Application to vary premises licence

Abi Mini Mart, Halton Brook Avenue, Halton Brook, Runcorn, WA7 2DY

Operating schedule/proposed licence conditions

This is an established licensed general convenience store serving the local community selling an extensive range of goods. The applicant, an experienced retailer, is keen to try to develop the business further, especially in the current climate.

The current licence allows the sale of alcohol until 11pm daily. The proposal is for the shop to open, including the sale of alcohol, until 2am, and the provision of late night refreshment until 2am. This is also for the business to develop further in terms of deliveries – the ordering and delivery aspect is becoming more important and common-place now.

An updated floor plan is also submitted.

The current licence conditions are detailed although further conditions are proposed, including specific conditions about deliveries, in order to enhance the current licence and continue to promote the licensing objectives.

The operating schedule was put together having due regard to various available information and guidance including the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and the Guidance.

The new proposed conditions are shown below;

Prevention of crime and disorder

All staff selling alcohol shall be authorised to sell alcohol in writing and a record of the authorisation will be kept in the shop for inspection.

The premises shall operate an alcohol refusals policy - alcohol will not be sold to;

- (1) Any person recognised or identified as a street drinker (regardless of their level of inebriation at the time);
- (2) Any person found to be drinking alcohol in the street;

- (3) Any person who is drunk or appears to be drunk;
- (4) Any person suspected of trying to buy alcohol for another person who is drunk or appears to be drunk;
- (5) Any person unable to provide valid ID when requested by staff;
- (6) Any person who is verbally or physically abusive towards staff or customers.
- (7) To any person suspected of trying to buy alcohol for another person(s) who may be under age.

A notice advising customers of the refusals policy shall be on display.

'Drinkaware' promotional literature shall be on display in the shop.

'Crimestoppers' promotional material will be on display to promote the initiative.

Public safety

No further conditions are proposed / considered necessary

Prevention of public nuisance

A notice(s) shall be on display in the premises asking customers not to drop litter on the floor.

Staff will monitor the area immediately outside the premises on a regular basis to check for, and to properly dispose of, any litter from the premises.

Protection of children from harm

Challenge 25 notices shall clearly be displayed in the shop.

A refusals register (for the sale of alcohol) will be kept and be available for inspection by responsible authorities.

The PLH shall sign up to the Portman Group's retail alert bulletin in respect of the code of practice on the naming, packaging and promotion of alcoholic drinks.

A due diligence checklist (aimed at preventing any underage sales) will be used, and be made available for inspection by responsible authorities.

Conditions in relation to orders and deliveries of alcohol;

Alcohol deliveries will only be made to pre-arranged and booked postal addresses.

No deliveries shall be made to 'open spaces' (this includes playing fields, parks etc)

The Challenge 25 policy shall also apply at the point of delivery, and delivery drivers will use a refusals register/log to record any instances when a refusal is made. This register/log shall be made available for inspection by Authorised Officers.

All alcohol deliveries will normally be accepted by an individual in person - a delivery of alcohol will not be left in a 'safe place' for collection (unless there are special circumstances such as Covid 19 social distancing measures etc).

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PRIOR TO MAKING ANY REPRESENTATIONS.