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Report of the Chief Officer Elections and Regulatory

Report to Licensing Sub Committee

Date: 18th February 2025

Subject: Application to vary a premises licence held by Booze Bin 77 Brudenell Grove, Headingley, Leeds, LS6 1HR

If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Headingley & Hyde Park		
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	☐ Yes	⊠ No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	☐ Yes	⊠ No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number:	☐ Yes	⊠ No
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Summary of main issues

This is an application to vary a premises licence, made by Booze Bin Ltd, for Booze Bin 77 Brudenell Grove, Headingley, Leeds, LS6 1HR

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

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

The premises are located within an area designated as a cumulative impact area.

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 The premises currently have the benefit of a premises licence issued on the introduction of the Licensing Act 2003 in November 2005. At that time the premises licence holder and Designated Premises Supervisor was Mr Kulbir Singh.
- 2.2 In February 2021 applications to transfer the premises licence to the current holder, Booze Bin Ltd, and to specify Habtemichael Tsegay Tekle as the Designated Premises Supervisor were received. Neither application attracted an objection from West Yorkshire Police and they were both granted as applied for.
- 2.3 The hours currently authorised by the licence for the sale by retail of alcohol are:

Monday to Saturday 08:00 to 23:00 Sunday 10:00 to 22:30

2.4 A copy of the existing licence is attached at **Appendix A**.

3 The application

- 3.1 The applicant is Booze Bin Ltd.
- 3.2 Briefly the application is to extend the opening hours and hours for sales of alcohol to:

Every day 00:00 - 23:59

- 3.3 A copy of the redacted application form is attached at **Appendix B**.
- 3.3 The applicant proposes to promote the licensing objectives by taking the additional steps identified in the application form.

4 Location

4.1 A map which identifies the location of this premises is attached at **Appendix C**.

5 Representations

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

Representations from Responsible Authorities

- 5.2 Representations have been received from West Yorkshire Police, Environmental Health, Public Health and Entertainment Licensing in their capacities as Responsible Authorities.
- A copy of the representations by Responsible Authorities can be found at **Appendix D**, and all four remain a matter outstanding for the Members' consideration.

Other representations

- 5.4 The application has attracted representations from the Safer Stronger Communities Team, a Member of Parliament and Ward Councillors (described as 'other persons' in the legislation).
- 5.5 An objection from the Safer Stronger Communities Team, an objection from the Member of Parliament for Leeds Central & Headingley and an objection from three Ward Councillors have been received by the Licensing Authority. The representations express concerns in relation to all four licensing objectives.
- 5.6 Copies of the representations are attached at **Appendix E**.

6 Cumulative Impact

- 6.1 The premises are located within the cumulative impact area for Hyde Park.
- 6.2 Cumulative impact means the potential impact on the promotion of the licensing objectives due to significant number of licensed premises concentrated in one area.
- 6.3 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.
- Details of the cumulative impact policy specific to Hyde Park and an outline of the evidence behind the reason for setting this policy is attached at **Appendix F.**
- 6.5 Members are directed to paragraph 7.37 of the Statement of Licensing Policy which provides examples of how an application may demonstrate there will be no impact and paragraph 7.38 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 6.6 to 6.13 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.
- 7.2 In brief the Policy states at 6.12 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.

7.3 A list of premises in the local area and their licensed hours and activities is provided at **Appendix G**.

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 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.
- 9.2 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 and relevant to the application.

10 Background papers

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