



DECISION NOTICE

Date of Hearing:	Friday, 20 October 2023 – 10:30am
Reason for Hearing:	<p>The licensing authority received an application for a premises licence at 45 Woodlands Road, Ansdell.</p> <p>There had been representation from “other persons” and as such the panel had to determine the application.</p>
Panel:	<p>Panel members: Councillor Susan Fazackerley MBE - Convenor Councillor Sandra Pitman Councillor Noreen Griffiths</p> <p>Officers supporting the panel: Ian Curtis, Joanne Gallagher, Chris Hambly, Sharon Wadsworth</p>
Parties in Attendance:	<p>Applicant: Craft and Common Ltd represented by Lauren Rowland and Hannah Muir, Directors</p> <p>Other persons: Councillor Chris Dixon (Ansdell and Fairhaven ward councillor) on behalf of those that had made representations.</p>
Parties not in attendance	R Barclay, J Cash, R Ellison
Also in attendance	Councillor Gail Goodman JP (Ashton ward councillor)

Decision: Grant the premises licence.

Reason for the Decision:

The Licensing Authority had received an application from Craft and Common Ltd for the grant of a new premises licence at 45 Woodlands Road, Ansdell. 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 none of the responsible authorities had made a representation. Relevant representations had been made by three 'other persons' and these were included in the agenda.

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 within the vicinity of the premises and fears that the crafting element would be diminished and that the premises would become a drinking establishment. Concerns for the safety and welfare of children being on the premises and in close proximity to alcohol consumption was also mentioned in the submissions. As such, the prevention of public nuisance licensing objective and the protection of children from harm objective were engaged.

Councillor Dixon, ward councillor for Ansdell and Fairhaven, had been asked to attend the hearing on behalf of those that had made representations. He reiterated the concerns that the supply of alcohol, and the hours, as applied for, would be likely to increase the level of noise within the vicinity and would have a detrimental impact on the quality of life of the residents, especially those that resided in the flats surrounding the premises. Concerns over an increase in commercial noise and obstruction at the rear of the premises from commercial waste were also voiced.

The applicant verbally summarised their concept and business model for the use of the venue. The applicants confirmed that a weekly commercial waste collection had been arranged and that waste bins would be stored at the rear and any waste would be disposed of in the bins prior to 9pm in the evening to reduce any noise or disturbance. A booking system would be in place, but walk ins would be permitted if the slots were available. All under 16's would be required to be accompanied by an adult and all events, including evenings, would be craft based.

Having heard the submissions from all parties, the Panel retired to consider their decision. Having regard to the submissions, both written and oral, the Panel was satisfied that the protection of children from harm objective would not be exacerbated by granting the licence. However, the Panel were mindful that the extended hours applied for on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings would increase the amount of noise emanating from and within the vicinity of the premises for the local residents.

The Panel were therefore satisfied that it would be appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives to grant the licence with the amendment that the terminal hour for the supply of alcohol finished at 10pm on all days.

The Panel's decision was therefore as follows:

To grant the new premises licence at 45 Woodlands Road, Ansdell subject to the conditions specified in the operating schedule and with a terminal hour for the supply of alcohol of 22:00.
