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1. THE APPLICATION

On 9 November 2021, Mrs Ramela Mathysoothanan (“the agent”) submitted an application on behalf of Mr Kajanthan Karthigesu (“the applicant”) for a Premises Licence to be granted in respect of the premises trading as Londis and located at 53 Palliser Road London W14 9EB.

1.1 Application Requested

The applicant has applied for a new premises licence for the sale of alcohol off the premises only as outlined below:

Sale of alcohol – Off the Premises Only

Monday to Sunday 08:00 - 22:00

Hours open to public:

Monday to Saturday 07:00 - 22:00

Sunday 08:00 - 22:00

A copy of the application form and plans can be seen on pages 140-146 of this report.

1.2 Applicants Operating Schedule

The applicant has proposed a number of steps to promote the four licensing objectives if the application is granted. A copy of these steps can be seen on pages 143-144 of this report.

2. BACKGROUND

The main access to the premise’s unit will be located on Palliser Road. There is a mixture of both residential and commercial premises within the selected 75m buffer zone. A map showing the location of the premises and neighbouring licensed premises can be seen on pages 147-148 of this report.

There are several options for transport away from the area including buses and taxis which run from in and around the Palliser Road area. Barons Court tube station is a 2-minute walk away and West Kensington tube station is a 7-minute walk away.

3. CONSULTATION

A public notice was displayed at the premises for 28 days. The application was advertised in a local circular and all statutory consultees were notified as required by the Regulations. The Council has served written notice of hearing upon the applicant and all those parties that have made representations in respect of the application.

3.1. Relevant Representations

The licensing section received one representation from a local resident objecting to the licence application. A copy of this representation can be seen on pages 149-150 of this report.

4. OTHER INFORMATION

4.1 Enforcement History

There have not been any warnings, simple cautions or prosecutions given in respect of the premises during the past three years.

4.2 Temporary Event Notices (“TENs”)

No TENs have been submitted in respect of this premises in the past twelve months.

5. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

5.1 Section 5.1 page 12 of the Statement of Licensing Policy (“SLP”) states that where there is a relevant representation, the Licensing Authority will consider each particular case on its merits having regard in particular to the following matters:

- Whether the licensed activities are likely to have an adverse impact especially on local residents and, if there is potential to have an adverse impact, what, if any, appropriate measures will be put in place to prevent it;
- Whether there will be a substantial increase in the cumulative adverse impact from these or similar activities, on an adjacent residential area;
- Whether there is a suitable level of public transport accessibility to and from the premises at the appropriate times;
- Whether the activity will be likely to lead to a harmful and unmanageable increase in car parking demand in surrounding residential streets suffering high levels of parking stress or on roads forming part of the Strategic London Road Network or the London Bus Priority Network leading to a negative impact on the Licensing Objectives relating to the prevention of crime, disorder and nuisance; and
- Whether there have been any representations made by Responsible Authorities, or other relevant agency or representative.

5.2 Section 5.4 page 13 of the SPL states that the Licensing Authority advises applicants that it would be beneficial if a lawful planning use can be demonstrated for the activities proposed in all applications for premises licences.

5.3 Section 8.1 page 15 of the SLP states that the Licensing Authority will require applicants to detail in their operating schedule the steps proposed to ensure the deterrence and prevention of crime and disorder on, and in the vicinity of, the premises, having regard to their location, character, condition, the nature and extent of the proposed use and the persons likely to use the premises.

5.4 Section 8.8 page 16 of the SLP states that off Licences, shops, supermarkets and stores selling alcohol for consumption off the premises potentially have a high risk of crime and disorder as well as being targeted as easy premises from where to acquire alcohol. Such premises can contribute to anti-social behaviour and disorder through the consumption of alcohol on the street and in open spaces by groups of drinkers, through the sale of alcohol to children, and through the sale of alcohol to street drinkers and persons who are already drunk.

5.5 Section 8.9 page 16 of the SLP states that the Licensing Authority expects operators of off licences to show particular diligence in areas where these problems are prevalent, and to strictly monitor the way they sell alcohol where the premises are located close to schools and hostels and similar premises that provide shelter or services to alcohol dependent persons.

5.6 Section 8.10 page 16 of the SLP states that it is important that staff working at off licences are suitably trained and receive appropriate refresher training in their responsibilities under the Act and can discharge their duties in full compliance with the licence conditions and requirements of the Act. This includes the ability to competently check a customer's age with acceptable forms of identification where necessary. The Licensing Authority will particularly consider the following matters where they are material to the individual application:

- The likelihood of any violence, public order or policing problem if the licence is granted;
- The measures taken to control admission to the premises, and to take reasonable steps to prevent the occurrence of crime and disorder and public nuisance immediately outside the premises, where and to the extent that these matters are within their control.
- Past conduct and prior history of complaints against the premises;
- Whether a dispersal policy has been prepared to minimise the potential for disorder as customers leave the premises; and
- Any relevant representations.

6. DETERMINATION

6.1 In determining this application, the Committee must have regard to the representations and take such of the following steps as it considers necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives. The steps are:

- (a) Grant the application in full
- (b) Grant the application in part – modifying the proposed hours, activities or conditions.
- (c) Reject the application.

It is the Council's duty under the Licensing Act 2003 ("The Act") to determine applications with a view to promoting the four licensing objectives; Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Public Safety, Prevention of Public Nuisance and the Protection of Children from Harm.

In reaching a decision the Council shall consider the details of any relevant representations received; the applicant's Operating Schedule; the Council's adopted

Statement of Licensing Policy and the guidance issued by the Secretary of State under section 182 of the Act.

If the Committee is minded to grant the application, conditions may be attached to the licence to alleviate the concerns raised through any representation(s).