



## DECISION NOTICE

Date	Tuesday, 2 June 2020 – 1pm
Applicant	Saucy Hen Catering Ltd T/A Lytham Gin Events
Reason for Hearing	<p>The Licensing Authority has received an application for the grant of a premises licence for Sandgrown Spirits – The Gin Factory.</p> <p>There have been representations from “other persons” as defined by the Act and as such a hearing must be held to determine the application.</p>
Parties in Attendance	<p><b>Panel:</b> Councillor Alan Clayton- Convenor, Councillor Shirley Green, Councillor Gavin Harrison</p> <p><b>Applicant:</b> Sara Dewhurst</p> <p><b>Representatives:</b> Three representatives were present.</p>

The Licensing Authority has received an application for the grant of a premises licence for Sandgrown Spirits – The Gin Factory.

The matter had been referred to the panel because nine written representations had been received from “other persons” as defined by the Act. We heard from the applicant Ms Dewhurst and we heard a further written comment made from Mr Gillet.

We thank all 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 afternoon.

The panel acknowledged and took into consideration the written submission of the objectors together with the verbal evidence offered by the applicant. The Panel also had regard to the

Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and the Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.

The concerns of the local residents who had made representations mainly involved noise, parking concerns, anti-social behaviour both on and off the premises, the safety of younger residents residing nearby, the impact on local businesses, and the suitability of the location. As such, the prevention of public nuisance, the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety and the prevention 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 and traffic problems in the area these would be issues considered by the planning authority and it would be the responsibility of the Licensing Panel to consider issues occurring from the sale and supply of alcohol.

Other matters raised included the similar licences enjoyed by other premises in the nearby area and whether the accumulation impact of multiple commercial establishments within the same vicinity would unacceptably exacerbate disturbance. Concerns were also raised that granting the license would set a precedence for other similar establishment wanting a license in a residential / industrial area. As to these concerns, each application must be considered on its merits. The fact that other local premises share similar licenses is not something we can give significant weight to and we must consider the application placed before us.

Having regard to the submissions, 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 local residents.

Having regard to the written objectors and the evidence we heard from the applicant, 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 for a premises licence for Sandgrown Spirits – The Gin Factory subject the agreed conditions as set out in the agenda papers that had been agreed between the applicant and police.

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