

LICENSING ACT SUB-COMMITTEE**8 NOVEMBER 2023**

REPORT TITLE	APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003
REPORT OF	DIRECTOR OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to consider an application for a Premises Licence under the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003. The application is made by **Pamini Mathiyaparanam** and relates to the premises known as **Keerthi Superstore, 56 King Street, Wallasey, CH44 8AU**.

RECOMMENDATION

The Licensing Act Sub-Committee is asked to determine an application for the grant of a Premises Licence in respect of the above premises having regard to the representations made in respect of the application.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 It is a statutory requirement for this Sub-Committee to determine the application for the grant of a licence due to relevant representations being received.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 There is no provision for other options to be considered due to relevant representations having been received.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 These premises previously traded as a convenience store with a premises licence with the following hours:

Sale of alcohol during the following hours for consumption 'off' the premises only

Sunday to Saturday 08:00 to 23:00

Hours Open to the Public

Sunday to Saturday 08:00 to 23:00

- 3.2 The Licensing Authority have received an application for a Premises Licence under the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003.

- 3.3 The application is as follows:

Sale of alcohol during the following hours for consumption 'off' the premises only:

Sunday to Saturday 06:00 to 00:00

Late Night Refreshment

Sunday to Saturday 23:00 to 00:00

Hours Open to the Public

Sunday to Saturday 06:00 to 00:00

- 3.4 As part of the application process applicants are required to submit an operating schedule that sets out how they will conduct/manage their business to promote the four Licensing Objectives. The applicant is also required to submit a plan of the premises showing the area that they are seeking to license. A copy of the full application is available.

- 3.5 Members of the Licensing Act Sub-Committee are advised that the proposals set out in the operating schedule may become conditions of the licence should the application be granted.

4.0 RELEVANT REPRESENTATIONS

- 4.1 The following representations have been received in respect of the application.

Local Residents

In respect of this application, three representations have been received from Local Residents. The representations relate to concerns of crime and disorder, anti-social behaviour and underage drinking which residents consider is currently a problem within the vicinity of the premises. Copies of the representations are available.

4.2 There have been no representations received from the following Responsible Authorities:

Wirral Safeguarding Children Board
Fire Authority
Trading Standards
Public Health
Licensing Authority
Environmental Health
Planning Authority
Merseyside Police

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Section 18(3) of The Licensing Act 2003 provides that where relevant representations are made, the authority must hold a hearing to consider them, unless the authority, the applicant and each person who has made such representations agree that a hearing is unnecessary, and having regard to the representations, take such steps as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

6.2 Section 4 of the Licensing Act 2003 provides that the Licensing Authority must carry out its functions under this Act with a view to promoting the licensing objectives which are:

- (a) the prevention of crime and disorder;
- (b) public safety;
- (c) the prevention of public nuisance; and
- (d) the protection of children from harm

and that in carrying out its licensing functions the Licensing Authority must have regard to its licensing statement published under section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003, and any guidance issued by the Secretary of State under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.

6.3 The Licensing Authority has a duty to ensure that premises are operated in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003 Licensing Objectives. If the Licensing Objectives are undermined this could result in the Premises Licence being reviewed.

7.1 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

7.2 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

8.0 RELEVANT RISKS

8.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

9.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

9.1 Statutory consultation has been undertaken in respect of this application.

10.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

10.1 Wirral Council has a legal requirement to make sure its policies, and the way it carries out its work, do not discriminate against anyone. An Equality Impact Assessment is a tool to help council services identify steps they can take to ensure equality for anyone who might be affected by a particular policy, decision, or activity. Measuring the impact of equality implications and mitigating any negative impact where possible is embedded into the core principles of good governance. There are no equality implications arising directly from this report.

11.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are none arising directly from the content of this report.

12.0 COMMUNITY WEALTH IMPLICATIONS

12.1 There are no community wealth implications arising directly from this report.

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APPENDICES

None

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- Application for a Premises Licence
- Representations received from Local Residents
- Wirral Council's Statement of Licensing Policy
- Statutory Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003
- The Licensing Act 2003
- Records held by the Licensing Authority regarding the address of the premises

TERMS OF REFERENCE

This report is being considered by the Licensing Act Sub-Committee who are delegated to determine such matters in accordance with Section 9.3 of the Licensing Act Committee’s Terms of Reference referred to in Part 3, Section B of the Council’s Constitution.

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date