

Report to the Licensing Sub-Committee



Date of meeting: 7th May 2019

Subject: New Premises Licence application – Wood Stock Organic Food Store, 229 High Road, Loughton, Essex, IG10 1AD

**Epping Forest
District Council**

Responsible Officer: D Bastick, Licensing Compliance Officer (01992 564334)

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Decisions Required:

To determine the application for a new Premises Licence under the Licensing Act 2003

Report:

Application

1. An application has been made by Rossi Café Limited for a new premises licence at 229 High Road, Loughton, Essex, IG10 1AD. The application is for a new premises licence to include the sale of alcohol Monday to Sunday 09:00 to 22:00. The opening hours of the premises are Monday to Sunday 07:00 to 23:00. The application was received on the 8th March 2019.
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 also advertised at the premises and in a local newspaper.
- 6 All residences and businesses within 150 metres radius of the premises were individually consulted.
- 7 The authority has received one representation from the Town Council and three representations from local residents, which are also attached. Responses have been received from The Police, Child Protection, Trading Standards and Environment & Neighbourhoods, who have no objections. The Police have agreed conditions with the applicant, which are also attached.

- 8 The Objections relate to the prevention of public nuisance, crime and disorder, the protection of children from harm and public safety.

Guidance Issued by the Secretary of State

- 9 The Licensing Act 2003 provides that the licensing authority must 'have regard to' guidance issued by the Secretary of State under section 182.
- 10 Sections 2.1 to 2.31 of the Guidance are relevant to this application

Options

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
 - the conditions mentioned in the Operating Schedule modified as the Sub-committee considers necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives, and
 - 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

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

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
- Plan of the premises
- Newspaper advert
- Map of the area
- Public Notice
- Correspondence from Essex Police (agreed conditions)
- One letter of objection from Loughton Town Council
- Three objection letters/emails from local residents