

Chair - Councillor A M Loughran

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

Councillors:

A P Edgeller

J Thorley

Officers in attendance:-

L Taylor-Grime	-	Principal Solicitor - Contentious Litigation
J Wallace	-	Licensing and Enviro-Crime Group Manager
J Allen	-	Democratic Services Officer

Also in attendance:-

Mr Rahaman	-	Applicant
Sgt J Finn	-	Staffordshire Police
Mr R Jarman	-	Police Licensing Officer

LSC1 Application for a Premises Licence - Ayat Peppers Pizza, 3 Bridge Street, Stafford ST16 2HJ

Considered the report of the Licensing Manager in relation to an application for a Premises Licence for Ayat Peppers Pizza, 3 Bridge Street, Stafford ST16 2HJ

On 10 May 2024 the Council received an application for a Premises Licence in relation to the site property known as Ayat Peppers Pizza, 3 Bridge Street, Stafford ST16 2HJ.

The application was for a late-Night Refreshment Licence to operate from 23:00 - 02:00 hours on Mondays and Tuesdays. From 23:00 - 04:00 hours on a Wednesday. 23:00 - 02:00 on Thursdays and Fridays and 23:00 - 05:00 hours on Saturdays and Sundays. On Bank Holidays they wish for the licensable activities to be extended by a further 1 hour.

The Premises Licence Holder of the premises was Mr Muhammed Annes Ur Rahaman.

A valid representation had been received during the consultation period from Staffordshire Police Licensing Unit which relates to two of the licensing objectives, the Prevention of Crime and Disorder and Public Safety.

The Police had previously called for a review of the premises licence. The Licensing Authority also made a representation supporting the review as the premises has a history of non-compliance, together with concerns over the way the premises is fundamentally managed and the prevention of crime and disorder and public safety. The previous licence was revoked on 5 July 2023. A further application, in November 2023, by a relative of the previous proprietor, and involved with the business, was refused on 7 December 2023.

Licensing Officer Jarman outlined the Police's case in support of the refusal of the Premises License together with the CCTV footage.

All parties were given the opportunity to question the objectors.

Mr Rahaman outlined his case in support of the application for a Premises Licence.

All parties were given the opportunity to question the applicant.

The objectors were duly given the opportunity to sum up their case.

The applicant was subsequently given the opportunity to sum his case.

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 Staffordshire Police and the Applicant 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 late-night refreshment licence subject to the standard conditions and the following specific conditions:

- i. The premises must close to all members of the public at 03:00 hours every day of the week.
- ii. All deliveries must be delivered to an address with a valid postcode and not to a public place. No deliveries must be made to members of the public waiting outside the premises.

- iii. CCTV must be installed and cover all internal areas, including all public entry and exit points and any areas where smokers are allowed to congregate. The CCTV unit must be positioned in a secure part of the licensed premises and not within any private area of the location. Access to the system must be allowed immediately to the Police, or an authorised officer of the Licensing Authority in accordance with the Data Protection Act where it is necessary to do so for the prevention of crime and disorder, prosecution or apprehension of offenders or where disclosure is required by law.
- iv. All images must be kept for a consecutive 31 day period and to be produced to the Police, or an authorised officer of the Licensing Authority in relation to the investigation of crime and/or disorder issues and suspected licence breaches, upon request or within 24 hours of such request where it is necessary to do so for the prevention of crime and disorder, prosecution or apprehension of offenders or where disclosure is required by law.
- v. The CCTV system must be maintained so as to be fully operational and recording continually whilst the premises are open for licensable activities and during all times when customers remain on the premises.
- vi. The CCTV system clock must be set correctly and maintained (taking account of GMT and BST).
- vii. There must be notices displayed throughout the premises stating that CCTV is in operation.
- viii. There must be a member of staff available at all times who is trained and capable of operating the CCTV system and also downloading any footage required by the Police, or an authorised officer of the Licensing Authority.
- ix. Weekly checks must be made of the operation of the CCTV system to confirm that it is working correctly and such checks must be recorded in a register which is to be signed by the person conducting the check. This record must be kept fully updated at all times and remain on the premises for inspection by the Police, or an authorised officer of the Licensing Authority.
- x. An incident log must be kept at the premises and made available on request to the Police or an authorised officer of the Licensing Authority. It must be completed within 24 hours of the incident and must record the following:
 - (a) All crimes reported to the premises
 - (b) All ejections of patrons
 - (c) Any complaints received concerning crime and disorder

(d) Any incidents of disorder

(e) Any visits from Responsible Authorities

- xi. The last sale of hot food on the premises must be made at least fifteen minutes before the closure of the premises to the public. There must be clear signage detailing this.
- xii. No person must be allowed admittance or re-admittance to the premises after the last hot food sale from the premises has passed.
- xiii. The premises must be a member of pub watch within 24 hours of the licence being issued.
- xiv. There must be at least 1 SIA registered door staff present at the premises from 23:00 hours to 03:00 hours.
- xv. All SIA staff attendances are to be recorded in the attendance log which is to be made available on request to the Police or an authorised officer of the licensing authority.

ADDITIONAL NOTE: The Committee made the Applicant aware that if they did not comply with the terms of the licence they were at risk of being brought back before a Committee.

CHAIR