

**MINUTES OF THE LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE A
TUESDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2012**

Councillors Demirci, Peacock (Chair) and Scott

Apologies Councillor Ejiofor

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION
LSCA34.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Ejiofor, for whom Cllr Demirci was substituting.</p>
LSCA35.	<p>URGENT BUSINESS</p> <p>There were no new items of urgent business.</p>
LSCA36.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
LSCA37.	<p>MINUTES</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2012 be approved and signed by the Chair of that meeting.</p>
LSCA38.	<p>SUMMARY OF PROCEDURE</p> <p>NOTED</p>
LSCA39.	<p>TEDDY'S OFF LICENCE, 68B/C BRUCE GROVE, LONDON N17 6UZ</p> <p>The Committee considered the report, presented by the Licensing Officer, Daliah Barrett, on the application for a premises licence variation at Teddy's Off Licence, 68B/C Bruce Grove, London N17. It was reported that a letter of representation had been received from one interested party, objecting to the application on the grounds of crime and disorder and public nuisance.</p> <p>Mr Yildiz, objecting to the application, addressed the Committee and explained the reasons for his objection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were too many off licences in the area, this would lead to competition on price and cheap alcohol, which would then lead to crime and antisocial behaviour. • As someone working in the area, Mr Yildiz had experienced first hand the problems caused by people under the influence of alcohol, and a 24 hour licence at this premises would make the problems worse and attract more people to the area.

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- People who had been drinking caused noise nuisance and litter, which damaged the area.

In response to questions from the Committee to Mr Yildiz, the following points were discussed:

- Mr Yildiz advised that he worked in a nearby off-licence, which opened from 6am-1am. He felt that he was particularly affected by issues caused by people who had been drinking, as he worked directly with the public in his shop.
- It was reported that there had been more problems since Teddy's had opened, as there had been a reduction in alcohol prices in the area and attracted more drunk and disorderly people to the area.
- In response to a question from the Committee, Mr Yildiz advised that the price competition he referred to was between the shop he worked in and Teddy's Off Licence.

Mr Waites addressed the Committee on behalf of the applicant and made the following points:

- It was material that no representation against the application had been submitted by the Police, as the main source of advice on crime and disorder. Environmental Health and the Licensing Authority had also expressed no concerns regarding the application.
- Any objections on the basis of trade should be treated with less weight.
- The points raised by the objector had been very general in nature, and were not supported by evidence. Crime statistics for the months before and after the premises had opened had remained consistent, no problems had arisen as a result and the premises was operated in line with good practice and robust management arrangements.
- The premises was already open for 24 hours, this application was simply to match the hours for the sale of alcohol to the opening hours. It was noted that the neighbouring premises also had a licence for the 24 hour sale of alcohol.
- The conditions proposed in the operating schedule were robust; if the Committee felt it necessary, the applicant would offer an additional condition relating to litter.

In response to questions from the Committee to the applicant's representative, the following points were covered:

- The Committee asked about the training for staff on issues around underage sales; it was confirmed that the applicant held a personal licence, and he and his staff also received training from their licensing agent regarding age verification procedures, dealing with intoxicated patrons, etc. It was confirmed that the most recent training had been completed on 28 October 2012.
- This was the only premises operated by the applicant, who had previously run a café bar and convenience store and had a lot of local knowledge.
- It was confirmed that the premises sold a range of products as well as alcohol; spirits would be displayed behind the counter, and beer and wine would be displayed on either side of the counter.

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In summing up, the objector suggested that the premises was very close to another premises with a 24 hour alcohol licence, and that customers did not need another such premises as it would have a negative impact on the local area, drunk and disorderly incidents and crime would increase, and there would also be litter and noise nuisance as a result. The applicant's representative noted that neither the police nor environmental health had made representations against the application, the premises had already proven that they could uphold the licensing objectives and robust conditions were in place. It was noted that the issue of need was not an issue the Licensing Sub Committee could take into account.

The Committee withdrew to deliberate.

RESOLVED

The Committee carefully considered the application, the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy, the guidance under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 and the representations by the applicant and one interested party. It was the Committee's decision to grant the extension of the hours for the supply of alcohol, namely:

Monday to Sunday: 0000 to 0000

The conditions on the current licence (set out at pages 39 to 41 of the agenda pack) will be carried over to the new licence, in addition, the Committee imposed the condition offered by the applicant that staff at the premises carry out litter patrols on a regular basis in order to promote the licensing objective relating to the prevention of public nuisance.

As an informative, the applicant is reminded of the need for all staff to undertake training in their responsibilities in relation to the sale of alcohol, particularly with regard to drunkenness and underage persons and the need for records to be kept of training and refresher training.

LSCA40.	ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS There were no new items of urgent business. The meeting closed at 20:00hrs.
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Cllr Sheila Peacock
Chair