

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

Licensing Sub-Committee

Meeting held 30 July 2013

PRESENT: Councillors John Robson (Chair), Nikki Bond and Stuart Wattam

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 There were no apologies for absence. Councillor George Lindars-Hammond attended the meeting as a reserve Member, but was not required to stay.

2. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

2.1 No items were identified where resolutions may be moved to exclude the public and press.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

4. LICENSING ACT 2003 - SHELL CREST, 320 HANDSWORTH ROAD, SHEFFIELD S13 8TA

4.1 The Chief Licensing Officer submitted a report to consider an application for the grant of a premises licence made under Section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003, in respect of premises known as Shell Crest, 320 Handsworth Road, Sheffield S13 8TA.

4.2 Present at the meeting were Mr. C. Lockett (authorised agent for Shell UK Oil Products Limited), Greg Fee (prospective Premises Supervisor), Matt Proctor (Senior Licensing Officer), Nina Hollis (Licensing Officer), Louise Slater (Solicitor to the Sub-Committee) and Jennie Skiba (Democratic Services).

4.3 The Solicitor to the Sub-Committee outlined the procedure which would be followed during the hearing.

4.4 Matt Proctor presented the report to the Sub-Committee and it was noted that objections had been received from two local residents and were attached at Appendix B to the report. The objectors were invited but did not attend the hearing.

4.5 Mr. Lockett stated that the store site is a well-established 24 hour convenience store, which has a closed door policy between the hours of 23.00 and 05.00 seven days per week with all service taking place through a night hatch. He added that the retailer, Greg Gee, is fully experienced and operates 10 other sites for Shell UK, eight of which are licensed and has done so since he was granted his first licence in 2002.

- 4.6 Mr. Lockett stated that the premises has full digital internal and external CCTV equipment. He invited Members to inspect a due diligence pack operated by the company, which incorporated a premises licence manual, a staff training manual, a premises refusals log, an incident log and the Challenge 25 trading initiative and said that all staff were trained to the standards outlined in the pack.
- 4.7 Mr. Lockett then referred to the fact that the company had contacted the objectors to mediate between Shell UK, the retailer and themselves with the offer of a possible reduction in the sale of alcohol hours, and that no snacks, which were a cause for concern to the objectors, only hot drinks and soup, would be sold. The company had not received a response from the objectors.
- 4.8 In response to questions from Members, Mr. Lockett said that all spirits would be kept behind the counter and that it was intended that only packs of drinks would be sold in an attempt to reduce any anti-social behaviour by not selling single cans of beers or lagers. He added that it was the policy of Shell UK for staff to keep the premises and any surrounding area in a clean and tidy condition. He went on to state that there is very little profit to be made from the sale of fuel and the retailers hoped to boost their profits by adding a convenience store as part of the premises. He also felt that the lack of objections from the Responsible Authorities showed that there was no cause for concern.
- 4.9 Matt Proctor then outlined the options to the Sub-Committee.
- 4.10 RESOLVED: That the Sub-Committee agrees to grant the application for a premises licence in respect of Shell Crest, 320 Handsworth Road, Sheffield S13 8TA, in the terms now requested.

(The full reasons for the Sub-Committee's decision and the operating conditions will be included in the Notice of Determination).