

Chair - Councillor A P Edgeller

Present (for all or part of the meeting):-

Councillors:

A M Loughran

R M Sutherland

Officers in attendance:-

Mr S Turner	-	Legal Services Manager
Mrs J Wallace	-	Licensing Officer
Mr A Bailey	-	Scrutiny Officer

Also in attendance:-

Mr R Parker	-	Local Resident
Mr R Whittaker-Schofield	-	Applicant's Legal Representative
Mr R Johnson	-	Applicant

LSC6 Application for a Premises Licence

Considered the report of the Licensing Officer in relation to an application for a Premises Licence for The Tree House, 1-2 Mill Street, Stafford, ST16 2AJ.

On 15 June 2020 the Council received an application from The Tree House, Cocktail and Champagne Bar in Mill Street, applying for a Premises Licence, for the first floor of the premises. The application was made by Mr Rocco Johnson to become the Premises Licence Holder and Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) of The Tree House, 1-2 Mill Street, Stafford, ST16 2AJ.

On 6 July 2020 the Council received a relevant representation from Mr A R Parker an owner of two flats that surround The Tree House. On 7 July 2020 the Council received a further two relevant representations from Mr Anthony Rogers from Peter Rogers Photographic Ltd, a business in Mill Street, and Mr Stuart Thomas a resident in Mill Street. The main objections to the Premises Licence surrounded the opening times of the premises which initially asked for 02:00 every day of the week.

There were no objections from any of the responsible authorities, however, in relation to the response received from Environmental Health, they negotiated and agreed with Mr Johnson and the result was that the

premises would now close at midnight Monday – Thursday and Sunday’s and open until 02:00 am on Friday’s and Saturday’s.

Mrs J Wallace attended the meeting on behalf of the Head of Operations and introduced the report for Members.

Mr R Parker outlined his case in objection to the application to the premises licence.

All parties were given the opportunity to question Mr Parker.

The applicant’s legal representative and the applicant outlined their case in support of the application to the premises licence .

All parties were given the opportunity to question Mr Whittaker-Schofield and Mr Johnson

All parties were then given the opportunity to sum up their case.

The Sub Committee then considered the matter in private.

Recording of the meeting was paused and then restarted when all parties were back in the room.

All parties were invited back in to the meeting for the Sub Committee’s decision.

RESOLVED:- that having considered the matters set out in the report and the representations made by the parties in attendance, and also having due regard to the statutory guidance and the Council’s Statement of Licensing Policy, the Committee grants the Premises License as applied for.

Reason for Decision

- (i) The Responsible Authorities had not made any relevant representations, but the applicant had agreed certain conditions for the premises licence with Environmental Health, and this included agreed closing times

CHAIR