## **BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**

## LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE A

### MONDAY, 01 JULY 2024 AT 10:00 HOURS IN ON-LINE MEETING, MICROSOFT TEAMS

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## <u>A G E N D A</u>

### 1 NOTICE OF RECORDING/WEBCAST

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#### 3 APOLOGIES AND NOTIFICATION OF NOMINEE MEMBERS

# 4 <u>MINUTES</u>

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To confirm and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2024 at 1000 hours.

To note the public part of the Minutes of the meeting held on 10 June 2024 at 1000 hours and to confirm and sign the Minutes as a whole.

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#### LICENSING ACT 2003 PREMISES LICENCE – GRANT MONEYHULL CONVENIENCE STORE, 7 LINDSWORTH APPROACH, KINGS NORTON, BIRMINGHAM, B30 3QH

Report of the Director of Regulation and Enforcement. N.B. Application scheduled to be heard at 10:00am.

## 6 OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

To consider any items of business by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) that in the opinion of the Chair are matters of urgency.

### 7 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

That in view of the nature of the business to be transacted which includes exempt information of the category indicated the public be now excluded from the meeting:-

Exempt Paragraph 3

# <u>PRIVATE AGENDA</u>

#### 1 MINUTES

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2 OTHER URGENT BUSINESS (EXEMPT INFORMATION)

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# **BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE A, MONDAY 13 MAY, 2024

### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE A HELD ON MONDAY, 13 MAY, 2024 AT 1000 HOURS AS AN ON-LINE MEETING.

PRESENT: - Councillor Phil Davis in the Chair;

Councillors Mary Locke and Julien Pritchard.

## ALSO PRESENT

Bhapinder Nandhra – Licensing Section Joanne Swampillai – Legal Services Katy Poole - Committee Services

(Other officers were also present for web streaming purposes but were not actively participating in the meeting)

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There were no interests declared.

#### **APOLOGIES AND NOTIFICATION OF NOMINEE MEMBERS**

3/130523 An apology was submitted on behalf of Councillor Simon Morrall. Councillor Julien Pritchard was the nominee Member.

#### <u>LICENSING ACT 2003 PREMISES LICENCE – GRANT – THE CUBE AND</u> <u>CARNIVAL CLUB, THE CUBE, UNITS 189-191, 193 (LEVEL 5) AND UNIT 196</u> (LEVEL 6), WHARFSIDE STREET, BIRMINGHAM, B1 1RN.

4/130523 The following report of the Director of Regulation and Enforcement was submitted:-

(See document no. 1)

#### On Behalf of the Applicant

Sarah Clover – Barrister Elliot Craven – DPS (Designated Premises Supervisor) Edwards Mellors – Operator, Applicant Company

#### **Those Making Representations**

Sophie Laycock

The Chairman introduced the Members and officers present and the Chair asked if there were any preliminary points for the Sub-Committee to consider.

The Chair raised a procedural point and stated that 'The City Council has received a request from the objector at Appendix 5, who is not attending the meeting. He has asked that "the Committee initially consider my application to vacate today's hearing - and determination of the licensing application - pending the outcome of the determination of the connected application to the Council Planning Department for a Lawful Development Certificate in relation to the same premises". Secondly he asks that "the Committee consider all my e mail communications (of which there are many) with the Council Licensing Department and Council Licensing Committee and also with the Council Planning Department (and which all relate to the same premises) when determining that application to vacate - and if the application to vacate is refused – when also determining the licensing application".'

The Committee had considered the requests outlined above, and the Committee determined that: -

- They were not able to vacate the hearing as Licensing and Planning were separate regimes.
- The Committee would consider the gentleman's relevant representations when making its decision.

The Chair also reminded all parties that it was normal practice for the Sub-Committee to read all paperwork carefully before the commencement of the meeting.

The Chair outlined the procedure to be followed at the hearing and invited the Licensing Officer to present the report. Bhapinder Nandhra, Licensing Section, outlined the report.

The Chair then invited the applicant/representative to make their submission, Sarah Clover, Counsel on behalf of the applicant made the following points: -

- a) That the applicant had agreed to curtail the hours which had reassured 3 out of 5 of the objectors.
- b) Edward Mellors is the operator of the applicant company and Elliot Craven is the DPS.
- c) The reduction of hours would alleviate the concerns of residents.
- d) All the responsible authorities were content with the application, and it was particularly encouraging that Ms Laycock specifically identified that noise nuisance was not the nature of her concerns.
- e) The premises was not likely to give rise to noise concerns.
- f) The units had previously been operated as a bar.
- g) The concept was to mimic 'The Cube; TV show. People attended the venue to socialise and play in groups of 4, in teams of 2 whom played against each other. Alcohol and food were very much ancillary to the games – it was not the primary focus.
- h) It was a new international brand and was highly desirable. There were already other premises with the same concept in London, Liverpool and particularly Manchester, which was run by the same company with no issues or concerns. It was an expanding operation which centred itself on excellence and strict compliance with regulations.
- i) The demographic was there to play the games and then go home.
- j) There was no indication of trouble or conflict of the licensing objectives in the operations running elsewhere.

- k) On page 25-27 of the agenda pack (published on CMIS) there were conditions presented by responsible authorities which were accepted by the applicant.
- I) The concept and premises did not need planning permission, it was already in the correct use class already.
- m) The applicant had requested confirmation from planning for a certificate of lawfulness, but it was not appropriate to delay proceedings.
- n) There was no objection from planning because they were happy and satisfied with the application.
- o) It was never taken lightly when residents had concerns and the reduction in hours was in response to those concerns.
- p) The solicitor offered residents the opportunity to go to Manchester and see the concept in action. It was not a rowdy type of establishment.
- q) The anti-social behaviour concerns were not really in line with what the application was about.
- r) Ms Clover commended the application to the Committee.
- s) The key take away points were that the responsible authorities had looked carefully at the application and were confident that it would not give rise to any breaches of the licensing objectives.

Members asked questions and Sarah Clover and Edward Mellors gave the following responses: -

- a) Ms Clover stated that the application originally sought hours beyond 2300 because there was no reason to curtail the hours to a certain time and the later hours were not usual for a City Centre location. The reason they were reduced was due to residents' feedback it was a compromise.
- b) Edward Mellors added that they mirrored the hours applied for in Manchester when it was a proof-of-concept site, however they only usually operated until 2100 or 2200 hours at the latest during the week. They did not need the extra hours.
- c) They expected that the maximum footfall to be around 500 persons on a busy Saturday night.
- d) That there were no residents on the same levels as the premises Level 5 was below ground with no windows and that was where most of the activity would take place. Level 6 was ground level. He believed that residential started at Level 8 or 9 going upwards.

The Chair then invited Sophie Laycock to make her submission, and she made the following points: -

- a) Her concerns were in relation to the location of the premises. There were lots of homeless people walking around in the early hours begging for money. Many homeless people were also sleeping rough around the building.
- b) During the warmer evenings it was very lively around The Cube and there was a lot of alcohol consumption. Homeless people tended to have difficulties with alcohol or drug abuse and would hang around bars begging for money.
- c) She was anxious and apprehensive that up to 500 people could be attending the premises and it could provoke or encourage violence or crime.
- d) The bowling alley in the building seemed to work well despite her initial concerns.
- e) That she lived in the building and was accepting of noise as living in the City Centre meant that noise was a possibility.
- f) Much of the noise came from Marco Pierre White's restaurant. However, people who lived below her did get noise disturbance from the bowling alley.
- g) She was pleased to note that the hours had been reduced.
- h) Whilst she did not know what the outcome would be regarding the application, she wanted the Committee to know that she was anxious and apprehensive about it.
- i) That she supported new businesses and people enjoying themselves but if that caused nuisance, she was less sympathetic.
- j) That the venue sounded particularly large.
- k) She was concerned that people would get excited playing the games and that tended to result in people drinking more.
- I) The reduction in hours provided some reassurance but the volume of customers caused her anxiety.
- m) There was one of the largest homeless accommodation properties just outside the building and that needed to be taken into consideration.
- n) There was a premises that was attached to the hotel, which served coffee and also wine, it also had gym and spa facilities, but closed around 1900 hours. She did not recall it opening later than 1900 hours.

Members asked questions and Sophie Laycock responded: -

a) That the issues regarding homelessness and drug taking had not been reported to police but she had spoke with other residents and they had expressed concerns to the West Midlands Mayor. Birmingham was trying to work on schemes to help it, but they had not seen any improvements.

- b) That anti-social behaviour did occur inside The Cube. Homeless people were constantly walking in one end and out the other, it was like a corridor for them.
- c) The police around that area struggled.
- d) The one woman must have serious mental health issues as she could be heard screaming into the early hours.
- e) The residents in The Cube had a 'Whatsapp' group which they used to exchange any issues or concerns ranging from hot water problems to noise issues and any problems that arise regarding homelessness in order that everyone was aware.

The Chair invited all parties to make a brief closing submission. Sophie Laycock made the following closing statements: -

- Her main concerns were safety and the safety of the environment surrounding The Cube given then large capacity of the venue itself. 500 people could potentially generate a lot of noise which would affect the residents.
- The issues around homelessness were a concern and this venue would have a large capacity of people for them to target.
- > She had a lot of anxiety and apprehension about the application.
- She was extremely concerned about the amount of people, homelessness, and alcohol issues.

Ms Clover was then invited to make a closing submission on behalf of the applicant and as such, she made the following closing statements: -

- That they took residents concerns seriously and were committed to being a good neighbour. It would have been helpful for Ms Laycock to go to Manchester to see the other venue in operation.
- That people who were busy playing games generally did not drink more. The games had strict time limits and therefore that reduced drinking time.
- > The venue was better than a vertical drinking establishment or a nightclub.
- That she believed Ms Laycocks representation was at Appendix 4 in the documents (available on CMIS) and noise nuisance had not been raised in that objection. It was also unfair for any objections to be raised in relation to other residents living on the 15/15<sup>th</sup> floor.
- > If there was noise issues they could be raised through a review procedure.
- > The Committee should not pre-empt issues and the correct approach was the grant the application; responsible authorities had raised no objections. The

responsible authorities had identified a package of conditions with were agreed by the applicant and the Committee should take their recommendation as they are the experts. Ms Clover also drew the Committees attention to the case of <u>R (on the application of Daniel Thwaites plc) v Wirral Borough</u> <u>Magistrates' Court [2008] EWHC 838 (Admin)</u>, which emphasised the principles laid down by the Licensing Act 2003 and its accompanying guidance – namely that there should be light touch bureaucracy applied to applications and variations for licences, and that restrictions should only be attached to premises licences where they were necessary to promote the licensing objectives.

- The objection raised by Ms Laycock at Appendix 4 did not highlight concerns around homelessness and it was important to be clear on what was a concern to Ms Laycock. If there was a homeless unit close to The Cube, it was not surprising that they were walking back and forth through the area. The grant of a licence was not going to impact that, homelessness was not happening because of licences.
- That Counsel also reminded the Members that the Guidance issued under section 182 of the Act encouraged licensing decision makers to take into account the financial aspects. Financial issues were a relevant concern for the Sub-Committee in terms of policy and supporting the city economy, supporting recovery post-Covid and also dealing with the cost of living crisis. It was a good thing to encourage business into the units, especially a popular brand which would not cause any harm as a consequence. She requested that the Committee supported the application and Counsel recommended the application accordingly.

The Members, Committee Lawyer and Committee Manager conducted the deliberations in a separate private session and a full written decision was sent to all parties as follows;

## 5/130523 **RESOLVED**:-

That the application by Mellors Group U P No 3 Limited for a premises licence in respect of The Cube and Carnival Club, The Cube, Units 189-191, 193 (Level 5) and Unit 196 (Level 6), Wharfside Street, Birmingham B1 1RN, be granted subject to those amendments offered in advance of the meeting by the solicitor to the applicant company, namely that the standard timings for licensable activities shall be reduced to:

- 11:00 until 23:00 hours on Mondays to Saturdays and
- 11:00 until 22:00 on Sundays

Those matters detailed in the operating schedule and the relevant mandatory conditions under the Licensing Act 2003 will also form part of the licence issued.

The applicant company was represented at the meeting by counsel, who was accompanied by the solicitor to the company and others from the company. Three of the six persons who had made representations had withdrawn their representations in advance of the meeting; these persons were shown at

appendices 1 to 3. One of the remaining persons who had maintained representations against the application attended to address the Sub-Committee in person. Her representation was at appendix 4.

At the start of the meeting the Chair raised a procedural point relating to the person making representations in writing at appendix 5 of the Committee Report. The Chair announced that the City Council had received a request from that person, who was not attending the meeting in person. He had made two requests.

First, he asked that the Sub-Committee consider his application to vacate the hearing and postpone the determination of the application pending the outcome of the determination of an application to the City Council Planning department, for a Lawful Development Certificate in relation to the same premises.

Secondly, he asked that the Sub-Committee consider "consider all my e mail communications (of which there are many) with the Council Licensing Department and Council Licensing Committee and also with the Council Planning Department (and which all relate to the same premises) when determining that application to vacate - and if the application to vacate is refused – when also determining the licensing application".

The Chair explained that the Sub-Committee was not able to vacate the hearing as Licensing and Planning are entirely separate regimes, but confirmed that the Sub-Committee would take into account the gentleman's relevant representations when making its decision. The meeting then began as usual.

The Sub-Committee heard from counsel for the applicant. She noted that the curtailment of the hours sought had reassured three out of the six objectors. The responsible authorities were all satisfied. The Police had checked the CCTV provision and were content with it.

There had been no concerns expressed by Environmental Health as far as any public nuisance issue might be concerned, and moreover the objector at appendix 4 had specifically identified that noise nuisance was not the problem. Counsel observed that the style of operation was not likely to give rise to any noise nuisance at all.

The units had been taken on to create an innovative concept which mimicked the television show 'The Cube', involving the playing of interactive games, such as escape rooms and Formula One. Patrons would attend to socialise, and play skill games in teams of four against each other. It was not in any way an alcohol-led concept or entertainment; the alcohol and the food provision were very much ancillary to the main purpose of playing games.

The applicant company was an international brand. The company had already opened a branch in Manchester, which was very successful and was trading without problems; now it had chosen Birmingham to have one of the concepts. The clientele was a high-end demographic, as there was of course a cost attached to playing the games. It was not an entertainment based around drinking, but playing games.

The applicant company was a highly experienced operator. It offered different concepts and hospitality venues all around the world in locations such as Dubai, Kuwait, London, Liverpool, Nottingham and Manchester. A new concept would be opening in Canary Wharf shortly. It was an expanding operation, and was doing so with a history of excellence and strict compliance with regulatory requirements. There had been no issues with the responsible authorities at any of the locations, and no negative feedback.

