

Licensing Panel

Thursday, 18 December 2008

10.00am

Present:

Cllr William Dyke (Chairman)

Cllrs: Greta Goatley
John Loughlin

Christina Hills	Senior Licensing Officer
Martin Goodman	Corporate Lawyer
Mike Crawford	Senior Legal Advisor
Nick Channon	Committee Services Officer
Martin Goodman	Corporate Lawyer
Christina Hills	Senior Licensing Officer
Carlie Plowman	Committee & Scrutiny Assistant

4. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

5. Newsco, 21 Forge Lane , Higham

The Panel considered an application by Kent County Council Trading Standards for the review of the Premises Licence under Section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003 in respect of Newsco, 21 Forge Lane, Higham, Kent, as a general store and off-licence – Reference GM/PRE/0506/0229.

The grounds for applying for the review were in order to address the licensing objective 'protection of children from harm' and related to a positive test purchase carried out at the premises, where a sale of alcohol was made to an underage volunteer acting on behalf of Trading Standards.

The applicant requested that the following conditions be added to the premises licence:

- (1) the Designated Premises Supervisor in post on the 28th August 2008 should repeat the training required for the granting of the National Certificate for Personal Licence Holders (NCPLH) Level 2;
- (2) a Challenge 21 policy should be introduced and publicised in store with use of sufficient notices for all potential purchasers to be aware of the policy;
- (3) the refusals register is to be completed every time a refusal is made to someone because they appear under 21 in a format agreed by Kent Trading Standards;

- (4) the refusals register should be checked and reviewed weekly by the Designated Premises Supervisor and a signature applied to the book to verify this;
- (5) there should be a written training procedure proportionate to the size of the business and number of staff with signatures gained from each member of staff to confirm that they have been trained in relation to sales of age restricted goods. This training should include (but not be limited to):-
 - making all staff fully aware of a Challenge 21 policy;
 - training all staff on the use of a refusals book as described in point 3 above.
- (6) forms of identification which are to be acceptable as 'proof of age' must be limited to a passport, driving licence (with photo) or "Pass approved" proof of age card.

6. Determination

Having taken into account the four licensing objectives, the Council's Licensing Policy and the Statutory Guidance, the Panel **resolved** that it was necessary for the six conditions set out in 2 (1-6) above to be attached to the Premises Licence.

Note:

The conditions would be implemented as from the date of the decision and were accepted by the Licence Holder.

Close of meeting

The meeting ended at 10.35am.