **Appendix G**
- 5.8 Advanced Health Improvement Specialist, Leeds City Council - **Appendix H**
- 5.9 Neighbourhood Policing Team, Harehills, West Yorkshire Police - **Appendix I**

#### Other representations

- 5.10 The application has also attracted representation from members of the public (described as 'other persons' in the legislation).
- 5.11 The licensing authority is in receipt of fourteen individual letters of objections, all of which are oppose the application on the grounds of the four licensing objectives.
- 5.12 Four representations have been received from members of the public who have 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 throughout the full process. For this reason and despite their strength of feeling they will not be attending the hearing and would like their written representations to be considered fully in their absence.
- 5.13 In order to protect personal data, redacted copies of the representations are attached at **Appendix J** and original copies will be circulated to the Licensing Sub-Committee Members in advance of the hearing.

### **6 Cumulative Impact Policy**

- 6.1 The premises are located within the cumulative impact area for Harehills.
- 6.2 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.
- 6.3 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.
- 6.4 Details of the cumulative impact policy specific to Harehills and an outline of the evidence behind the reason for setting this policy is attached at **Appendix K**.
- 6.5 Members are directed to paragraph 7.44 of the Statement of Licensing Policy which provides examples of how an application may demonstrate there will be no impact and paragraph 7.45 which provides examples of the matters that the council would not normally take into consideration.

## **7 Licensing Hours**

- 7.1 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.
- 7.2 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.
- 7.3 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.
- 7.4 A list of premises in the local area and their licensed hours and activities is provided at **Appendix L**.

## **8 Equality and Diversity Implications**

- 8.1 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.

## **9 Options Available to Members**

- 9.1 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.
  - Refuse to specify the said person as the designated premises supervisor.
  - Reject the whole or part of the application.
- 9.2 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.

## **10 Background Papers**

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