

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE - 12th November 2024

LICENSING ACT 2003 APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE 96 Cambridge Street St Neots, PE19 1PJ

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Huntingdonshire District Council as the Licensing Authority has received an application for a new premises Licence:

from **Nobel Trading (UK) Limited**

for the premises **96 Cambridge Street, St Neots, PE19 1PJ**

The Application was received on the **16th September 2024**. As required under the Licensing Act 2003, notice of the application was advertised by blue notices displayed at or near the premises from the **17th September 2024** and in the local newspaper on the **25th September 2024**. The 28-day consultation period ended on the **14th October 2024**.

1.2 A copy of the application is attached as **Appendix A** (application) & **Appendix B** (plan).

2. INFORMATION

2.1 The Premises Licence application is applying for the following activities:

a. **Supply of Alcohol for Consumption OFF the Premises**

Mondays to Sundays – 06:00hrs to 00:00hrs

b. **Hours premises are open to the public**

Mondays to Sundays – 06:00hrs to 00:00hrs

2.2 Section 'M' or Section 18 of the online form, of the application form addresses the four licensing objectives. Any proposals made in this section are normally translated directly into enforceable conditions that will be attached to the premises licence. Paragraphs 8.41- 8.49 and Section 10 of the Home Office guidance issued under section 182 refer to the operating schedule and licence conditions.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 The Premises at 96 Cambridge Street, was for many years the Bulls Head Pub, operated by Greene King Retailing Limited. The pub ceased trading in July 2023 and the premises has remained closed. The Licence for the pub remains in force HDC/PRE00173.

3.2 For reference the current licence permits the following activities and times.

Regulated Entertainment (Indoors & Outdoors) - Live Music, Recorded Music & Facilities for Dancing:

- Mondays to Thursdays 19:00 - 23:30,
- Fridays 19:00 - 00:30,
- Saturdays 12:00 - 00:30,
- Sundays 12:00 - 23:30

Supply of Alcohol for consumption ON and OFF the premises –

- Mondays to Thursdays 11:00 - 00:00,
- Fridays and Saturdays 10:00 - 01:00
- Sundays 11:00 – 00:00

4. REPRESENTATIONS

4.1 During the period for representation a total of 5 valid representations were received from 'other persons'. The representations attached as **Appendix C**.

4.2 A person who has submitted a relevant representation is entitled to address the Licensing Sub-Committee at the hearing and ask questions of any other party appearing at the hearing.

4.3 Not all matters raised within the representation may be relevant matters for consideration under the Licensing Act 2003.

5. MEDIATION

Whilst mediation was attempted no resolution has been reached, within the short time period available. The correspondence in this matter can be seen at **Appendix D**.

6. GENERAL DUTY/POLICY CONSIDERATION

6.1 The licensing authority must carry out its functions under the Act with a view to promoting the licensing objectives, each objective has equal importance, the objectives are:

- a. the prevention of crime and disorder,
- b. public safety,
- c. the prevention of public nuisance, and
- d. the protection of children from harm.

6.2 The sub-committee must also have regard to:

- a. its statement of licensing policy, and
- b. any statutory guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.
- c. the Human Rights Act 1988

6.3 The Council must also fulfil its obligations under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to do all that it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in its district.

7. DETERMINATION

7.1 In making a decision, this application must be determined on its individual merits having regard to the representations and supporting documents included as part of the report along with additional information considered relevant at the hearing. As part of the decision process the sub-committee is required to give its reasons for any decision arrived at.

7.2 Where the licensing authority considers that action under its statutory powers is appropriate, it may take any of the following steps:

- Grant the application as applied for
- Refuse the application
- Add additional conditions to the premises licence
- Exclude any licensable activities applied for
- Amend dates and times of licensable activities applied for.

7.3 Any decision made by the sub-committee must be reasonable and proportionate and promote the Licensing objectives.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Licensing Act 2003.

Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.

The Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.