



Briefing Report
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Public Agenda Item: **Yes**

Title: Licensing Act 2003 – An application for a Premises Licence in respect of Taj India, 47 Abbey Road, Torquay TQ2 5NQ

Wards Affected: **Tormohun**

To: **Licensing Sub Committee** **9th January 2014**

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1. Key points and Summary

- 1.1 To consider and determine an application, in respect of the Premise detailed above, for a new Premises Licence. The Premise is in the Cumulative Impact Area.
- 1.2 The application relates to all the Corporate Priorities within the Community Plan.
- 1.3 The matters raised relate to the Licensing Objectives “The Prevention of Crime and Disorder” and “The Protection of Children from Harm”.
- 1.4 The matter must be considered on its merits having received details of the issues arising either at a hearing or by written Representation if all parties have agreed that a hearing is not necessary. A decision must be made, having considered the Representations, either:-
 - (a) to grant the licence subject to
 - (i) such conditions as are consistent with the submitted operating Schedule modified to such extent as the authority considers necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives, and
 - (ii) any condition which must under Section 19, 20 or 21 be included in the licence;

(Such conditions may differ in respect of different parts of the Premises and/or different activities).
 - (b) to exclude from the scope of the licence any of the licensable activities to which the application relates;
 - (c) to refuse to specify a person in the licence as the Premises Supervisor;
 - (d) to reject the application.
- 1.5 Reasons for the decision must be given for inclusion in the appropriate Notices required to be served on the Applicant and Interested Party following the

determination of the matter.

2. Introduction

- 2.1 An application has been made under Section 17 of the Act for a Premises Licence to permit licensable activities at the Premise detailed above. Details of the relevant pages of the application are shown in Appendix 1.

A brief description of the application, as follows:

The sale of Alcohol on and off the premises from 17.30 until 23.00 Monday to Sunday.

To provide Late Night Refreshment on and off the premises from 23.00 until 23.30 Monday to Sunday.

To be open to the public from 17.30 until 23.30 Monday to Sunday.

A copy of the plan of the Premises is shown as Appendix 2.

- 2.2 The Council as the Licensing Authority is satisfied that the Applicant has met the administrative requirements of Section 17(5) but is unable to issue the Licence, as a relevant Representation has been received from a Responsible Authority. The Licensing Authority is also satisfied that the Representation has been received within the appropriate time scale, has not been subsequently withdrawn and is not vexatious or frivolous.

We have received one Representation from the Police in relation to the following Licensing Objectives: "The Prevention of Crime and Disorder "The Protection of Children from Harm". This is shown as Appendix 3.

There have been no additional Representations received from any other Responsible Authority or any Interested Party.

- 2.3 The Authority is required to conduct a hearing by the provisions of Section 18(3) unless all parties agree that this is not necessary.
- 2.4 Appropriate Notices have been issued to all parties, as required by the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearing Regulations) 2005, including, where appropriate, details of the Representation and the procedure to be followed at the hearing.
- 2.5 If the application is refused, in whole or in part, a Right of Appeal to the Magistrates' Court is granted by Section 181 of the Act and, by Paragraph 1 of Schedule 5, to the Applicant.
- 2.6 If the application is granted, a Right of Appeal to the Magistrates' Court is granted by Section 181 of the Act and, by Paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 5 to :-
- (a) The holder of the licence against any decision
 - (i) to impose conditions on the licence, or
 - (ii) to take any step to exclude a licensable activity or refuse to specify a person as Premises Supervisor.

- (b) Any person who made a relevant Representation who desires to contend
 - (i) that the licence ought not to have been granted, or
 - (ii) that, on granting the licence, the Licensing Authority ought to have imposed different or additional conditions, or taken any step to exclude a licensable activity or refuse to specify person as Premises Supervisor.

2.7 Following such Appeal, the Magistrates' Court may:-

- (a) dismiss the appeal,
 - (b) substitute for the decision appealed against any other decision which could have been made by the Licensing Authority, or
 - (c) remit the case to the Licensing Authority to dispose of it in accordance with the direction of the Court,
- and may make such order as to costs as it thinks fit.

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Appendices

Appendix 1 Details of the application.

Appendix 2 Plan of Premises.

Appendix 3 Representation from the Police.

If the above appendices are not attached to this report, they can be viewed at Connections Offices in Torquay, Paignton or Brixham and Torquay, Paignton, Churston or Brixham Libraries. Copies can also be obtained from the Democratic Services Office, Town Hall, Torquay.

Documents available in Members' rooms

None

Background Papers:

The following documents/files were used to compile this report:

Torbay Council Licensing Policy 2011.