# **Licensing Sub-Committee Report**

Subject of hearing: Premier Inn (Proposed), 153-161 The Broadway, Wimbledon, SW19 1NE

Date: 26 March 2018

Time: 1:30pm

Venue: Merton Civic Centre, London Road, Morden, Surrey, SM4 5DX

- 1. Special Policy Area (premises licences and club certificates)
- 1.1 The premises are in the special policy area. Accordingly the relevant section of Merton's Licensing Policy is particularly relevant to this application though the sub-committee is to have regard to the policy as a whole.

## 2. Type of hearing and powers of the sub-committee

- 2.1 The sub-committee is required to determine the application by taking such of the steps set out below as it considers necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives.
- 2.2 In making their determination the sub-committee must have regard to the Licensing Act 2003, the licensing objectives, guidance issued by the Secretary of State and Merton's Licensing Policy.
- 2.3 New premises licence: s18
  - (i) To grant the licence subject to conditions
  - (ii) To exclude from the scope of the licence any of the licensable activities to which the application relates
  - (iii) To refuse to specify a person in the licence as the premises supervisor
  - (iv) To reject the application.

### 3. Hearing papers

The applications, notices and representations for determination by the subcommittee are contained in the hearing bundles together with any relevant existing licence. This includes any documents which must be sent to any of the parties to the hearing under Regulation 7(2) and Schedule 3 of The Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005. This bundle has been issued to all parties to the hearing.

#### 4. Legal advice to the sub-committee

4.1 A legal officer appointed by the Assistant Director of Corporate Governance and Head of Legal Services will attend the hearing to advise the subcommittee on statutory provision and legal matters.

#### 5. Licensing Officer comments

This is an application for a new premises licence for a hotel. It is stated there will be a food and beverage area on the ground floor where all licensable activities are proposed to take place. This area is edged in red on the ground floor plan 3642-L-01 A. The bedrooms are not to be licensed for authorised activities.

- The applicant is applying for films and the supply of alcohol both on and off the premises from 10:00 to 23:00 Monday to Thursday and 10:00 to midnight Friday to Sunday. Also late night refreshment on Friday to Sunday from 23:00 to midnight.
- Non-standard timings stated in section J of the application form would seek to increase authorised activity times, especially for the sale of alcohol to 24 hours a day for hotel residents.
- The application states the premises will be open 24 hours a day for hotel guests and from 06:00 to 23:00 Monday to Thursday and 06:00 to midnight Friday to Sunday for non residents.
- 5.5 The applicant has offered steps in the operating schedule Section M that they propose will promote the licensing objectives.
- 5.6 Six conditions have been agreed to be added to the operating schedule by the applicant after consultation with the Police. These are in the form of an email and form part of this report.
- 5.7 There is a live licence attached to 153-161 The Broadway, Wimbledon under the trading name Henry J Beans.
- 5.8 We have received four representations against this application.

#### For enquiries about this hearing please contact

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# Parties to the hearing This document forms part of the notice of hearing.

The following are parties to the hearing having submitted relevant applications, notices or representations under the statutory provisions indicated:

| Applicant                         |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Whitbread Group PLC               |  |
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| Statutory Authorities             |  |
| None                              |  |
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| Interested Parties                |  |
| Sarah Holford                     |  |
| Mr & Mrs J Seckington             |  |
| Sara Sharp                        |  |
| Leigh Terrafranca for Wimbledon E |  |
| Hillside Residents Association    |  |
| (WEHRA)                           |  |

