

# BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

**LICENSING  
SUB-COMMITTEE A  
16 JUNE 2025**

## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE A HELD ON MONDAY 16 JUNE 2025 AT 1200 HOURS AS AN ON-LINE MEETING.**

**PRESENT:** - Councillor Diane Donaldson in the Chair.

Councillors Saddak Miah and Maureen Cornish.

### **ALSO PRESENT**

Bhapinder Nandhra – Licensing Section  
Chris Riley – 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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### 7/160625 **NOTICE OF RECORDING/WEBCAST**

The Chair advised the meeting that the meeting would be webcast for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's Public-I microsite ([please click this link](#)) and that members of the press/public may record and take photographs except where there are confidential or exempt items.

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### 8/160625 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Members were reminded that they must declare all relevant pecuniary and other registerable interests arising from any business to be discussed at the meeting.

If a disclosable pecuniary interest was declared, a Member must not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless they had been granted a dispensation.

If other registerable interests were declared, a Member may speak on the matter only if members of the public were allowed to speak at the meeting but otherwise must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless they have been granted a dispensation.

If it was a 'sensitive interest', Members did not have to disclose the nature of the interest, just that they have an interest.

Information on the Local Government Association's Model Councillor Code of Conduct was set out via <http://bit.ly/3WtGQnN>. This included, at Appendix 1, an interests flowchart which provided a simple guide to declaring interests at meetings.

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**APOLOGIES AND NOTIFICATION OF NOMINEE MEMBERS**

No apologies were submitted.

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**LICENSING ACT 2003 – PREMISES LICENCE – VARIATION – B & , STORE, 60-88 HIGH STREET, ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM, B23 6RS.**

**On Behalf of the Applicant**

Richard Williams – Solicitor  
Ashley England – Area Manager

**On Behalf of those Making Representations**

None of the objectors attended the meeting.

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The Chair introduced the Members and Officers present and asked if there were any preliminary points for the Sub-Committee to consider. No preliminary points were made.

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

At this stage the Chair invited the applicant to make their presentation. Richard Williams made the following points: -

- a) The premises had been there for a number of years without issues.
- b) The application is not for a new licence – the licence was transferred from Coop to B&M Stores and they were not applying for slightly longer hours.
- c) The premises intended to operate 8am-7pm, however the variation application would give them flexibility to open longer hours during busier periods – such as Christmas.
- d) There were two objections from local residents, however one had been withdrawn. The suggestion from the objector is that the application would undermined the licensing objectives. However, the premises is already operating without issues or concerns.

The Chair then invited the applicant to make a brief closing submission where they summarised the points made previously and added that they would surrender the existing licence once they opened this premises.

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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;

### 10/160625 **RESOLVED**

That the application by B & M Retail Limited to vary the premises licence in respect of B & M Store, 60 – 88 High Street, Erdington, Birmingham, B23 6RS, under section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003, be granted as follows:

- the Sale of Alcohol (for consumption off the premises), to operate from 07:00am until 11:00pm (Monday to Sunday).
- The Premises to remain open to the public from 07:00am until 11:00pm (Monday to Sunday).

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

The applicant's solicitor Richard Willams attended the meeting and outlined the application. The Applicant's area manager, Ashley England also attended.

Regarding the objections from other persons, one of the two objections was withdrawn.

The sole objection referred to the licensing objective of the prevention of crime and disorder.

There were no objections from West Midland Police.

The Sub-Committee considered the Home Office guidance pursuant to Section 182 Licensing Act 2023 at paragraph 2.1 which deals with the licensing objectives of Crime and disorder. The guidance states that Licensing authorities should look to the police as the main source of advice on crime and disorder.

Richard Willams stated that the Applicant already have the store in Erdington anyway, so no issues there and no evidence there is going to be anything that would undermine the licencing objectives.

In conclusion, Richard Willams stated observed that there was nothing to suggest there would be anything detrimental as the licencing objectives and as soon as this new store opened.

The Sub-Committee considered that the variation proposal put forward by the licence holder was precise and enforceable, and would cover any potential risk adequately.

The Sub-Committee therefore resolved to vary the licence as per the application. In reaching this decision, the Sub-Committee has given due consideration to the City Council's Statement of Licensing Policy, the Guidance issued under s182 of

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the Licensing Act 2003 by the Home Office, the application for the variation of the premises licence, the written representations received, and the submissions made at the hearing by the solicitor for the licence holder.

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.

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**The meeting ended at 1220 hours.**

*Chair*.....