

## Licensing Sub Committee Hearing Panel

### Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 15 July 2024

**Present:** Councillor Connolly – in the Chair

**Councillors:** Hughes and Hewitson

**LCHP/24/48. Application for a New Premises Licence - Fabs Superstore,  
Part Ground Floor, Unit 4, Vicus Building, 73-83 Liverpool Road,  
Manchester, M3 4JN**

The Hearing Panel considered a report from the Director of Planning, Building Control and Licensing concerning an application for a New Premises Licence. The Hearing Panel considered the written papers submitted by all parties as well as the oral representations of the parties who attended. The hearing was conducted in line with the agreed procedure for such hearings.

In reaching its decision, the Panel also considered the application in the context of Manchester City Council's Statement of Licensing Policy as well as the relevant legislation and case law.

The Panel heard from the Applicant that he operates two premises that are close to Old Trafford Cricket Club and Old Trafford Football Club respectively and was used to dealing with large numbers of customers attending large scale events. He told the Panel that during events he managed the premises by limiting the sale of alcohol to single cans of beer and cider and was willing to implement this policy at the proposed premises when there are events in the vicinity. The Panel was also told that the Applicant was going to be the Designated Premises Supervisor and would be present at the premises on a regular basis until his son was qualified to take over this role. The Panel heard that agreements had been reached with Responsible Authorities and included a reduction of hours as well as additional conditions being agreed as set out in the papers.

The Interested Persons told the Panel that residents were concerned about an increase in anti-social behaviour which they stated to be already problematic in the area in addition to concerns during later hours. Concerns were also stated in particular in relation to the safety of lone females returning to their homes during the later hours. Concerns about additional litter in the area were also raised. The presence of a convenience store in the area was welcomed by some residents.

The Panel noted that substantial agreements had been reached during the hearing itself and that further modifications of the licence proposed by the Applicant had mitigated to a greater extent the concerns of those residents present at the hearing. The Panel noted that the Applicant was an experienced and responsible operator who expressed an intention to be a good neighbour. The Panel therefore considered that the licence as granted is robust and given the Applicants track record should not

undermine the Licensing Objectives. The Panel therefore considered it appropriate to grant the licence on these terms.

### **Decision**

To grant the licence subject to the agreements reached with the Responsible Authorities including the amendment of hours for sale of alcohol to finish at 22:00 and the additional conditions and amendments of the licence as set out below:

1. Condition 9 agreed with Licensing Out Of Hours is amended as set out below. No deliveries or collections relating to licensable activities at the premises will take place between the hours of 18:00-11:00.
2. The display of alcohol within the trading area will not exceed 25% of the premises total display space.
3. When there are events occurring at the Castlefield Bowl the premises will only sell beer and cider in single cans. No other alcohol will be sold on those days.
4. The premises to adopt a dispersal policy which requires staff to actively discourage customers from congregating in the vicinity of the premises.

### **LCHP/24/49. Application for a New Premises Licence - Popeyes, Ground Floor Unit A, 1 Piccadilly Gardens, Manchester, M1 1RG**

This application was withdrawn from the agenda in view of all representations having been withdrawn following agreements with the relevant parties.