Counsel confirmed that there had been no issues in upholding the licensing objectives at the company's venues elsewhere. She asked the Members to examine the operating schedule with all the conditions which had been presented to the responsible authorities and accepted as suitable by them. The Sub-Committee found all to be in order.

Regarding the suggestion of Planning issues which had been made by one objector, counsel observed that the concept did not in fact need planning permission. The premises had the permission that it required and in the correct use class; there was no change of use, as suggested by that objector.

The applicant company had submitted an application for a certificate of lawfulness, as confirmation that what was required was already in place. Counsel agreed that it would not have been correct to delay the meeting, as requested by the objector; she remarked that there had been no breach of planning control and no feedback from the Planning department. The Sub-Committee noted this.

The company acknowledged that it was of concern when residents gave feedback that they might be agitated by an incoming licence; the company did not take this lightly. The solicitor to the company had dealt with the objections carefully, and as a result had offered the reduction in hours. This had placated three of the six residents who had made representations.

The solicitors had also offered to enable the residents to go up to the Manchester branch to actually see The Cube and Carnival Club in operation with the games, and to see what kind of an evening out it was. Counsel was confident that this would allay concerns that the operating style was not a rowdy drinking type of environment at all. She said that the concerns about antisocial behaviour as a result of alcohol consumption were really not commensurate with what was planned for the venue. The Sub-Committee noted this.

Members asked why the original application had proposed later opening. Counsel replied that the original hours requested were not unusual hours for any city centre location, and that the applicant company's solicitors would typically request such hours. The residents in the instant matter had put forward representations; their comments had been taken on board and the operating times reduced accordingly. The director added that at Urban Playground Manchester, the company also operated to 21.30 or 22.00 hours.

Regarding deliveries and waste, The Cube building had its own loading bay underground and its own policies. The applicant company would fit into the building management's arrangements. When the venue was particularly busy, the expected footfall on a typical night would be around 500 people, but the director clarified that that would be a very busy Saturday.

The venue was situated at level 5 and level 6 of the building. Members asked where the residential apartment area was, in relation to the premises. The director explained that level 5 was below ground with no windows, and that was where the main activity would be; level 6 was effectively ground level. He thought that residents and the hotel were probably at floors 8 or 9, going upwards. The Sub-Committee noted this.

The Sub-Committee was aware that, under paragraph 9.43 - 9.44 of the Guidance issued under s182 of the Act, there was a presumption to grant such applications unless there was good evidence of a risk to the promotion of the licensing objectives. The Sub-Committee therefore looked carefully at whether there was evidence that the proposed operation would in fact have an adverse effect on the licensing objectives.

The person who had made representations at appendix 4 addressed the meeting to explain that a large homeless facility was situated very nearby, and as a result begging was a problem in the area, especially in the early hours of the morning, together with numbers of homeless people sleeping rough around the building.

She remarked that there were numerous bars and restaurants in the vicinity, and therefore alcohol consumption. She had observed homeless people hanging around outside the bars and begging. She was therefore anxious and apprehensive at the thought that if perhaps 500 people were in attendance, it could encourage violence or crime.

She acknowledged that the bowling alley in the building seemed to work quite well, even though she had been apprehensive about that at the beginning. Regarding the reduction in the hours offered by the applicant company, she was pleased by this, but then said that she was anxious and apprehensive as it sounded like a huge venue. She was concerned that when playing games, competitive streaks and excitement could mean patrons drinking more alcohol. This caused her to feel apprehensive and anxious.

Regarding the hotel which had been mentioned, she confirmed that she had been living in the building for the last 10 years and there was not a bar, it was more of a coffee house for the gym and spa of the hotel which closed at around 19.00 hours. However, she then stated that it did serve wine. She stated that she herself was not unduly concerned about noise as she lived on a high floor, but asked the Sub-Committee to consider those living on lower floors.

Members asked if the instances of antisocial behaviour, homelessness and drug use had been reported to the police. The objector confirmed that they had not been reported to the police, but she had mentioned the issues in passing to the West Midlands Mayor. She confirmed that the issues were happening "right on our doorstep" and remarked, "I never understood why, it must be something to do with planning or with security". She said that there were automatic opening doors on the bottom level and the homeless people "just walk constantly in and out, in and out. It's like a corridor for them".

She summed up her concerns as being unsure whether "it was going to be a safe environment around The Cube and Carnival Club", first because of the amount of people expected to attend the premises, which could create noise nuisance. Secondly, she felt that the expected numbers would be a lot of people for the beggars and homeless persons to target. She said that she felt apprehensive and anxious about it "because it is the unknown". She was also worried about alcohol consumption and security at the building.

Whilst the Members appreciated the resident's comments and understood that she had concerns, they felt that her worries were somewhat speculative. It was acknowledged that there was a homeless shelter nearby, and problem behaviours from those using that service; however, it was not at all clear how a well-run games-style entertainment premises would contribute to such problems.

The lady herself had described feeling "apprehensive and anxious" several times, yet careful examination of the operating schedule strongly suggested that these fears were likely to be groundless. The company was an experienced international operator and the style of offer was not likely to appeal to problem drinkers. The issues relating to homeless persons and beggars were preexisting complaints, yet the lady confirmed that they had not been reported to the Police.

Upon examining the relevant parts of the remaining representations in the Committee Report, the Members found that that these too were rather speculative in content, and observed that if they were to give weight to speculative opinions, they would fail to follow the Guidance issued under section 182 of the Act, and the City Council's own Statement of Licensing Policy.

The Members were aware of the case of <u>R (on the application of Daniel Thwaites</u> <u>plc) v Wirral Borough Magistrates' Court [2008] EWHC 838 (Admin)</u>, which emphasised the principles laid down by the Licensing Act 2003 and its accompanying guidance – namely that there should be light touch bureaucracy applied to applications and variations for licences, and that restrictions should only be attached to premises licences where they were necessary to promote the licensing objectives. The case also highlighted the fact that decisions on applications should be made on evidence, and not based on speculation. The Members therefore noted the additional conditions suggested by the objector at appendix 5, but did not consider that these were required to promote the licensing objectives.

Counsel had assured the Sub-Committee that the applicant company was very committed to being a good neighbour and has demonstrated that elsewhere. She questioned the suggestion that people playing games would become competitive and consequently drink more alcohol, remarking that the opposite was true, namely that people occupied in a game would not be going to the bar and drinking. She considered that this was the right operation for the location, better perhaps than a vertical drinking establishment or a nightclub. The Sub-Committee accepted this.

Counsel observed that noise nuisance had not been an issue for the resident who spoke in the meeting, even with an operation there like the bowling alley, which was analogous. Counsel added that noise would be confined to the basement

area in any event. Counsel also reminded the Members that the resident could not raise objections on behalf of other people who had not attended, by asking the Sub-Committee to consider those on lower floors. The Sub-Committee accepted this and disregarded the request.

Counsel reminded the Members of the safety net provided by the Review procedure; if residents actually began to experience evidence-based problems, the issues could be dealt with when they arose. She observed that it was not appropriate in the licensing regime to be preemptive about things that had not been demonstrated to be a problem yet. The Sub-Committee agreed with this.

She noted that in the objection at appendix 4, the resident had not highlighted any homelessness problem. Leaving that aside, she remarked that given that there was a homeless facility in the locality, one could hardly be surprised if such people were moving backwards and forwards in the area. The Sub-Committee agreed with this, and considered that such issues were a matter for the building security, not individual operators.

She observed that the fact that the homelessness issue in the vicinity was not caused by the licensed operations, and would not be created if the instant application were to be granted. There was no correlation; the grant of a licence was not connected to such issues in terms of the licensing objectives. The Sub-Committee agreed with this.

Counsel also reminded the Members that the Guidance issued under section 182 of the Act encouraged licensing decision makers to take into account the financial aspects. Financial issues were a relevant concern for the Sub-Committee in terms of policy and supporting the city economy, supporting recovery post-Covid and also dealing with the cost of living crisis. She remarked that it was "a good thing" to encourage a responsible business, with a good track record and integrity, to come into the units and to establish a popular brand that would improve the local economy without causing any negative effect on the licensing objectives. The Sub-Committee agreed with this.

When deliberating, the Sub-Committee noted that the operating schedule had been drafted with consideration of the licensing objectives, and had been approved by the responsible authorities. Moreover, the hours had been reduced in response to residents' concerns. This was reassuring. After careful consideration, the Sub-Committee determined that the application could safely be granted.

Members considered that by granting the application with the reduced hours, the four licensing objectives in the Act would be properly promoted. The Sub-Committee was satisfied that trading would be safe, and noted that the relevant areas of concern had been satisfactorily addressed by adjustment of the hours. The application was therefore granted with the amended hours.

In reaching this decision, the Sub-Committee has given due consideration to the City Council's Statement of Licensing Policy, the Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 by the Secretary of State, the application for a premises licence, the remaining written representations received, and the submissions made at the hearing by the counsel and those representing the applicant company, and by the resident who attended.

All parties are reminded that under the provisions contained within Schedule 5 to the Licensing Act 2003, there is the right of appeal against the decision of the Licensing Authority to the Magistrates' Court, such an appeal to be made within twenty-one days of the date of notification of the decision.

The meeting ended at 1052 hours.

Chair

# **BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE A, MONDAY 10 JUNE, 2024

### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE A HELD ON MONDAY, 10 JUNE, 2024 AT 1000 HOURS AS AN ON-LINE MEETING.

PRESENT: - Councillor Sam Forsyth in the Chair;

Councillors Ziaul Islam and Penny Cornish.

### ALSO PRESENT

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3/100623 No apologies were submitted.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEE**

4/100623 The Sub-Committee noted the appointment by the City Council of the Sub-Committee and Chair for the Municipal Year 2024/25.

Members were reminded that they may nominate another Member of their respective Party Group on the Licensing and Public Protection Committee to attend in their place.

Any Member nominated must of had formal training as set out in Paragraph 6.1 of the Licensing Committee Code of Practice for Councillors and Officers.

#### **DELEGATIONS OF SUB-COMMITTEE**

5/100623 The delegations to the Sub-Committee as follows:-

To determine matters relating to the Licensing Act 2003, the Gambling Act 2005, hackney carriage licences private hire licences and such business as may be referred by the Director of Regulation and Enforcement.

#### **MINUTES**

6/100623 The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 April 2024 at 1200 hours were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

The public part of the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 April 2024 at 1000 hours, 19 April 2024 at 1200 hours and 22 April 2024 at 1200 hours were circulated and the Minutes as a whole were signed by the Chair.

#### LICENSING ACT 2003 PREMISES LICENCE – REVIEW – WINE O'CLOCK, 4 SILVER STREET, KINGS HEATH, BIRMINGHAM, B14 7QU.

7/100623 The following report of the Director of Regulation and Enforcement was submitted:-

(See document no. 1)

## On Behalf of the Applicant

Martin Williams – TS (Trading Standards)

#### On behalf of the Premises Licence Holder

Ramesh Srisena – PLH (Premises Licence Holder)

#### Those Making Representations

Chris Jones – WMP (West Midlands Police) Sherine Edwards-Dodd – PH (Public Health)

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Prior to proceedings Mr Srisena advised that he had to pick his daughter up from school, after her exam. He asked how long the hearing would take.

The Chair advised that it was not possible to predict the end of the proceedings.

The Chairman introduced the Members and officers present and the Chair asked if there were any preliminary points for the Sub-Committee to consider.

The Chair outlined the procedure to be followed at the hearing and invited the Licensing Officer to present the report. David Kennedy, Licensing Section, outlined the report.

The Chair then invited the applicant to make their submission, Martin Williams behalf of TS made the following points: -

- a) That a complainant purchased two bottles of Smirnoff Vodka from the shop (there was a sign in the shop advertising one litre bottles for £8.49 each). The shop worker fetched the two bottles from the rear of the premises but upon getting the bottles home the complainant noticed the seals were broken and they looked as though they had been tampered with.
- b) Upon receiving the complaint TS then visited the complainant at her home and the bottles did appear to be quite old.
- c) TS then visited the premises later that day (20 December 2023) to follow up on the complaint.
- d) On entering the premises, they explained to the man behind the counter why they were present and showed their ID.

- e) The man identified himself as the PLH, Mr Srisena. He stated that he did not remember serving the complainant.
- f) TS found one litre bottles of Smirnoff Vodka set aside from the other Vodka in the shop, they appeared to be non-UK customs stamped, very old and most appeared to have seals compromised and a variety of liquid fill heights. Some bottles of Whiskey also looked suspicious – two of which were non-duty paid and had seals compromised and a variety of liquid fill heights.
- g) TS advised Mr Srisena that the bottles would be seized and examined.
- h) The counter area had a large selection of vape products, many of which were above the legal puff limit. They were also seized.
- i) The manufacturers, Smirnoff, stated that the Spanish bottles were not legal, and the other bottles dated back to 2011. Some of the metal seals were indeed broken but they the analysis from the lab confirmed that it did appear to have vodka inside.
- j) The Whiskey also had seals compromised and bottles dating back to 2011, but again the contents of the bottles were of the Whiskey brand displayed.
- k) The complainant was concerned about the age of the products and had no confidence in the products or the shop where she purchased them from.
- I) The complaint which was confirmed by what was found in the premises could cause harm to the actual brand itself.
- m) The current intelligence surrounding this type of illegal activity was linked to the grey market.
- n) The Company Director Ramesh Srisena was also the designated premises supervisor and was present on the day of the inspection. The licence was issued in 2021 but there had been no previous issues or complaints in relation to the premises.
- o) That his recommendation to the Committee was the impose a period of suspension to ensure all matters were dealt with and that there is adequate supervision at the premises. He would also support revocation of the licence which would ensure a complete overhaul and new management of the premises.

The Chair then invited WMP to make a submission, Chris Jones, on behalf of WMP made the following points: -

a) That illicit spirits could not have been purchased through a legitimate retailer, so where were they purchasing them.

- b) The spirits were kept on a shelf in the rear storeroom, away from legitimate stock suggesting the PLH was fully aware they were illicit and needed to be easily identified, away from regular legitimate stock.
- c) There were obvious public health concerns, particularly with seals being tampered with.
- d) There were also illegal vapes on sale which did not comply with British standards and contained higher levels of dangerous compounds.
- e) The UK Government did not receive tax for non-duty paid/illicit products which impacted the 'public purse'.
- f) The complainant and the brand were also affected. It put legitimate business at risk.
- g) The premises was acting in a way solely to maximise profit and due to the seriousness of the review application and the concern regarding illegal and irresponsible operation WMP requested that the licence be revoked as they had no confidence in the management of the premises to trade in a manner that promoted the licensing objectives.

