

The Highland Licensing Board

Meeting – 11 December 2014

Agenda Item	8.3
Report No	HLB/149/14

Application for the provisional grant of a Premises Licence under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

Acharacle Village Store (New Store), Acharacle, Argyll, PH36 4JL

Report by the Clerk to the Licensing Board

Summary

This Report relates to an application for the provisional grant of a Premises Licence in respect of Acharacle Village Store, Acharacle.

1.0 Description of Premises

1.1 The Acharacle Village Store is situated within the village of Acharacle on the A861. The premises are a newly built detached general rural convenience store with off-sale facilities. The premises will also offer take-away tea, coffee and snack facilities.

2.0 Operating Hours

2.1 The applicant seeks the following **off-sale** hours:

Off sales:

Monday to Sunday: 1000 hours to 2200 hours

3.0 Background

3.1 On 4 November 2014 the Licensing Board received an application for the provisional grant of a Premises Licence from the Firm of Acharacle Village Store.

The application was accompanied by the necessary Section 50 Certification in terms of Planning.

3.2 The application was publicised during the period 5 November to 26 November 2014 and confirmation that the site notice was displayed has been received.

3.3 In accordance with standard procedure, Police Scotland, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and the Council's Community Services (Environmental Health) and Planning and Building Standards were consulted on the application.

- 3.4 Notification of the application was also sent to NHS Highland and the local Community Council.
- 3.5 Further to this publication and consultation process, no timeous objections or representations have been received.
- 3.6 The applicant must nevertheless be given the opportunity to be heard before the Board determines the application and has accordingly been invited to the meeting. The applicant has been advised of the hearings procedure which may also be viewed via the following link:

http://www.highland.gov.uk/downloads/download/428/liquor_licence_objections_appeals_notices_of_determination

4.0 Legislation

- 4.1 The Licensing Board must, in considering and determining the application, consider whether any grounds of refusal apply and, if none of them applies, the Board must grant the application.

Relevant grounds of refusal are: -

1. that the premises are excluded premises;
 2. that the grant of the application would be inconsistent with one or more of the licensing objectives;
 3. that having regard to;
 - (i) the nature of the activities proposed to be carried on in the subject premises,
 - (ii) the location character and condition of the premises, and
 - (iii) the persons likely to frequent the premises,the Board considers the premises are unsuitable for use for the sale of alcohol, or
 4. that having regard to the number and capacity of licensed premises of the same or similar description in the locality, the Board considers that if the application were to be granted, there would, as a result, be overprovision of licensed premises of that description in the locality.
- 4.2 If the Board would refuse the application as made, but a modification is proposed by them and accepted by the applicant, the application can be granted as so modified.

5.0 Licensing Standards Officer

- 5.1 The LSO has provided the following comments:-
- (i) From the layout plan submitted, the variation complies with the required specifications and mandatory conditions;

- (ii) the capacity sought of 15.4sqm (ie the size of the alcohol display area) does not exceed 40sqm in line with the overprovision statement contained within the policy of the Highland Licensing Board;
- (iii) There would not appear to be any matter contained within the application that is inconsistent with the licensing objectives;
- (iv) Upon completion, the premises will replace the existing village store in respect of which there is a Premises Licence. This Premises Licence will thereafter be surrendered upon completion of the new village store.

6.0 HLB Local Policies

6.1 The following policies are relevant to the application:-

- (1) Highland Licensing Board Policy Statement 2013-16
- (2) Highland Licensing Board Equality Strategy

7.0 Conditions

7.1 Mandatory Conditions

If the application is approved the mandatory conditions set out in Schedule 3 of the Act will apply.

7.2 Local Conditions

No local conditions are considered necessary.

7.3 Special Conditions

No special conditions are considered necessary.

Recommendation

The Board is invited to determine the above application.

If the Board is minded to refuse the application, the Board must specify the ground for refusal and, if the ground for refusal is in relation to a licensing objective, the Board must specify the objective in question.

Reference: HC/RSL/1719

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Background Papers: The Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005/Application Form.