

Licensing Authority in role as Responsible Authority Representation



RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY RESPONSE TO LICENSING APPLICATIONS

RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY – Licensing

Name and Address of Applicant	Mr Premakanthan Nadarajah
Premises	Elliot Store, 54-56 Queens Road, Elliotstown, New Tredegar, NP24 6DZ

Your Name	Kathryn Hopkins
Date:	31 st January 2023
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Which of the four Licensing Objectives does your representation relate to?	✓
The Prevention of Crime and Disorder	✓
Public Safety	
The Prevention of Public Nuisance	✓
The Protection of Children from Harm	✓

Please outline the reasons for your Representations
<p>The application received is for a new premises licence for the sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises Monday to Sunday between the hours 0700 – 2300.</p> <p>As a result of the application for a new premise licence a site visit was arranged with my colleague David Rees on 13th January 2023, together with Gwent Police and the Council's Health & Safety Officer as Responsible Authorities. During this visit it was noted that Mr Nadarajah was also the Licence Holder and Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) for Elliott Stores (PRM223), 16 Elliott Street, New Tredegar which is located directly opposite this premise.</p> <p>In addition, whilst checking Mr Nadarajah's personal licence details which was issued by another local authority, it became apparent that he is also the DPS at another off licence outside of Caerphilly County Borough.</p>

Mr Nadarajah confirmed in a telephone conversation on 30th January 2023 that he propose to manage the day-to-day operation of the businesses by attending the two premises in New Tredegar every morning and the other premise outside Caerphilly County Borough every afternoon. He also informed me that he plans to arrange training for 3 members of staff to complete their personal licence qualification.

The premise is due to have a full refurbishment with the intention of opening to customers in March 2023. Should the current plan/layout change after building works have been completed then Mr Nadarajah must contact the Licensing Section.

Furthermore, I informed Mr Nadarajah that I had been made aware of local residents' concerns in relation to the hours applied for and the potential for a hearing regarding this application should objections be received by the Licensing Section.

Since my visit to the premise a petition from residents have now been received objecting to the application in relation to anti-social behaviour, litter, and parking concerns. The Council's statement of licensing policy which refers to how petitions are dealt with can be seen on page 53 point 28.24.

In considering the above, the Licensing Authority acting in its role as the Responsible Authority would support the additional conditions or rewording of conditions submitted by the Police as being reasonable to promote the licensing objectives.

In addition, the Licensing Authority would also suggest the following condition: -

- The licence holder shall ensure that adequate measures are in place to remove litter or waste arising from their customers and to prevent such litter from accumulating in the immediate vicinity of their premise.

In view of Mr Nadarajah's comments concerning 3 additional staff that would become personal licence holders, I have decided not to propose conditions in relation to managing day to day control at the premise.

What conditions could be added to the licence to remedy your representation that the Licensing Sub-Committee could take into account	
Are you prepared to discuss these representations with the applicant by way of mediation?	Yes

N.B. If you make a representation, you will be expected to attend the Licensing Sub-Committee and any subsequent appeal proceeding.

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