

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No. 4(1)

meeting date: THURSDAY 11 JULY 2013
 title: THE AVENUE HOTEL, BROCKHALL VILLAGE, OLD LANGHO BB6 8AY
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To advise the sub-committee on the determination of an application required under section 35 of the Licensing Act 2003.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities

- Community Objectives]
- Corporate Priorities] The Council aims to be a well managed Council; a robust
licensing process contributes to that objective.
- Other Considerations]

2 THE APPLICATION

2.1 Brockhall Village Hospitality Limited has the benefit of a Premises Licence, which was originally granted on 27 September 2005. The licence currently permits the following licensable activities:

[1] The sale by retail of alcohol for consumption on and off the premises:

- Monday to Saturday: 1100hrs to 2300hrs;
- Sunday: 1200hrs until 2230hrs;
- New Year's Eve: from the end of permitted hours on New Year's Eve to the start of permitted hours on the following day, which would be 11.00am if New Year's Day falls on a weekday or 12noon if a Sunday.

2.2 A copy of the existing licence is attached at Appendix A.

2.3 The applicant has now made an application to vary the Premises Licence under Section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003. A copy of the application is attached at Appendix B.

2.4 The variations applied for are as follows:

[1] To extend the hours for supply of alcohol for consumption on and off the premises:

- Monday to Sunday: 1000hrs until 0100hrs.

[2] To provide regulated entertainment in the form of live and recorded music and anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) indoors only:

- Monday to Sunday: 1000hrs until 0100hrs;
- New Year's Eve: from the end of permitted hours on New Year's Eve to the commencement of permitted hours on New Year's Day.

[3] To provide late night refreshment indoors only:

- Monday to Sunday: 2300hrs until 0500hrs.

- [4] To open the premises to the public:
- Monday to Sunday: 0001hrs until 0000hrs
- [5] To change the licensing plan, which currently accompanies the premises licence, in order to incorporate proposed changes to the layout of the premises.
- 2.5 The applicant in its operating schedule (Section M) describes the additional measures it intends to take to promote the four licensing objectives. These will become additional conditions of the licence if the variation is granted.
- 2.6 There have been 4 relevant representations made, all from Other Persons. Relevant representations can be made in opposition to, or in support of, an application and can be made by any individual, body or business that has grounds to do so.
- 2.7 Statutory guidance states: "A representation is "relevant" if it relates to the likely effect of the grant of the licence on the promotion of at least one of the licensing objectives" and "representations should relate to the impact of licensable activities carried on from premises on the objectives."
- 2.8 Copies of the representations are attached at Appendix C and are made on the basis that the application will undermine the prevention of public nuisance and crime and disorder objectives.
- 2.9 On 1 July 2013, the Applicant's Solicitors, Napthens LLP, held a mediation meeting with the residents concerned, to see whether there were any measures which could be taken to address the issues raised. A copy of the letter inviting parties to the meeting is attached at Appendix D.
- 2.10 Following the points raised at this meeting, the Applicant's Solicitors have now been instructed to propose concessions. These are set out in a letter dated 3 July 2013, which is attached at Appendix E.
- 2.11 A plan is attached at Appendix F showing the location of the premises.
- 2.12 All parties have been given notice of the hearing in accordance with Regulation 6 of The Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005.
- 3 THE LICENSING ACT 2003
- 3.1 When determining an application, the Licensing Act 2003 requires you to have regard to the representations received from Responsible Authorities and/or Other Persons (including supporting information), statutory Guidance issued under s.182 of the Act, the authority's Licensing Policy Statement and take such of the steps as you consider necessary for the promotion of the four licensing objectives i.e.
- The prevention of crime and disorder;
 - Public safety;
 - The prevention of public nuisance; and
 - The protection of children from harm.
- 3.2 The steps you may take are set out at section 2 of the Licensing Hearings – Guidance for Members, together with the statutory guidance issued under section 182 Licensing Act 2003 commencing at section 8.

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS ARISING FROM THE REPORT

- 4.1 Members are reminded that they must follow the rules of natural justice and they are bound by the code of conduct for elected members in licensing applications.
- 4.2 Members are reminded that they should have read or should hear all the facts prior to making a determination.
- 4.3 Members are reminded of the consideration they should give to the Human Rights Act 1998, in particular Article 1 – the right to peaceful enjoyment of possessions, Article 6 – the right to a fair hearing, Article 8 – respect for private and family life and Article 10 – the right to freedom of expression.

5. WARDS AFFECTED

- 5.1 The premises are situated within the Billington & Old Langho Ward. Neither ward councillor is a member of this sub-committee.


6. RISK ASSESSMENT

- 6.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications:
- Resources – none identified.
 - Technical, Environmental and Legal – the report demonstrates that there has been proper consideration of the application and the relevant guidance and representations.
 - Political – none identified.
 - Reputation – none identified.
 - Equality & Diversity – none identified.

7. RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

- 7.1 Members are asked to make a determination and state the reasons for that determination.


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