LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE 10th December, 2007

PRESENT – Councillors Hartley, D. Jones and J. Lyonette.

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LS14. ELECTION OF CHAIR – RESOLVED – That Councillor Hartley be appointed Chair for this meeting only.

LS15. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

LS16. APPLICATION FOR PREMISES LICENCE – Italian Pizza, 227 Geneva Road - The Director of Corporate Services submitted a report (previously circulated) to consider a contested application for a premises licence for late night refreshment rom Mr. Al-Rawi in respect of Italian Pizza, 227 Geneva Road, Darlington.

As a result of this application representations had been received from one Responsible Authority and fifteen Interested Parties. Mr. N. Newmarch, Environmental Health officer addressed the Committee and responded to the points for clarification contained within the report and Members' questions. The interested parties who attended the meeting also responded to the points for clarification and Member's questions.

Mr. Al-Rawi, and his representatives Mr. Aljabory, who was speaking on his behalf and Mr. Kumar, the premises landlord also addressed the meeting, responded to the points for clarification contained within the report and Members' questions on his application.

The Sub-Committee considered the views of the objectors and the applicant in accordance with Secretary of State's Guidance in respect of the prevention of public nuisance issued Under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.

RESOLVED – That the application be refused as Members were concerned that public nuisance would be caused to the residents living in the vicinity of the premises by the likelihood of increased traffic and the light emanating from the premises; increased likelihood of littering; and noise nuisance would arise from the extractor/ventilation equipment that would be required to be installed at the premises.