

## Licensing Sub Committee 1

**25 June 2020 at 9.30am**  
**Online Virtual Meeting**

**Present:** Councillor Peter Allen (Chair)  
Councillors S Davies and Downing

**Officers:** David Elliott – Local Authority Solicitor  
Makhan Singh Goshal – Licensing Officer  
Trisha Newton – Senior Democratic Services Officer  
Shane Parkes – Democratic Services Officer

**Also present:** Mrs Guinness - Applicant  
Mr Islam – Applicant’s Solicitor  
Mr Barry Groombridge – Objector

**Matters Delegated to the Sub Committee to exercise those functions of the Licensing Committee under the Licensing Act 2003 and any regulations made under the Act, together with any related functions.**

**18/20 Application for the grant of a new Premises Licence in respect of The Old Corner House, 1 Soho Street, Smethwick B66 2RH.**

The Chair welcomed all parties to the hearing and explained that the meeting would be conducted in line with the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.

The Licensing Sub Committee considered the application for the grant of a new Premises Licence in respect of The Old Corner House, 1 Soho Street, Smethwick B66 2RH, following representations from the West Midlands Fire Service and local residents.

Members were advised that the representation from West Midlands Fire Service, had requested confirmation, in writing, that the first floor of the property would remain vacant and that a copy of the emergency lighting certificate would be forwarded. These issues were still outstanding.



The Licensing Sub Committee requested legal advice on how to continue in light of this information.

The Licensing Sub Committee members, the Local Authority Solicitor and Democratic Services Officer withdrew from the meeting to enable the Sub-Committee to determine the matter.

The meeting adjourned at 10.35am.

The meeting re convened at 10.57am.

The Licensing Sub Committee considered that more information in respect to the representation from West Midlands Fire Service was required and also requested that a plan of the outside area be provided in order for it to determine the application.

**Resolved** that in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005 consideration of the application for Premises Licence in respect of The Old Corner House, 1 Soho Street, Smethwick be adjourned in the public interest, and that the Sub Committee reconvene on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020 to determine the matter.

Meeting ended at 11.05am.