Minutes of the Licensing Sub Committee held at the Civic Centre, Riverside, Stafford on Monday 16 November 2026

Chairman - Councillor J A Barron

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

Councillors:
J Thorley A Thurstance

Officers in attendance:-

L Taylor-Grime	-	Principal Solicitor - Contentious Litigation
K Edwards	-	Paralegal/Trainee Legal Officer
L Parkes	-	Licensing and Enforcement Officer
S Davies	-	Licensing and Enviro Crime Compliance and Administration Officer
J Dean	-	Democratic Services Officer

Also present:-

G Sherratt	-	The Kay Group (UK) Ltd
R Cox	-	The Kay Group (UK) Ltd
A Crossan	-	Premises Supervisor
J Soltys	-	Objector

LSC7 Application for a Premises Licence: Stafford Gate Service Station, Creswell Grove, Creswell, ST18 9QP

Considered the report of the Principal Licensing Officer in relation to an application for Premises Licence for Stafford Gate Service Station, Creswell Grove, Creswell, ST18 9QP.

On 10 September 2026 the Council received an application for a Premises Licence for Stafford Gate Service Station, Creswell Grove, Creswell, ST18 9QP

The application was for:-

- the Provision of Late-Night Refreshment from 23:00hrs - 05:00hrs Monday to Sunday, and
- the Supply of Alcohol from 00:00hrs - 24:00hrs Monday to Sunday, and
- the Hours Premises are Open to the Public from 00:00hrs - 24:00hrs Monday to Sunday.

The application was made by The Kay Group (UK) Ltd, Intack Self Drive, The Canal Whare, Lower Audley, Blackburn, BB1 1DG.

There had been no objections from any of the Responsible Authorities.

During the 28-day consultation period, Stafford Borough Council's Environmental Health Team proposed the following conditions, which were agreed with by the applicant and would be applied to any licence (if granted):

1. No collections of waste or recycling materials from the premises shall take place between 22.00 and 07.00 hours on the following day.

2. No deliveries of alcohol will be made to the premises between 22.00 and 07.00 hours on the following day.

3. The premises licence holder shall ensure that measures are put in place to remove litter or waste arising from customers and to prevent such litter from accumulating in the immediate vicinity of the premises.

During the consultation period, Staffordshire County Council's Trading Standards proposed additional conditions with the applicant which were agreed to. These related to Staff Training, Prevention of Crime and Disorder and Protecting Children from Harm.

There had been 20 relevant representations from local residents. The objections related to the four Licensing Objectives: the Prevention of Crime and Disorder, the Prevention of Public Nuisance, Protecting Children from Harm and Ensuring Public Safety.

During the consultation process, the Licensing Team received 3 complaints from persons making representations, that the blue notices advertising the application on the boundary fence of the site, could not be conveniently read from the highway and were a public safety issue. This was due to the boundary fence of the site being extended into the middle of the Eccleshall Road (A5013) due to ongoing roadworks at that time. This resulted in pedestrians having to step into the road, with the potential for oncoming traffic, in order to view the notices.

On being made aware of this issue, the applicant co-operated fully with licensing officers and agreed to re-advertise the blue notices again on 25 September 2026 (for a further 28 days), in additional positions on the opposite pavement and near the site entrance, where officers deemed that they could be conveniently and safely read from the highway.

This also resulted in the application being re-advertised in the Staffordshire Newsletter on 30 September 2026 (originally advertised 16 September 2026). No further complaints were received thereafter.

L Parkes attended the meeting on behalf of the Head of Regulatory Services and introduced the report for Members.

All parties were given the opportunity to question the Council's representative.

G Sherratt presented the applicant's case.

All parties were given the opportunity to question the applicant.

J Soltys outlined his objections to the application.

All parties were given the opportunity to question the objector.

The applicants were subsequently given the opportunity to sum 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 into the meeting for the Sub Committee's decision.

RESOLVED:- that the application for the premises licence in relation to the premises known as Stafford Gate Service Station, Creswell Grove, Creswell, be granted subject to the agreed conditions.

INFORMATIVE -the Kay Group were requested to confirm the correct address for the Licence holder

CHAIR