LICENSING ACT 2003 APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE GROSIK SKLEP, 115 HIGH STREET, HUNTINGDON, PE29 3LD

(Report by Head of Community)

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 To consider and determine this application for a new premises licence for Grosik Sklep, 115 High Street, Huntingdon, PE29 3LD, taking into account the policy considerations detailed in paragraph 2 of the report and the representation detailed in paragraph 5.
- 1.2 Mr Zryan Sharyf, the applicant and Manager of Grosik Sklep Ltd, is seeking a new premises licence to permit:

Supply of alcohol (off the premises)
Mon- Sun 06:00 to 23:00

Hours premises are open to the public Mon- Sun 06:00 to 23:00

1.3 A copy of the application and plan are attached as Appendix A.

2. GENERAL DUTY/ POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

- 2.1 The Sub-Committee's is reminded that the licensing authority must carry out its functions under the Act with a view to promoting the licensing objectives which 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.
- 2.2 The licensing authority 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.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 The application describes the premises as a general off licence supermarket with the sale of alcohol, meat, dry products, dairy products, household products and fruit and vegetables. Mr Sharyf describes himself as the Manager and will be both the premises licence holder and the designated premises supervisor. Mr Sharyf holds a personal licence issued by Leicester City Council. There is no history of grant of a premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003.

4. LICENSING OBJECTIVES ADDRESSED BY THE APPLICANT

4.1 The operating schedule submitted by the applicant in Section 18 of the application addresses the four licensing objectives. Paragraphs 8.33-8.41 and Section 10 of the government guidance refer to the operating schedule and licence conditions. The applicant has proposed measures in support of the licensing objectives regarding CCTV and Challenge 25, which will be translated into conditions, attached to the premises licence. Conditions should be appropriate, proportionate and justifiable in meeting the licensing objectives, be readily understood and enforceable.

5. REPRESENTATIONS

- During the period for the receipt of representations, one representation was received by the licensing authority from a responsible authority, Cambridgeshire County Council Trading Standards, relating to the three licensing objectives of the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety and the protection of children from harm. The representation has been attached in its entirety as Appendix B. Not all matters raised within the representation may be relevant matters for consideration under the Licensing Act 2003.
- 5.2 Paragraph 9.9 of the Government Guidance recommends that the benefit of doubt about any aspect of a representation should be given to the person making that representation. The subsequent hearing would then provide an opportunity for the person or body making the representation to amplify or clarify it. 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.

6. ACTION BY THE LICENSING AUTHORITY

6.1 The Licensing Authority has a duty under the Licensing Act 2003 by promoting the Licensing Objectives. Each objective has equal importance. In carrying out its licensing functions, the Licensing Authority must also have regard to its Statement of Licensing Policy, any Statutory Guidance under the Licensing Act 2003 and is bound by the Human Rights Act 1988. 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. OPTIONS

7.1 Having regard to the representation and supporting documentation contained and attached to this report and any other information presented at the hearing, the Licensing Sub-Committee must take such steps as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives. The steps are to grant the licence subject to conditions, modified as necessary, to exclude a licensable activity, or to reject the application. Conditions are modified if they are altered, omitted or any new condition added (Licensing Act 2003 section 18(4) & (5)).

8. RECOMMENDATION

8.1 That Members determine the application on its individual merits.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Licensing Act 2003. Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003. The Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.