

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the LICENSING AND PROTECTION APPLICATIONS SUB-GROUP held in The Meeting Room, Eastfield House, Huntingdon on Monday, 6 July 2009.

PRESENT: Councillor J M Sadler - Chairman.
Councillors P L E Bucknell, R W J Eaton and J S Watt.

7. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Group held on 3rd June 2009 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

8. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Councillor J M Sadler declared a personal interest in Minute No. 9 by virtue of his position as a Director of the Huntingdon Town Centre Partnership.

9. PAVEMENT CAFÉ PERMISSION

(In attendance were the representatives of the applicant, Ms S Pook, Retail Manager for Greggs East and Mr J Grimes Huntingdonshire Area Manager for Greggs).

Consideration was given to a report by the Head of Democratic and Central Services containing details of an application for a pavement café permit in respect of Greggs, Chequers Court, Huntingdon. Three objections to the grant of the permit had been received which had resulted in the application being submitted to the Sub-Group for determination. (A copy of the report, together with copies of the application and location and site plans are appended in the Minute Book).

The Chairman stated the purpose of the proceedings to be heard by the Sub Group and gave the representatives of the applicant an opportunity to present the application. In the course of this submission the planned layouts and the facilities to be provided were referred to, following which the representatives answered questions from Members of the Sub-Group.

The Sub Group noted that Cambridgeshire County Council and Officers from the District Council's Environmental Health Section had raised objections relating to insufficient footway width, uneven ground, maintenance issues and the possibility of personal accident claims, all of which were disputed by the applicant's representatives, who advised that Greggs felt the proposal met the Council's guidelines, that the site offered customers an ideal location and would improve the facilities in the town centre.

At the conclusion of the questions raised and having clarified that the area for which permission was sought, the representatives left the meeting.

10. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

that the public be excluded from the meeting because the business to be transacted contains exempt information relating to an individual and is subject to an obligation of confidentiality.

11. PAVEMENT CAFÉ PERMISSION

Pursuant to Minute No. 9 ante, it was

RESOLVED

that the Head of Democratic and Central Services be authorised to issue a pavement café permit in respect of Greggs, Huntingdon, subject to the standard conditions and the area defined for the purpose being contained within two metres from the third window of the café facing Chequers Court measured from the entrance from the High Street.

12. HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING

(a) Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver

By reference to Appendix B of a report by the Head of Democratic and Central Services (a copy of which is appended in the Annex to the Minute Book) Members considered two applications for a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's licence. Given that the individuals referred were not in attendance, it was

RESOLVED

that consideration of the applications be deferred.

(b) Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver

The Sub Group was acquainted by means of an additional report by the Head of Democratic and Central Services (a copy of which is appended in the Annex to the Minute Book) with details of an existing hackney carriage and private hire driver's licence who had been convicted recently of an offence. The driver appeared before the Sub-Group and gave an explanation as to the cause of his conviction. Following questions raised by the Panel, the applicant left the meeting. Having considered the issues involved, the Panel

RESOLVED

that no further action be taken with regard to the

hackney carriage and private hire licence held by the driver.

Chairman