

Report to the Licensing Sub-Committee

Date of meeting: 15th June 2021

Subject: Licensing Act 2003- Application for a Premises Licence for Pitch 1, North Weald Market, North Weald Airfield, Merlin Way, North Weald Bassett, Epping, Essex, CM16 6HR



**Epping Forest
District Council**

Responsible Officer: Debbie Houghton, Licensing Officer 01992 564336

Democratic Services Officer: Adrian Hendry

Decisions Required:

To consider an application for a Premises Licence under the Licensing Act 2003

Report:

Application

An application has been made by John Ritchie, for Pitch 1, North Weald Market, North Weald Airfield Merlin Way, North Weald Bassett, Epping, Essex, CM16 6HR, for a new premises licence at the above location.

The application is for the following licensing activities:

- 1. The Sale by Retail of Alcohol off the Premises only**
Saturday 08.00 – 16.00pm,
Bank Holiday Mondays, 08.00 – 16.00pm

Opening Times of the premises

Saturday 08.00 – 16.00pm,
Bank Holiday Mondays, 09.00 – 15.00pm

- 2** The application was received on the 1st May 2021.

The Operating Schedule sets out conditions which will be attached to the licence if this application is granted.

The applicant has also added further comments to the Operating Schedule under the Protection of Children from Harm

- 3** When considering an application for a licence the licensing authority must have regard to steps that are appropriate to promote of the licensing objectives.
These are—
 - (a) the prevention of crime and disorder;
 - (b) public safety;
 - (c) the prevention of public nuisance; and
 - (d) the protection of children from harm.

- 4 It must also have regard to its Statement of Licensing Policy and any guidance issued by the Secretary of State.

Consultation

- 5 The Responsible Authorities have all received a copy of the application, it was also advertised at the premises and in a local newspaper.
- 6 A copy of the Blue Notice and Newspaper advert is attached to this report.
- 7 All residences and businesses within 150 meters radius of the premises were individually consulted.
- 8 The authority has received 1 representation from North Weald Parish Council, please see email attached.
- 9 There was a response from Public Health, Essex Fire and Rescue, Essex Police, and Planning, none of which had any comments or representations to make, please see attached emails with this report.
- 10 The Objection relates to the Protection of Children from Harm.

Guidance Issued by the Secretary of State

- 11 The Licensing Act 2003 provides that the licensing authority must 'have regard to' guidance issued by the Secretary of State under section 182.
- 12 Sections 2.15 to 2.21 of the Guidance are relevant to this application

Options

In determining this application the Sub-Committee may take any of the following steps as it considers necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives, namely:

- (a) to grant the licence as applied for subject to
 - the conditions mentioned in the Operating Schedule modified as the Sub-committee considers necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives, and
 - the mandatory conditions specified in the Licensing Act 2003, or
- (b) to exclude from the scope of the licence any licensable activities to which the application relates, or
- (c) refuse to specify a person as the premises supervisor, or
- (d) reject the application

Determination

The Sub-committee is asked to determine the application having regard to

- (a) the content of this report and representations
- (b) any additional information obtained from the hearing
- (c) the Council's statement of licensing policy
- (d) Guidance issued by the Secretary of State, and
- (e) the steps appropriate to promote the licensing objectives.

Appeal

If any party is aggrieved with the decision they can appeal to Magistrates court. The appeal period is 21 days from notification of the decision.

Background Papers Used In Preparing This Report:

- The Licensing Act 2003
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2003/17/contents?view=plain>
- The Secretary of State's Guidance issued under Section 182 Licensing Act 2003
- Epping Forest District Council's statement of licensing policy.
<http://www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk>

Attached documents

- Application for a Premises Licence.
- Plan of the premises
- Newspaper advert and Public Notice
- Additional Operating Schedule comment
- Copies of the representation in the form of email
- Copies of all responses from Public Health, Essex Fire and Rescue, Essex Police and Planning.