

Meeting:	Regulatory Sub-Committee
Meeting date:	13th May 2016
Title of report:	APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE IN RESPECT OF THE 'SLIP TAVERN, WATERY LANE, MUCH MARCLE, LEDBURY, HR8 2NG' – LICENSING ACT 2003
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Classification

Open

Key Decision

This is not an executive decision.

Wards Affected

Old Gore

Purpose

To consider an application for a new premises licence in respect of the 'The 'Slip Tavern, Watery Lane, Much Marcle, Ledbury, HR8 2NG'.

Recommendation

That:

The Sub-Committee determine the application with a view to promoting the licensing objectives in the overall interests of the local community. They should give appropriate weight to:

- The steps that are appropriate to promote the licensing objectives,
- The representations (including supporting information) presented by all parties,
- The Guidance issued to local authorities under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003, and
- The Herefordshire Council Statement of Licensing Policy 2015 - 2020.

Options

1. There are a number of options open to the Sub-Committee:

- a) Grant the licence subject to conditions that are consistent with the operating schedule accompanying the application and the mandatory conditions set out in the Licensing Act 2003,
- c) Grant the licence subject to modified conditions to that of the operating schedule where the committee considers it appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives and add mandatory conditions set out in the Licensing Act 2003,
- d) To exclude from the scope of the licence any of the licensable activities to which the application relates,
- e) To refuse to specify a person in the licence as the premise supervisor, or
- f) To reject the application.

Reasons for Recommendations

- 2. Ensures compliance with the Licensing Act 2003.

Key Considerations

3. Licence Application

The application for a variation to the premises licence has received representation and is brought before the committee for determination.

Summary of Application

- 4. The details of the application are:

Applicant	Helen Maureen THOMAS	
	'Caerswall, Much Marcle, Ledbury, HR8 2NY.	
Solicitor	John Gaunt	
Type of application: Variation	Date received: 12th March 2016	28 Days consultation ended 8th April 2016

- 5. The application requests that:

Supply of Alcohol	10:00 – 00:00	Monday to Saturday
	12:00 – 23:30	Sunday

Non Standard Timings: End of permitted hours on New Years Eve until the start of permit hours on New Years Day.

- 6. Although the original application included Films and Late Night Refreshment the application has since been amended as above.
- 7. The premises did used to be licensed in brief from 10am to 11pm for alcohol, although this licence was surrendered in November 2013.

Summary of Representations

8. **Two (2)** Representations have been received from the Responsible Authorities (Trading Standards & the Police) – these have not been agreed.
9. The matter is therefore brought before Committee for determination.

Community Impact

10. Any decision is unlikely to have any impact on the local community.

Equality duty

11. There are no equality or human rights issues in relation to the content of this report.

Financial implications

12. There are unlikely to be any financial implications for the authority at this time.

Legal Implications

13. The Committee should be aware of a number of stated cases which have appeared before the Administrative Court and are binding on the Licensing Authority.

The case of Daniel Thwaites Plc v Wirral Borough Magistrates' Court (Case No: CO/5533/2006) at the High Court of Justice Queen's Bench Division Administrative Court on 6 May 2008, [2008] EWHC 838 (Admin), 2008 WL 1968943, Before the Honourable Mrs Justice Black.

In this case it was summed up that: -

A licensing authority must have regard to guidance issued by the Secretary of State under section 182. Licensing authorities may depart from it if they have reason to do so but will need to give full reasons for their actions.

Furthermore the Thwaites case established that only conditions should be attached to a licence with a view to promoting the Licensing objectives and that 'real evidence' must be presented to support the reason for imposing these conditions.

This judgement is further supported in the case of The Queen on the Application of Bristol Council v Bristol Magistrates' Court, CO/6920/2008 High Court of Justice Queen's Bench Division The Administrative Court, 24 February 2009, [2009] EWHC 625 (Admin) 2009 WL 648859 in which it was said:

'Licensing authorities should only impose conditions which are necessary and proportionate for the promotion for licensing objectives'.

In addition to this it was stated that any condition attached to the licence should be an enforceable condition.

Right of Appeal

14. Schedule 5 gives a right of appeal which states:

Decision to grant premises licence or impose conditions etc.

- 2 (1) This paragraph applies where a licensing authority grants a premises licence under section 18.
- (2) The holder of the licence may appeal against any decision—
- (a) to impose conditions on the licence under subsection (2)(a) or (3)(b) of that section, or
 - (b) to take any step mentioned in subsection (4)(b) or (c) of that section (exclusion of licensable activity or refusal to specify person as premises supervisor).
- (3) Where a person who made relevant representations in relation to the application desires to contend—
- (a) that the licence ought not to have been granted, or
 - (b) that, on granting the licence, the licensing authority ought to have imposed different or additional conditions, or to have taken a step mentioned in subsection (4)(b) or (c) of that section,
- he may appeal against the decision.
- (4) In sub-paragraph (3) “relevant representations” has the meaning given in section 18(6).

Risk Management

14. There is little risk associated with the decision at this time as the legislation allows a right of appeal to the Magistrates Court.

Consultees

15. All responsible authorities and members of the public living within Herefordshire.

Appendices

- a. Application Form
- b. Trading Standards Representation
- c. Police Representation

Background Papers

None.