

# Record of a Hearing of the Bradford District Licensing Panel held on Tuesday, 4 August 2020 in

# **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

Commenced: 1315 Adjourned: 1345 Reconvened: 1355 Concluded: 1405

# APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENSE FOR GINNING RAT, 79 LOW STREET, KEIGHLEY, BD21 3QP

#### Members of the Panel:

**Bradford District Licensing Panel:** 

Councillors Slater (Chair), Godwin and Shaheen

# Parties to the Hearing:

# Representing the Licensee:

Mr A Hartley - Applicant Mr A Holroyd - Landlord

# Representations:

The Interim Assistant Director, Waste, Fleet and Transport Services presented a report (**Document "B"**) The licensing officer in attendance summarised the background to the application and valid representations received as set out in the report. Members were advised that four of the representations that had been received from local residents had been withdrawn which left only one representation.

The applicant addressed that Panel and explained that his intention was to run a small capacity venue with restaurant level acoustic entertainment. The premises landlord was in attendance and was content with the arrangements. He added that he had received an acoustic report that recommended levels between 48 and 50 decibels and that the level had been recorded at 49 which was within the acceptable level.

The premises landlord attended the meeting and advised the Panel that he had communicated with the residents and stressed that he did not want a rowdy bar because of the close proximity to their dwellings above. He confirmed that all of the tenants had been consulted about the proposals and were content as long as the operating hours were adhered to. He was unsure why one objection still remained.

The applicant confirmed that he had 14 years experience in the licensing business and that experience door staff would be employed.

In response to a question regarding sound proofing between the premises and the flats above the applicant confirmed that following receipt f the acoustic report ceiling tiles had been fitted that would further reduce sound levels.

The applicant was asked about people leaving the premises and those leaving the premised to smoke and responded that door supervisors would be employed at the weekend and that contact had been made with a local taxi firm to respond to requests for taxis promptly to avoid patrons waiting outside the premises. He drew members attention

to the fact that the premises was opposite a burger bar and desert place both of which generated noise but that signage would be in place regarding noise levels.

The applicant responded to a member question that the bar would have a capacity of 30 and that his intention was that it would be a place to go for a quiet drink. He added that there were no windows in the premises and that the door would be closed at all times. The premises was air conditioned. The fans for the air conditioning were in the back yard and had been in place a number of years. He confirmed that the music would consist of one singer and a guitar with no amplified sound.

In response to a question why the remaining objector had not withdrawn their representation the landlord advised members that this may have been because she was to move house in two weeks.

It was noted that the Panel members had not received the acoustic report however the applicant was asked and confirmed that if the Panel included a decibel limit he would agree to it.

The applicant was asked if the Covid19 social distancing rules would effect the maximum of 30 in the premises. The applicant responded that even if the license was granted the Covid19 social distancing rules would have to be complied with before the premises opened.

In closing the applicant confirmed that the music would be played on one guitar and there would be no amplified music. Bottle bins would not be emptied at the end if the night. A local taxi firm had been contacted to pick people up as quickly as possible at the end of the night so that they were not waiting outside and making a noise.

The applicant confirmed that he was the premises supervisor.

When questioned the applicant confirmed that he was content to comply with the standard licensing clause that CCTV system footage be saved for 28 days.

# Resolved -

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

grants the application with the following hours, as amended

Monday to Sunday: 11.00 to 23.00

Opening hours

Monday to Sunday: 11.00 to 23.30

subject to the following condition:

No licensable activities shall take place at the premises unless or until a CCTV system (with satisfactory internal and external coverage) of a standard acceptable to and to the written satisfaction of West Yorkshire Police and the

Licensing Authority has been installed at the premises. The approved CCTV shall be maintained in good working order and used at all times the premises remain open to the public for licensable activities. Any CCTV footage shall be kept for at least 28 days and be available to the Licensing Authority or a Responsible Authority on request.

Reason – the above condition is considered necessary in order to prevent crime and disorder; promote public safety and prevent public nuisance.

ACTION: Interim Assistant Director, Waste, Fleet and Transport Services

Chair

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

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