

EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee: Licensing Sub-Committee **Date:** 25 May 2016

Place: Council Chamber, Civic Offices, **Time:** 10.00 - 10.15 am
High Street, Epping

Members Present: M Sartin (Chairman), A Boyce, D Dorrell and P Keska

Other Councillors:

Apologies:

Officers Present: N Clark (Licensing Compliance Officer), L Cole (Legal Services Officer) and A Hendry (Senior Democratic Services Officer)

96. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made pursuant to the Member's Code of Conduct.

97. PROCEDURE FOR THE CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

The Sub-Committee noted the agreed procedure for the conduct of business.

98. NEW PREMISES LICENCE FOR LIQUORICE, 153 QUEENS ROAD, BUCKHURST HILL, ESSEX

The three Councillors that presided over this item were Councillors M Sartin, D Dorrell and P Keska.

The Chairman introduced the Members and Officers present and outlined the procedure that would be followed for the determination of the application. The Chairman welcomed the applicant, Mrs J Eastwood-Smith.

(a) The application before the Sub-Committee

The Licensing Compliance Officer, N Clark introduced the application. The application had been made by Mrs Eastwood-Smith for a Premises Licence for Liquorice, 153 Queens Road, Buckhurst Hill, Essex, for the supply of alcohol, between the hours of 10am to 10pm. The authority had received the application on 5th April 2016.

All responsible authorities had been notified and the Licensing Authority had received responses from Essex Police, Essex County Fire & Rescue Service, Safeguarding Children Family Operations and the EFDC Environment and Neighbourhoods, all of which have made no representations. One objection had been received from a local resident in relation the prevention of public nuisance.

Essex Police had asked for an amendment to a condition in relation to the CCTV operation and this was agreed by the applicant.

(b) Presentation of the Applicant's Case

The applicant Mrs Eastwood-Smith advised the Sub-Committee that she had a similar business in Shenfield. This would operate as a fine wine merchant; selling fine wines, sprit and related products. They would discourage the younger drinker as they did not sell the cheaper wines and alco-pops. She had never experienced any problems at her other store.

She did not intend to use the hours asked for and would operate from 11am to 7pm on weekdays and between 11am to 8pm on the weekends.

They would also hold wine tasting events at the premises for about 6 to 8 customers as their staff were also experts in wine.

(c) Questions for the Applicant from the Sub-Committee

Councillor Dorrell asked how often would the wine tasting events be held. He was told that it would be once or twice a week. They would not go on late into the evening because of their trading hours.

Councillor Sartin asked if the wine tasting would go on later than the closing hours she had stated. She was told that it may go on until 9pm; usually starting at 7.30pm up to 9pm.

Councillor Keska asked if the applicant would be in attendance at this premises. He was told that the applicant had a manager and staff to work there but she would be there part of the time.

Councillor Keska then asked why had her personal licence been issued in Chelmsford. He was told that she initially had a business there.

Councillor Sartin asked who the personal Licence holder would be and she was told that all the staff would be licence holders.

Councillor Keska asked the applicant to confirm that she had agreed to implement the suggested Police Conditions on the CCTV. Mrs Eastwood-Smith replied that she had agreed to implement these conditions.

(d) Closing Statement from the Applicant

The Applicant advised that she had nothing further to add.

(e) Consideration of the Application by the Sub-Committee

The Sub-Committee asked the applicant and officers to withdraw from the chamber while they considered the application in private. During their deliberations the Sub-Committee received no further advice from officers present.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That Mrs J Eastwood-Smith be granted a premises Licence for Liquorice, 153 Queens Road, Buckhurst Hill, Essex for on and off sales; and

- 2) That the standard conditions apply plus the extra conditions agreed with Essex Police on the use of CCTV, namely:
 - (i) That the premises shall install and maintain a comprehensive CCTV system covering the internal and external of the premises. It will also cover all entry and exit points enabling full frontal identification of every person entering in any light condition.
 - (ii) The CCTV system shall continually record whilst the premises is open to the public and during all times when customers remain on the premises.
 - (iii) All recordings will be kept in an unedited format for a period of not less than 31 days with time and date stamping. Recordings shall be made available immediately upon lawful request of Essex Police or other Responsible Authority. Download or export of CCTV should be in the native file format with the native player.
 - (iv) A staff member from the premises who is conversant with the operation of the CCTV system shall be available at all times when the premises are open to the public. This staff member must be able to show Essex Police or other Responsible Authority recent data or footage with the absolute minimum of delay.

CHAIRMAN