

LICENSING PANEL

THURSDAY, 5 JULY 2012

PRESENT:- Councillors Junab Ali, Alan Bishop and Doreen Dart.

6. Appointment of Chair

Resolved – That Councillor Junab Ali Chair this meeting of the Panel.
(Councillor Junab Ali took the Chair.)

7. Declarations of Interest

The Chair reminded Members of the need to declare any known interests in any matters to be considered at the meeting. No declarations were made.

8. Application for a Premises Licence at Unit 1 Comet Way, Alexandra Park Wroughton, Swindon

The Panel considered (a) a report of the Council's Interim Licensing Manager setting out an application for a Premises Licence for Unit 1, Comet Way, Alexandra Park, Wroughton, Swindon, (b) written objections to the grant of a Premises Licence received from a local residents, (c) the oral comments of Wiltshire Constabulary's Licensing Officer, (d) questions from Members and the answers received, and (e) the Council's procedure for licensing hearings, Government Guidance and the Council's Licensing Policy.

Resolved – (1) That, having carefully considering the evidence before it the Panel determined that the application for a Premises Licence for the premises at Unit 1, Comet Way, Alexandra Park, Wroughton, Swindon be granted subject to the following conditions:

- (a) That the sale of alcohol be permitted from 10:00 until 22:00 hours on Monday to Sunday.
- (b) That the management of Unit 1, Comet Way, Alexandra Park, Wroughton, Swindon, shall operate a strict "Challenge 25" policy.
- (c) That no irresponsible drinks promotion shall be permitted.
- (d) That the applicant shall clear the area around the shop of any litter during all trading hours.

Reasons

- 1. The Panel considered the objection from local residents but noted that no Statutory Authority had made representations on any of the Licensing objectives.
- 2. The Panel found no evidence that there would be a breach of any of the licensing objectives based upon the conditions volunteered by the applicant and the application received.
- 3. The conditions attached to the Premises Licence were proposed voluntarily by the applicant and accepted by the Panel who found that these would help maintain the Licensing Objectives.

(2) That the applicant's offer to cease trading at 20:00 hours in the first six months of operation be noted.

Reason

The Panel noted the applicant's offer to cease trading at 20:00 hours during the first six months of operation and that this was intended to ease the concerns of local residents. However the Panel also noted that this was a voluntary arrangement that, based upon the evidence before it, could not be legally enforced.