

Licensing Sub Committee

Tuesday, 9 November 2021

Present: Councillors C Davis, John Hunter and P Richardson

LS14/21 Appointment of Chair

Resolved that Councillor P Richardson be appointed Chair for this meeting.

LS15/21 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest or Dispensations reported.

LS16/21 Canny Leisure Group North East Limited, 75 Park View, Whitley Bay, NE26 1DS

The Sub-committee met to consider an application for the grant of a new premises Licence in respect of 75 Park View, Whitley Bay, NE26 1DS.

The Applicant, Canny Leisure Group North East Limited, sought permission for the following:

- The supply of alcohol on the premises each Sunday to Wednesday from 11:00 hours to 23:00 hours, Thursday from 11:00 hours to 23:30 hours and Friday and Saturday from 11:00 hours to midnight.
- The premises to be open on Sunday from 10:00 hours to 23:30 hours, Monday to Wednesday from 10:00 hours to 23:00 hours, Thursday from 10:00 hours to 23:30 hours and Friday and Saturday from 10:00 hours to midnight.

Following introductions the Chair outlined the procedure to be followed at the hearing.

Mr Callum, Licensing Officer, presented details of the application, the representations received and the options available to the Sub-committee. He responded to a series of questions from the participants at the hearing.

Ms Burns addressed the Sub-committee in relation to her concerns about the application.

Ms Bolton addressed the Sub-committee in relation to her concerns about the application.

Ms H Turnock addressed the Sub-committee in relation to her concerns about the application.

Ms C Turnock addressed the Sub-committee in relation to her concerns, and those of another resident, about the application. She responded to questions from the applicant.

Ms L Guss addressed the Sub-committee on behalf of her mother in relation to their concerns about the application.

Councillor J O'Shea, Ward Councillor, addressed the Sub-committee in relation to his concerns about the application.

Mrs V Bones, on behalf of the applicant, addressed the Sub-committee in support of the application. She responded to questions from members of the Sub-committee and the representees.

All parties to the hearing were given the opportunity of summing up their respective cases and the Sub-committee then withdrew to make its decision in private.

Resolved that the application for the grant of a new Premises Licence in respect of 75 Park View, Whitley Bay be rejected.

Reasons for Decision

- The difficulties presented by the inability for vehicles to park, or stop safely to the front of the premises, given the location of the pedestrian crossing immediately outside the front of the premises, which would undermine the public safety licensing objective; and
- The likelihood of public nuisance to residents, who are already facing difficulties because of the existing number of licensed premises in Park View, which would undermine the prevention of public nuisance licensing objective.