



LICENSING ACT 2003

Application for a Licence Review Decision Record

APPLICANT: Home Office - Immigration

PREMISES: Pizza GoGo, No. 5 Union Street,
Aldershot, GU11 1EG

DATE OF HEARING: Monday, 13 April 2026

MEMBERS SITTING: Cllrs Jacqui Vosper (Chair), P.J. Cullum
and Bill O'Donovan

DECISION

To modify the existing licence conditions, to include the following:

- (i) The Premises licence holder shall undertake right to work checks on all staff employed at the licensed premises.
- (ii) Documentary Evidence of current right to work status (e.g. a copy of any document checked as part of a right to work check or a clear copy of the online right to work check) shall be retained at the licensed premises for all employees and those who have been employed within the previous 12 months, which are to be available for inspection immediately by any responsible authority upon its request.

REASONS

In coming to its decision by majority, the Sub-Committee has taken into account:

- The Licensing Act Section 18, which states that, having regard to the application and any relevant representations, the Sub-Committee must take such of the steps available to it as it considers necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives;
 - The Secretary of State's Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003;
 - The Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and;
 - The representations for the Applicant and the Licence Holder. Including those which had been provided shortly prior to the hearing.
1. The Sub-Committee listened carefully to the representatives for the Home Office and the Licence Holder. They noted that an application to transfer the licence had been granted by a separate Sub-Committee prior to the hearing and that they were

not required to follow that decision.

2. The Sub-Committee considered the representations of the parties and found by majority decision that it had not been established on the balance of probabilities the Licence Holder would not be able to uphold the licensing objectives.
3. The Sub-Committee reminded itself that the representative of the Home Office is considered an expert in their respective field & noted the representations made regarding the impacts of illegal working.
4. Whilst it was clear that there were serious failings in the previous management of the premises, there was not sufficient evidence for the Sub-Committee to establish that the Licence Holder would have been aware and responsible at the time these failings occurred.
5. Whilst the Licence Holder had previously worked at the premises during this period, he was not in a position of management or control and was therefore not responsible for its failings.
6. The Sub-Committee had been provided evidence that the Licence Holder is a new and separate legal entity which had taken full responsibility for the rent, franchise agreement and running of the premises. Since the Licence Holder had taken over operation of the premises there was no evidence to suggest that the unlawful activity was continuing. No further visits had been conducted by a responsible authority in this time.
7. The Sub-Committee asked the director of the Licence Holder questions about the running of the premises. They were concerned at the licence holder's apparent lack of knowledge regarding the operation and ability to recall information which

they would have expected to be readily known by the sole director of the business and would demonstrate that he is in full control of the operation.

8. The Sub-Committee found that the director did not have a good explanation regarding right to work checks despite reporting that he had carried out two on new employees since taking control of the business. He confirmed that he had not carried out checks on his other employees when he took over management of the premises.
9. The Sub-Committee were concerned that without conditions being attached to the premises licence that there would be a risk the business would not be able to uphold the licensing objective of the prevention of crime and disorder. The Sub-Committee determined that the new conditions would not adversely affect the business' ability to operate lawfully.

Right of Appeal

10. Any party who has made a relevant representation may appeal to the Magistrates' Court in writing within 21 days of receipt of this written decision.