

LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

18 February 2021

Present: Councillor S Bolton (Chair)
Councillor R Martins and I Stotesbury

Also present: Sergeant Luke Mitchell, Hertfordshire Constabulary
Jo Tomkins, Hertfordshire Constabulary
Joao Miguel Faria, applicant
Filipa Ferreira, other party

Officers: Interim Head of Legal Services
Senior Licensing Officer (AY)
Democratic Services Officer (AG)

19 **Committee membership/ election of a Chair**

The Democratic Services Officer confirmed that the Sub-Committee would comprise Councillors Bolton, Martins and Stotesbury.

The Sub-Committee was asked to elect a Chair for the hearing.

RESOLVED –

that Councillor Bolton be elected Chair for this hearing.

All parties present introduced themselves.

All parties present confirmed that they were satisfied for the hearing to take place in private and they were content to hear both applications together and to hear arguments.

20 **Disclosure of interests (if any)**

There were no disclosures of interests.

21 **Exclusion of Press and Public**

RESOLVED -

that, under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business as it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during consideration of the item there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Section 100(1) of the Act for the reasons stated below in terms of Schedule 12A.

22 **Application to Transfer a Premises Licence - Batista's, 158 Whippendell Road, Watford**

The Sub-Committee received a report of the Senior Licensing Officer outlining an application for the transfer of a premises licence for Batista's, 158 Whippendell Road, Watford, WD18 7NB.

The Senior Licensing Officer provided an overview of the application and the relevant policy and statutory guidance.

The police presented their representations and supporting evidence to the sub-committee. The applicant, assisted by the other party, addressed the sub-committee.

Members and officers asked questions about the application and received responses.

The Chair advised that all parties would be informed of the decision within five working days.

RESOLVED –

that the application to transfer a premises licence for Batista's, 158 Whippendell Road, Watford, WD18 7NB be refused in order to promote the licensing objective of the prevention of crime and disorder.

Application to Nominate a Designated Premises Supervisor - Batista's, 158 Whippendell Road, Watford

The Sub-Committee received a report of the Senior Licensing Officer outlining an application to vary a premises licence to specify a Designated Premises Supervisor for Batista's, 158 Whippendell Road, Watford, WD18 7NB.

The Senior Licensing Officer provided an overview of the application and the relevant policy and statutory guidance.

The police presented their representations and supporting evidence to the sub-committee. The applicant, assisted by the other party, addressed the sub-committee.

Members and officers asked questions about the application and received responses.

The Chair advised that all parties would be informed of the decision within five working days.

RESOLVED –

that the application to vary a premises licence to specify a Designated Premises Supervisor for Batista's, 158 Whippendell Road, Watford, WD18 7NB be refused in order to promote the licensing objective of the prevention of crime and disorder.

Chair
Licensing Sub-Committee

Started at 10:40
and finished at 12:30