

The Highland Licensing Board

Meeting – 25 April 2022

Agenda Item	8.1
Report No	HLB/033/22

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

Sgurr Uaran Distillery, 19 Fasach, Glendale, Isle of Skye, IV55 8WP

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 Sgurr Uaran Distillery, 19 Fasach, Glendale, Isle of Skye, IV55 8WP.

1.0 Description of premises

1.1 The Sgurr Uaran Distillery is situated within the grounds of a residential property in Fasach, Glendale, Isle of Skye and consists of a single storey, single room wooden clad studio with a gable roof. The working distillery will provide off sales directly to the public in attendance, online, telephone and local deliveries.

2.0 Operating hours

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

Off sales:

Tuesday to Saturday: 1000 hours to 1600 hours

3.0 Background

3.1 On 23 February 2022 the Licensing Board received an application for the grant of a premises licence from Sgurr Uaran Ltd.

The application was accompanied by the necessary section 50 certification in terms of Planning and Building Standards, together with a Disabled Access Statement.

3.2 The application was publicised during the period 1 March 2022 until 22 March 2022 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 attend a meeting on Microsoft Teams. The applicant has been advised of the hearings procedure.

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 Board considers, having regard to the licensing objectives, that the applicant is not a fit and proper person to be the holder of a premises licence;
 3. that the grant of the application would be inconsistent with one or more of the licensing objectives;
 4. 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
 5. that the Board considers that, if the application were to be granted, there would, as a result, be overprovision of licensed premises, or licensed premises of the same or similar description as the subject premises, in the locality.
- 4.2 For the purposes of the Act, the licensing objectives are-
 - (a) preventing crime and disorder,
 - (b) securing public safety,
 - (c) preventing public nuisance,
 - (d) protecting and improving public health, and
 - (e) protecting children and young persons from harm.

4.3 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) Sgurr Uaran Distillery is a new business which is based upon the sale of alcohol by telephone and online, as well as to members of the public attending premises. This is an application for off sales only.
- (ii) The business is to be based in a premises which is single storey and a single room. It is a wooden clad building with a gable roof. There will be a small distilling operation within the premises.
- (iii) The premises are situated in a rural part of the Isle of Skye.
- (iv) The core hours applied for are within the policy of the Highland Licensing Board.
- (v) The activities sought would appear to be reasonable and appropriate for the proposed operation of the premises.
- (vi) The children's policy is not applicable as it is for off sales only.
- (vii) The layout plan submitted complies with the required specifications.
- (viii) There would not appear to be any matter contained within the application that is inconsistent with the licensing objectives.
- (ix) During the period of consultation, no timeous objections have been received.
- (x) I have no objection to this application.

6.0 HLB local policies

6.1 The following policies are relevant to the application:-

- (1) Highland Licensing Board Policy Statement 2018-23
- (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.

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