

Report of the Assistant Director Waste, Fleet & Transport Services to the meeting of the Bradford District Licensing Panel to be held on 12 September 2018

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Subject:

Application for a Premises Licence for JJ's Bar, 1 West Lane, Thornton, Bradford, BD13 3HX.

Summary statement:

Application for a new premises licence for the sale of alcohol for consumption on and off the premises, the provision of regulated entertainment and the provision of late night refreshment.

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Portfolio:

Neighbourhoods & Community Safety

Overview & Scrutiny Area:

Corporate

1. SUMMARY

The application is for the grant of a Premises Licence for the sale of alcohol for consumption on and off the premises, the provision of regulated entertainment and the provision of late night refreshment.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The applicant

JJ's Bar Ltd. A copy of the application is included at Appendix 1.

2.2 The Premises

JJ's Bar, 1 West Lane, Thornton, Bradford.

2.3 Proposed Designated Premises Supervisor

Ms Julie Jane Jackson.

2.4 Application

The application is for the grant of a Premises Licence. The operating schedule describes the following as the relevant licensable activities applied for:-

- Sale of alcohol for consumption on and off the premises.
- Provision of regulated entertainment.
- Provision of late night refreshment

Hours of licensable activities:

Alcohol/Late night refreshment (from 23.00)

Sunday to Thursday: 11.00 to 00.00

Friday & Saturday: 11.00 to 02.00

11.00-02.00 Sunday of every statutory Bank Holiday including Easter and Christmas Bank Holidays and New Years Eve.

Performance of live music

Sunday to Thursday: 20.00 to 23.00

Friday & Saturday: 20.00 to 23.30

20.00-23.30 Sunday of every statutory Bank Holiday including Easter and Christmas Bank Holidays and New Years Eve.

Playing of recorded music

Sunday to Thursday: 10.00 to 00.00

Friday & Saturday: 10.00 to 02.00

10.00-02.00 Sunday of every statutory Bank Holiday including Easter and Christmas Bank Holidays and New Years Eve.

2.5 Steps proposed by the applicant to address the Licensing Objectives

- a) Prevention of crime and disorder will be achieved by;

No tolerance or zero tolerance drug sign.
Provide adequate lighting.

- b) Public safety will be achieved by;

Fit Smoke Alarm.
Extra lighting.
Plenty of seating.
Additional escape route from upstairs.

- c) Prevention of public nuisance will be achieved by;

Keeping music to reasonable level.
Keeping outside area clean and litter free.
Restrict hours of live music only until 23.00.
Ask people to leave quietly – put notice up.

- d) Protection of children from harm will be achieved by;

Proof of age scheme 'Challenge 21'.
Restrict access to adult entertainment – no lap dancing
Must be accompanied by appropriate adult at all times.

- e) General – all four licensing objectives

To have a personal licence holder on premises most of the time.
Install CCTV.
Train staff on licensing issues..

2.6 Relevant Representations Received

Individual, Body or Business

Three letters of representation have been received from local residents, which raise concerns of potential noise nuisance and anti social behaviour from patrons congregating and drinking outside the premises. There are also concerns about the late closing times as the premises is near a rest home for the elderly and the proximity of the premises to a tactile crossing as pedestrians might feel intimidated if patrons of the premises are using the causeway.

The representations are attached at Appendix 2

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Legal Appraisal

- 3.1** The Licensing Act 2003 requires the Council to carry out its various licensing functions so as to promote the following four licensing objectives:
- a) the prevention of crime and disorder
 - b) public safety
 - c) the prevention of public nuisance
 - d) the protection of children from harm
- 3.2** The Council must also have regard to the guidance issued by the Home Office under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003. Regard must also be taken of the Council's statement of Licensing Policy for the District.
- 3.3** Where it is decided it is necessary to depart from the statutory guidance or the Licensing Policy on the merits of a particular case; then special reasons justifying this must be given that can be sustained.
- 3.4** Only "relevant representations" can be taken into account. In order to be "relevant" a representation must fairly relate to achieving a licensing objective. If it does not, it must be discounted.
- 3.5** Any licensing conditions that Members may propose attaching must also relate to achieving one of the licensing objectives; be tailored to the actual premises and style of licensable activity; must be reasonably achievable by the applicant and in his/her control.

Statement of Policy Issues

- 3.6** The following parts of the Licensing Policy are of particular importance; Part 4 (prevention of crime and disorder), part 5 (public safety) and Part 6 (prevention of public nuisance).
- 3.7** The Annexes to the Policy sets out various types of model condition that could be considered.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

There are no apparent finance or resource implications.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

There are no apparent risk management and governance implications.

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

Referred to in part 3 of this report.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

The Council has to comply with the public sector equality duty in S.149 Equality Act 2010.

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

There are no apparent sustainability implications.

7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

There are no apparent implications.

7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

When determining the application the Licensing Authority is required to pay due regard to the licensing objectives referred to in 3.1 of this report.

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

The following rights are applicable:

Article 1 First Protocol to the Convention – Right to peaceful enjoyment of possessions subject to the state's right to control the use of property in accordance with the general interest. The Council's powers set out in the recommendations fall within the states right. A fair balance must be struck between public safety and the applicant's rights.

Article 6 – A procedural right to a fair hearing. As refusal of the application is an option, adherence to the Panels' usual procedure of affording a hearing to the applicant is very important. The applicant should also be able to examine the requirements of the fire authority. If the decision is to refuse then reasons should be given.

7.6 TRADE UNION

Not applicable.

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

Ward Councillors have been notified of receipt of the application.

7.9 IMPLICATIONS FOR CORPORATE PARENTING

There are no apparent implications.

7.10 ISSUES ARISING FROM PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

There are no apparent implications.

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None.

9. OPTIONS

9.1 Members may:

- (a) Grant a premises licence as applied for subject to any mandatory conditions and the precautions specified in the operating schedule submitted.
- (b) Grant a premises licence subject to such additional conditions relating to achievement of the licensing objectives as members think fit; or
- (c) Refuse the application for a premises licence.

9.2 Should the applicant or any other party to the hearing feel aggrieved at any decision with regard to the licence or to any conditions or restrictions attached by Members they may appeal to the Magistrates Court.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are invited to consider the information and documents referred to in this report and, after hearing individuals, bodies or businesses, determine the related application(s).

11. APPENDICES

1. Application form received 19th July 2018.
2. Letters of representation.

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Application form, plan etc.