



DECISION NOTICE

Date of Hearing:	Friday, 26 January 2024 – 10:30am
Reason for Hearing:	The licensing authority received an application for a premises licence at 3 Preston Old Road, Clifton. There had been representation from “other persons” and as such the panel had to determine the application.
Panel:	Panel members: Councillor Sandra Pitman - Convenor Councillor Mark Bamforth Councillor Paul Hodgson Officers supporting the panel: Ian Curtis, Joanne Gallagher, Sharon Wadsworth
Parties in Attendance:	Applicant: Lauren Hunter
Parties not in attendance	No persons that had made representations were in attendance.
Also in attendance	Councillor Gavin Harrison (Reserve panel member)

Decision: Grant the premises licence.

Reason for the Decision:

The Licensing Authority had received an application from Lauren Hunter for the grant of a new premises licence at Hunter’s Brunch & Bistro, 3 Preston Old Road, Clifton. The application had been referred to the Panel because representations had been received from three other persons.

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.

The Panel heard that the Police had agreed conditional conditions and Health and Safety had passed observations onto the applicant. No other responses were received from the other responsible authorities. Relevant representations had been made by three 'other persons' and these were included in the agenda papers.

The Panel had before it all of the written material contained in the agenda papers, and listened carefully to the verbal submissions offered by all of those who attended the hearing. The Panel also had regard to the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and the statutory guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.

The issues and concerns raised by the interested parties mainly centered around the potential for an increase in noise and disturbance, within the vicinity of the premises, associated with alcohol consumption. As such, the prevention of public nuisance licensing objective was engaged.

The applicant verbally summarised her concept and business model for the use of the venue, in that it would remain as a café during the day and operate as a restaurant/bistro in the evenings. It was confirmed that the maximum capacity was 20 covers at any one time. The applicant had agreed additional conditions with the Police that reiterated that the sale of alcohol would be ancillary to the primary uses of the premises.

Having heard the submission from the applicant the Panel retired to consider their decision. Having regard to the submissions, both written and oral, the Panel was satisfied that they had no evidence that the prevention of public nuisance licensing objective would not be promoted by granting the licence.

The Panel were therefore satisfied that it would be appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives to grant the licence with the addition of the two conditions agreed between the Police and the applicant.

The Panel's decision was therefore as follows:

To grant the new premises licence at 3 Preston Old Road, Clifton subject to the conditions specified in the operating schedule and the inclusion of the two additional conditions as below.

1. The primary purpose of the premises will be that of a restaurant / bistro / cafe serving food, with additional use for pre-arranged events and functions. The sale of alcohol will be ancillary to these uses.
2. The provision of food, including full meals and snacks will form a substantial element of the operation of the premises with sufficient furniture and seating provided and set out in such a way that it does not become a high volume, vertical drinking establishment.
