



SOUTH NORFOLK LICENSING AND GAMBLING ACTS COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the South Norfolk Licensing and Gambling Acts Committee of South Norfolk Council, held on Wednesday, 15 May 2024 at 10.38 am.

Committee Members Present: Councillors: J Easter (Chairman), C McConnell and I Spratt

Officers in Attendance: S Harris (Licensing Team Leader), A Cox (Licensing & Enforcement Officer), J Gowland (Legal Advisor - Birketts), J Hammond (Democratic Services Officer) and L Palmer (Democratic Services Officer)

Also in Attendance: Councillor: K Cross (Reserve)
Mr S Kumar (Applicant)
Ms G Sherratt (Agent on behalf of the Applicant)
Mr H Mortram (Objector)
Mrs E Mortram (Objector)
1 member of the public

29. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

30. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

31. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2024 were confirmed as a true record.

32. APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE

(The applicant, agent and 2 objectors were in attendance for the consideration of this item)

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the procedure for determining the application.

The Licensing and Enforcement Officer outlined her report and drew attention to the key areas for member consideration.

The agent, on behalf of the applicant, presented their case and responded to

questions from the Panel.

The objectors presented their case and responded to questions from the Panel.

The applicant, agent, objectors, licensing officers and member of the public left the meeting at 11.20am whilst members determined the application. They were then readmitted to the meeting at 11.38am and the Solicitor announced the decision.

It was,

RESOLVED

That,

The Sub-committee had due regard to all 4 Licensing Objectives. The Sub-committee had regard to the evidence in the Licensing Officer's report, as well as the written and oral evidence of all parties put forward at the Hearing.

The Sub-committee were satisfied that granting the application for a premises licence in the terms sought would not undermine the promotion of the licensing objectives.

All parties present were advised that should they be aggrieved by the decision or the imposition of any term or condition or restriction, they had a right of appeal to the Magistrates' Court within 21 days of the date on which they were notified of the decision in writing.

(The meeting concluded at 11.40 am)

Chairman

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

DETERMINATION NOTICE

Date of Hearing	15 May 2024
Sub-Committee Members	Councillors Easter (Chair), Spratt and McConnell
Legal Adviser	Julie Gowland - Birketts Solicitors
Licensing Officer	Amanda Cox
Democratic Services Officer	Jessica Hammond & Lucy Palmer
Applicant's Name	Stafford Stores & P.O. Limited
Interested Parties	Local Residents (Hugh and Elizabeth Mortram)
Premises Address	2 Kabin Road, Costessey, Norfolk NR5 0LN
Application	Application for a premises licence

APPLICATION

South Norfolk Council, being the relevant licensing authority, received an application dated 28 March 2024 for a new premises licence for Stafford Stores II at 2 Kabin Road, Costessey, Norfolk, NR5 0LN.

During the 28-day representation period, the Council received representations from local residents objecting to the application. The police confirmed they had no objection to the granting of the application. No representations were received from any other responsible authorities.

HEARING

On 15 May 2024, a hearing was held to consider the application for a premises licence. The Sub-Committee determined the application with a view to promoting the four licensing objectives. It considered the application on its own merits. In reaching its determination, the Sub-Committee had regard to the following matters:

- The relevant parts of the written and oral evidence before them;
- The South Norfolk Council Licensing Policy;
- Statutory Guidance issued under the Licensing Act 2003

The Sub-Committee listened to all the evidence and submissions. It heard from:

- The Licensing Officer
- The Applicant
- Hugh and Elizabeth Mortram (Local residents)

SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE

The Licensing Officer presented her report and outlined the application which had been submitted and clarified conditions with the applicant. A copy of the application was attached to the report.

The Applicant presented their case and responded to questions from all parties. Local residents, Hugh and Elizabeth Mortram attended and presented their objections and responded to questions.

FINDINGS AND DETERMINATION

The Sub-committee had due regard to all 4 Licensing Objectives. The Sub-committee had regard to the evidence in the Licensing Officer’s report, as well as the written and oral evidence of all parties put forward at the Hearing.

The Sub-committee were satisfied that granting the application for a premises licence in the terms sought would not undermine the promotion of the licensing objectives.

RIGHT OF APPEAL

There is a right of appeal against this decision to the Magistrates’ Court. An appeal must be commenced within 21 days beginning with the day on which you receive notification of the decision. You may wish to seek independent legal advice from a solicitor or the Citizens Advice Bureau regarding this.

Signed.....
Councillor James Easter (Chair of the Licensing Committee)

Date: 16 May 2024