

REPORT FROM: Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager

TO: Licensing Committee

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**APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE
COLNE CONVENIENCE STORE, 81 KEIGHLEY ROAD, COLNE BB8 0QG**

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This hearing is being held to consider the application made for a Premises Licence following receipt of 15 representations from persons residing in the vicinity of the premises together with a supporting petition and from one person with a business in the vicinity of the premises.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) The application must be determined with a view to promoting the four licensing objectives, namely – prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, prevention of public nuisance and protection of children from harm.
- (2) The Committee must take into consideration any representations made.
- (3) The Committee must have regard to the Guidance issued by the Government.
- (4) The Committee must have regard to its own Statement of Licensing Policy.

Having taken all of the above into consideration, the Committee must give reasons for its decision.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

The Licensing Committee may –

- (a) grant the Premises Licence, subject to –
 - (i) conditions which are consistent with the Operating Schedule, modified to such an extent as the Licensing Authority considers necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives and;
 - (ii) any mandatory conditions;
- (b) exclude from the scope of the Licence any of the licensable activities to which the application relates;
- (c) reject the application.

For the purposes of section (a), the conditions mentioned in (a)(i) are modified if any of them are altered or omitted or any new condition is added.

ISSUE

Mr. Zahoor Ahmed has applied for a Premises Licence in respect of premises to be known as Colne Convenience Store, 81 Keighley Road, Colne, Lancs. BB8 0QG. A copy of the application form is attached as Appendix 1. The application is to provide the following licensable activity –

Supply of Alcohol (for Consumption Off the Premises)

Monday to Saturday 08.00 to 23.00
Sunday 08.00 to 21.00

Hours Open to the Public

Monday to Saturday 08.00 to 23.00
Sunday 08.00 to 21.00

The applicant has indicated that he will take the following steps to promote the Licensing Objectives –

Prevention of Crime and Disorder

A CCTV camera will be installed at the premises.
Staff will supervise customers whilst they are in the premises.

Public Safety

Staff will control any queues that develop at the premises.

Prevention of Public Nuisance

Notices will be displayed on the window requesting customers not to cause any nuisance or disturbance.

Protection of Children from Harm

Notices will be displayed on the shop counter advising that it is illegal to sell alcohol to underage customers.

In addition, following consultation with the Police, the applicant has agreed to the inclusion of the following two additional conditions –

- ❖ All staff will receive training to prevent under age sales of alcohol. All staff will receive regular refresher training to prevent underage sales. This training to be documented and details of training to be made available on request.
- ❖ All persons who appear to be under the age of 25 years will be required to produce proof of age by way of the following:

A recognised proof of age card accredited under the British Retail Consortiums Proof of Age Standards Scheme (PASS)

Photo driving licence

Passport

Citizen card supported by the Home Office

Official ID card issued by HM Forces or European Union Member State bearing a photograph and birth date of the holder

Representations have been received from 15 persons residing in the vicinity of the premises together with a supporting petition and from one person with a business in the vicinity of the premises (attached as Appendix 2). All parties making a representation have been informed that only representations which relate to the four licensing objectives can be considered by the Licensing Committee in relation to this application.

IMPLICATIONS

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| Policy: | None |
| Financial: | None |
| Legal: | None |
| Risk Management: | None |
| Health and Safety: | None |
| Sustainability: | None |
| Community Safety: | None |
| Equality and Diversity: | None |

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Copy of application form
Appendix 2 – Copies of representations and petition

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| LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS | N/A |
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