

Chair - Councillor A L Loughran

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

Councillors:

J P Read

J Thorley

Officers in attendance:-

K McKinney - Senior Licensing and Enviro-Crime Officer
L Taylor-Grime - Principal Solicitor - Contentious Litigation
J Allen - Democratic Services Officer

Also in attendance:-

L Jolly - Shoosmiths Solicitors
K Hughes - Shoosmiths Solicitors
M Freeman - Designated Premises Supervisor

LSC2 Application for a Premises Licence - Co-op, Unit 1 Lichfield Road, Stone ST15 8QU

Considered the report of the Licensing Manager in relation to an application for a Premises Licence for Co-op, Unit 1 Lichfield Road, Stone ST15 8QU.

On 4 November 2024 the Council received an application for a Premises Licence for Central England Co-operative store at Unit 1, Lichfield Road, Stone.

The application was for a Premises Licence to operate from 07:00 - 22:00 seven days a week, Monday to Sunday.

The applicant and proposed Premises Licence Holder was Central England Co-operative Limited, Central House, Queen Street, Lichfield WS13 6QD.

Two valid representations were received during the consultation period from local residents who were concerned about the potential impact on nearby residents, including noise from both the store and increase in traffic, light pollution, people noise and litter from the extensive opening hours, and the sale of alcohol. The objection relates to the licensing objective of Prevention of Public Nuisance.

There had been no objections received from the Responsible Authorities.

K Hughes outlined the case on behalf of the Applicant in support of the application for a Premises Licence.

All parties were given the opportunity to question the applicant.

There were no objectors present.

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 into the meeting for the Sub Committee's decision.

The Sub-Committee carefully considered the application before them. The representations of the residents and Licence Applicants have been fully considered in light of the Licensing Act 2023, the guidance under Section 182 of the Act and the Council's Licensing Policy and approve the Premises Licence subject to the previously agreed conditions and the Council's standard conditions.

CHAIR