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Hearing under the Licensing Act 2003

21 APRIL 2016

Application for a new premises licence within a Cumulative Impact Zone
Walshy's Sportspad, 8 Western Road, Leicester LE3 0GA

Report of the Director of Neighbourhood and Environmental Services

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. This report provides information for Members about an application made under the Licensing Act 2003, to assist them in determining the outcome of that application.

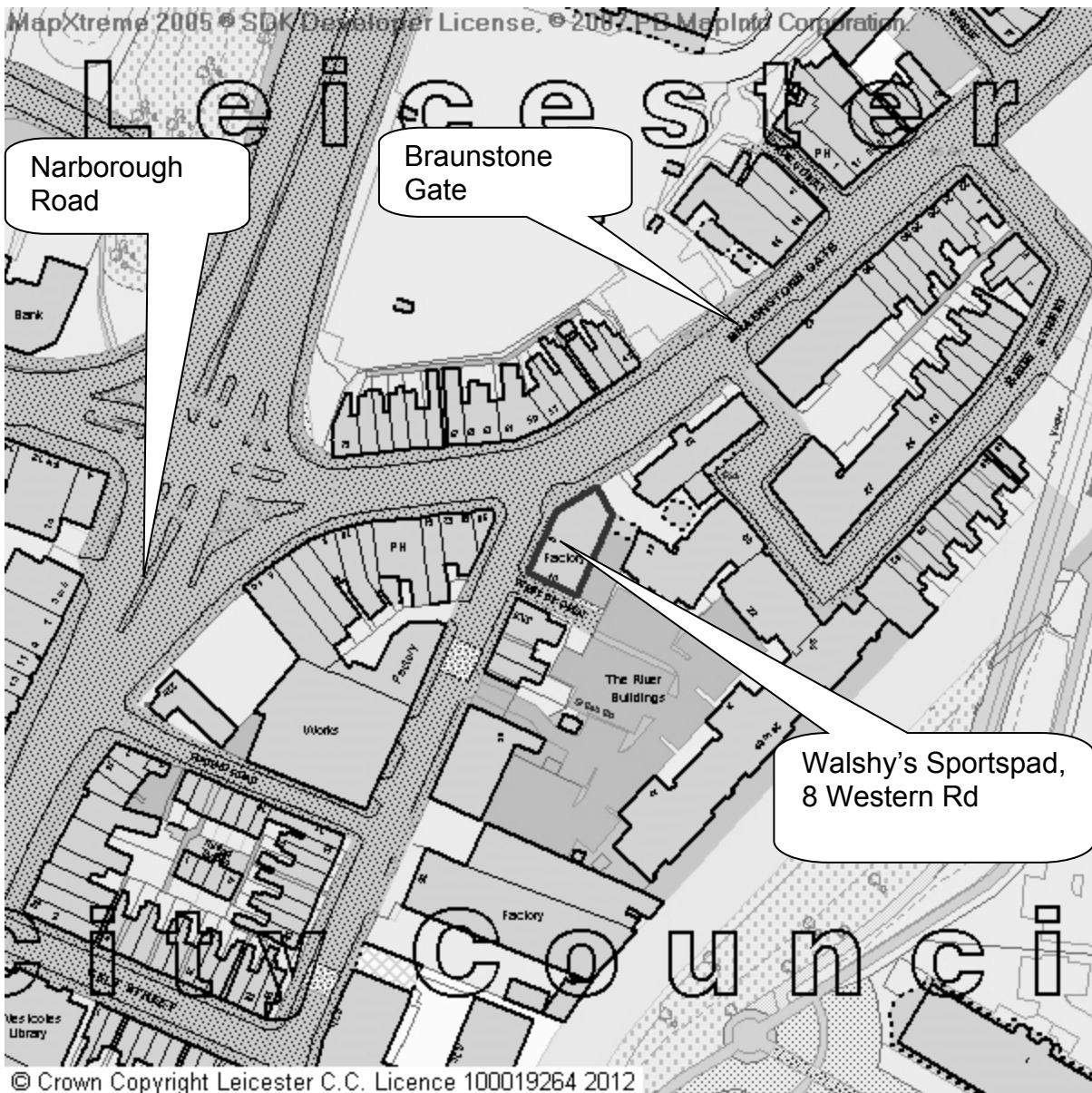
2. Determination to be made

- 2.1. Having considered the application and representation, Members must consider whether to
- Grant the licence without modification
 - Grant the licence subject to conditions
 - Refuse to accept the proposed premises supervisor
 - Reject the application

3. Summary

- 3.1 This report outlines an application for a new premises licence for Walshy's Sportspad, 8 Western Road, Leicester within the Braunstone Gate area Cumulative Impact Zone and summarises the representation received. It also highlights the licensing objectives, the relevant parts of the guidance and regulations, and the pertinent sections of the Licensing Authority's Licensing Policy.

