Report to Licensing sub committee
21 February 2014

Report of Head of citywide services
Licensing Act 2003:

Subject Application for the grant of a premises licence – Drayton

Road Post Office, 169 Drayton Road, Norwich NR3 2AA

Purpose

Members are asked, in accordance with the delegation of licensing functions contained in the Norwich City Council Statement of Licensing Policy (Licensing Act 2003), to consider the application for the grant of a premises licence in respect of Drayton Road Post Office, 169 Drayton Road, Norwich, NR3 2AA following the receipt of relevant representations.

Recommendation

That Members determine the application to grant a premises licence in respect of Drayton Road Post Office, 169 Drayton Road, Norwich, NR3 2AA in accordance with the:

- Licensing Act 2003;
- Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003; and
- Norwich City Council Statement of Licensing Policy.

Corporate and service priorities

The report helps to meet the corporate priority of a safe and clean city and the service plan priority of protecting the interests of the public through the administration of the licensing function.

Financial implications

None.

Ward/s: All wards

Cabinet member: Councillor Stonard – Environment, development and transport

Contact officers

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Background documents

None

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The application

- 1. The applicant is Hamir Ranavaya, 169 Drayton Road, Norwich, NR3 2AA.
- 2. The application seeks to allow the licensable activity of the sale by retail of alcohol.
- 3. The proposed standard days and hours for the licensable activity are:

the sale by retail of alcohol (for consumption off the premises)

Monday	0600 – 2300
Tuesday	0600 – 2300
Wednesday	0600 – 2300
Thursday	0600 – 2300
Friday	0600 – 2300
Saturday	0600 – 2300
Sunday	0600 – 2300

4. The opening hours requested are:

Monday	0600 – 2300
Tuesday	0600 – 2300
Wednesday	0600 – 2300
Thursday	0600 – 2300
Friday	0600 – 2300
Saturday	0600 – 2300
Sunday	0600 – 2300

5. The steps proposed to promote the licensing objectives together with a plan of the premises are attached at appendix A to the report. In addition to the proposed controls the applicant has agreed with Norfolk Constabulary the following additional conditions:-

A digital CCTV system will be installed and maintained in the premises and in working order at all times. Sufficient cameras will be installed to monitor the public

area within the building and to cover full facial recognition of customers entering the premises. Copies of images must be downloadable in a digital format and provided to police representatives on reasonable request. Images must be retained for a minimum of 28 days.

An incident book will be kept on site to record any incidents of crime or disorder at the premises.

A refusal book will be kept on the premises to record all refused sales and be available for inspection to Police or Licensing authority on request.

A Challenge 25 Policy will be used.

All staff involved in the sale of alcohol will receive training relating to the sale of alcohol. A copy of this training will be available to Police or Licensing Authority on request.

The internal door to the storage room will be secured with a combination lock.

All spirits will be displayed behind the counter.

The premises will use a monitored alarm system.

The kick panel of the front entrance door to be reinforced.

A minimum of 2 x 5 lever mortice locks certified to British Standard BS3621 to be on the main entrance door.

Relevant representations

6. The responses from the responsible authorities are as follows:

Police – no representations.

Environmental Protection – no representations.

Fire Officer – no representations.

Planning Officer – no representations.

Area Child Protection Committee – no representations.

Trading Standards – no representations.

Primary Care Trust – no representations

7. Two representations have been received in respect of the application with concerns which appear primarily to relate to the licensing objectives of the prevention of crime and disorder and the prevention of public nuisance. Copies of the representations are attached at appendix B to the report.

Norwich City Council statement of licensing policy

8. Attached at appendix C are the elements of the city council's local licensing policy which are considered to have a bearing upon the application:

National guidance (issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003)

9. Attached at appendix D are the elements of the national guidance issued by the Secretary of State that are considered to have a bearing upon the application.

Summary

- 10. In determining the application with a view to promoting the licensing objectives the sub-committee must give appropriate weight to:
 - the steps that are appropriate to promote the licensing objectives (i.e. the prevention of crime and disorder; public safety; the prevention of public nuisance; and the protection of children from harm);
 - the representations (including supporting information) presented by all the parties;
 - the guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 (National Guidance); and
 - the council's own statement of licensing policy.
- 11. The sub-committee must take such of the following steps as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives:
 - Grant the application as asked;
 - Modify the conditions of the licence by altering or omitting or adding to them;
 - Reject the whole or part of the application
- 12. The sub-committee is asked to note that it may not modify the conditions or reject the whole or part of the application merely because it considers it desirable to do so. It must actually be appropriate in order to promote the licensing objectives.
- 13. The representations received appear to relate to issues that fall under the licensing objectives of the prevention of crime and disorder and the prevention of public nuisance. The sub-committee is directed to paragraphs 20 and 24 of the local licensing policy at appendix C which contain examples of factors that impact on the licensing objectives that the applicant could consider when addressing these issues. These paragraphs also contains examples of control measures that may be taken into account in operating schedules having regard to the type of premises and/or the licensable activities.
- 14. The sub-committee is also reminded of the contents of appendices 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the local licensing policy (not re-produced in this report) which contain pools of model conditions relating to the four licensing objectives.