

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE
21st September, 2005

PRESENT – Councillors Maybrey, Newall and A.J. Scott. (3)

APOLOGIES – None.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE – Councillor Stenson. (1)

LS33. ELECTION OF CHAIR – RESOLVED – That Councillor Maybrey be appointed Chair for this meeting only.

LS34. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

LS35. PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATION –GRANT - MING CHEF CHINESE TAKEAWAY - The Director of Environment submitted a report (previously circulated) giving details of a contested application from Mr. Peter Cheung in relation to the Ming Chef Chinese Takeaway, 6 Springfield Road, Darlington.

Mr. Peter Cheung, the applicant addressed the meeting and responded to Members' questions. The applicant also responded to the 'points of clarification' highlighted in the submitted report. It was advised at the meeting that Mr. Stott and Mrs. Chaplin had now withdrawn their objections. Mr. Geldart, who had objected to the application did not attend the meeting.

The Sub-Committee considered the views of the objectors and the applicant in accordance with the "Licensing Sub-Committees – Full Hearing Procedure for Applications for Personal Licences Where Representations Have Been Received.

RESOLVED – That the application be granted to permit the applicant to offer late night refreshment between the hours of 11.00 p.m. and 12.00 midnight seven days a week, subject to the following conditions :-

- (a) That a CCTV system shall be installed internally and be in operation at all times when the premises are open to the public. The tapes shall be properly stored and kept for a minimum of 28 days and made available on request to the Police and Authorities Officers of this Council.
- (b) That conspicuous and legible signage will be prominently displayed at the door of the premises requesting that customers leave quietly and have consideration for local residents.
- (c) That you will regularly check the outside of the premises and pick up any discarded litter throughout your opening hours and at the close of business.
- (d) That an alarm system shall be installed within the premises which can be activated by staff in the event of any disturbance.
- (e) That a fixed refuse bin is to be placed outside the premises and emptied regularly throughout the evening and at the close of business. (Members suggested that you

contact the Environmental Health Department of the Council to enquire about sponsoring such a bin).

In making its decision the Sub-Committee took into account :-

- (a) There was no evidence to support the allegations of disorder.
- (b) The conditions placed on the licence will meet the concerns raised.
- (c) That the applicant did not intend to trade until midnight as a regular occurrence and Members accepted that the additional time granted was to provide a safety net in the event of customers not being provided with food until after 11.30 p.m.