4. Location Plan



5. Application

- 5.1 An application was received on 29 February 2016 from Sportspad Ltd for a new premises licence for Walshy's Sportspad, 8 Western Road, Leicester within the Braunstone Gate area Cumulative Impact Zone. A copy of the application is attached at Appendix A.
- 5.2 The hours sought by the application is as follows:

Licensable activity	Proposed Hours
Supply of Alcohol (on)	Monday to Sunday 12 Noon – 23:00
Opening hours	Monday to Friday 10:00 – 23:00 Saturday to Sunday 09:00 – 23:00

6. Steps to Promote the Licensing Objectives

- 6.1 The steps the applicant proposes to take to demonstrate that the premises will not add to the existing cumulative impact and promote the licensing objectives are set out in the operating schedule (see section M of Appendix A).
- 6.2 In arriving at its decision on the application, the Licensing Authority's primary consideration must be the promotion of the licensing objectives.

7. Representation

- 7.1 A relevant representation was received on 15 March 2016 from Leicestershire Police. The representation relates to the prevention of crime and disorder and the protection of children from harm. The Police refer to the council's special policy on cumulative impact and saturation of licensed premises, which is relevant to the location applied for on this application. The police are concerned that the grant of this application will increase footfall to the area, particularly attracting groups of young people to use their facilities. This could increase alcohol related offences in the area. A copy of the representation is attached at Appendix B.

8. Conditions

- 8.1 The conditions that are consistent with the operating schedule are attached at Appendix C.

9. Cumulative Impact

- 9.1 In February 2011 Leicester City Council introduced a special policy on cumulative impact in Braunstone Gate area, which refers specifically to on and off licences. This creates a rebuttable presumption that an application for a new premises licence will be refused, unless the applicants can show that their premises are unlikely to add to the problems of saturation..

10. Statutory Guidance

- 10.1 Any decision made by the Licensing Authority must be in accordance with the licensing objectives. In addition, the government has issued guidance under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003. The parts of the guidance that are particularly relevant in this case are as follows:

Section	Heading
1.2 – 1.5	Licensing Objectives and aims
1.15	General Principles
1.16	Each application on its own merits
2.1 – 2.5	Crime & disorder
2.21 – 2.30	Protection of children from harm
8.33 – 8.41	Steps to promote the licensing objectives
9.12	Representations from the Police
9.30 – 9.40	Hearings
9.41 – 9.43	Determining actions that are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives

10.1 – 10.3	Conditions - general
10.8 – 10.9	Imposed conditions
10.27 – 10.68	Mandatory conditions in relation to the supply of alcohol
13.30 – 13.35	Effect of special policies
13.36 – 13.39	Limitations on special policies relating to cumulative impact
13.40 – 13.41	Other mechanisms for controlling cumulative impact
13.44 – 13.45	Licensing Hours

11. Statement of Licensing Policy

11.1 The relevant parts of the Licensing Authority's Statement of Licensing Policy are as follows:

Section	Heading
2	Fundamental Principles
3	Cumulative Impact
4	Policy on Cumulative Impact
5	Licensing Hours
7	Prevention of Crime and Disorder
10	Protection of Children from Harm
12	Duplication
13	Standardised conditions

12 Points for Clarification

12.1 The applicant and the party making the representation have been asked to clarify certain points at the hearing, as follows:

By the applicant

1. Whether the applicant considers that the concerns outlined in the representations are valid, and if not why not?
2. In the light of the representations made, does the applicant wish to propose any additional steps for the promotion of the licensing objectives?

By the party making the representation

1. Whether they have any additional information to support the representation they have made?
2. Whether there are any additional steps that could be taken which would be equally effective in the promotion of the licensing objectives?

13. Other Implications

OTHER IMPLICATIONS	YES/ NO	Paragraph/References Within Supporting information
Equal Opportunities	No	
Policy	Yes	The premises is within a cumulative impact area

Sustainable and Environmental	No	
Crime and Disorder	Yes	Paragraph 7.
Human Rights Act	No	
Elderly/People on Low Income	No	
Corporate Parenting	No	
Health Inequalities Impact	No	

14. Background Papers – Local Government Act 1972

- a. None

15. Consultations

- a. The Licensing Authority is not obliged to consult any parties with regard to applications made under the Licensing Act 2003. However, the applicant is required to consult with the responsible authorities as set out in the 2003 Act.

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APPENDIX	CONTENT
A	Application
B	Representation
C	Conditions consistent with the application