

From: Bull, Andrea
Sent: 24 August 2022 09:38
To:
Subject: Tesco, Newport - Premises licence application

Dear Mr Baker

Thank you for your comments in respect of the above application.

I have included below the conditions put forward by the applicant. These will be attached to the licence if granted and will become legally enforceable.

a) General - all four licensing objectives

Tesco is a large national operator with a range of head office and local support. The company has devised policies, procedures, systems, and training to ensure that they sell alcohol in a responsible manner. There is a detailed programme which ensures that comprehensive training is provided to employees having regard to their role and the responsibilities and such training is regularly reviewed, and records kept.

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

We will have a digital CCTV system that covers the premises, including the main area which will be used for display of alcohol. Images will be retained for 31 days.

A member of the management team will be on the premises all the time the store is open. This colleague will have responsibility for the premises and will be the initial point of contact for any issues that may arise.

c) Public safety

The premises licence holder is fully aware of its responsibilities under a range of health and safety related legislation and has policies and procedures in place to be confident of complying with the relevant obligations which arise.

d) The prevention of public nuisance

The company has a "good neighbour" ethos which seeks to ensure that the premises plays an active part in the local community.

e) The protection of children from harm

The premises will operate a Think 25 policy. The checkouts will be programmed to prompt the customer assistant when an alcohol product is scanned at the checkout to follow the Think 25 policy.

All colleagues will receive training in relation to the underlying law and Tesco policy, systems, and procedures. This training will be documented, and refresher training will be provided on a regular basis.

I contacted the Police Licensing team yesterday to discuss this application and they have confirmed that the measures proposed by the applicant are sufficiently stringent to uphold the licensing objectives (these are listed above b - e). Generally large national companies pose far less risk in relation to the responsible sale of alcohol than smaller independent

premises, as they have dedicated staff and systems in place in order to ensure that the licensing objectives are being upheld.

Whilst I understand your concerns as to the existing issues that Newport is currently experiencing in terms of anti social behaviour, the grant of this licence with the proposed measures in place is unlikely to undermine the objectives.

Please be advised that we are unable to take cumulative impact i.e. the number of licensed premises in one location into account as we do not have a cumulative impact policy.

I would be grateful if once you've had time to consider this information you would advise if your objection still stands.

Kind regards

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From: Tessa & Tony Baker

Sent: 27 August 2022 12:26

To: Bull, Andrea

Subject: RE: Tesco, Newport - Premises licence application

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Dear Andrea

Thank you for the detailed reply, I very rarely take issue with planning issues and I have never objected to license applications, however, in this case I feel strongly that the late sale of alcohol will have a negative effect on the local area.

I have taken time to study the content of the reply and can only say that I am saddened to find that the opinion of the licensing authority seems to be firmly in favour, let me reiterate my concern was the extended hours not the general sale of alcohol and that my objection still stands.

Taking the points in turn

- a) This is standard text and as such fails to impress.
- b) I am sure the applicant will do all this but it does nothing to impact on behaviour once the customer has left the premises.
- c) Again this is standard text that says very little.
- d) If this is true it is difficult to see why the extended licensing hours are not considered a negative element.
- e) Again this is standard text, if I was cynical I would consider this merely ensures a "it's not our fault we told the staff not to do it" response.

As for the general comments:-

1. I am disappointed in the stated reaction of the police, which I find hard to accept.

2. I cannot agree that this proposal as it stands will not undermine the objectives.
3. Whilst I understand the comment re the cumulative impact, I find it absurd that the authority has no policy.

Once again thank you for replying but my objection still stands

Regards Anthony Baker