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## **LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE**

**20 October 2008**

**Present:-** Councillor Slater in the Chair

Councillors Mrs Cornes and Jones

R Cooper	- Clerk
J Cleary	- Democratic Services
L Roberts	- Staffordshire Police
Mrs C. Pickin	- Applicant
Mr A. Pickin	- Representative of the applicant
Mr & Mrs Washbrook	- Premises Licence Holders
Mr B. Wain	- Representative of the Premises Licence Holders

Representatives of residents living in the vicinity of the premises

### **469. \* THE BLUEBELL, HARDINGSWOOD, KIDSGROVE**

#### **Issues**

A request for a review had been submitted by Mrs C Pickin on the grounds of public safety and the prevention of public nuisance.

#### **Decision**

The Sub-Committee Having taken into account the Licensing Act 2003, the guidance issued under Section 182 of the Act, the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and the representations received both in support of and contrary to the review, is satisfied that the application for review is properly made and is not made vexatiously or frivolously.

The Sub-Committee considered the relevant licensing objectives in the light of what had been said and imposed the following conditions on the licence:-

- (1) That the premises licence holder display permanent clear and legible notices at all exits used by customers and in the windows of the premises so as to be legible by customers outside the premises stating:-

“Customers are requested to respect the needs of local residents and not to stand in or otherwise obstruct the roadway (Hardingswood)”.

- (2) That customers shall not drink outside at the front of the premises after 10pm each evening.

The reasons for the decision are that the Sub-Committee is satisfied that the problems described by the applicant for the review do exist and the conditions are imposed in furtherance of the licensing objectives of public safety and the prevention of public nuisance.

In addition to these two conditions the Sub-Committee also makes the following recommendations and for the avoidance of doubt these do not form part of the licence:-

- (1) That Mr and Mrs Washbrook take an active role and regularly patrol the outside of the premises, and request that customers who are found to be in the roadway are moved to the side of the road.
- (2) That Mr and Mrs Washbrook do not encourage customers into the roadway and do not place chairs or tables in the roadway.
- (3) That in order to try to minimise any fallout from these proceedings for the applicants, Mr and Mrs Washbrook endeavour to ensure that their customers are aware of the reasons for the review and the conditions sought by the applicants.

**R SLATER**  
**Chair**