



## **LICENSING ACT 2003**

### **Application for a New Premises Licence**

### **Decision Record**

**APPLICANT:** Mr Neeraj Sharma

**PREMISES:** No. 82 Church Road, Aldershot

**DATE OF HEARING:** 7th August, 2024

**MEMBERS SITTING:** Cllrs A.H. Crawford, Sarah Spall and  
Jacqui Vosper (Chairman)

## **DECISION**

To grant the licence subject to additional conditions.

## **REASONS**

The Sub-Committee has considered an application by Mr Neeraj Sharma for a premises licence for premises at No. 82 Church Road, Aldershot, authorising the sale of alcohol between 0800 hours and 2200 hours. Mr Sharma is also the proposed Designated Premises Supervisor.

The application has attracted one representation from a local resident, who opposes the grant of the licence on the grounds of crime and disorder and public nuisance.

The Sub-Committee notes that no representations have been received from any Responsible Authority. In particular, Paragraph 2.1 of the Secretary of State's Guidance to the Act states that the police are the Licensing Authority's main source of information on crime and disorder and the Sub-Committee notes that no representation has been received from Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary.

In making its decision, the Sub-Committee has had regard to the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003, the Secretary of State's Guidance issued under section 182 of that Act, and the Rushmoor Borough Council Statement of Licensing Policy.

Each member of the Sub-Committee has read and considered the application and accompanying documents and listened carefully to the representations made by the Applicant today.

The Sub-Committee must consider the likely effect of the granting of the application upon the promotion of the four Licensing Objectives: the prevention of crime and disorder; public safety; the prevention of public nuisance; and the protection of children from harm. In the view of the Sub-Committee, there is no evidence that the grant of the licence, as applied for, will add to problems of crime and disorder and nuisance. It has also disregarded the fact that other premises in the area are licensed for the sale of alcohol.

The decision of the Sub-Committee is therefore to grant the application subject to such conditions as are consistent with the operating schedule, with the addition/alteration of conditions to ensure that reference to a refusals log should include a reference to an incident log and that, at all times the premises are open for the sale of alcohol, a Challenge 25 policy shall be in operation.

Mr Sharma proposed that all staff employed on the premises should be personal licence holders. The Sub-Committee welcomes that

proposal but does not require it to be made a condition on the licence.

Any party to the hearing may appeal to the Magistrates' Court in writing, within 21 days of receipt of this written decision.