

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE HELD AT THE
COUNCIL OFFICES, STATION ROAD, WIGSTON ON FRIDAY, 6 OCTOBER 2017
COMMENCING AT 10.22 AM**

PRESENT

Councillor G A Boulter (Chair)

COUNCILLORS

Mrs L M Broadley
R E Fahey

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs T Aldwinckle (Licensing Enforcement Officer)
S J Ball (Senior Democratic Services Officer / Legal Officer)
D Gill (Legal Advisor)
Ms S Lane (Democratic Services Officer / Compliance Officer)
J Mortell (Licensing Officer)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

J Hockenhull (Applicant, HGS (Leicester) Limited)
P Hockenhull (Applicant, HGS (Leicester) Limited)
R Spooner (Applicant, HGS (Leicester) Limited)
C Streeten (Applicant's Legal Representative)

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

It was moved by Councillor Mrs L M Broadley, seconded by Councillor R E Fahey and

RESOLVED THAT:

Councillor G A Boulter assume the Chair for the Panel Hearing.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

3. APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES

None.

**4. APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE - SPAR/SHELL PETROL STATION, 1-3
DORSET AVENUE, WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE, LE18 4WB**

The Chair introduced the parties and outlined the hearing procedure to be followed.

The Hearing Regulations 2005 stated that the Authority must allow parties an equal period of time in which to present their evidence. It was agreed that all parties would have 10 minutes to make their representations.

Report of the Licensing Officer

The Licensing Panel gave consideration to the report and appendices as delivered and summarised by the Licensing Officer (at pages 1 - 75) which should be read together with these minutes as a composite document.

Questions put to the Licensing Officer

None.

Representations made by the Applicant

The Applicants Legal Representative, Mr Charles Streeten, addressed the Licensing Panel.

He stated that the site had been closed for the past 10 years and that prior to this it had operated as a petrol forecourt. During the past 10 years the site had operated as a hand car wash.

It was said that HGS (Leicester) Ltd had now purchased the freehold and were in the process of totally redeveloping the site with an investment of £1.2 million. The site would then trade as a Spar convenience store offering a wide range of products with alcohol being a key product category. It was said that as well as the normal product categories associated with a quality convenience store, the site would have an ATM, Lottery, E-Pay and a hot food counter.

He also stated that the operators of this site had ten other sites in the Leicestershire/Northamptonshire area, and of these; 7 sites are a 24 hour operation; 3 sites are a 16 hour operation and all sites were licensed.

The operators of the site are also Retailers for Shell UK Oil Products Ltd by way of a Retailer Business Agreement (RBA). The site would therefore be operated to a similar standard to their Shell sites.

It was stated that the site would employ 15-20 staff on a mixture of full and part time basis.

CCTV would operate in store and on the forecourt and would have a full alarm system with Redcare. A full scanning system with till prompts on age-restricted products would be operated. All staff would be trained on this along with regular refresher training.

Questions put to the Applicant

None.

Closing Speeches

None.

The Licensing Panel adjourned to consider its decision at 10:36 am.

The Licensing Panel reconvened at 10:47 am.

DECIDED THAT:-

(i) The decision herewith contained in the foregoing Decision Notice as was

- read aloud in outline by the Legal Advisor to all those present at the meeting be made to GRANT the application for a Premise Licence;
- (ii) The exact wording of the proposed conditions to be delegated to Officers so that they accord with the wording of the Pool of Model Conditions: and
 - (iii) The Application for a Premise Licence, be amended to reflect the correct postal address of South Wigston, Leicestershire.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.49 AM



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Chair
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