The Chair then invited PH to make a submission. Sherine Edwards-Dodd, made the following statements on behalf of PH: -

- a) Vapes which were not regulated have a particular risk to health: higher nicotine resulting in increased dependence. They could not be sure what was in them.
- b) Research showed that that vapes were harmful to health.
- c) PH were also concerned that children were experimenting with vapes, which could impair their cognitive function and increase the risk of respiratory conditions such as asthma.
- d) Some vapes also contained Cannabis.
- e) Vapes also carried risks of potential poisoning.

The Chair then invited the PLH, Ramesh Srisena to make his submission. He made the following points (please note - during Ramesh Srisena's submissions the Chair lost connection and she asked that Ramesh Srisena repeat his submission): -

- a) That he took over the premises, from his nephew, 18 months ago.
- b) That everyone sold the same vapes.
- c) He kept all stock in his shop, and no one sent him any warning letters or information about vapes. If he knew they were illegal he would not have sold them.

- d) That no one told him the liquor was illegal and the products had UK labels, so he thought they were fine to sell in the shop.
- e) He managed the premises on his own.
- f) It was the first time he had made a mistake, and he would not do it again.
- g) He never had illegal wine or cigarettes in his premises.
- h) He was not happy about what had happened, but it was the first incident.
- i) It happened by mistake.
- j) It would never happen again in the future.
- k) He struggled to read and write due to the language barrier.
- I) That he promised it would never happen again.
- m) The alcohol liquor came from the Landlord.
- n) He did not know the law had changed regarding e-cigarettes and vapes.
- o) He was sorry for his mistake.

Members asked questions and Ramesh Srisena responded: -

- a) That he had been running the business for 18 months after taking over from his nephew. However, the licence was in his name.
- b) He only read the licence conditions when the licence was first issued. Therefore, he had no looked at them for some time.
- c) He worked with his nephew in the premises before he took over.
- d) That the licence was issued in 2014 or 2015 and he had not read the licence conditions since then.
- e) The alcohol was not separate and if he knew it was illegal why did he not hide it.
- f) He had a personal licence.
- g) He used the licence to start a business with his nephew, who left about 18 months ago when he took over.
- h) The alcohol was in different areas depending on the size of the bottles.
- i) He did not try to hide the bottles.

- j) He had not had any further training because he knew 90% of what he should be doing.
- k) He did not sell to minors and did not sell illegal products.
- I) It was a mistake, he did not intent to do anything wrong.
- m) He had official training in 2014/2015 but had not undergone any further training since.
- n) English was not his first language.
- o) He could read and write but struggled with 'strong words' and some of the legal words. He could speak and write socially.
- p) He promised it would never happen again.
- q) He understood all the representations made at the hearing but did struggle a little with some of WMP submissions as he used 'strong words'.

The Chair invited all parties to make a brief closing submission. Sherine Edwards-Dodd, on behalf of PH, made the following closing statements: -

She had nothing to add but she sympathised with the PLH due to the language barrier. However, it was not an excuse to get out of the problems that occurred at the premises.

The Chair invited Martin Williams of TS to make a brief closing submission, he simply added the TS did interview Ramesh Srisena under caution, but that was under criminal proceedings in relation to the matter.

The Chair then invited Chris Jones, WMP to make a closing submission and he made the following closing statements: -

- > The premises had not provided any plausible mitigation for the incidents.
- The PLH had training and had read the licence conditions which indicated the need to ensure all alcohol was UK duty stamped – a condition that was obviously breached.
- There was some discrepancy over where the illicit bottles were stored, however TS and the complainant both confirmed that the bottles were not stored in the same place as the legitimate alcohol. Which indicated that the PLH was aware the alcohol was not legitimate.
- WMP stressed the seriousness of the application and requested that the licence be revoked as WMP had no confidence in the premises to operate in a way that promoted the licensing objectives.

Ramesh Srisena, the PLH was then invited to make a closing submission and as such, he made the following closing statements: -

- > That it was a mistake and would never happen again.
- > He apologised for his mistakes.
- > He now understood the rules and would not let it happen again.

The Members, Committee Lawyer and Committee Manager conducted the deliberations in a separate private session and, following the announcement of a short decision, a full written decision was sent to all parties as follows;

### 8/100623 **RESOLVED**:-

That, having reviewed the premises licence held under the Licensing Act 2003 by World Wine Store Limited, in respect of Wine O'Clock, 4 Silver Street, Kings Heath, Birmingham B14 7QU, upon the application of the Chief Officer of Weights and Measures, this Sub-Committee hereby determines that the licence be suspended for a period of six weeks, in order that the licence holder should take the opportunity to review all practices and procedures, refresh training and the management arrangements, and thereafter resume trading in a manner which is capable of upholding the licensing objectives in the Act.

The Sub-Committee's reasons for suspending the licence are due to concerns raised by the responsible authorities, led by the Chief Officer of Weights and Measures of the City Council, who was represented at the meeting by an officer from Trading Standards. West Midlands Police and Public Health (of the City Council) also attended.

All three of the responsible authorities made submissions as per their documents in the Committee Report, relating to illicit products which had been discovered inside the premises when Trading Standards visited. The visit had followed a complaint made by a member of the public, who had suspected that vodka bought at Wine O'Clock was illicit. Officers who attended at the premises discovered quantities of illicit alcohol and illicit vape products, on display for sale to customers. The Sub-Committee was aware that the stocking of illicit products in licensed premises was a serious risk to the upholding of the licensing objectives.

It was the recommendation of Trading Standards that the Sub-Committee should consider imposing a period of suspension of the licence in order for the matters of concern to be taken into hand. Trading Standards stated that they would also support a revocation of the licence, "in order that matters can be sufficiently turned around under new management and that in the future the shop does not pose a risk to the public and generate customer complaints as in this case, that may lead to more harmful outcomes in the future". The Sub-Committee noted these two recommendations.

The Sub-Committee then heard from West Midlands Police who highlighted the irresponsible style of trading and breach of operating conditions (as per their

document in the Committee Report), and observed that both of these were a risk to the crime prevention objective. The Police recommendation was for revocation.

Public Health also addressed the Sub-Committee regarding the public safety aspects of illicit vape products, as per their document in the Committee Report. Public Health stated that they supported a suspension of the licence as an appropriate sanction.

The Sub-Committee then heard from the director of the licence holder company, who was also the designated premises supervisor. He had taken over the shop from his nephew, one and a half years ago. He confirmed that the failings regarding illicit products had been entirely unintentional. Regarding the alcohol, he remarked that he had thought the products were legitimate, as they had a UK label on them. He described it as a "first time mistake", and assured the Sub-Committee that he would ensure that it would never happen again.

He explained that he had a language barrier regarding reading and writing English, and commented that he had got "a little bit confused" regarding the requirements. The Sub-Committee noted this. He added that recent events had been a good lesson for him, and that he had never before faced any problem in trading. He was new to the business and was keen to learn the lesson.

He stated that the illicit alcohol had come from another person who had hosted a wedding party for his daughter some years ago. That person had told the licence holder that the alcohol had been purchased legally in the UK - from a cash and carry, and a local shop. The licence holder assured the Sub-Committee that he would not do this again. He apologised and asked the Sub-Committee to note that the business was his livelihood.

He stated that the premises licence was in his name (ie his company name). He accepted that he had not recently read the conditions of the licence and apologised, but confirmed that at the time the licence was issued he had read the conditions, and moreover he had followed all the training requirements for personal licence holders in 2014/2015.

He showed the Sub-Committee the layout of the shop via his laptop camera, and stated that alcohol products were put out on display, and not hidden, remarking that only a person wishing to trade in illicit products would hide them. He confirmed that he ran the shop alone and assured the Sub-Committee that he checked age-related ID properly and never sold cigarettes to underage persons. He again assured the Members that the recent mistakes would not happen again.

When the responsible authorities made their closing submissions, Public Health said that they had some empathy for the licence holder regarding the language difficulty, but felt that this did not excuse the issue around the strength of the vapes that were being sold, or the sale of alcohol that he had taken from somebody else. Trading Standards confirmed that the licence holder had been interviewed and had answered questions in English.

West Midlands Police considered that the licence holder had not offered any plausible mitigation for the illegal and irresponsible operation of the premises. They further noted that Trading Standards had found that some of the seized bottles of alcohol were not displaying a UK duty stamp.

The Sub-Committee was aware that, under paragraph 11.20 of the Guidance issued by the Secretary of State under s182 of the Act, it should seek to establish the cause of the concerns that the representations identified, and that the remedial action taken should generally be directed at those causes, and should always be no more than an appropriate and reasonable response to address the causes of concern that had instigated the Review. A "proportionate response" was what was recommended by the s182 Guidance.

Bearing this in mind, the Sub-Committee reflected carefully on the guidance given in paragraph 11.20 when making its decision. The recommendation of the Police had been immediate revocation; however, the Members noted that both Trading Standards (who had brought the Review before the Sub-Committee), and Public Health, considered that a suspension would perhaps suffice.

Having heard from the director of the licence holder company himself, the Sub-Committee noted that he had not made excuses, had apologised, and had made it clear that the failings would not be repeated. Whilst mindful that revocation had been recommended by the Police, who were the experts in the prevention of crime and disorder, the Sub-Committee felt that it would be draconian to remove the director's livelihood after he had stated that he would ensure that operating standards improved.

The Sub-Committee therefore felt that the best course was to follow the recommendation of two of the responsible authorities, and to permit the licence holder to retain the licence. The Sub-Committee determined that the matter could be dealt with by way of a suspension of the licence. The Members considered that a period of six weeks would be sufficient for the licence holder to review and refresh all aspects of his operating style, such that he could resume trading in a manner capable of upholding the licensing objectives in the Act.

The Sub-Committee gave consideration as to whether it should modify the conditions of the licence or remove the designated premises supervisor, but was not satisfied, given the licence holder's assurances that he would improve the operating style, that this was necessary.

In reaching this decision, the Sub-Committee has given due consideration to the City Council's Statement of Licensing Policy, the Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 by the Secretary of State, the application for review, the written representations received and the submissions made at the hearing by the licence holder and by those making representations.

All parties are reminded that under the provisions contained within Schedule 5 to the Licensing Act 2003, there is the right of appeal against the decision of the

Licensing Authority to the Magistrates' Court, such an appeal to be made within twenty-one days of the date of notification of the decision.

The determination of the Sub-Committee does not have effect until the end of the twenty-one day period for appealing against the decision or, if the decision is appealed against, until the appeal is determined.

## EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

#### 9/100624 **RESOLVED**:-

That in view of the nature of the business to be transacted which includes exempt information of the category indicated the public be now excluded from the meeting:-

Exempt Paragraph 3.

Chair

Item 5

## **BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**

#### PUBLIC REPORT

Report to:	Licensing Sub Committee A
Report of:	Director of Regulation & Enforcement
Date of Meeting:	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2024
Subject:	Licensing Act 2003
	Premises Licence – Grant
Premises:	Moneyhull Convenience Store, 7 Lindsworth
	Approach, Kings Norton, Birmingham, B30 3QH
Ward affected:	Druids Heath and Monyhull
Contact Officer:	Bhapinder Nandhra, Senior Licensing Officer,
	licensing@birmingham.gov.uk

#### **1.** Purpose of report:

To consider the representations that have been made in respect of an application for a Premises Licence which initially sought to permit the Sale of Alcohol (for consumption off the premises) to operate from 08:00am until 12:00midnight (Monday to Sunday).

After discussions with West Midlands Police the applicant has agreed to amend the scope of the application. The applicant has agreed to cease all licensable activities at 11:00pm (Monday to Sunday). The agreement, including further conditions, is attached to this report at Appendix 45.

Premises to remain open to the public from 08:00am until 11:00pm (Monday to Sunday).

#### 2. Recommendation:

To consider the representations that have been made and to determine the application, having regard to:

- The submissions made by all parties
- The Statement of Licensing Policy
- The Public Sector Equality Duty
- The s182 Guidance

#### 3. Brief Summary of Report:

An application for a Premises Licence was received on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024 in respect of Moneyhull Convenience Store, 7 Lindsworth Approach, Kings Norton, Birmingham, B30 3QH.

Representations have been received from other persons.

#### 4. Compliance Issues:

#### 4.1 Consistency with relevant Council Policies, Plans or Strategies:

The report complies with the City Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and the Council's Corporate Plan to improve the standard of all licensed persons, premises and vehicles in the City.

#### 5. Relevant background/chronology of key events:

Hengameh Badri Dashtmian applied on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024 for the grant of a Premises Licence for Moneyhull Convenience Store, 7 Lindsworth Approach, Kings Norton, Birmingham, B30 3QH.

Representations have been received from other persons, which are attached at Appendices 1 - 43.

The application is attached at Appendix 44.

Conditions, including amendments to the scope of the application, which have been agreed with West Midlands Police, are attached at Appendix 45.

Site Location Plans at Appendix 46.

When carrying out its licensing functions, a licensing authority must have regard to Birmingham City Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and the Guidance issued by the Secretary of State under s182 of the Licensing Act 2003. The Licensing Authority is also required to take such steps as it considers appropriate for the promotion of 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.

#### 6. List of background documents:

Copy of the representations as detailed in Appendices 1 - 43. Application Form, Appendix 44. Conditions agreed with West Midlands Police, Appendix 45. Site Location Plans, Appendix 46.

#### 7. Options available

To Grant the licence in accordance with the application.

To Reject the application.

To Grant the licence subject to conditions modified to such an extent as considered appropriate. Exclude from the licence any of the licensable activities to which the application relates. Refuse to specify a person in the licence as the premises supervisor. From: Councillor Julien Pritchard
Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 5:58 PM
To: Licensing
Subject: Representation for Licensing Application 181212 for Off-Licence at 7 Lindsworth Approach

Hello,

I am writing to make a representation about Licensing Application 181212 for a Licence for sales of alcohol off the premises at 7 Lindsworth Approach.

I have had over dozen residents write to me with their concerns about this application, and I know there are many more who have made direct representations to the Licensing Section. This is much more concern than I would normally receive regarding a licensing application, and shows the level of resident concern about the application.

The main concerns express by residents are that granting of the licence would not fit with the licensing objective of prevention of public nuisance and maintaining public safety.

Residents have cited anti-social behaviour and people gathering outside the shops as a real concern. They have said disorder, crime and drug taking in recent years in this areas is increasing. There was a belief this is exacerbated by the high concentration of alcohol-selling establishments in the area. There were therefore obviously concerns this would increase further with this off-licence opening.

Residents have also stated there are already two off-licences in the parade of shops, and are concerned that a third would increase public nuisance. Many residents pointed that this is a largely residential area, and therefore a third licensed premises would not be appropriate.

There were also concerns about another off-licence being opened opposite a nursing home at Tudor Housse

Furthermore the proposed opening hours are longer than the licences for the nearby premises. The two other premises on this parade are only licensed until 11pm, not midnight. Therefore giving this premises a midnight licence would be out of keeping with the other licensed premises in what many residents have pointed out is a residential area.

