

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

Licensing Sub-Committee

Meeting held 2 October 2012

PRESENT: Councillors John Robson (Chair), Neale Gibson and Clive Skelton

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1. WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING ARRANGEMENTS

1.1 The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting and outlined basic housekeeping and fire safety arrangements.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2.1 No apologies for absence were received. Councillor Ian Saunders attended the meeting as a reserve Member, but was not required to stay.

3. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

3.1 No items were identified where resolutions may be moved to exclude the public and press.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

4.1 There were no declarations of interest.

5. LICENSING ACT 2003 - HAMPTON BY HILTON SHEFFIELD, WEST BAR, SHEFFIELD S1 2DA

5.1 The Chief Licensing Officer submitted a report to consider an application for a Premises Licence, made under Section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003, in respect of the premises known as Hampton by Hilton Sheffield, West Bar, Sheffield, S1 2DA.

5.2 Present at the meeting were Carl Bruder (EAD Solicitors, for the Applicants) and Peter Hendry (Operations Manager), Marie-Claire Frankie (Solicitor to the Sub-Committee), Andy Ruston (Licensing Officer) and John Turner (Democratic Services).

5.3 The Solicitor to the Sub-Committee outlined the procedure which would be followed during the hearing.

5.4 Andy Ruston presented the report to the Sub-Committee and it was noted that representations had been received from a local resident, and were attached at Appendix 'B' to the report. The local resident did not attend the hearing.

5.5 Carl Bruder stated that he had attempted to contact the local resident prior

to the hearing to discuss the concerns she had, but had not received a response. The Hampton by Hilton brand was part of a chain of hotels, of which there were approximately 12 in operation across the country at the present time. The Hampton by Hilton brand had been formed in 1984 and this would be the third such hotel of this name in the country. Mr Bruder stated that the hotel was to be built on the site of the former South Yorkshire Police Headquarters at West Bar and referred to the site plan to indicate its precise location. He also referred to one of the layout plans, indicating that there were plans to have a door at the rear of the premises which would be used as a pick-up point for taxis and for deliveries. This door would be some distance from any residential accommodation, thereby minimizing any potential for noise nuisance. In response to the local resident's objections, which related mainly to complaints of potential noise nuisance, he stated that the prime objective of the development was to operate as a hotel and therefore, there would be little potential for noise nuisance. Although there was a restaurant and bar incorporated into the development, there was likely to be very little, if any, noise breakout. The managers took their responsibilities very seriously and there had not been any reports of any noise nuisance at any of the other hotels.

- 5.6 Peter Hendry, current Operations Manager at one of the chain's hotels in Chester, and proposed Designated Premises Supervisor at Hampton by Hilton Sheffield, provided information on staff training for new and existing employees of the hotel chain.
- 5.7 In response to questions from Members of the Sub-Committee, Mr Bruder stated that there would be an American/Italian themed restaurant incorporated into the design of the hotel, which would operate as a franchise. The restaurant would seat approximately 100 people and the bar area would seat approximately 28 people. There were plans for an additional bar, separate to the restaurant, which would be situated next to the reception. There were also plans for a number of meeting/function rooms on the second floor, with a capacity of approximately 20 people per room. Mr Bruder confirmed that there was only one Hampton by Hilton hotel open and operating at the present time.
- 5.8 RESOLVED: That the public and press and attendees involved in the application be excluded from the meeting before further discussion takes place on the grounds that, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, if those persons were present, there would be a disclosure to them of exempt information as described in Paragraph 5 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.
- 5.9 The Solicitor to the Sub-Committee reported orally, giving legal advice on various aspects of the application.
- 5.10 At this stage in the proceedings, the meeting was re-opened to the public and press and attendees.
- 5.11 RESOLVED: That the Sub-Committee agrees to grant a Premises Licence

in respect of Hampton by Hilton Sheffield, West Bar, Sheffield, S1 2DA, in the terms now requested.

(The full reasons for the Sub-Committee's decision and the operating conditions will be included in the written Notice of Determination).

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