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Licensing Sub Committee 1

Apologies for Absence

To receive any apologies for absence from the members of the Committee.





















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Declarations of Interests

Members to declare any interests in matters to be discussed at the meeting.







Report to Licensing Sub Committee 1

7 September 2023

Subject:	Application for the grant of a New Premises Licence at William Off Licence and Convenience Store, 19 William Road, Smethwick, B67 6LN
Director:	Director – Borough Economy – Alice Davey
Contact Officer:	Geeta Bangerh Licensing Officer licensing_team@sandwell.gov.uk

1. Recommendations

- To consider the application for the grant of a new premises licence under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 in respect of William Off Licence and Convenience Store, 19 William Road, Smethwick, B67 6LN.
- Each application must be considered on its merits taking into account the evidence presented at the hearing, and the Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 and the Council's Licensing Policy. The options that can be considered once evidence has been heard are detailed at section 5.

2. Reasons for Recommendations

2.1 The Licensing Sub Committee is asked to make a decision on the application based on any evidence presented at the hearing taking into account the Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 and the Council's own Statement of Licensing Policy and to give reasons for their decision.



















2.2 To consider an application for the grant of a new premises licence in respect of William Off Licence and Convenience Store, 19 William Road, Smethwick, B67 6LN, following receipt of representations from local residents objecting to the grant of the application due to Public Safety, The Prevention of Public Nuisance and The Protection of Children from Harm.

3. How does this deliver objectives of the Corporate Plan?



A strong and inclusive economy

Investing in people and jobs. Licensed premises provide employment in the Borough and help to support the Borough's economy.

It is the Authority's aim to offer a wide choice of high quality and well managed entertainment and cultural venues within a safe, orderly and attractive environment; valued by those who live here, work here and come to visit. We want to ensure that businesses operate responsibly and safely so that our residents live in decent neighbourhoods and have a good quality of life.

4. Context and Key Issues

- 4.1 Under the Licensing Act 2003, a responsible authority or any other person may make representations in respect of the application which must be relevant to one or more of the four licensing objectives, namely:
 - The Prevention of Crime and Disorder
 - Public Safety
 - The Prevention of Public Nuisance
 - The Protection of Children from Harm
- 4.2 Representations has been received from local residents. Copies of the representations are attached at Appendix 4.

CURRENT POSITION

- 4.3 An application has been made by Mr Gourav Rai for the grant of a new premises licence.
- 4.4 A copy of the full application and plan is attached at Appendix 1.

















- 4.5 The application is for Supply of alcohol (Off the premises) Monday Sunday 07:00 23:00.
- 4.6 The proposed hours the premises will be open to the public is Monday Sunday 07:00 23:00.

4.7 Operating Schedule/Proposed Conditions

General

No alcohol or tobacco will ever be purchased from sellers calling at the premise. Exceptions to the condition would be purchases made from authorised representatives who have made prior appointments to visit the store.

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The prevention of crime and disorder

The CCTV system must be installed and operate internally to cover all areas that licensable activities take place and where alcohol is displayed within any public area.

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All Records shall be retained at the premises for a period of no less than 12 months and made available to responsible authorities on request.

Public Safety

A risk Assessment will be in place and updated annually.

The prevention of public nuisance

Prominent signs will be displayed requesting customers to have regard f or local residents when leaving the premises.

















Adequate bins are available for customers to dispose of litter.

The Protection of children from harm

We will operate CHALLENGE 25.

Notices to be displayed prominently including the following locations-on or near the entrance to the premises, where alcohol is being offered for sale on general display and near the checkout. The notices will state "UNDER 25? PLEASE BE PREPARED TO SHOW PROOF OF AGE WHEN BUYING AGE RESTRICTED PRODUCTS"

A notice stating it is an offence to buy alcohol for persons under the age of eighteen to be displayed on or near the door to the premises.

4.8 A location map of the premises is attached at Appendix 3.

4.9 Consultation (customers and other stakeholders)

A notice has been published in a local paper and a public notice has been displayed at the premises outlining the application and inviting comments/representations to be sent to the Licensing Authority, detailing a closing date for these to be received. Details of the application were also published on the Council's website.

5. Alternative Options

- 5.1 The options available to the Licensing Sub-Committee having considered all the relevant information are as follows:
 - to grant the licence subject to conditions consistent with the operating schedule accompanying the application, and any mandatory conditions which must be included in the licence
 - to exclude from the scope of the licence any of the licensable activities to which the application relates;

















- to refuse to specify a person in the licence as the premises supervisor;
- to reject the application
- 5.2 Conditions may be altered or omitted, or any new condition added.
- 5.3 Additional conditions or restrictions to licensable activities and/or times should only be imposed if considered appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives. If other law already places certain statutory responsibilities on a premise, it would not be appropriate to impose similar duties.
- 5.4 Members of the Sub Committee should be advised that the applicant, or any other person who made relevant representations in relation to the application, may appeal against the decision made to the Magistrates' Court within 21 days of the date on which they were notified.

