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of the

LICENSING COMMITTEE HEARING

held on 11 June 2021 at 11am

Present:

Councillor L.A. Mascot (Chair of Hearing)

Councillors, A.E. Davidson, D.G. Jones and R.J. Lee

1. Apologies for Absence

No apologies for absence were received.

2. Declaration of Interests

All Members were reminded to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary interests or other registerable interests where appropriate in any items of business on the meeting's agenda. None were made.

3. Licensing Act 2003 – Application for a New Premises Licence – Admirals Park, Chelmsford, CM1 2XS

The Committee considered an application for a new premises licence relating to Admirals Park, Chelmsford, CM1 2XS pursuant to section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003. The application was for the following licensable activities:

Provision of Live Music:

Friday 18:00 till 22:30 Saturday 12:00 till 23:30

Sale by retail of alcohol:

Friday 18:00 till 22:00 Saturday 12:00 till 23:00

During the consultation period the applicant also added another licensable activity to the application as stated below.

Provision of recorded music

Friday 18:00 till 22:30 Saturday 12:00 till 23:30

It was noted by the Committee that there were three options namely;

- 1. Grant the application, on the terms and conditions applied for
- 2. Grant the application, on the terms and conditions applied for, modified to such extent as considered appropriate to promote the Licensing Objectives.
- 3. Refuse the application in whole or in part.

The following parties attended the hearing and took part in it:

Applicant – Mr Cochrane

Objector- Mr Sharples

The Chair advised that the written representations had been read and considered by the members of the Committee in advance of the meeting.

The Committee was informed that officers had been made aware of discussions between the applicant and objector, regarding the application.

The Committee heard from both the applicant and the objector, that they had agreed before the hearing that with an additional condition, that the objector would no longer have concerns regarding the application. The Committee heard that this was to have a steward on Admirals Walk during events and noted, that they would take this into consideration whilst deliberating.

The Chair informed those present that the Committee would now retire to deliberate on the matter. It was noted that unlike previous meetings where everyone was present, this would be held remotely and a decision would be provided to the relevant parties via email within in a few days. The decision made is detailed below and was circulated to the relevant parties.

The Committee gave careful consideration to the relevant representations both written and made in the course of the remote hearing.

RESOLVED that the Director of Public Places be authorised to grant the application on the terms applied for with the additional condition detailed below.

Condition 1 - A steward shall be stationed at or in the proximity of Admirals Walk when the licensable activities are taking place to ensure, so far as practicable, that patrons respect the amenities of local residents when arriving / dispersing and that any anti social behaviour is discouraged."

Reasons for Decision

In reaching its decision the Committee has taken into account the single public representation and is satisfied with the steps that the Applicant proposes to promote the Licensing objectives. The Committee also noted that the two parties were in agreement on approving the application with the additional condition.

The meeting closed at 11.09am.

Chair