

# Decision Notice



## Licensing Act 2003

### Decision of the Council's Licensing Acts Panel held on 22 October 2012 in respect of an application for a premises licence for The Old Post Office, 25 High Street, Abingdon

05 November 2012

#### Reason for Hearing

To determine the application for a premises licence for The Old Post Office, 25 High Street, and Abingdon made under section 18 of the Licensing Act 2003, ("the Act").

#### Evidence

The panel considered the licensing officer's report and accompanying documentation, including representations from a local resident, two local District councillors, Thames Valley Police, the council's Environmental Protection team, and heard submissions from the licensing officer, an environmental protection officer, a local resident and the applicant's legal representative and area manager.

#### Decision

To grant the application as applied for, subject to the following additional conditions requested by Thames Valley Police and accepted by the applicant:

1. The premises licence holder will erect signage adjacent to the front entrance to the premises requesting that customers smoke in the dedicated smoking area at the rear of the premises.
2. A minimum of two door supervisors individually registered by the SIA will be employed at the premises from 21.00 to 01.00 on every Friday and Saturday evening. In addition to this requirement, the premises licence holder will risk assess the need for door supervisors at all times when the premises is open to the public and employ such door supervisors at such times and in such numbers as deemed necessary by the risk assessment.

And the following additional conditions requested by the council's environmental protection team:

1. There shall be no consumption of food or drink in any external areas of the premises after 22.00
2. There shall be no external heating in any external areas of the premises

### Reasons for the decision

The panel considered the representations by all parties, the relevant provisions of the Act, the Secretary of State's guidance issued under section 182 of the Act, and the council's licensing policy.

The panel took into account the written representations of the local councillors and other interested parties. This included concerns about the timing of alcohol sales and the potential for crime and disorder and public nuisance but considered that the conditions proposed by Thames Valley Police and the council's Environmental Protection team and the measures proposed by the applicant, were sufficient to address these concerns. The panel took into account the responsible attitude demonstrated by the applicant and their wide range of experience of running 863 premises nationwide in a variety of different locations. It acknowledged that the applicant is seeking to attract a broad customer base and took into account their willingness to accept conditions proposed by Thames Valley Police and the council's Environmental Protection team. It also took into account the comprehensive management regime designed to provide suitable controls on the sale of alcohol and to provide extensive tailored training for staff with the intention of meeting all four of the licensing objectives. The panel was satisfied that granting the licence subject to the conditions would not undermine any of the four licensing objectives.

### Informatives

1. If any party wishes to obtain a copy of the minutes of the panel meeting, they can do so by contacting Susan Harbour, Democratic Services Officer, telephone 01235 540306.
2. Any party may appeal against the panel's decision (under section 206 of the Act). Any appeal must be to the Magistrates' Court within 21 days of the date of this decision notice.

Signed by Panel Chairman Councillor..........(Charlotte Dickson)

Date 5/11/2012.....