

Record of a Hearing of the Bradford Licensing Panel held on Monday 28 September 2009 in Committee Room 1, City Hall, Bradford

Procedural Items

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

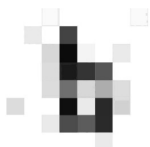
No disclosures of interest in matters under consideration were received.

INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

There were no appeals submitted by the public to review decisions to restrict documents.

Hearing

- 1. Application for a premises licence for The Greyhound, 23 Tong Lane, Tong, Bradford (Document "H")**



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RECORD OF A HEARING FOR AN APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE FOR THE GREYHOUND, 23 TONG LANE, TONG, BRADFORD (DOCUMENT "H").

Commenced: 1010
Adjourned: 1030
Re-convened: 1033
Concluded: 1035

Present:

Members of the Panel:

Bradford Licensing Panel: Councillors L'Amie (Chair), Ferriby and Chadwick.

Parties to the Hearing:

Representing the Applicant:

Mr Coen, Solicitor representing the Applicant
Mr Stafford, Tenant and Designated Premises Supervisor

Representations:

The licensing officer in attendance summarised the background to the application and valid representations received as set out in the report.

The applicant's representative informed Members that the premises were already in possession of a licence since November 2005 and that in June 2009 the premises had applied for a variation. This had been returned as the Council's Licensing Team had believed that a new premises licence would be more appropriate. It was confirmed that the hours requested were the identical to those stated on the current licence and that the only alteration was the extension to the dining area at the premises, which would provide 32 additional covers. The applicant's representative indicated that he believed that the objectors had misunderstood the purpose of the application and confirmed that there was no intention to extend the licensable hours at the premises. The Tenant and Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) had been at the premises for over 5 years and had invested a substantial amount of money in the business. The clientele base consisted of 5% local and 95% passing trade with an average age of 40 years old. The premises played background music and had a television, however, some form of entertainment was usually provided around the Christmas period. The applicant's representative reported that no objections had been received from responsible authorities and that the steps to address the Licensing Objectives were exactly the same as those stated on the existing licence. With regard to the objections, it was noted that there was no allegation of noise or nuisance and one objector had stated that the "extensions seemed beneficial to the ambience". The car parking facilities were not affected and the representations did not object to the core of the application, which was the extension to the dining area.

In response to Members' questions regarding the premises, the applicant's representative confirmed that:

- The actual opening hours were dependant upon the demand.
- A complaint had been received in the past from a resident who thought the premises were trading beyond the licensable hours, however, it was unsubstantiated.

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- The DPS had been at the premises for 5 years, knew residents and his customers and was approachable.

In conclusion the applicant's representative reiterated that due to an extension to the dining area at the premises a new licence was required. He confirmed that the application did not propose any alterations to the licensable activities or hours and requested that it be granted.

Decision

That having considered all valid representations made by the parties to the hearing, all valid written representations received during the statutory period, the published statement of licensing policy and relevant statutory guidance; the panel grants the application as applied for.

Chair

Note: This record is subject to approval as a correct record at the next meeting of the Licensing Committee.

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