6. Implications

Resources:	There are no direct strategic resource implications associated with this application.
	In respect of premises licence applications, we do not foresee any issues in respect of sustainability of proposals.
	The application relates to a privately owned property.
Legal and	Members of the Licensing Sub Committee when
Governance:	making their decision on the application must take into account the four licensing objectives, the Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 and the Council's own Statement of Licensing Policy. The applicant and those who have made relevant representations have the right to appeal the decision made by the Licensing Sub Committee to the Magistrates Court, so the Committee are asked to give reasons for their decision wherever possible.











Members of the Sub-Committee should not allow themselves to predetermine the application or to be







	prejudiced in favour or opposed to the applicant and/or the licence holder and shall only determine the application having had an opportunity to consider all relevant facts.
Risk:	The Police are a statutory consultee for all Licensing Act 2003 applications. Prevention of Crime and Disorder is one of the four licensing objectives and applicants have to demonstrate how they will achieve this objective by volunteering measures in the operating schedule submitted with the Licence application.
	The Police have not made a representation to this application.
	Whilst full details of the application and any representations have been shared with the committee members, only information that is in the public domain has been made available for the reports that have been made public online, in line with data protection protocols.
Equality:	The Equality Act 2010 legally protects people from discrimination in the workplace and in wider society.
	The operators of this premises are responsible for complying with all relevant legislation.
Health and	This is not applicable to applications for premises
Wellbeing:	licences submitted under the Licensing Act 2003.
Social Value	This is not applicable to applications for premises licences submitted under the Licensing Act 2003.

7. Appendices

- Appendix 1 Application Form
- Appendix 2 Consent form
- Appendix 3 Location Plan
- Appendix 4 Representations

















8. Background Papers

- Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council Licensing Policy
- Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003
- The Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005

















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

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Checklists

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Part 4 - Signatures (please read guidance note 11)

Signature of applicant or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent (see guidance role [2]. If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity.

Declaration	• [Applicable to individual applicants only, including those in a partnership which is not a limited liability partnership] I understand! an not consider to be issued with a licence if I do not have the entitlement to live and work in the UK (or it I am subject to a condition preventing me from doing work relating to the carrying no of a licensable activity) and that my licence will become invalid it I come to be emitted to live and work in the UK (please read guidance note 13)	
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Contact name (where the previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 14)
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361 High Street, West Bromwich West Midlands, 870 9QG Post town Postuode. Telephone number (if any) 07779351620 If you would prefer us to essempond with you by e-mail, your e-road address (optional) pmbllcensing@yahoo.com

Notes for Guidance



Consent of individual to being specified as premises supervisor

Gourav Rai

Claythome Avenue

Dirmingham (335)

hereby confirm that I give my consent to be specified as the designated premises supervisor in relation to the application for

New Premises Licence

By Gourav Rai

relating to a premises licence—that for—William Off License & Convenience Store—19 William Road Smethwick B67 6LN

and any premises licence to be granted or varied in respect of this application made by

Gourav Rai

concerning the supply of aicohol at

William Off License & Convenience Store

19 William Road Smethwick B67 6LN

I also confirm that I am entitled to work in the United Kingdom and am applying for, intend to apply for or currently hold a personal licence, details of which I set out below.

Personal licence number

TBA

Personal licence issuing authority

Birmingham City Council

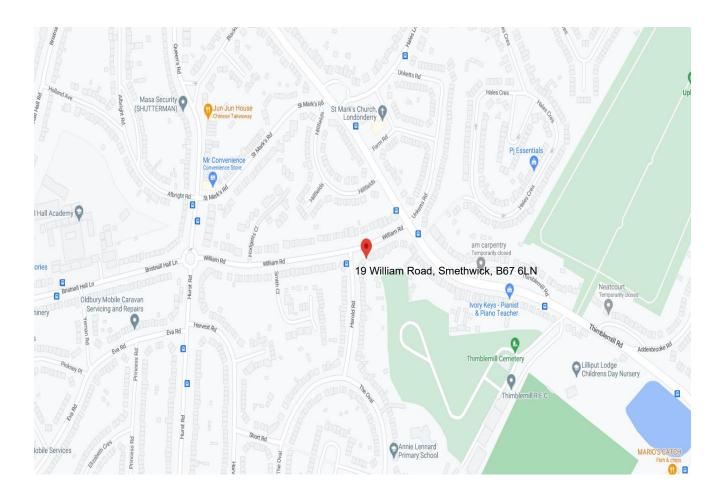
Signed

Name Gourav Rai

Date 25/05/23



Appendix 3 – Location Plan





Appendix 4 - Representations

1. From:

Sent: 02 August 2023 22:02

To: Licensing Team for Alcohol & Gambling < Licensing_Team@sandwell.gov.uk>

Subject: 19 William Road, Smethwick, B67 6LN

To whom it may concern,

I live at William Road and wish to make an objection regarding 19 William Road becoming an off licence and convenience store. My home is doors away from the said premises.

