

Minutes of the **Licensing Sub-Committee**  
of the **Test Valley Borough Council**  
held in Council Chamber, Duttons Road, Romsey  
on Thursday 2nd August 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

Attendance:

Councillor G.P.C Stallard (P) Councillor Mrs D. Baverstock (P)  
Councillor A. Hope (P)

Also in attendance:

Councillor Mrs S A Lamb Prof R Light, Barrister for the Applicant  
Ms K Lynch, Lockett & Co Insp. B Smith, Hampshire Constabulary  
Mr & Mrs James Sgt. T Adams, Hampshire Constabulary  
Mr & Mrs M Thompson Mr Marc Thompson

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**Appointment of Chairman**

**Resolved:**

**That Councillor Hope be appointed Chairman for the duration of the meeting.**

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**Minutes**

**Resolved:**

**That the minutes of the meeting held on 1st May 2007 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.**

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**Application for a new Premises Licence – Esso Greatbridge Service Station, Greatbridge Road, Romsey SO51 0HB**

The Sub-Committee considered an application for a new premises licence for the Esso Greatbridge Service Station, Greatbridge Road, Romsey.

The premises were being redeveloped and included the construction of a new 2000 square foot plus convenience store. As these are new premises a new Premises Licence is required and the applicant has now applied under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 for such a licence. The application seeks the same activities during the same times as permitted by the existing licence namely:

- a) The provision of late night refreshment from 2300 to 0500 hours.
- b) The supply of alcohol for consumption off the premises from 0600 to 0000 hours.

The Licensing Manager informed the Sub-Committee that the application had attracted representations from the Hampshire Constabulary and from a number of other interested parties referred to in the report. Due to these representations the matter was required to be determined by a hearing.

The Chairman invited Professor Light to address the Sub-Committee on behalf of the applicant. Professor Light outlined the rationale for the application. He questioned whether all the representations received were relevant, as in his view, some of them were not in the vicinity of the application site as defined by the Licensing Act 2005.

This was followed by representations on behalf of the Hampshire Constabulary by Sgt. Adams and Insp. Smith. The Sub-Committee requested that crime figures for the area of the application site be supplied and a short adjournment was granted to allow this.

The Sub-Committee then received representations from Councillor Mrs S Lamb on behalf of the interested parties. Representations were also made by Mr M Thompson, an interested party.

The Sub-Committee was then given the opportunity to ask questions of the applicant's representatives, the police and the interested parties.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting to enable the Sub-Committee to consider the matter.

### **Decision**

Upon return, the Chairman informed the meeting that the Sub-Committee, in reaching its determination upon the matter, had had regard to the National Licensing Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003, Test Valley Borough Council's own Licensing Policy, together with the representations made at the Hearing and in writing.

The Licensing Sub-Committee, having listened to all parties, found there to be insufficient evidence to demonstrate that the licensing objectives would be compromised.

Representations from outside a 400m area of the application site were excluded from consideration as they were deemed not to be in the vicinity.

### **Resolved:**

**That the Premises Licence as applied for be granted subject to a condition requiring additional CCTV coverage of the seating area.**

(The meeting terminated at 1.27 pm)