I hope the residents concerns about this application will be seriously considered.

Yours

Councillor Julien Pritchard Green Party Councillor – Druids Heath & Monyhull From: Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2024 8:09 AM To: Licensing Subject: 7 Lindsworth Approach licence objection

Hi, I have been made aware that an application has been put forward for a late night off licence and convenient store at 7 Lindsworth Approach (formally a post office) in B30. I live at Lindsworth Approach which is directly opposite the intended application, in my opinion this will cause unwanted late night unsociable behaviour, attracting, drunks, drug dealing, beggars. We already have a Spar and a Max which both sell alcohol. This may affect property damage and property devaluation.

I strongly object to this proposal, can you please note note my concern.

Lindsworth Approach Kings norton Birmingham B30 From: Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2024 6:47 PM To: Licensing Subject: Licensing application for 7 lindsworth rd

Dear Sirs,

I would like yo protest to the opening/application for a number 7 lindsworth approach to be granted a license to sell alcohol. This is due to there being no need to have a convenience store as there is already 2 stores that offer these services Spar and Max conveniences.

Therefore this application will not be serving the local community and should be denied. It will just cause more traffic and hazards as from 8pm Max conveniences offers these services and is off the main road and therefore safer for local pedestrians and people driving on and off the housing estate.

Also the timings till 12pm will have the possibility to attracting unsavory characters and drunks onto a quiet housing estate. There is a residential nursing home across the road who will not favour the noise.

This application needs to be denied as this shop is not required and does not add value or variety to local shoppers.

This has caused concern in our community and local people will not be looking to support this business.

Regards

From: Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2024 7:52 PM To: Licensing Subject: 7 Lindsworth Approach - licence

Dear sirs,

I would like to express my concern at the licence application to sell alcohol at 7 Lindsworth Approach. My objections are as follows:

1. There are already two convenience stores offering alcohol in close proximity. Such high density of alcohol focussed retail will only result in anti social behaviour and encourage irresponsible behaviour from the retailers as they sell as much as possible to compete with each other.

2. This does not serve the local community in any way as noted above we already have a surplus of convenience stores and this is not adding any further amenity.

3. The application is for the licence to sell alcohol from 8:00am through to midnight, seven days a week. This will encourage early drinking all through the week. These hours are far too long and should be restricted, if allowed at all.

4. Parking exceeds capacity at many times and this will only exacerbate the problem.

5. Close proximity to a special school for vulnerable young people. This would provide a further opportunity for young people to attempt to purchase alcohol illegally.

Please take into consideration the existing community and deny the application for the sale of alcohol. Regards

From: Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2024 7:55 PM To: Licensing Subject: 7 Lindsworth Road

To whom this may concern,

I am deeply concerned about the application for the premises to sell alcohol seven days a week from 8am - midnight, as are all other local residents in this area. I object this proposal.

We already have the Spar and Max Convenience Store which both sell alcohol. There is absolutely no need for another convenience store, let alone another one to to sell alcohol as well, the area is already saturated. This will continue to attract undesirable people to the area and lead to an increased levels of anti-social behaviour.

The area is full of young families and elderly people who do not want this and this will affect us directly. The road traffic and parking around the shops at Lindsworth is already very congested with inconsiderate and illegal parking both on the road and the pavement, which is an increased risk to pedestrians and car owners in the local area.

There is both a nursery nearby as well as a specialist school for pupils with social, emotional and mental health needs including behaviour difficulties. Another premise to sell alcohol encourages irresponsible drinking and anti-social behaviour around them.

Please note my strong objections to this and deny the application to sell alcohol.

Yours faithfully

local resident

From: Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2024 10:28 PM To: Licensing Subject: 7 Lindsworth Approach B303QH

Re proposal to convert the former Lindsworth Post Office to a convenience store with an early morning until midnight alcohol license.

I wish to lodge a strong objection on behalf of myself my wife and extented family , all of whom are local residents to this application. It is surplus to requirements . It is a quiet neighbourhood and this late night drinks outlet would attract undesirables to frequent the area which could result in problems. We need a Post Office not an off license.

May 16th 2024

Sheringham Rd Kings Norton B30 From: Sent: Friday, May 17, 2024 11:01 AM To: Licensing Subject: Oppose application for monyhull convenience store.

Good morning,

My name is , I live At lindsworth approach B30 with my wife

I wish to oppose the application made by Mr Hengameh Badri Dashtmian to open a convenience store at the below address.

7 lindsworth approach Kings Norton B30 3QH

I wish to oppose this on a few grounds. There is already a Spar convenience store that sells alcohol next door to this property and also an alcohol store a few doors round the corner. It is not necessary to have another store there.

The stores that are currently used already get extremely busy and creates alot of rubbish and traffic on the road, sometimes leaving me unable to get on to my own drive which creates extreme distress and cleaning up litter outside on my drive.

There is also a care home situated opposite and which accommodate old people. We do not feel it is appropriate to have a store open till that time especially on our road due to noise and potential anti social behaviour which would make myself and wife feel unsafe.

I'd also like to oppose because our road is homed by an older generation including myself and my wife. I am currently diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer and wish to have a peaceful environment around me. I feel another convenience store especially open till midnight will disturb the peace on or road and I do not wish for any further disturbance, mess or traffic.

I hope you will take the above into consideration when processing this application.

Many thanks

Lindsworth approach

B30

From:
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2024 3:26 PM
To: Licensing
Cc:
Subject: Objection - Notice of Licensing Application - 7 Lindsworth Approach, Kings Norton, Birmingham, B30 3QH - Licence Leader Limited

To whom it may concern.

I strongly object to this licensing application and petition for it to be rejected. As a resident of Sheringham Road, I am writing to you to to lodge my objection and petition for the application to be rejected.

We already have 2 shops within 100 meters selling alcohol and groceries. Spar and Max Convenience. We are in no need for a late night 3rd. There is also shops at Broad Lane and at the top of Parsons Hill as well which are within walking distance.

Parking and traffic is already horrendous, there is rising anti social behavior, litter everywhere and I am in a firm belief that a late night establishment here will make this considerably worse. This will especially impact the Lindsworth Approach residents.

There is also a competition issue. With 3 small alcohol and grocery shops competing within 100 meters of each other, we are running the risk of them all being unable to continue to have a viable business model and therefore could face the risk of closure.

The Post Office should be reopened. It was a lifeline form local residents.

I look forward to your support in this matter and the rejection of the application.

Regards

Sheringham Road Kings Norton Birmingham B30 From: Sent: Friday, May 17, 2024 5:48 PM To: Licensing Subject: Licensing Application Objection

I wish to inform you that I do not approve with a license application made by Monyhull Convenience Store on the Lindsworth Estate, Kings Norton.

There are already 2 convenience stores in the same location and another is not required. This will cause further disruption to the area and attract anti social behaviour on an otherwise quiet estate and furthermore will cause additional disruption to residents living in the location, with traffic, noise and very late night opening times.

I would be grateful if you would ensure that my objection to this license application is noted.

Many thanks

From: Sent: Saturday, May 18, 2024 9:35 AM To: Licensing Subject: 7 Lindsworth Approach

To Whom it may Concern

After seeing the notice on the above premises, we wish to object to the above having an alcohol license and being turned into a convenience store.

We already have the Spar and Max Convenience Store within feet of this shop who both sell alcohol and groceries and really don't see the need for another.

Also as they want a late license this will attract youngsters trying to get drink and be a general meet up area which would be a nuisance for the local area.

Yours faithfully

Marjorie Avenue B30

Monyhull Hall Road Kings Norton Birmingham B30

18<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Email:

Licensing Dept BCC PO BOX 17831 Birmingham B2 2 HJ

To whom it may concern.

We have just found out about someone wanting to take out a license for the old Post Office in Lindsworth Approach to convert it into a convenience store/late opening off License.

We already have two convenient stores on that small stretch of shops, this is ridiculous, how can this be pasted, we do not want or need another late opening shop to cause any more anti social behaviour around that area.

This is not acceptable and we vote against this decision.

Yours faithfully

From: Sent: Monday, May 27, 2024 6:32 PM To: Licensing Subject: Old Lindsworth Approach Post Office Premises

My husband, brother & I live in Bradstock Road on the Lindsworth Estate.

We would like to register our objection to the above premises being licensed to possibly sell alcohol from 8am to midnight. There are already two outlets in that block of shops which are licensed to sell alcohol.

We have witnessed a presence of noisy teenagers in that area on many occasions and we are extremely concerned that by opening another off license it would severely affect the neighbourhood in a bad way. There are a lot of elderly people on this estate including ourselves and quite honestly we would be afraid to go out especially in the evening with unruly and drunken teenagers around which undoubtedly would worsen if this goes ahead. We feel strongly that the crime rate in this area would increase and it is very worrying.

My brother and I grew up on this quiet and much sought after estate and we are very stressed about this situation.

Regards

### From: Sent: Monday, May 27, 2024 9:08 PM To: Licensing Subject: resident representation

Hello i am writing to make my representation regarding the Lindsworth Approach planning application to make the post office a licensed convenience store with opening hours past 12.

I am a direct neighbour living exactly opposite the property and have suffered from anti social behaviour because of the premises. When it was a post office and the 24hr cash machine was outside the area became a breeding ground for drug dealing. Cars pulling up all through the day and night dealing drugs and withdrawing cash to pay for said drugs. Since the post office has been closed this has left the area at evening times quiet and conflict free. My main concern is that having this store open all day and night selling alcohol this will of course return. The drug dealing was primarily done during school pick up time when the road is at its busiest and late evenings between 9pm and midnight, this late licence will have a direct impact on this anti social behaviour returning.

All the locals i have spoken to are trying to protect our children and prevent crime and unnecessary disorder on our doorsteps.

For a small quiet estate their is already a Spa selling alcohol open until 8pm and a convenience store on the same stretch of shops selling alcohol until 11pm. Another is just inviting trouble to the area which has recently been cleaned up.

Thanks

Lindsworth Approach

From: Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 8:58 AM To: Licensing Subject: Old Lindsworth Approach Post Office Premises

Hi,

I am emailing as I am a resident of Lindsworth Road and I strongly object to the application of the the Old Post Office becoming ANOTHER unit on Lindsworth Approach that sells alcohol. There are already two units here and more very close by.

We do not need another place offering these services. With such a high volume of children in our residential area and elderly residents, also I strongly believe this is not something needed to aid in increasing the crime and disorder in the area.

There are many children and adolescents in this area and I think should be taken into account the amount of them that need to be protected from the nature of these applications and shops.

I hope you will consider these points when reviewing the application.

Kind Regards,

From: Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 9:04 AM To: Licensing Subject: License

I am writing to you to say that I object to the licensing of alcohol in the post office on Lindsworth approach because it will be against public safety and it will disturb people that live by there the trouble it will cause will be no ending to it if the license is approved

From: Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 12:25 PM To: Licensing Subject: Objection notice

Dear Council,

I would like to object to the proposal of an off-licence on the Old Post Office premises at 7 Lindsworth Approach.

Alcohol is the leading cause of antisocial behaviour therefore I do not feel it necessary to have an establishment that will further encourage the purchase of alcohol after 10pm. There are already two shops selling alcohol on the Approach, one being an off licence open till 10pm. The new proposed shop is located in a residential neighbourhood. A later opening off licence will encourage public nuisance and potentially increase crime and disorder in the neighbourhood.

Kind Regards

Bradstock Road Resident

From: Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 2:05 PM To: Licensing Subject: Lindsworth Road (formerly the postoffice)

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express I complete and utter rejection of any licensing to be granted for another off license at the former post office premises on Lindsworth road Kings Norton.

There is already a Spar which I believe is open until 8pm and a convenience store around the corner which is part of the same row of shops which stays open until 10pm. There is absolutely no need to offer another shop that is very similar to the two we already have with the exception of it staying open later than 10pm.

This estate consists of many older couples and families with small children who have no interest in an off license been in close proximity to their homes that is open until midnight or possibly later.

I believe that if this licensing was to go ahead it would be to the detriment of the local community and would invoke an increase in the following:

- crime and disorder (as you are actively encouraging alcohol to be sold until a later time which will bring drunk and disorderly people to the neighbourhood at ungodly hours with a whole raft of crimes and behaviours that drunk and disobey people bring).

- public safety (as previously mentioned this community is predominantly made up of families with young children and older generation couples who are vulnerable should they be subject to an influx of drunken people passing through their neighbourhood. Also an influx of additional parking, on a road which is already highlighted as a problem area for parking, on the basis of alcohol consumption is a recipe for disaster where it's concerned for the elderly parking and children navigating the street with such parking volumes. I too would feel uneasy at the potential influx of drunk and disorderly behaviour that may occur as a result of this licensing been granted).

- prevention of public nuisance (again as mentioned, parking is a nuisance as it is with parking across driveways and pavements an issue, you would be adding to an already ever present issue. Along side this the extra noise disturbance that will be caused for the local residents at such an opening time is nothing short of scandalous).

- protection of children from harm (again, overlapping from previous points, children do not need to be exposed to drunk individuals walking the streets in our neighbourhood or even worse driving and parking on pavements, a busy road that will only further endanger the children who live in the local neighbourhood).

I hope you seriously consider the points raised to the OBJECTION of this licensing for the benefit of the whole of the lindsworth community.

Yours faithfully,

(Local resident)

From: Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 8:46 PM To: Licensing Subject: Licensing Application for old lindsworth approach post officed

Dear sir

As a resident of the lindsworth estate i must strongly object to this application Allowing this application for another totally unneeded licensed premises would encourage public nuisance from customers arriving up to 12.00 at night to get ANOTHER DRINK with car doors slamming and the inevitable assaults and violence that have no place in a quiet residential area containing young children ,elderly residents and people needing sleep before a days work So i appeal to your common sense and please turn down this application From: Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 12:32 PM To: Licensing Subject: Application Number: 181212

I write giving my representation to the above for which I object on the following grounds.

- 1. There is already ample provision of this type store within the proposed area.
- 2. The proposed opening hours are too excessive. I object to a premises being open from 8am until midnight.
- 3. The proposed late opening will encourage noise nuisance from patrons who could be oblivious to the surrounding close proximity of residential homes and their occupiers.
- 4. I would feel unsafe walking within an area frequented by unknown individuals for the purpose of buying late night alcohol.

I've lived on Lindsworth estate for more than 45 years. It has retained its pleasant residential, social and tidy image which is why we have no notion to move away from the area.

I trust you will log my objection accordingly.

On a separate note, I feel that more time should be given for the Post office to be operative again. It's a vital link to the community.

