

# **Report to the Licensing Sub Committee**

**Date of meeting: 16 September 2013**



**Epping Forest  
District Council**

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**Subject: Nu Bar, 153 High Road, Loughton, Essex, IG10 4LF**

**Responsible Officer: Kim Tuckey (01992 564034).**

**Democratic Services: Gary Woodhall (01992 564470).**

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## **Decisions Required:**

**(1) To determine the application for a Premises Licence Variation under the Licensing Act 2003.**

## **Report:**

1. An application has been made by Greene King Retailing Limited for a variation of premises licence for the above premises. The application was received on 29 July 2013 and is attached to this report. The application sets out the relevant licensing activities applied for and times requested.

2. The Operating Schedule sets out conditions which will be attached to the licence if this application is granted.

## Licensing Act 2003

3. When considering an application for a licence the licensing authority must have regard to steps that are appropriate to promote of the licensing objectives. These 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.

4. It must also have regard to its Statement of Licensing Policy and any guidance issued by the Secretary of State.

## Consultation

5. The Responsible Authorities have received a copy of the application; it was properly advertised at the premises and in a local newspaper.

6. The Licensing Unit received a letter from Essex Police stating that they will make no representation because the applicant has agreed to two conditions - these are stated in the letter.

7. The Licensing Unit received an acknowledgement from Essex County Fire & Rescue Service and a no objection letter from Children's Safeguarding Service.

8. The authority has received sixteen representations in total, from Planning, Loughton

Town Council, Loughton Residents Association, Roland Brown - Pastor for Forest Hall Church, one from a local business – Haslers, & eleven local residents.

9. The Objections relate to The Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Public Safety & Public Nuisance

#### Guidance Issued by the Secretary of State

10. The Licensing Act 2003 provides that the licensing authority must 'have regard to' guidance issued by the Secretary of State under section 182.

11. Sections 2.1 - 2.24 of the Guidance are relevant to this application

#### Options

12. In determining this application the Sub-Committee may take any of the following steps as it considers necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives, namely:

- (a) to grant the licence as applied for subject to:
  - (i) the conditions mentioned in the Operating Schedule modified as the Sub-committee considers necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives; and
  - (ii) the mandatory conditions specified in the Licensing Act 2003; or
- (b) to exclude from the scope of the licence any licensable activities to which the application relates; or
- (c) refuse to specify a person as the premises supervisor; or
- (d) reject the application.

#### Determination

13. The Sub-Committee is asked to determine the application having regard to

- (a) the content of this report and representations;
- (b) any additional information obtained from the hearing;
- (c) the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy;
- (d) Guidance issued by the Secretary of State; and
- (e) the steps appropriate to promote the licensing objectives.

#### Appeal

14. If any party is aggrieved with the decision they can appeal to Magistrates court. The appeal period is 21 days from notification of the decision.

#### **Background Papers Used In Preparing This Report:**

- The Licensing Act 2003  
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2003/17/contents?view=plain>
- The Secretary of State's Guidance issued under Section 182 Licensing Act 2003
- Epping Forest District Council's statement of licensing policy.  
<http://www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk>

**Attached documents**

- Application for premises licence
- Newspaper notice
- Existing Premises Licence- Part A
- Letter from Essex Police
- Letter from Essex County Fire & Rescue Service
- Letter from Children's Safeguarding Service
- Representation from Planning, Loughton Town Council, Loughton Residents Association, Pastor Roland Brown, Haslers - a local business and eleven local residents
- Map showing area