

**LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE**  
**18th July, 2008**

**PRESENT** – Councillors Hughes, Mrs. D. Jones and Newall. (3)

**LS24. ELECTION OF CHAIR – RESOLVED** – That Councillor Newall be appointed Chair for this meeting only.

**LS25. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

**LS26. APPLICATION FOR PREMISES LICENCE – 116 Gladstone Street, Darlington** – The Director of Corporate Services submitted a report (previously circulated) to consider a deferred application for a Premises Licence from Omer Fathi in respect of 116 Gladstone Street, Darlington, in light of representations from Interested Parties (local residents and those acting on behalf of local residents) living in the vicinity of the premises.

The applications had received representations in respect of the licensing objectives relating to the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, public nuisance and the protection of children from harm. The representations were from two local residents, Friends of North Lodge Park, Northgate community Partnership and Councillor, Ward Councillor on behalf of local residents, all of whom responded to the points for clarification and to Members' questions.

Members also determined that the representation made by Mr Singh was not a relevant representation in that it did not address the four licensing objectives and also noted that Mr. Singh was a trade competitor.

Mr. Fathi, the applicant, addressed the meeting and responded to the points for clarification in relation to how he ensure that alcohol is not sold to underage children, passed on to children via adults purchasing alcohol, use of CCTV at the premises and details of the training to be provided to staff in relation to sales of alcohol. He also responded to Members' questions thereon.

**RESOLVED** – That the application be granted for the sale of alcohol for consumption OFF the premises – between the hours of 07.00 am and 11 pm every day subject to the following conditions which are in addition to the mandatory conditions in respect of sale of alcohol :-

- (a) A CCTV system approved by Durham Constabulary shall be installed prior to alcohol being made available for sale. It shall be maintained (both inside and outside of the premises) and operated whenever alcohol is available for sale. Media or tapes will be properly stored and secured and kept for a minimum of 31 days. The recordings shall be made available to the Police and/or authorised officer of the Council on request.
- (b) The Challenge 21 scheme shall be implemented at the premises requiring photographic proof of identity from any person who attempts to purchase alcohol and who appears to be under the age of 21 years. Notices shall be displayed within the premises advertising this scheme.
- (c) A Personal Licence holder shall be present at all times when alcohol is available for sale.