



LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

24th July 2007

REPORT OF HEAD OF PUBLIC PROTECTION

Application for a premises licence to be granted under the Licensing Act 2003

**Our Late Shop
72-78 Reservoir Street
Walsall
WS2 9TG**

1.0 THE APPLICATION

1.1 Harbhajan Singh Badesha has made application, under the Licensing Act, 2003 for the grant of a premises licence in respect of the above premise. A copy of the application with plan of premises is attached as Appendix 1.

1.2 A summary of the application is as follows:

Proposed hours:

Licensable Activities	Days	Start	
Supply of alcohol	All Days	07:00	22:00
Premises open	All Days	07:00	22:00

2.0 Background

2.1 The application is in respect of a premise described by the applicant as being situated in the middle of a housing estate.

2.2 The application proposes to supply alcohol for consumption off the premises only.

2.3 Harbhajan Singh Badesha has completed the form giving his consent to being nominated as the designated premises supervisor. A copy of this document is attached as Appendix 2.

3.0 Promotion of Licensing Objectives

- 3.1 The steps the applicant intends to take to in order to promote the four licensing objectives are detailed in Section P on page 19 of the application (Appendix 1).

4.0 Relevant representations

- 4.1 Relevant representations may only be made by a “responsible authority” or by or on behalf of an “interested party” defined as a person living or having a business in the vicinity of the premises to which the application relates.
- 4.2 Representations were received from a “responsible authority”, West Midlands Police. The matters raised were negotiated and conditions volunteered by the applicant. A copy of the document is attached as Appendix 3.
- 4.3 One individual representation has been received. A copy is attached as Appendix 4.
- 4.4 A petition with 22 signatures has been received. A copy of the petition is attached as Appendix 5.
- 4.5 Ward Councillors, Anson and Sarohi have requested that they represent residents on this matter.
- 4.6 A petition supporting the application has been received but does not relate to the licensing objectives and is therefore considered not relevant.
- 4.7 A street map of the locality is attached as Appendix 6.

5.0 Policy considerations

- 5.1 Walsall Council has stated that ‘at all times the licensing authority will try to strike a fair balance between the benefits to the community of a licensed venue and the risk of disturbance to local residents’.
- 5.2 In considering each application on its own merits, the licensing authority will consider whether or not the proposed licensing hours in the operating schedule will have an adverse effect on the licensing objectives promoted by the authority.
- 5.3 The Licensing Officer has not been able to mediate in this case.

6.0 Associated papers

- 6.1 Appendix 1 – the application with premises plan
Appendix 2 – consent to be nominated as DPS
Appendix 3 – representation from West Midlands Police subsequently negotiated
Appendix 4 – individual representation
Appendix 5 – petition
Appendix 6 – street map of the locality