

The Highland Licensing Board

Meeting – 14 June 2016

Agenda Item	8.1
Report No	HLB/050/16

Application for the provisional grant of a premises licence under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

Bella Italia, Unit 3A, Inverness Retail Park, Eastfield Way, Inverness, IV2 7GD

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 Bella Italia, Unit 3A, Inverness Retail Park, Eastfield Way, Inverness, IV2 7GD.

1.0 Description of premises

1.1 Bella Italia is situated in Inverness Shopping Park and consists of a ground floor restaurant and retail premises.

2.0 Operating hours

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

On sales:

Monday to Sunday: 1000 hours to 2400 hrs

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

Off sales:

Monday to Sunday: 1000 hrs to 2200 hrs

3.0 Background

3.1 On 26 April 2016 the Licensing Board received an application for the provisional grant of a premises licence from Casual Dining Services Limited.

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

- 3.2 The application was publicised during the period 2 May 2016 until 23 May 2016 and confirmation that the site notice was displayed has been received.
- 3.3 In accordance with standard procedure, Police Scotland, the Scottish Fire & 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) This application seeks a provisional alcohol premises licence for a restaurant within a retail unit at Inverness Retail Park. The operators already operate successfully a similar restaurant within the centre of Inverness with a very similar operating plan.

(ii) From the application, the LSO is satisfied, that the premises would be suitable for the sale of alcohol.

(iii) The hours applied for are in line with the Highland Licensing Board policy on "food led premises".

(iv) The necessary section 50 certificate in respect of planning has accompanied the application, together with competent sets of lay out plans.

(v) From the operating plan submitted, the LSO is satisfied there would be no compromise in respect of any of the licensing objectives.

6.0 Policies

6.1 The following policies are relevant to the application:-

- (1) Highland Licensing Board Policy Statement 2013-18
- (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/INBS/593

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