William Road is a cut through for a lot of the surrounding roads and this means that the traffic is unusually heavy on the road all the time. If the premises became a shop, this would just add to the traffic. The road is also used by a lot of school children from 4 or 5 local schools and any extra traffic would put them at more risk. I am also concerned about the premises being an off licence as this would attract a lot of young people who may decide to hang around drinking alcohol. Along the side of the shop is a cut through which leads to the back of the houses in that row and also onto the cemetery. This is already used by young people who want to hide out. I have witnessed youths who have committed crimes hide out around there and have been caught by the police. I feel that this would be abused and could lead to vandalism of properties and also of the cemetery. I worry that it will also encourage anti-social behaviour and possibly result in break ins and theft to sheds and houses. My daughter's bedroom is at the front of the house and any activity outside late at night would cause noise which would prevent her from sleeping. She is a nursery nurse and obviously needs a good night's sleep to be able to carry out her job safely, while looking after children and babies. I also would not welcome any behaviour that would make my daughter feel unsafe.

This would also cause a problem with littering. The slight incline of the road from the shop means that there is already a lot of rubbish that gets blown into neighbouring gardens. This would only increase with more footfall in the street from a shop.

Another concern I have is that my drive will be blocked by customers. I have paid the council to have my kerb dropped and have 2 cars on my drive. I work full time and would not be happy if I couldn't get to work because of inconsiderate parking. Also, I have elderly parents who live in the next street. My Father has a serious heart condition, diabetes and asbestosis. If I'm not able to get off my drive quickly in an emergency, it could be a matter of life or death for my family.

With all this mind, I would be grateful if the decision could be thought out while considering the neighbouring houses. A convenience store and off licence could lead to our lives becoming unbearable in a road that I have enjoyed living on for the last 18 years.

Kind regards,

William Road Smethwick West Midlands 2. From: >

Sent: 05 August 2023 18:17

To: Licensing Team for Alcohol & Gambling < Licensing_Team@sandwell.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: Objection letter attached for 19 William Road B67 6LN

OBJECTION LETTER FOR:

Williams off Licence & Convenience store 19 William Road, Smethwick, B67 6LN 18th July 2023

Trading standards & licensing adult social care, health & Sandwell council house PO Box 2372

Oldbury

B69 3BS

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to register my objection to the premises licence application, Williams off Licence & Convenience store 19 William Road, Smethwick, B67 6LN

I object to the application on the following grounds:

- · the prevention of crime and disorder
- · the prevention of public nuisance
- · the protection of children from harm
- · public safety

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I have an interest in this application that is greater than the general public because I live two doors down from the premises location.

As a local resident on William Road I totally object to the premises on 19 William Road B67 6LN being granted a premises licence to allow the sales of alcohol & also the opening time of the premises potentially being up until 2300hrs.

To begin with any business that shall be open here should consider the location as it's in the middle of a residential area and to be open until 23:00 is too late and would cause a light and noise nuisance. Ideally a 08:00 -09:00 is more reasonable to open and closing time should be in my opinion a respectable 17-00-1800.

On William Road surrounding the address where the licence is being requested is a community of all ages ranging from young families like my own and my immediate neighbours and retired residents. If a licence is granted to the premises named above this would have a detrimental effect on immediate neighbours around the premises with the concern of increased level of anti social behaviour, groups of people hanging around and causing noise nuisance and to add alcohol would most likely increase the level of crime and vandalism to the local area and with the local authorities already being stretched this premises selling alcohol would not be beneficial in any form. Very recently we have had an increase on levels of crime and anti social behaviour which local residents have been working on so a shop here would not help the levels of crime and anti social behaviour being reduced it would have an adverse effect and increase levels to unsustainable levels.

Local People are long standing residents and cope comfortably with no shop being here and personally have not heard of anyone saying a shop is needed here. Since the notice of this application on the 13th July 2023 we have discussed concerns of a shop and especially selling alcohol as we are ok with a quieter environment and willing to go to the already available shops in the local area i.e. Tesco express located approximately a 5 minutes' walk. Mr Convenience selling alcohol

already running one street away on St Marks Road, B&G Liquor on Londonderry lane and Warley road junction, Bals newsagent on Norman road, Global wines on Abbey Road, Liquor bins on Bearwood Road if a responsible adult did require alcohol then it's already available as well as the Bearwood High street and supermarkets i.e. Asda and Aldi all within walking distance and more importantly in a much safer location.

The premise is also located very near to three schools, Bristnall Hall Academy, Annie Lennard & Uplands Manor. The local area has a very high number of students walking past and a alcohol selling premises in this location would not be suitable to protect the children from harm and the possibility of underage drinking and also having the thought of alcohol being available and visible at a young age must have a negative effect on life in general. I would urge the authorities to consider the impact that alcohol has on health and wellbeing and the long term effect it would have on individuals and the neighbourhood if a licence would be granted.

Also there is a bus stop directly outside the premises and being a small residential road rather than a main road a shop located here would have a great concern for the locals including children walking past to get to schools safely, as cars passing by would stop and park very near and cause extra congestion resulting lack of space and the risk of more incidents if a licence was granted so public safety should be considered very carefully before any licence being granted.

Best Regards:

My contact details are:

William Road Smethwick

Email:

On 5 Aug 2023 18:14, Please see attached. > wrote:

