

Minutes of the Licensing Sub Committee held at the Civic Centre, Riverside, Stafford on Friday 15 November 2024

Chair - Councillor P A Leason

Present (for all or part of the meeting):-

Councillors:

J P Read J Thorley

Officers in attendance:-

K McKinney - Senior Licensing and Enviro-Crime OfficerL Taylor-Grime - Principal Solicitor - Contentious Litigation

J Allen - Democratic Services Officer

Also in attendance:-

Mr Sellathurai - Applicant Mr Rajesh - Agent

Mr Ganesalingam - Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS)

Ms Carrington - Objector

LSC1 Application for a Premises Licence - DealZuper, 80-82 Weston Road, Stafford ST16 3RW

Considered the report of the Licensing Manager in relation to an application for a Premises Licence for DealZuper, 80-82 Weston Road, Stafford ST16 3RW.

On 8 September 2024 the Council received an application for a Premises Licence for DealZuper Ltd, a convenience store, 80-82 Weston Road, Stafford ST16 3RW.

The application was for a Premises Licence to operate from 07:00 - 23:00 seven days a week, Monday to Sunday.

The Premises Licence Holder of the premises was Mr Sellathurai. The agent for the application was Mr Rajesh from Peradic Ltd. The Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) was Mr Ganesalingam.

A valid representation had been received during the consultation period from concerned homeowners. The objection related to two of the licensing objectives - the Prevention of Public Nuisance and the Prevention of Crime and Disorder.

A further letter had been received and signed by a number of local residents concerned by the opening hours and potential noise, which related to the licensing objective the Prevention of Public Nuisance.

There had been no objections received from the Responsible Authorities although conditions had been agreed between the Applicant and Environmental Health Officers.

Mr Rajesh outlined the case on behalf of the Applicant in support of the application for a Premises Licence. It was reported the Mr Ganesalingam (the DPS), will be moving to live in Stafford to fulfil his role as a DPS at the premises.

All parties were given the opportunity to question the applicant.

Ms Carrington (objector) outlined her case.

All parties were given the opportunity to question the objector.

The objector was duly given the opportunity to sum up their case.

The Agent was subsequently given the opportunity to sum the case on behalf of the Applicant.

The Sub Committee then considered the matter in private.

Recording of the meeting was paused and then restarted when all parties were back in the room.

All parties were invited back into the meeting for the Sub Committee's decision.

The Sub-Committee carefully considered the application before them. The representations of the residents and Licence Applicants have been fully considered in light of the Licensing Act 2023, the guidance under Section 182 of the Act and the Council's Licensing Policy and granted the Premises Licence subject to the previously agreed conditions and the Council's standard conditions. The Committee also welcomed the fact that the DPS would be living locally to enable him to fulfill his role at the premises.

CHAIR