

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

meeting date: FRIDAY 9 JULY 2021
title: 1 LOWER LANE, LONGRIDGE, PRESTON PR3 3SL
submitted by: HEAD OF LEGAL & DEMOCRATIC SERVICES
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To advise the sub-committee on the determination of an application required under section 35 of the Licensing Act 2003.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities

- Community Objectives]
- Corporate Priorities] The Council aims to be a well-managed Council; a robust licensing process contributes to that objective.
- Other Considerations]

2 THE APPLICATION

2.1 The applicant, DMD Design (Longridge) Ltd, already has the benefit of a Premises Licence originally granted on 9 October 2020. The licence currently permits the supply of alcohol for consumption on and off the premises.

2.2 A copy of the existing licence is attached at **Appendix A**.

2.3 The applicant has now made an application to vary the Premises Licence under Section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003. A copy of this application is attached at **Appendix B**.

2.4 Details of the licensable activities currently permitted, together with the variations applied for are set out in the table attached at **Appendix C**.

2.5 Fifteen relevant representations have been received from other persons. No representations have been submitted from any of the Responsible Authorities.

2.6 Relevant representations can be made in opposition to, or in support of, an application and can be made by any individual, body or business that has grounds to do so.

2.7 Statutory guidance states: "A representation is "relevant" if it relates to the likely effect of the grant of the licence on the promotion of at least one of the licensing objectives" and "representations should relate to the impact of licensable activities carried on from premises on the objectives."

2.8 A copy of the representations are attached at **Appendix D** and relate to the public safety licensing objective.

2.9 A plan is attached at **Appendix E** showing the location of the premises.

2.10 All parties have been given notice of the hearing in accordance with Regulation 6 of The Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005.

3 THE LICENSING ACT 2003

3.1 When determining an application, the Licensing Act 2003 requires you to have regard to the representations received from Responsible Authorities and/or Other Persons (including supporting information), statutory Guidance issued under s.182 of the Act and take such of the steps as you consider necessary for the promotion of the four licensing objectives i.e.

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

3.2 The steps you may take are set out at section 3 of the Licensing Hearings – Guidance for Members, together with the statutory guidance issued under section 182 Licensing Act 2003 commencing at section 8.

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS ARISING FROM THE REPORT

4.1 Members are reminded that they must follow the rules of natural justice and they are bound by the code of conduct for elected members in licensing applications.

4.2 Members are reminded that they should have read or should hear all the facts prior to making a determination.

4.3 Members are reminded of the consideration they should give to the Human Rights Act 1998, in particular Article 1 – the right to peaceful enjoyment of possessions, Article 6 – the right to a fair hearing, Article 8 – respect for private and family life and Article 10 – the right to freedom of expression.

5. WARDS AFFECTED

5.1 The premises are situated within the Dilworth Ward. The ward councillors are not members of this sub-committee.

6. RISK ASSESSMENT

6.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications:

- Resources – none identified.
- Technical, Environmental and Legal – the report demonstrates that there has been proper consideration of the application and the relevant guidance and representations.
- Political – none identified.
- Reputation – none identified.
- Equality & Diversity – none identified.

7. **RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE**

7.1 Members are asked to make a determination and state the reasons for that determination.

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