

## **LICENSING PANEL (343)**

**12<sup>th</sup> December 2007 at 10.00 a.m.**

PRESENT: Councillors Hinkley, M. Hussain and Taylor

OFFICERS: J. Secker - Clerk to the Panel (Solicitor)

T. Ireland - Acting Licensing Manager

S. Paradine - Committee Administrator

### **99 ELECTION OF CHAIR (REF: 1)**

**Resolved:** That Councillor M. Hussain be elected Chair of Panel No. 343.

### **100 APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE – ASHUKA RESTAURANT, 616 HITCHIN ROAD, LUTON. (REF: 7)**

PRESENT:

APPLICANT: Sadek Ahmed

OBJECTOR: Not present

The Chair introduced the Members of the Panel and Officers to those parties present.

The Acting Licensing Manager reported on an application by Sadek Ahmed for the variation of a Premises Licence in respect of Ashuka Restaurant, 616 Hitchin Road, Luton to allow off sales of alcohol, late night refreshment and the extension of existing hours on Sundays to take place.

The Acting Licensing Manager reported on one objection to the grant of the Licence received from an interested party.

The Panel questioned the applicant and he responded to the Panel in compliance with the approved Procedure.

**Resolved:** That consideration of this matter take place following consideration of the passing of a resolution to exclude the public and press from the meeting.

**101 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, PART VA (REF: 8)**

**Resolved:** That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the decision in relation to the report of the Head of Environmental and Consumer Services referred to at Minute 100/07 above, as there would be disclosure to them of exempt information falling within Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

**102 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, PART VA (REF: 8)**

**Resolved:** That the public and press be no longer excluded from the meeting.

**103 APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE – ASHUKA RESTAURANT, 616 HITCHIN ROAD, LUTON. (REF: 7)**

The Panel had carefully considered the papers before it including the oral representations made by the Applicant and the written representation made by the objector together with conditions proposed by the Police which the Applicant had accepted. The Panel had regard to the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy, in particular Section 9 "Prevention of Public Nuisance".

**Resolved:** That the application by Sadek Ahmed for the Variation of Premises Licence with regard to off sales of alcohol, the provision of late night refreshment and extension of existing hours on Sundays to take place in respect of Ashuka Restaurant, 616 Hitchin Road, Luton be **GRANTED**, (licensable activity and hours of operation as set out in Appendix 10/07 to these minutes), subject to compliance with the following conditions:

1. The premises to adopt a Challenge 21 policy whereby persons purchasing alcoholic drinks or who are having such drinks purchased for them who appear to be under the age of 21 will be asked to prove that they are over the age of 18. The only acceptable forms of identification will be a bona fide passport, a photo style driving licence or an ID card displaying the PASS hologram logo.
2. To assist in prevention of crime and disorder there will be no promotions that will encourage irresponsible drinking.
3. A refusals book to be maintained.
4. Staff training records to be kept and maintained.

5. All staff involved with the supply of alcohol at the premises shall either be holders of a personal licence, or they shall participate in regular in-house training in relation to awareness in responsible alcohol retailing. The training shall be provided by the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) or holder of a personal licence upon whom the DPS should confer authority.
6. For any home deliveries of food and alcohol, if the customer does not appear to be 21 years old proof of age must be shown before the sale is made.

**(Note: The meeting ended at 10.15 a.m.)**