

Licensing Sub-Committee – Meeting held on Monday, 4th March, 2019.

Present:- Councillors Davis (Chair), S Parmar and Wright.

Officers Present:- Tolani Idowu (Licensing), Shabana Kauser (Democratic Services) and Andrew Lucas (Legal Services)

PART 1

1. Declarations of Interest

None received.

2. Guidance on Predetermination/ Predisposition - To Note

Members confirmed that they had read and understood the guidance on predetermination and predisposition.

3. Application for Street Trading Consent - Anjum's, Service Road outside 220 Farnham Road, Slough

The Chair welcomed all parties to the meeting and asked those present to introduce themselves and explained the procedure for the hearing. The Applicant was in attendance with a translator.

Introduction by the Licensing Officer

The Licensing Officer introduced the report stating that an application for a Street Trading Consent in the location of the Service Road between 220, Farnham Road and 216-218, Farnham Road, Slough, had been received. The premises would trade as "Anjum's".

The Sub Committee was reminded that the Council had designated all streets in the Borough as consent streets but Street Trading was only allowed with the consent of the Council. The Council could limit the number of Consents issued and attach appropriate conditions.

The Sub-Committee was advised an application had been submitted for a Street Trading Consent for the sale of grilled chicken and chips and that the hours of operation proposed were Monday to Sunday from 19:00 hrs, to 23:00 hrs.

It was highlighted that a Street Trading Consent for the site had previously been granted to an individual who had been trading from 2006 until October 2015, but ceased trading due to ill health. A new consent was granted to a different operator in 2016 with specific conditions.

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The Officer discussed the consultation which had taken place with relevant authorities and owners/ occupiers of properties within 100 metres of the proposed site. Objections were received from owners/ occupiers which included the following grounds:

- The granting of the application would result in noise and anti-social activities.
- There would be an increase in litter in the form of food waste and drinks cans and bottles.

The Sub Committee was reminded that conditions could be attached to the Consent where deemed necessary and these could be varied when required. The Consent was valid for a year and could be reviewed annually. Further, the Council could revoke a Consent at any time.

Questions to Licensing Officer

In response to a Member question, it was confirmed that only soft drinks, not alcohol, would be sold.

Representations by the Applicant

Mr Anjum addressed the Sub-Committee, stating that his previous employment meant that he had relevant food handling and hygiene experience. It was noted that you had left your employment to pursue this as a business venture and had spent £10k on purchasing a van.

In summary the Applicant stated that this business was important as he wanted to do something for himself and that he should be given an opportunity to prove himself.

The Licensing Officer and the Applicant summed up. All parties were asked to leave the meeting whilst the Sub-Committee deliberated.

Decision

The Sub-Committee carefully considered all of the evidence at its disposal, and it was:

Resolved - That a Street Trading Consent for Anjum's, the Service Road between 220, Farnham Road, and 216-218, Farnham Road, Slough, be granted for one year, subject to the following conditions:-

1. A limit on the hours of trade which can be undertaken (hours of operation Monday to Sunday from 19:00 hrs to 23:00 hours)
2. A bin must be placed on the site and a litter pick of a 25 metre radius of the site and a litter pick undertaken on a daily basis.
3. Removal of all rubbish daily.
4. A prohibition on leaving vehicles at the site overnight.

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While the Sub-Committee considered the objections to be valid concerns for local residents, they were satisfied that placing additional conditions on the consent should prevent nuisance from being caused to the residents.

Chair

(Note: The Meeting opened at 10.06 am and closed at 10.33 am)