



NORWICH
City Council

Notice of Determination

Date of Hearing: Wednesday 13 June 2012

Licence Type: Application for the grant of a Premises Licence

Name of Applicant: Rojini Aravinthan, 21 Downbank Avenue, Bexleyheath
DA7 6RS

Postal Address of Premises (or description of premises):

Costcutter, 7-9 Parmenter Road, Norwich NR4 7DH

Licensing Sub-Committee:

Councillors Kendrick (Chair), Haynes and Henderson

List of Public Attending Committee

Councillor Wright (Ward member)

Determination –

The Sub-committee heard the application to grant a premises licence in respect of the Costcutter, 7-9 Parmenter Road, Norwich NR4 7DH ("the Premises").

In the absence of Ian Streeter, the Licensing Manager, the Head of Citywide Services' report was presented to the Licensing sub-committee ("the Report") by Luke Parker, the legal advisor to the Licensing sub-committee.

The application sought to allow the licensable activity of the supply of alcohol for consumption off the premises only between the hours of 06:00 to 22:00 Monday to Sunday.

Following discussions with Norfolk Constabulary the applicant has added two further conditions to their operating schedule as listed at paragraph 1.4.5 of the Report.

In attendance on behalf of the applicant were Mr and Mrs Aravinthan and their representative Mr Kheng. Mr Kheng provided a summary of the applicant's history and advised that they operate a number of convenience stores licensed to sell alcohol in the south of England and have been doing so for the last 9-10 years and therefore are very responsible people.

In respect of the representation from the Interested Party Mr Kheng stated that there is no evidence that the concerns raised will be realised and that as the shop is not in

operation yet none of the alleged incidents of anti-social behaviour in the locality can be attributed to the Premises.

The Sub-committee asked about the training to be given to staff to prevent the underage sale of alcohol directly and via proxies.

In response to these questions the Committee were advised that staff will be suitably trained in the sale of alcohol and a Challenge 21 policy will be in operation.

Councillor Wright appeared in his capacity as Ward member and advised that he had been contacted by a number of other Interested Parties and that they were not fully in agreement with the Interested Party who had made the written representation but who had chosen not to appear before the Licensing sub-committee. He had been made aware of incidents of anti-social behaviour in Eaton Park involving alcohol by youths and those over 18 years of age and was therefore surprised no representations had been received from the Police. Councillor Wright said those he had spoken to felt that in order to prevent crime and disorder the hours for the sale of alcohol should be limited to 20:00 hours.

By way of a closing statement the applicant's representative, Mr Kheng, asked the Sub-committee to grant the application as sought together with the two conditions agreed with the Norfolk Constabulary.

The Licensing sub-committee's decision:

The Committee granted the application subject to the conditions agreed between the applicant and the Norfolk Constabulary. Members took into account the statutory guidance, the Council's own local licensing policy as well all of the representations made and the evidence heard. The views of the Responsible Authorities were noted insofar as there were no representations to the application.

Right of a Party to appeal against the determination of the Authority

For your information, applicants and any person who has submitted a relevant representation, or submitted an objection notice, who is aggrieved by the decision, or the imposition of any term, condition or restriction, have a right of appeal to the Magistrates' Court within 21 days of the date on which they are notified of the decision.

Dated this 13 June 2012