



DECISION NOTICE

Date	Monday, 16 March 2020
Applicant	Mr Mark Philip Scott
Reason for Hearing	<p>The Licensing Authority had received an application for the grant of a premises licence for Scott's Bistro, Glebe Lane, Kirkham.</p> <p>There have been representations from "other persons" as defined by the Licensing Act 2003. As such a hearing must be held to determine the application.</p>
Parties in Attendance	<p>Panel: Councillor Angela Jacques - Convenor, Councillor Alan Clayton, Councillor Ray Thomas</p> <p>Applicant: Mr Mark Scott</p> <p>Representatives: One representative addressed the panel</p>

The licensing authority had received an application for the grant of a premises licence for Scott's Bistro, Glebe Lane, Kirkham.

Five written representations had been received, mainly from residents within the vicinity of the premises. We heard from Mrs A Cottam, who chose to attend the hearing and address the panel with her concerns, and the applicant Mr Mark Scott.

We thank the representatives for their time and representations.

In considering the application, the panel had to consider whether granting the licence as requested would promote the four licensing objectives which are:

- The prevention of crime and disorder;
- Public safety;
- The prevention of public nuisance; and
- The protection of children from harm.

This was the subject of the hearing this morning.

We took into account the information put before us, the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and the Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.

The concerns of those who had made representations mainly involved noise, both from traffic and persons gathering outside the premises, parking concerns, safety of children and particularly the consumption of alcohol in close proximity to children playing outside their homes located near the premises, and anti-social behaviour both on and off the premises. As such, the prevention of public nuisance, the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety and the protection of children from harm licensing objectives were engaged.

Although the panel understood the concerns, they felt that there was little or no evidence to substantiate them at this stage.

With regards to the ongoing parking problems in the area these would be issues considered by the planning authority. It would be the responsibility of the Licensing Panel to consider issues occurring from the sale and supply of alcohol.

Having regard to the submissions that we heard, the panel found that there was no evidence to substantiate the concern that the granting of the premises license would exacerbate any existing issues experienced by the local residents.

Having regard to the submissions that we heard, the panel found that there was no evidence that the granting of the premises licence would fail to promote the licensing objectives.

The panel's decision is as follows:

To grant the application of a premises licence for Scott's Bistro, Glebe Lane, Kirkham as applied for and subject to conditions reflecting the operating schedule.

That is our decision and we thank you for your assistance.