

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

LICENSING HEARING

At a meeting of the **Licensing Sub-Committee** held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE61 2EF at 10:00 am on Thursday, 15 February 2018

PRESENT

Councillor I Hutchinson
(in the Chair)

COUNCILLORS

R Gibson
K Parry

C Seymour (Reserve)

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

H Bowers
M Bulman
H Gebbie
T Hardy
N Masson

Democratic Services Officer
Solicitor, Regulation
Senior Licensing Officer
Licensing Manager
Principal Solicitor, Regulation

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

N Ahmad
M Ullah
L Mustard

Applicant
Applicant
Applicant's Representative

R Hardon Vane
D Rutherford
S Smiley

Representative for H Senior - Objector
Objector
Objector

Cllr B Pidcock

Ward Member for Holywell

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

RESOLVED that Councillor Ian Hutchinson be elected as Chair for the duration of the meeting.

Ch.'s Initials.....

2. APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE IN RESPECT OF SC RETAIL LTD OF LAUREL TERRACE, HOLYWELL, WHITLEY BAY, NE25 0NT.

The purpose of the hearing was to determine the application for a Premises Licence in respect of SC Retail Ltd of Laurel Terrace, Holywell, Whitley Bay, NE25 0NT (the premises).

Tasmin Hardy, Licensing Manager informed the Committee that the application was before Members as representations had been received from interested parties in respect of public nuisance, prevention of crime and disorder and public safety. Seven representations had been received in objection of the application although many of the issues were not relevant to the sale of alcohol and licensing objectives. No objections had been received by the statutory consultees.

Background documents were circulated to the Committee by the Licensing Manager which had been submitted by one of the residents.

Ms Mustard, representing the applicant explained the reasons why the applicant had applied for a new premises licence.

The applicant had initially applied for the licensable activity of the sale of alcohol between the hours on 06:00 until 23:00 hours however, they were willing to amend the hours for the supply of alcohol, Monday to Sunday 08:00 - 21:30 and the hours the premises would be open to the public, Monday to Sunday 06:00 - 21:30.

Three letters of support had been submitted for the way in which the applicant operated their Shields Row store.

Rosemary Hardon Vane spoke on behalf of Heather Senior and spoke of her reasons for objection.

Dave Rutherford, objector also spoke and explained his reasons for objecting to the application.

Sarah Smiley, objector also spoke and explained her reasons for objecting to the application.

The Sub-Committee considered the Officer's report and all representations, and verbal submissions from those persons entitled to speak at the hearing.

Members of the Committee, the Principal Solicitor and Solicitor retired in order for Members to consider the application and obtain any legal advice necessary.

RESOLVED:-

The decision of the Committee was to **GRANT** the application for a premises licence as amended.

The hours for the supply of alcohol Monday to Saturday 08:00 - 21:30.

The hours the premises to be open to the public Monday to Sunday 06:00 - 21:30.

Conditions to be attached to the licence.

The Committee took into account the following:

- 1) The evidence both written and oral
- 2) The relevant parts of the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy
- 3) The relevant parts of the Guidance issued by the Secretary of State

Reasons:

The Committee did not feel that the application undermined the relevant licensing objectives of the prevention of crime and disorder, the prevention of public nuisance and public safety. There was no evidence of any issues relating to those objectives and the Committee considered that the conditions attached to the licence adequately addressed those licensing objectives.

CHAIRMAN

DATE