Regards

## From: Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 2:00 PM To: Licensing Subject: Objection to the Licensing Application for an Off Licence at 7 Lindsworth Approach, Kings Norton

Dear Sir/Madam,

### Re: Objection to the Licensing Application for an Off Licence at 7 Lindsworth Approach, Kings Norton

I am writing to formally object to the application for an off licence at the Post Office premises located at 7 Lindsworth Approach, Kings Norton. My objections are based on the following grounds: prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, prevention of public nuisance, and the protection of children from harm.

### 1. Prevention of Crime and Disorder:

The introduction of an off licence in this area is likely to contribute to an increase in crime and disorder. There is a well-documented correlation between the availability of alcohol and the rise in antisocial behaviour, petty crime, and violent incidents. The presence of an off licence could exacerbate these issues, leading to higher demands on local police and increased concern among residents regarding their safety.

## 2. Public Safety:

The safety of the community is paramount. An off licence at this location poses significant public safety concerns, particularly given its proximity to residential areas and local amenities, including nurseries and schools. The increase in foot traffic, particularly in the evenings, could lead to disturbances and make the area feel less safe for residents, especially vulnerable groups such as the elderly and those with young children.

### 3. Prevention of Public Nuisance:

An off licence at the proposed site is likely to result in increased noise, litter, and general disturbance. These nuisances would adversely affect the quality of life for nearby residents.

### 4. Protection of Children from Harm:

The proximity of the proposed off licence to schools, parks, and other areas frequented by children is deeply concerning. Exposure to alcohol and related antisocial behaviour can have detrimental effects on young people. It is our duty to protect children from environments where they might be exposed to harmful influences, and an off licence in this location could undermine those efforts.

In conclusion, I strongly urge the Birmingham City Council to consider the negative impact this off licence could have on our community. The potential for increased crime and disorder, threats to public safety, public nuisance, and harm to children outweighs any benefits that the off licence might bring. I respectfully request that this application be denied to preserve the safety and well-being of the Kings Norton community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours faithfully

From: Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 9:00 PM To: Licensing Subject: Objection to licence

Re Alcohol sales from 8am to 12 midnight at a shop - 7 Lindsworth Rd.

This proposal will be wrong in terms of increased crime , disorder and public nuisance at the small precinct at the top of our estate.

It will only increase the bad behavior in this small precinct which already has two shops selling alcohol.

I hope the committee will deny this application.

From: Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2024 10:58 AM To: Licensing Subject: 7 Lindsworth road. New licence

I would like to object to the alcohol licence being given, because of the prevention of public nuisance There are already 2 other licensed premises in the same row of shops. Also the protection of children from harm. Thank you.

From: Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2024 9:15 PM To: Licensing Subject: Re. Licensing Application for the old Lindsworth Approach Post Office Premises

## Dear Licensing Committee,

I wish to object to the application that has now been made to sell alcohol as an off -licence from a convenience store on the premises of the old post office at 7 Lindsworth Approach. Apparently the Post Office have been unable to find a replacement operator.

The applicant states that the store will have a positive impact on the area. Does the applicant actually know the area? This is very much a residential part of Kings Norton and as such I and many other residents are appalled at these proposals. We do not need another convenience store on Lindsworth Approach as we already have a licensed Spar store, which is actually next door to the old Post Office. The Spar store closes at 8pm. This new store wants to have a license granted from 8am until midnight seven days a week. The shop itself will actually close at 12.30am!

Furthermore there are already a number of licensed premises in the locality. This application has also been very poorly advertised and I doubt that many residents are actually aware of it and the implications for the local area. WHY? Surely everyone in the immediate area should have been informed of these plans. Instead of finding out about them via social media.

This application conflicts with the four licensing objectives. As members of the licensing committee you have a duty of care to the residents. It would be good to discuss this further with the committee members as a matter of urgency!

## 1. The prevention of crime and disorder.

This store will attract unwanted attention and an increase in footfall at unsocial hours seven days a week. Noise, public nuisance, anti social behaviour, low level nuisance (non reportable crime) shouting, swearing, urination in public and littering will all be increased. Apparently CTV cameras are going to be installed. Will that stop people who have had one too many to drink? I doubt it very much. There's already a shortage of police patrols in the area now.

### 2. Public Safety

There will be an increase in traffic in the area, if this application goes ahead. Moneyhull Hall Road is already treated like a race course at night. Several incidents have happened over the last few years! Resulting most recently in the replacement of the bus shelter near to Lindsworth Approach. Apparently it has cost over £10,000 to replace it. Lindsworth Approach is already used as a rat run and is often difficult to cross due to the amount of traffic. The ballard at the junction with Midhurst Road has to be regularly replaced due to bad driving and drivers travelling too fast! Also, there is no mention of how many staff are going to be employed at such unsociable hours and what about their personal safety!

### 3. The prevention of public nuisance

Parking is already difficult for local residents. This is just going to get worse. Light pollution is also going to increase. There are several residents whose properties face this row of shops. No thought seems to have been given to the local residents at all. The selling of alcohol would also encourage a drinking culture late at night in a quiet residential area.

# 4. The protection of children from harm.

Several schools, a couple of nurseries, a park and the local church are all within walking distance of Lindsworth Approach. Such an early opening time would mean that children who are on their way to school would be put at risk from anti social behaviour, increased littering, exposure to the marketing and sale of alcohol and cigarettes. Also, there will be an increased potential for road traffic incidents.

I suggest that members of the committee come to the area to meet the local residents and to see for themselves the harm this application will bring to Lindsworth Approach.

I trust that you will look at this application and seriously consider my objections and those of other residents who have emailed your committee already.

Yours sincerely

Midhurst Road Kings Norton Birmingham B30 From: Sent: Friday, May 31, 2024 8:18 AM To: Licensing Cc: Subject: Licensing Application For Old Lindswoth Approach Office Premises Importance: High Dear Sir/Madam,

Ref: Licensing Application For Old Lindswoth Approach Office Premises I have attached a letter for your attention regarding the above mentioned matter. Best wishes

Midhurst Road,

Kings Norton Birmingham B30

31 May 2024

To Whom It May Concern,

# <u>Ref: Community Concern Regarding the Proposed Alcoholic Premises at (Former Post</u> <u>Office Location)</u>

I am writing to you as a concerned resident of the community regarding the recent proposal to convert the former post office location into another premises licensed to sell alcohol.

The post office that once served our community was not merely a place for mail and packages but a vital hub for local residents, offering essential services and fostering community spirit. Its absence has been deeply felt, and the proposal to replace it with yet another outlet for alcohol sales is disheartening.

Our community has observed an increase in antisocial behaviour and parking issues, which we believe are exacerbated by the high concentration of alcohol-selling establishments in the area. The addition of another such premises threatens to further disturb the peace and safety of our neighbourhood, which is already under strain.

We need spaces that contribute positively to our community's fabric, not those that potentially lead to more problems. The return of our beloved post office, or a similar community-focused service, would be a far more beneficial use of the space. I urge you to consider the long-term impact of this decision on our community's wellbeing and to explore alternative options that align with the needs and values of our residents.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I, along with many fellow residents, am eager to see a resolution that supports the growth and health of our community.

Yours faithfully,

**Appendix 25** 

From: Sent: Friday, May 31, 2024 10:08 AM To: Licensing **Subject:** conveniencestore/off-license

Dear Sir or Madam

I am writing to object about the application to have a convenience store/off-license at 7 Lindsworth Approach at the former Post Office. First of all I can't believe you would allow a convenience store to open next door to the local Spar shop which has been run very effectively for the past 35 years. 100 metres around the corner is an Off-license which has also been there a number of years, Spar also sell alcohol during the licensing hours so why on earth would we need another off-license and it opening and selling alcohol from 8am to 12midnight it's just so silly.. The Lindsworth and Monnyhull estates have enough convenience and off-license stores we Do Not need any more. The Lindsworth estate is a peaceful estate daytime and night time if people are allowed to buy alcohol upto 12midnight then there is a possibility of creating a public nuisance, a threat to public safety and an increase in crime and disorder. Please Do Not allow this to go ahead. I am a resident of Sheringham Road, B30 and have lived here for almost 50 years, please don't spoil my neighbourhood

Your sincerely

From: Sent: Friday, May 31, 2024 2:40 PM To: Licensing Subject: 7 Lindsworth Approach premises application 181212

I am writing to object to the application for the use of the old Post Office for the purpose of an off-license to sell alcohol. The Spar shop next door already sells alcohol and there are other shops in the vicinity that also sell alcohol. We do not wish the shops to remain open until midnight selling alcohol and risk any increase of anti-social behaviour.

We would, ideally prefer the Post Office to be returned to its original function if a new manager can be found as it is so beneficial to the local residents.

Many thanks

Monyhull Hall Road residents

From: Sent: Friday, May 31, 2024 6:58 PM To: Licensing Subject: 7 Lindsworth Approach

To whom it may concern I am a local resident in the Brandwood area and I am extremely concerned about the proposal for another convenience store at 7 Lindsworth Approach that could apply to sell alcohol between the hours of 8am till midnight.

We have two convenience stores already in situ which serve the local community and I can not see how a third convenience store would positively benefit the area. We already know anti social behaviour is on the rise and and a big problem for statutory services. With a store open till Midnight selling alcohol this will only lead to more ASB in our area and further crime.

At a time when the government are trying to address the impact alcohol can have on individuals why would we want to make it more accessible and available.

I have a young family and the majority of residents on my road are families and the elderly. I have spoken to many of my neighbours who are also concerned about these proposals.

It should not be for our community to have to object to these proposals. Accountability should sit with the local authority to prove that having another convenience store selling alcohol till Midnight would have a positive impact on our community.

I look forward to hearing from you

Kind Regards

From: Sent: Monday, June 3, 2024 7:35 PM To: Licensing Subject: Objection 7 lindsworth approach

Hi I'm writing this email to put forward my concern on the premises at 7 lindsworth approach we will get more people around the area with the late opening time which will bring more crime to the area the public safty will be more at risk this needs to be stopped to prevent public nuisance and to protect all the children from harm so I object to this premises get a alcohol licence.

From: Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2024 9:43 PM To: Licensing Subject: Objection - 7 lindsworth approach

Hello, I am writing this email to express my concerns about the new shop that currently has an application to sell alcohol from 8am-12midnight on lindsworth approach.

As I live very close to this shop, I fear that this will bring a new range of people to the area that will increase the crime rate and put many vulnerable people at risk. By 8am many adults and children are on their way to work/school therefore they do not need to cross paths with the type of people this shop could bring to our area. Furthermore, their opening time could also cause public nuisance or cause conflict with the other 2 shops on the approach who also has alcohol licensing. So given my conclusion I object towards this application.

From: Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2024 9:44 PM To: Licensing Subject: Objection~ lindsworth approach

Hello,

I want to press my worry about the new shop on lindsworth approach, my elderly mother currently lives with me in the area and with the type of people this shop could bring to our area, I would worry about her leaving the house. I worry for the safety of public as there opening times could increase our crime rates and cause public nuisances. There are also plenty of schools and nurseries in the area which could put children at risk. Having yet another off licences next door to spar could cause conflict. Therefore, I wish to object towards this application for the licencing of the new shop on 7 lindsworth approach.

Thank you

From: Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2024 2:10 PM To: Licensing Cc: Subject: License Application for 7 Lindsworth Approach

Hi,

I wish to formally object to the granting of a license to sell alcohol at the above premises.

My objections are:

1. There are already 2 premises selling restricted alcohol (and groceries) in the same block of shops one of which is next door to the above. Adding a 3rd retailer with much extended opening hours is detrimental to the health and safety of the local inhabitants.

2. The premises is next door to a family home with young children. The long hours and increased noise and traffic is a major disturbance for the adjacent householder.

3. There is insufficient parking space already which leads to pavement parking for cars and delivery trucks. This is a safety hazard and annoyance to residents.

4. Lindsworth Rise has seen an increase in disorder, crime and drug taking in recent years. The sale of alcohol will increase this further and require more policing.

5. The noise of additional cars and car doors shutting will cause a public nuisance.

6. The application is requesting sales of alcohol for 112 hours per week including Sunday pre 10am. This is excessive when alcohol is known to be a trigger in domestic and other violence.

Yours sincerely

B14

From: Sent: Thursday, June 6, 2024 3:14 PM To: Licensing Subject: Objection to Application for old Lindsworth Approach Post Office Premises

As a local residents we find it unbelievable that an application has been applied for an off licence trading until 12am in the morning. This is a residential area which includes many elderly residents and young children. It will undoubtedly incourage crime and disorder and a public nuisance. We already have a problem with weekend revellers breaking bottles outside of our houses which is dangerous especially to young children and animals. There are already 2 premises within the group of shops selling alcohol and also on Broad Lane and Parsons Hill and nearby Kings Norton Green including a public house, which undoubtedly will encourage drinker who want to continue after closing time to visit the off licence. What the community need is another post office not alcoholics hanging around our area.

**Yours Sincerely** 

Sheringham Road B30 From: Sent: Saturday, June 8, 2024 9:24 AM To: Licensing Cc: Subject: Old Lindsworth Approach post office premises (181212) - objection

Dear Sir/Madam,

we would like to object the requested license for the Old Lindsworth Approach post office premises (181212) found here: <u>https://licensing.birmingham.gov.uk/registers/index.html?fa=licence\_register&licence\_id=181212&c</u>ouncil\_id=1

Our objection is on the following grounds:

- the area already has issues with crime and disorder, and adding an alcohol selling premises that is open until midnight will make this worse, particularly with vulnerable neighbourhoods directly adjacent whose residents this new premise will likely attract

- we are concerned about our safety in that area should the license be granted, as issues with illegal parking and criminal behaviour will get worse

- we are concerned about increased nuisance arising from the proposed venture, which CCTV etc will not mitigate and which will add to an already problematic wider local area. Particularly, we are concerned about anti social behaviour, littering and noise nuisance.

We would therefore ask that the license be rejected.

Kind regards,

From: Sent: Sunday, June 9, 2024 8:51 AM To: Licensing Subject: Application for convenience store 7 Lindworth approach

I would like to put in a representation to object to the application of another convenience store at 7 Lindworth Approach.

We do not need another shop selling alcohol and convenience goods, there are already 2 as well as a one stop shop less than half a mile away.

What we do need however is the post office back.

It would potentially create a public nuisance to have yet another shop with a late alcohol license and equally more crime in the area.

I am a local resident that lives around the corner from the shops on Lindworth Approach.

**Yours Sincerely** 

From: Sent: Sunday, June 9, 2024 12:01 PM To: Licensing Cc: Subject: Licensing Act 2003 Application Reference 181212

### To whom it may concern

I write with reference to the above application submitted by Hengameh Badri Dashtmian regarding premises at 7 Lindsworth Approach. The application is to enable the sale of alcohol between the hours of 8.00 a.m. and 12 a.m. at Monyhull Convenience Store. I wish to object to the application and provide background and justification for the objection below.

