

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE
Wednesday, 16th August, 2017

Present:- Councillor Ellis (in the Chair); Councillors Buckley and Reeder.

11. CLUB/PREMISES CERTIFICATE (LICENSING ACT 2003) - FERHAM ROAD SUPERMARKET, 192 FERHAM ROAD, HOLMES

Consideration was given to an application for Premises Licence, under the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003, in respect of No. 192 Ferham Road, Rotherham S61 1DZ.

The Licensing Authority received representations which were not withdrawn and the Sub-Committee considered those representations.

No statutory authorities had objected to the application.

The applicant's representative provided background information about the application. The application was for an off-licence with opening hours of 8.00 a.m.-11.00 p.m. The applicant was an experienced retail operator with regard to the sale of alcohol and took a responsible approach to all aspects of sales especially to younger persons.

The application set out the actions the applicant intended to take to promote the four licensing objectives which included installation and maintenance of a tamper-proof digital colour CCTV system, spirits of high ABV to be sold behind the counter, keeping of an incident and a refusal book on the premises and the operation of a Challenge 25 policy.

If/once the licence was approved, the applicant and his staff would receive training from a consultant specifically with regard to the Compliance Log Books.

The objectors who attended the meeting, together with their representative, referred to the problems of existing anti-social behaviour in the area which they felt would be exacerbated by the granting of the licence. The representative referred to crime statistics for the area which he felt had not been addressed in the operating schedule submitted. It was considered that a basic standard set of conditions had been offered for a premise in a very challenging area. It was also claimed that the applicant had been selling alcohol without a licence.

There was a long history of problems associated with the premises.

The applicant denied that he had been selling alcohol since taking over the business three months ago.

The premises had been visited by the Council's Licensing Enforcement

Officer on two occasions and by the Police and all found to be in order. There had also been two test purchases for cigarettes.

Resolved:- That the application for a premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003 in relation to No. 192 Ferham Road, Rotherham, be granted.