

NEWARK & SHERWOOD DISTRICT COUNCIL
LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

RECORD OF HEARING HELD ON
TUESDAY, 8 APRIL 2025
10:15 HOURS

MEETING HELD AT
CASTLE HOUSE, GREAT NORTH ROAD, NEWARK NG24 1BY

HEARING TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR
GRANT OF A PREMISES LICENCE

THE ANCHOR
MAIN STREET
GUNTHORPE

SUB-COMMITTEE: Councillor A Brazier
(the Panel) Councillor D Darby
Councillor J Hall (Chair)
Councillor T Wildgust (Reserve)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Lisa Ingram (Principal Legal Officer – NSDC)
Damian Wilkins (Environmental Health and Licensing
Manager – NSDC)

Applicant

Reddington Pub Company Limited

ALSO PRESENT: Ben Robinson (Reddington Pub Company)
Natalie Thomson (Austin Moore and Partners)
George Domleo (Flint Bishop Solicitors)
Joe Locker (Notts TV)
Karen Langford (Democratic Services Officer – NSDC)

The Chair informed the hearing that the Principal Legal Officer had provided legal advice before the hearing, the Chair then introduced everyone in the room.

Presentation by the Environmental Health and Licensing Manager

The application to grant the premises licence was submitted by Reddington Pub Company Ltd. on 17 February 2025. In summary the application seeks to apply for Live Music, Recorded Music and Sale of Alcohol 11:00 – 02:00 Monday to Sunday, Late Night Refreshment 23:00 – 02:00 Monday to Sunday, Opening Hours 11:00 – 02:30 Monday to Sunday with an extension of 1 hour on all timings on Bank Holidays.

A summary of the application is attached as **Appendix A** of the report, the application and plan of the premises are attached as **Appendix B** and a map

showing the site in context of its surroundings is shown as **Appendix C** to this report.

There have been 2 representations from other persons which have been deemed relevant. The representations are attached as **Appendices D and E** of this report. No agreement has been reached between the applicant and the objectors, there has been no response from the objectors to mediation attempts.

An agreement to amend the operating schedule was reached between the applicant and Nottinghamshire Police, the agreement is attached at **Appendix F** of this report.

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Questions

George Domleo (Flint Bishop Solicitors) advised that his client had refurbished the property with a view to opening in May which will be asset to the area with the site having been derelict for some time. His client an experienced operator, working with the local community, noting it will be a family friendly venue .

Councillor Hall referred to public nuisance with reference to a winding down policy, with the response within 30 minutes can close and disperse.

George Domleo advised that an age verification policy was in place.

Councillor Darby asked when children would be expected to leave the premises, George Domleo's response was that the cut off point would 10.30pm with flexibility if attending a private function.

Summing Up

The Sub- Committee was arranged as a result of 2 remaining representations received from the same household. The applicant acquired the Anchor a couple of years ago. Prior to that, the premises operated as a pub and restaurant. The panel were advised that the Applicant planned to spend in the region of £1m on refurbishment works with an opening date in May. The Anchor will be family friendly, employing some 30 members of staff. A new license was being applied for as the original licence had lapsed.

The applicant also owns the Old Vole and The Reindeer and is therefore an experienced pub operator. The application was presented as sensible and considered, taking appropriate steps to minimise the impact on the local community who would be the target customers.

It was accepted that there is always some anxiety when new applications are made to local authorities and therefore a residents meeting was held during the consultation period whereby 50 or so people from the community attended. One of the representations was withdrawn following the meeting and negotiations with the police and Environmental Health.

With regards to the remaining representations from the same household, there had been an attempt by the local authority and the applicant to engage and mediate but there is a noted lack of response and/or engagement from the representors. Further, the meeting was delayed to ensure the representors had time to attend (there had been a recent change of venue). There was no attendance from the remaining representors.

Within that representation, the applicant noted that there was reference to Tom Browns but the applicant had only just come into ownership of Tom Browns and therefore the panel were invited to disregard that part and invited the panel to conclude that the other concerns were speculative.

A number of questions were asked by the panel and the legal advisors in respect of children being restricted access, SIA staff, the bank holiday opening/operating hours, winding down policy, late night refreshment and the operation of the other venues.

Decision

The Licensing Subcommittee granted the licence as applied for but as amended and varied with the terms and conditions agreed between Nottinghamshire Police and Newark and Sherwood District Council's Environmental Health Team as set out in the report at pages 7-9.

It is to be noted that the original application for non-standard hours on bank holidays was withdrawn by the applicant.