Lindsworth Approach is situated in a peaceful residential area and the premises concerned form one of 7 premises fronting Lindsworth Approach and Monyhull Hall Road. The seven premises already include two convenience stores licensed to sell alcohol within more restricted hours and there are two further premises licensed to sell alcohol within four hundred yards. There is also a Nursery and School within two hundred yards of the proposed Convenience Store.

The Act lists four principles upon which objections can be lodged and I wish to object based on three of the four principles. The application is for the sale of alcohol until midnight each night and this has the potential to increase crime and disorder, diminish the level of public safety and cause public nuisance. The extended opening hours mean that those who have already consumed alcohol within normal licensing hours can now access further alcohol until midnight. I see little reason to enable alcohol sales until such a late hour particularly in what is at present a quiet residential area.

The premises were previously a much used sub Post Office and it was the community's understanding that the Post Office was still seeking a new sub post master to run the premises. It is thus of some concern that the premises are in the process of being converted for a new purpose before this license application process has been completed.

I would be grateful if this objection could be noted and considered.

Midhurst Road Kings Norton From: Sent: Sunday, June 9, 2024 1:51 PM To: Licensing Subject: bit.lindsworthlicence

Licencsing Sub-Committee

I am a retired West Midlands Police Officer with 30 years service around the Kings Norton area. I have been involved with problems caused by similar late night licence applications in the past. I do not believe the area needs a third licenced premises in a group of eight shops. One of wich is nextdoor to 7 Lindsworth Approach.

I live 100 yards from the above premises and will report any public nuisance or crime and disorder situation to the local Police and request that these are officially recorded.

Ex P.C. West Midlands Police.

From: Sent: Sunday, June 9, 2024 9:43 PM To: Licensing Subject: Licensing Application for 7 Lindsworth Approach

### Dear Sir/Madam

I have become aware that a licensing application has been made for an off licence at the above address. I am concerned as we already have two shops within this small row of shops selling alcohol.

I understand that the premises is wanting to open from 8am until midnight selling alcohol which I feel is totally unnecessary.

This is likely to cause an increase in crime and disorder and drunken persons causing a public nuisance. This shop is on route to the local primary school and children heading to school could encounter drunken persons causing a public nuisance.

The local area is nice and friendly and we presently have no issues with anti social behaviour.

I believe a premises having such an extended licence is likely to generate anti social behaviour.

I currently feel safe walking passed the shops but would feel vulnerable later at night with people hanging around outside the premises, who are likely to be under the influence of alcohol.

Yours faithfully

From: Sent: Monday, June 10, 2024 7:58 PM To: Licensing Cc: Subject: License Application objection for 7 Lindsworth Approach

Hello,

My formal **<u>objection</u>** to the licensing application at 7 Lindsworth Approach is detailed below.

Licensed premises open from early morning to midnight, 7 days a week, is an open invitation to <u>crime</u> and <u>disorder</u>.

Residents walking home will be anxious, with more alcohol being bought and consumed by people travelling to take advantage of the extreme closing time. This surely comes under the heading of **<u>public</u> <u>safety</u>**.

Doors slamming, more cars coming and going on an already overcrowded street and pedestrian footpath, and delivery trucks (already an issue) having nowhere to park really would exacerbate the **public nuisance**, which is already causing problems for residents.

<u>Children</u> who live on the estate and Lindsworth Approach will not be properly protected from added noise pollution, increased vehicle numbers and anti-social behaviour.

I would like to highlight the fact that this application is to open NEXT DOOR to a SPAR, which has been run by the same family who have been loved and trusted for over 40 years. There is also a very similar store at the end of the row of 8 shops.

More licenced premises is excessive and unnecessary in such a compact location. Alcohol is a catalyst to all four of the following objections - The prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm.

Sincerely,

B30

From:Sent: Monday, June 10, 2024 9:23 PMTo: LicensingSubject: Objection to the license at 7 Lindsworth Approach.

Dear Sir/Madam

Please find the attached letter objecting to the license at 7 Lindsworth Approach.

Kind Regards

Midhurst Road Kings Norton Birmingham B30

Mobile:

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally oppose the application for an alcohol license at the new store that will be located at 7 Lindsworth Approach. The proposed operating hours from 8 AM to midnight raise several concerns that I believe warrant serious consideration before a license is granted.

Firstly, the shop's proximity to residential areas is problematic. Many families and individuals live nearby, and the late-night operation of an alcohol-selling establishment can lead to increased noise, litter, and potential anti-social behaviour. This can significantly affect the quality of life for local residents, who may feel less safe and comfortable in their own neighborhood. This poses a risk to public safety and could contribute to public nuisance.

Furthermore, there are concerns about the impact on minors. The extended hours increase the chances of underage individuals attempting to purchase alcohol, either directly or through third parties. The shop's location might also become a gathering spot for young people, leading to loitering and other antisocial behaviour. This situation would directly conflict with the goal of the protection of children from harm.

Additionally the presence of a late-night alcohol-selling establishment near these facilities can send a negative message to our youth and potentially expose them to undesirable influences. This is in direct opposition to the prevention of crime and disorder, as it may increase the likelihood of juvenile delinquency and other related issues.

In light of these concerns, I respectfully urge the Licensing Department to deny the application for an alcohol license with the proposed operating hours. Protecting the well-being and safety of our community should be a top priority, and I believe that granting this license would be counterproductive to that goal.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I hope that you will consider the potential negative impacts on our community when making your decision.

Sincerely,

From: Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 10:31 AM To: Licensing Subject: Objection to 7 Lindsworth Approach

We have read and reviewed this application for a new off licence on Lindsworth Approach and want to object on the following grounds.

- It does not add any diversity to the community. There are already 4 separate vendors selling alcohol. Two are currently on Lindsworth Approach itself, one at the top of Parsons Hill, and one is on the corner of Broad Lane/Alcester Road South.
- 2. Lack of commercial common sense will result in an over saturation of the same commodity available here, which will drive the prices down as the 3 vendors at Lindsworth Approach as they try and encourage people to purchase from their stores.

Lower alcohol prices will encourage more unsocial drinking and give the community more problems with antisocial behaviour.

- 3. We already have to deal with the fallout from the current shops: Litter is a common problem; I frequently have to pick up empty cans and bottles from either the grass verge or that have been left on my garden wall.
- 4. We have incidents of antisocial behaviour from younger drinkers who already hang around in the local green spaces drinking and smoking weed.
- 5. Parking and traffic flow at Lindsworth Approach is already a major problem. How will this application do anything other than add to the issue?
- 6. We have schools within walking distance of Lindsworth Approach, and those parents that are encouraging their children to walk, to reduce traffic congestion will have to deal with additional traffic for a shop open from 8am to midnight.

From: Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 10:50 AM To: Licensing Subject: Objection to new off license at 7 Lindsworth Approach

I have read and reviewed this application for a new off licence on Lindsworth Approach and want to object on the following grounds.

- It does not add any diversity to the community. There are already 4 separate vendors selling alcohol. Two are currently on Lindsworth Approach itself, one at the top of Parsons Hill, and one is on the corner of Broad Lane/Alcester Road South.
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Sheringham Road Birmingham B30 From:

Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 3:53 PM
To: Licensing
Subject: Old Lindsworth Post Office change to Off Licence 7 Lindsworth Approach Hello

I wish to object to the change of use to an off licence for the following reason. I believe this will create a public nuisance to the residents not only in Lindsworth Approach but also nearby Lindsworth Road and Midhurst Road.

- possibility of groups of young people hanging around causing a nuisance. There have already been issues with groups sitting on garden walls late into the night drinking and being a noise nuisance
- increase in levels of traffic and parked vehicles in Lindsworth Approach and surrounding roads. For many of us elderly and disabled living on this estate it is already a nightmare trying to find a parking space outside our local shops.
- increase in traffic through the estate. Quite a few people use this estate as a "rat run" to avoid traffic on the main roads. The last thing we need is even more traffic racing around our streets.
- increase in litter there is already a constant issue with drinks cans, beer bottles and wrappers dropped on the pavements and thrown into gardens.
- general noise nuisance.

Although this will not impact on the decision we already have a local Spar and Convenience store that sell alcohol so cannot understand why another shop selling alcohol in a residential area would be considered a good idea. I grew up opposite an off licence so am aware of the negative impact some of the issues created can have on residents quality of life.

Lindsworth Road

#### BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL LICENSING DEPT

**Dear Sirs** 

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#### Premises Licence Application - 181212 dated 14/5/24

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We, the undersigned local residents are writing to object to the license application for the 0800-0000 license at 7 Lindsworth Approach – Moneyhall Convenience Store)

NB please note incorrect spelling of 'Monyhull Hall' is by applicant, Hengameh Badri Dashtmian) \*

**Objection:** There are concerns by residents and local businesses about the application for a convenience store at this location due to the fact there are already TWO such stores within the immediate area, both selling alcohol, food and provisions. Both of these stores are already open until 8pm and 10 pm.

The concern with an extended late license is that it will increase traffic, noise disturbance and anti-social behaviour. Residents do not wish to see any premises selling alcohol until midnight.

We feel that the current hours are already sufficiently late.

### Preventing Public Nuisance & Crime & Disorder

The late opening of this application would contribute significantly to night time noise for residents. There is concern that such opening until the early hours will act as a magnet for groups.

Residents feel that a later opening hours for alcohol off sales will undermine the licensing objectives for public safety, public nuisance and could lead to an increase crime and disorder

Later hours of alcohol sales would be very likely to increase the cumulative stress of noise and nuisance in the immediate area as people would travel to this quiet residential area to buy late night alcohol.

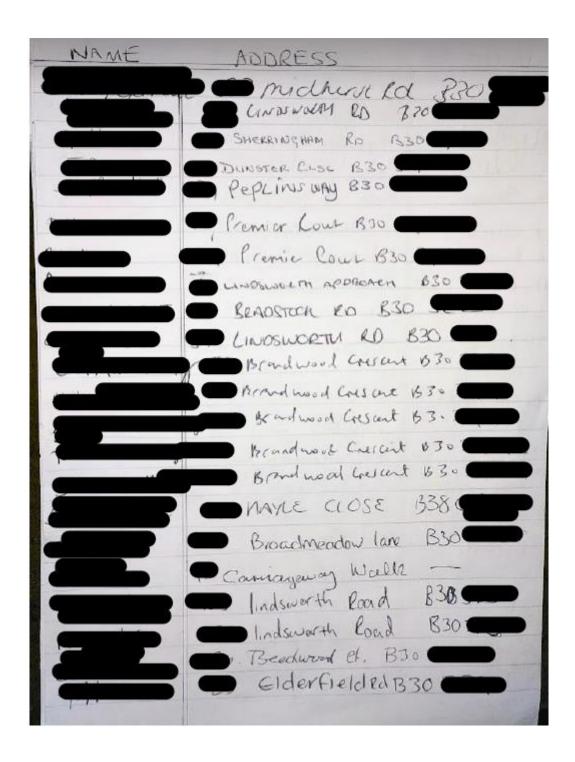
We would ask you to refuse this license

Yours, the below signed residents:

