Our ref: 18076

Your ref:

Date: 10 June 2025

Mr Muhammad Husham Saleem Newcastle Pizza Ltd T/A Caprinos Pizza 131 Liverpool Road Cross Heath Newcastle-under-Lyme Staffordshire ST5 9HD

Sent to

Dear Mr Saleem

Licensing Act 2003 Sub-Committee – 4 June 2025
Application to vary a Premises Licence
Caprinos, 131 Liverpool Road, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, ST5 9HD

I am writing to notify you of the decision taken by the Licensing Sub-Committee on 4 June 2025. The Licensing Sub-Committee proposed to adjourn the hearing of the application to vary the licence on the grounds outlined below.

Summary:

In respect of the variation application made by Newcastle Pizza Ltd T/A Caprinos Pizza on the 11 March 2025 under the Licensing Act 2003 to extend the licensable hours to provide late night refreshment at 23:00-03:00 hours on Sundays to Thursdays and 23:00-04:00 hours on Fridays and Saturdays. During the consultation period of the application, a representation was received from the Environmental Protection Team in relation to the prevention of public nuisance. This representation was deemed relevant.

At the time that the meeting was due to commence discussions were ongoing between the applicant and the representative from Environmental Protection, Mr Robert Thomas in relation to proposed conditions and alterations to the application in relation to the terminal hours being reduced by one hour each day. As there was still some disagreement between both parties, an officer from the licensing team proposed that the applicant request for the meeting to be adjourned to take all matters into account.

Discussions continued, without resolution, for a significant time between both parties, at which point the three members of the sub-committee required all parties to come into the meeting room so that they could discuss the case.

The Chairman of the Sub-Committee Councillor John Williams opened the hearing at approximately 3:40pm.

Decision:

In making their decision the licensing sub-committee carefully considered the application, the report, the Licensing Act 2003, the statutory guidance and the Council's own Statement of Licensing Policy.

Due to the time that had passed, without the members having full knowledge of the discussions between the applicant, his representative and the Environmental Health Officer, it was felt that a fair and considered decision could not be reached at this meeting. The members proposed that the matter was adjourned to a later date and that a noise assessment, the findings in regard to the ventilation system and concise and enforceable conditions be included within the report prior to the new meeting being held. The members also requested that, if possible, the same three councillors attend on the new date due to their familiarity with the matter.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Licensing Team via licensing@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

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Service Director - Regulatory Services

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