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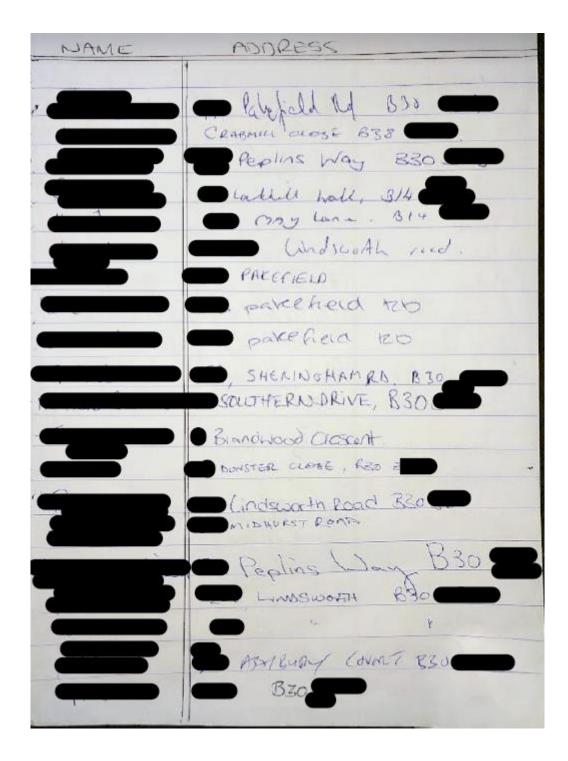
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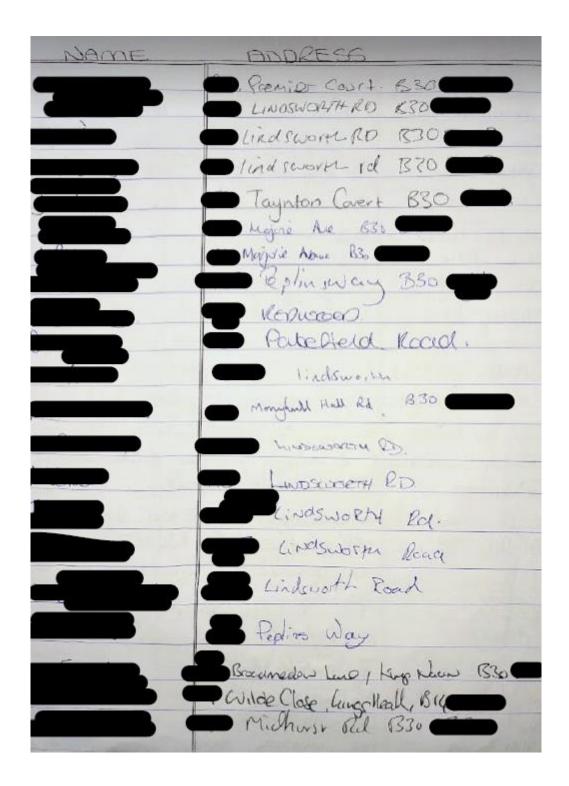
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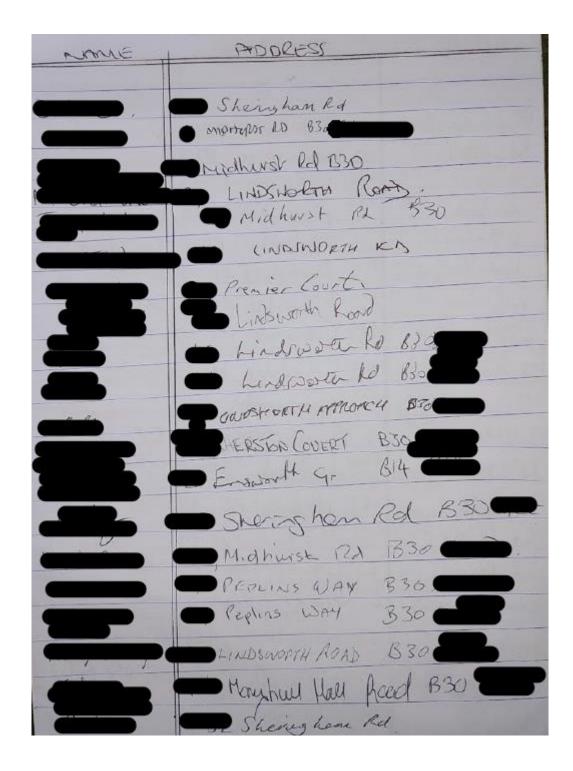
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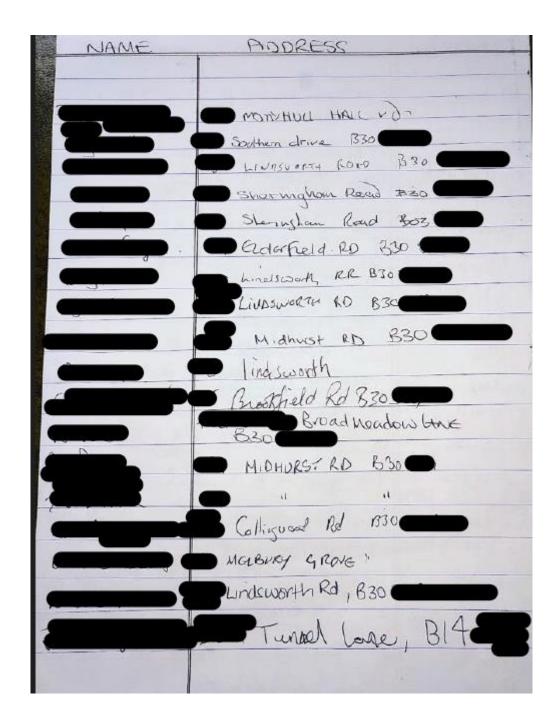
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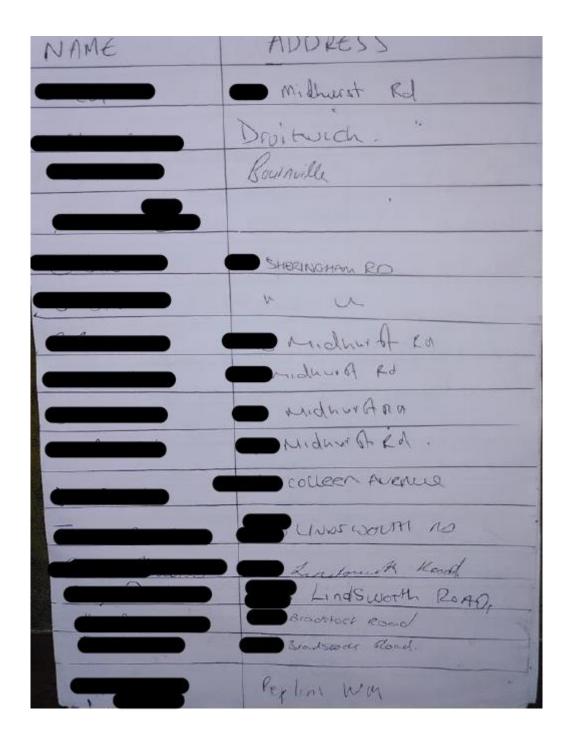
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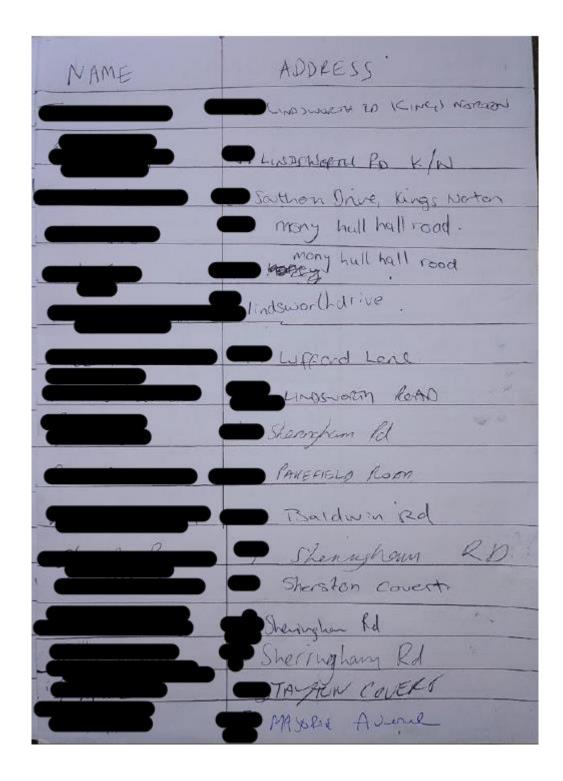




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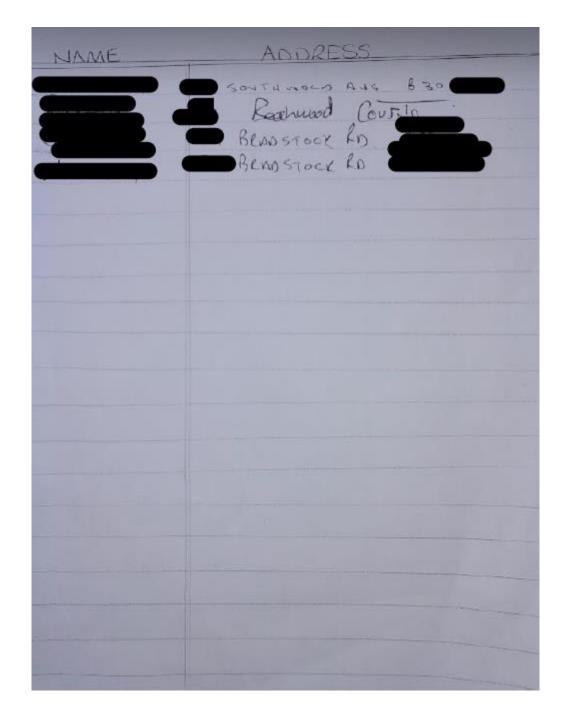




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Application for a premises licence to be granted under the Licensing Act 2003

#### I/We Mrs Hengameh Badri Dashtmian

(Insert name(s) of applicant) apply for a premises licence under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below (the premises) and I/we are making this application to you as the relevant licensing authority in accordance with section 12 of the Licensing Act 2003

Part 1 – Premises details

Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description.						
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Post town Birmingham Postcode B30 3QH						

Telephone number at premises (if any)			
Non-domestic rateable value of premises	£ 5,200.00	Band B	

#### Part 2 - Applicant details

Please	e state	whether you are applying for a premises licer	ice as	Please tick as appropriate
a)	an	individual or individuals *	$\times$	please complete section (A)
b)	a p	erson other than an individual *		
	i	as a limited company/limited liability partnership		please complete section (B)
	ü	as a partnership (other than limited liability)		please complete section (B)
	iii	as an unincorporated association or		please complete section (B)
	iv	other (for example a statutory corporation)		please complete section (B)
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d)	a cl	harity		please complete section (B)
e)	the	proprietor of an educational establishment		please complete section (B)
f)	a b	ealth service body		please complete section (B)
g)	Ca	erson who is registered under Part 2 of the re Standards Act 2000 (c14) in respect of an ependent hospital in Wales.		please complete section (B)
ga)	Par (wi	erson who is registered under Chapter 2 of t 1 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (thin the meaning of that Part) in an ependent hospital in England.		please complete section (B)
h)		chief officer of police of a police force in gland and Wales		please complete section (B)

\* If you are applying as a person described in (a) or (b) please confirm (by ticking yes to one box below):

I am carrying on or proposing to carry on a business which involves the use of the premises for licensable activities; or	$\boxtimes$
I am making the application pursuant to a	
statutory function or	
a function discharged by virtue of Her Majesty's prerogative	

#### (A) INDIVIDUAL APPLICANTS (fill in as applicable)

Mr 🗌	Mrs	$\boxtimes$	Miss		1	Ms		r Title (for 1ple, Rev)	
Surname Badri Dashtmian First names Hengameh									
Date of birth I am 18 years old or over 🛛 Please tick yes						yes			
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E-mail address (optional)									
Where applicable (if demonstrating a right to work via the Home Office online right to work checking service), the 9-digit 'share code' provided to the applicant by that service (please see note 15 for information)									

## SECOND INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT (if applicable)

Mr Mrs Miss I	Ms D Other Title (for example, Rev)					
Surname	First names					
Date of birth I am 18 years old or over	Please tick yes					
Nationality						
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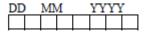
#### (B) OTHER APPLICANTS

Please provide name and registered address of applicant in full. Where appropriate please give any registered number. In the case of a partnership or other joint venture (other than a body corporate), please give the name and address of each party concerned.

Name
Address
Registered number (where applicable)
registered namoer (where applicable)
Description of applicant (for example, partnership, company, unincorporated association etc.)
Telephone number (if any)
E-mail address (optional)

#### Part 3 Operating Schedule

When do you want the premises licence to start?



If you wish the licence to be valid only for a limited period, when do you want it to end?

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Please give a general description of the premises (please read guidance note 1)
A high class newly refurbished convenience store (Ex Post Office), serving the local community, with high quality food and service.

If 5,000 or more people are expected to attend the premises at any one time, please state the number expected to attend.

What licensable activities do you intend to carry on from the premises?

(please see sections 1 and 14 and Schedules 1 and 2 to the Licensing Act 2003)

Prov	rision of regulated entertainment (please read guidance note 2)	Please tick all that apply
a)	plays (if ticking yes, fill in box A)	
b)	films (if ticking yes, fill in box B)	
c)	indoor sporting events (if ticking yes, fill in box C)	
d)	boxing or wrestling entertainment (if ticking yes, fill in box D)	
e)	live music (if ticking yes, fill in box E)	
f)	recorded music (if ticking yes, fill in box F)	
g)	performances of dance (if ticking yes, fill in box G)	
h)	anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) (if ticking yes, fill in box H)	
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In all cases complete boxes K, L and M

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# State the name and details of the individual whom you wish to specify on the licence as designated premises supervisor (Please see declaration about the entitlement to work in the checklist at the end of the form):

Name	
Date of bir	th
Address	
Attending	course. A Vary DPS will be submitted at a later date
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	cence number (if known)

Please highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children (please read guidance note 9).

### Not applicable

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Hours premises are open to the public. Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			<u>State any seasonal variations</u> (please read guidance note 5) From the start of permitted hours New Years Eve to the close of permitted hours New Years Day
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Describe the steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives:

a) General - all four licensing objectives (b, c, d, and e) (please read guidance note 10)

The premises will have a positive impact on the community, which includes employees, suppliers, customers, the environment, and the people in the local area. It will always show due diligence to the licensing objectives and ensure it has a positive impact.

Policies and procedures will be in place for the safe and efficient running of the premises, including (not least):

- 1. Staff training and operations manual
- 2. Refusals log
- 3. Challenge 25
- 4. DPS Authorisations

As the applicant, I will ensure that I fully uphold all of the licensing objectives, at all times.

I have therefore submitted a robust operating schedule with very reasonable hours of operation, demonstrating a commitment to due diligence at the premises.

### b) The prevention of crime and disorder

CCTV will be installed, operated, and fully maintained at all times; images will be retained for at least 28 days and be produced on request of any Responsible Authority. The CCTV will be operational at all times whilst the premises are trading.

Warning notices will be displayed in public areas of the premises advising that CCTV is in operation. .

A refusals register will be maintained at all times, and will be checked and signed off by the DPS at regular intervals. These will be made available for inspection by any Responsible Authority, upon reasonable request.

### c) Public safety

The premises licence holder or DPS will carry out pre-opening checks of the premises, to ensure that there are no risks to patrons and that all safety precautions are in place.

The licence holder will ensure that all staff receive appropriate staff training. The licence holder would ensure that all staff are aware of their social and legal obligations, especially their responsibilities regarding the sale of alcohol.

All safety certificates and inspection reports would be kept on site and made available by officers of relevant statutory bodies.

d) The prevention of public nuisance

As the Premises Licence Holder, I will ensure that the disturbance caused to the general public is kept to a minimum, signage will placed in a prominent place near the exit, asking customers to respect our neighbours.

All staff will ensure that the frontage of the premises is checked regularly for litter and rubbish, clearing any debris away.

No rubbish, including bottles, shall be moved, removed, or placed in outside areas between 2300hours and 0800hours.

### e) The protection of children from harm

A challenge 25 policy is in place and only recognised forms of ID will be accepted. Accepted forms of id will include PASS accredited ID, passport, or photo driving licence.

Checklist:

#### Please tick to indicate agreement

I have made or enclosed payment of the fee.	$\times$
I have enclosed the plan of the premises.	$\times$
I have sent copies of this application and the plan to responsible authorities and others where applicable.	X
I have enclosed the consent form completed by the individual I wish to be designated premises supervisor, if applicable.	
I understand that I must now advertise my application.	$\times$
I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected.	$\boxtimes$
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IT IS AN OFFENCE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION. THOSE WHO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT MAY BE LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE OF ANY AMOUNT.

IT IS AN OFFENCE UNDER SECTION 24B OF THE IMMIGRATION ACT 1971 FOR A PERSON TO WORK WHEN THEY KNOW, OR HAVE REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE, THAT THEY ARE DISQUALIFIED FROM DOING SO BY REASON OF THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS. THOSE WHO EMPLOY AN ADULT WITHOUT LEAVE OR WHO IS SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS AS TO EMPLOYMENT WILL BE LIABLE TO A CIVIL PENALTY UNDER SECTION 15 OF THE IMMIGRATION, ASYLUM AND NATIONALITY ACT 2006 AND PURSUANT TO SECTION 21 OF THE SAME ACT, WILL BE COMMITTING AN OFFENCE WHERE THEY DO SO IN THE KNOWLEDGE, OR WITH REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE, THAT THE EMPLOYEE IS DISQUALIFIED. Part 4 - Signatures (please read guidance note 11)

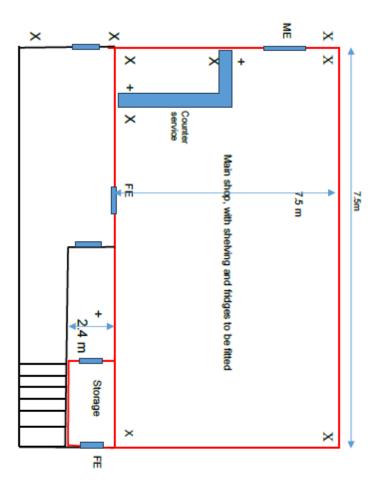
Signature of applicant or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent (see guidance note 12). If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity.

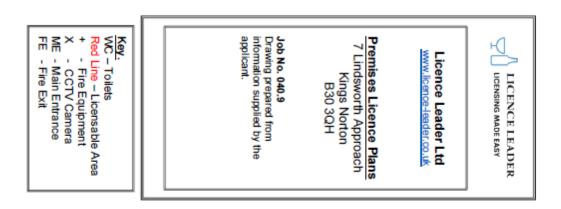
Declaration	<ul> <li>[Applicable to individual applicants only, including those in a partnership which is not a limited liability partnership] I understand I am not entitled to be issued with a licence if I do not have the entitlement to live and work in the UK (or if I am subject to a condition preventing me from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity) and that my licence will become invalid if I cease to be entitled to live and work in the UK (please read guidance note 15).</li> <li>The DPS named in this application form is entitled to work in the UK (and is not subject to conditions preventing him or her from doing work relating to a licensable activity) and I have seen a copy of his or her proof of entitlement to work, or have conducted an online right to work check using the Home Office online right to work checking service which confirmed their right to work (please see note 15)</li> </ul>
Signature	
Date	14 May 2024
Capacity	Agent on behalf of the applicant (Licence Leader Ltd)

For joint applications, signature of 2<sup>nd</sup> applicant or 2<sup>nd</sup> applicant's solicitor or other authorised agent (please read guidance note 13). If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity.

Signature	
Date	
Capacity	

Contact name. Rob Edge Licence Leader Ltd						
Post town			Postcode			
Telephone number (if any)						
If you would prefer us to correspond with you by e-mail, your e-mail address (optional)						





On Tue, 11 Jun 2024 at 13:28, Robert Edge wrote: Mark,

I can confirm that the applicant has agreed the change in hours and additional conditions listed in this email

many thanks Rob

On Tue, 11 Jun 2024 at 11:47, Mark Swallow wrote: Rob,

Further to our phone call yesterday I still haven't received the email from yourself.

I presume there is a technical error and therefore I am emailing to you the times and conditions. If you could put on this the agreement of your client to this and send it back I will progress the matter with the Local Authority.

Mark.

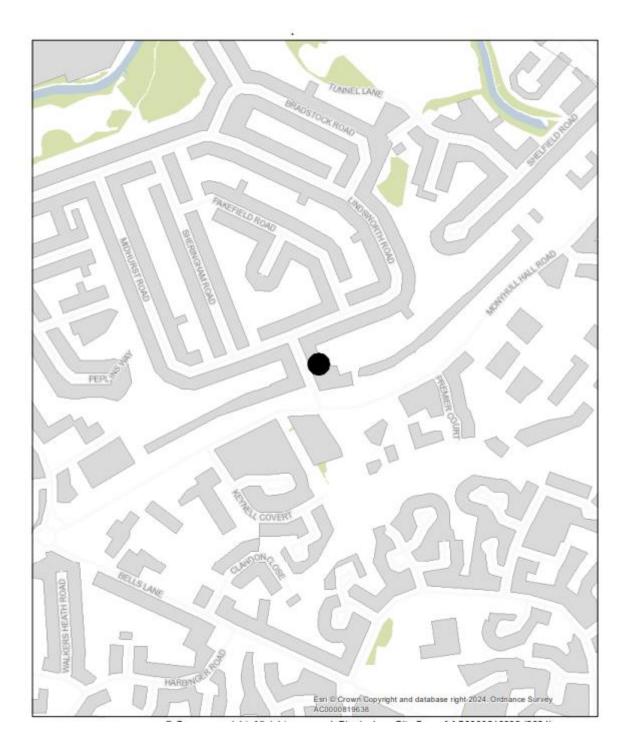
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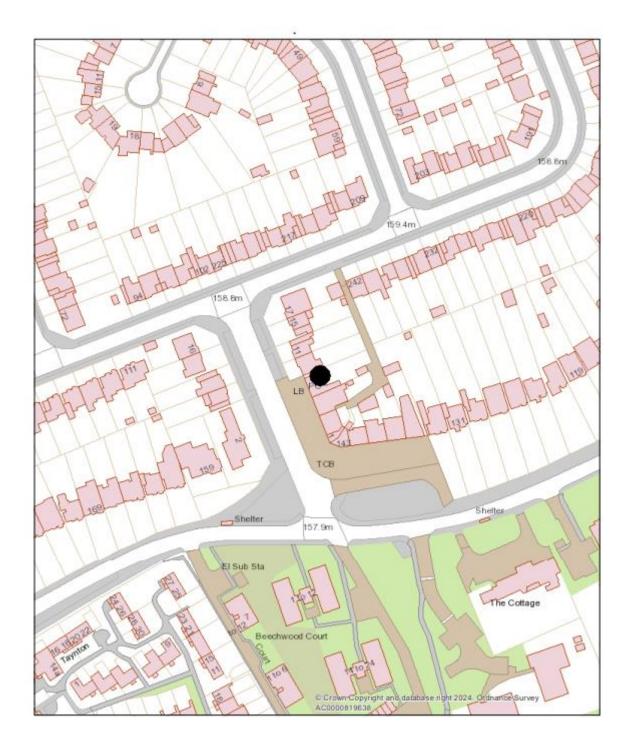
If for any reason the CCTV hard drive needs to be replaced the previous / old hard drive will be kept on site for a minimum of 28 days and made immediately available to any of the responsible authorities on request. The CCTV will be checked to ensure that it is working each week. This information will be stored for 12 weeks and made available to any of the responsible authorities on request.

The premises will operate an incident/ refusals register. The register will be made available to any of the responsible authorities on request.

No alcohol will be sold or allowed to leave the shop in open containers.

Staff who interact with the public are to be trained under the Licensing Act 2003 prior to being allowed to work at the premises. All training is to be documented and signed by the Premises License Holder and the trainee. All training records are to be made available to any of the responsible authorities on request. Staff are to receive documented refresher training every twelve months.





## Item 5

### Application for a premises licence : Moneyhull. 7 Lindsworth Approach Kings Norton. B30 3QH

### Documentation lodged on behalf of the Premises Licence Holder

### Acting for the Premises Licence Holder, I have given full regard to:

- The representation made against this application.
- The licensing objectives set out in the Licensing Act 2003.
- The Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.
- The Home Office guidance issued under Section 182 of the Act.

### Attached to this pack are the following appendices:

- A. Additional Conditions agreed with police licensing
- B. Challenge 25 Poster.
- C. Refusals log
- D. Incident log
- E. Staff training log
- F. DPS Authorisations
- G. LA2003 Signage
- H. Till prompt
- I. Response to those who have objected.

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### Additional conditions agreed with West Midlands Police Licensing Team

- a. Licensable activities will cease at 2300 hrs
- b. The premises licence holder is to place signage at various points within the premises and at the exit from the building, encouraging patrons to be quiet until they leave the area.

Example of the Challenge 25 Posters – Prominently displayed at the premises.



Example of the Refusals Log being utilised at the premises.

### **REFUSALS LOG BOOK**

If a customer appears to be under 25 and fails to produce a valid ID photo, the sale should be **Refused** and recorded in this refusals log. Staff should write an entry whenever an age-related sale is refused.

No ID - No Sale

Licence Leader Limited Alcohol Licensing Services www.licence-leader.co.uk rob.edge@licence-leader.co.uk 07982917819

DATE	PRODUCT	TIME	NAME OF PERSON OR DESCRIPTION	OBSERVATIONS	STAFF MEMBER
01/09/2022	A bottle of wine	1900 Hrs	Male blond 175 cm tall, approx. 17 years of age	Nervous and refused to show ID	Nicki Jay

### Licensing Act 2003 - Staff Training

Training delivered to all staff will include, not least the following list below, and should also include the fact that staff fully understand all of the content.

	It is illegal to sell alcohol to anyone under the age of 18.
$\blacktriangleright$	It is illegal to sell alcohol to anyone 18 or over if they are buying on behalf of someone
	under the age of 18.
	All premises that sell alcohol must have a Premises Licence and a Designated Premises
	Supervisor
$\triangleright$	Staff under the age of 18 must not sell alcohol unless each sale has been approved by
	the Personal Licence Holder or responsible person aged over 18
$\triangleright$	The premises Licence holder must display the premises licence inside the premises in a
	public place
$\triangleright$	If you are not sure that the customer is 18, ask for proof of age, use the Challenge 25
	scheme. If you are not sure, refuse the sale and record in the Refusals Log
$\triangleright$	Make sure you know the hours allowed within the licence for the sales of alcohol.
$\triangleright$	Ensure you know all of the conditions within the operating schedule of the premises
	licence.
$\triangleright$	Make sure the CCTV is always on and working when the premises is open and trading.
$\triangleright$	Never serve anyone who is drunk
$\succ$	Always offer 'free' water to anyone who has drunk too much
$\triangleright$	No alcoholic drink shall be sold for consumption off the premises.
$\triangleright$	No persons carrying open bottles shall be admitted to the premises at any time.
$\triangleright$	A record of staff training in relation to the sale of alcohol will be kept on the premises
	and available to Police or Licensing Authority on request.

## Staff that have been trained must sign below to confirm they have received and understood the training.

Name	Date	Signature	Comments

Signed by the DPS.

Name (Print)	
Signature	
Date	

### Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) Authorisation for Sale/Supply of alcohol

I am the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS), and the holder of a Personal Licence and I am the person in a position of authority at the premises.

I hereby authorise the following named personnel to sell and supply alcohol, to comply with the Licensing Act 2003.

This being either when I am present on the premises or in my absence. I can always be contactable on the following telephone number: .....

### Names of Authorised persons:

I, being a person named below am aware of and accept my responsibilities under the Licensing Act 2003 and will endeavour to comply in accordance with the licensing law and the licence conditions attached to the premises licence.

Name	Personal Licence Number (If Applicable)	Date	Signature

### **Designated Premises Supervisor - Authorisation.**

Name:	
Personal Licence Number:	
Signature:	

### **Reminder for training**

$\succ$	It is illegal to sell alcohol to anyone under the age of 18.			
$\succ$	> It is illegal to sell alcohol to anyone 18 or over if they are buying on behalf of someone			
	under the age of 18.			
$\checkmark$	All premises that sell alcohol must have a premises licence and a Designated Premises			
	Supervisor			
$\checkmark$	Staff under the age of 18 must not sell alcohol unless each sale has been approved by the			
	personal licence holder or responsible person aged over 18			
$\checkmark$	It is illegal to sell liqeuer chocolates to anyone under the age of 16			
$\checkmark$	> If you are not sure that the customer is 18 (alcohol) or 16 (liqeur chocolates, ask for proof of			
	age			
$\succ$	I recommend you use a Challege 25 scheme			
$\checkmark$	If you are still not sure, refuse the sale and record in the Refusals Log			
$\checkmark$	The premises Licence holder must display the premises licence on the premises in a public			
	place Page 124 of 128			

Example of the Signage being utilised at the premises.

# LICENSING ACT 2003 CUSTOMER NOTICE

When leaving the premises customers are requested to respect the needs of local residents & leave the premises quietly avoiding any unnecessary disturbance Thank You Asa backup to an electronic till prompt, this will be placed beside the till.

### TILL PROMPT -- CHALLENGE 25

Does the person buying alcohol look under 25.

## Check ID.

Enter in "Refusals Log" if sale is refused.

From:	Rob Edge. (Agent for the applica Licence Leader Ltd <u>rob.edge@li</u> Mob. 07982917819		
То:	Other Persons (those who have submitted objections to the application) All emails are blind copied.		
CC.	Licensing Authority	licensing@birmingham.gov.uk	
Dated:	12 June 2024		

### Dear Sir or Madam,

### **Premises Licence Application- Licensing Act 2003.** Lindsworth Approach.

Thank you for your correspondence, Firstly, to introduce myself, I am the licensing agent acting on behalf of the applicants for this premises licence. As your representations to the application for this premises licence has been forwarded to me by the licensing Authority, I am responding with the aim of finding a middle ground for mediation.

I will now attempt to answer your questions, and hopefully allay any concerns you, may have initially had. I have spoken with the owners of the premises, and they have taken seriously the comments made by you, and have acted accordingly.

### In answer to the points raised by you :

a. It is noted that you have experienced anti-social behaviour problems in the area for some considerable time. I would suggest that if you have witnessed anti-social behaviour or noise disturbance in the area over recent years, that these are matters that should be reported to the Police or Environmental Health, and you should supply any evidence to them, especially if it is coming from existing local shops.

Additionally, it is not possible to say that the current ASB and other related problems are attributable to this specific premises, when it is not yet open or trading with a premises licence; and therefore, all of the comments related to this are supposition, and not evidence based, as required.

b. It should be noted that the number of premises in any one area is not a consideration and usually helps to make businesses more competitive and more regulated.

### **Operating schedule of premises licence.**

In agreement and mediation with both West Midlands Police Licensing and Environmental Health, the operating hours for sale of alcohol have been **reduced to** 2300 hrs (11pm). Additional conditions have been placed on the operating schedule

of the premises licence in agreement with both of these Responsible Authorities, and these will go a long way to ensuring that the premises remain compliant. If they fail in any of these, a Review of their licence may be called at any time, which could lead to a revocation of the licence.

The premises will have a positive impact on the community, which includes employees, suppliers, customers, the environment, and the people in the local area. It will always show due diligence to the licensing objectives and ensure it has a positive impact.

Policies and procedures will be in place for the safe and efficient running of the premises, including (not least):

- 1. Staff training and operations manual
- 2. Refusals log
- 3. Challenge 25
- 4. DPS Authorisations
- 5. Signage for customers to show consideration to neighbours

The applicant will ensure that they fully uphold all of the licensing objectives, at all times.

They have therefore submitted a robust operating schedule with very reasonable hours of operation, demonstrating a commitment to due diligence at the premises.

**The prevention of public nuisance** The Premises Licence Holder will ensure that the disturbance caused to the general public is kept to a minimum, signage will placed in a prominent place near the exit, asking customers to respect their neighbours.

It should always be remembered, that while complete control over indirect actions of members of the public may not be possible, demonstrating their commitment to addressing the issue and actively and taking steps to minimize its impact will help foster a positive relationship with the local community.

It must also be noted that the Premises Licence Holder intends to implement effective training, operational systems, and robust policies to a high level in the pursuit of good practice, and due diligence.

Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information in relation to this application. If you think I have addressed all of your concerns, you may wish to notify licensing at the council that you intend to withdraw your objection to this application via email and copy me in.

*Rob Kind regards* Rob Edge (Director/Founder) Licence Leader Ltd