



## **RECORD OF DECISION: APPLICATION UNDER LICENSING ACT 2003**

**Application under the Licensing Act 2003 for a new Premises Licence for: Brothers International Supermarket, 28 Mill Road, Cambridge, CB1 2AD**

Licensing Sub-Committee  
Date: 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Members:

1. Cllr Gerri Bird
2. Cllr Markus Gehring
3. Cllr Russ McPherson **[Chair]**

To consider the application of Mr Azad Sekin for a Premises Licence in regards to Brothers International Supermarket of 28 Mill Road, Cambridge, CB1 2AD to provide the supply of alcohol off the premises only between 08:00 and 23:30 Monday to Sunday.

Details of the application are supplied in the officer's report contained in the agenda for the meeting.

We heard representations from the following persons:

*Luke Catchpole – Senior Technical Officer (Commercial & Licensing)*  
*Azad Sekin – Applicant*  
*Graham Hopkins – Applicant's representative*  
*PC Clare Metcalfe – Licensing Officer*  
*DS Kiri Muzar – Police*  
*Cllr Mike Davey – Other persons*  
*Frank Gawthrop – Other Persons*  
*Richard Balfe – Other Persons*

In making our decision we considered the following:

*List:*  
*Statutory provisions (Licensing Act 2003)*

*Statutory Guidance  
Cambridge City Council's Statement of Licensing Policy  
Reports  
Advice from Legal Officer  
Appendix 5 Statement of Licensing Policy in respect of Cumulative Impact  
Representations from  
Evidence from the people listed above*

**We found the following facts:**

1. This is an alcohol licence for a premises in the cumulative impact zone (CIZ),
2. Have considered technical guidance from the Licensing Officer and data in the Police Representation including crime statistics alcohol related incidents within the CIZ.
3. 77 public representations against the application.
4. Additional and amended licensing conditions submitted by the Applicant.
5. Concerns raised by 3 public speakers regarding anti-social behaviour and street based drinking already in existence on Mill Road and surrounding areas.
6. Street scene and street drinking in Mill Road and surrounding area continues to be an issue despite COVID-19 measures addressing street life.

**We did not consider the following matters to be relevant:**

1. Minimum alcohol sales, as street drinkers can collate their funds and purchase the minimum amount of alcohol to be sold.
2. The strength of alcohol sold.
3. Current economic circumstances.
4. Existing COVID-19 measures not being adhered to.

**Our reasons for this are:**

- 1-3 - Police evidence to the contrary.  
4 – The scope of committee and evidence from local residents and councillor.

***Where Members have given more weight to the evidence of one witness over that of another they should say why.***

Equal weight was given to each representation, however the police provided statistical evidence backed up by crime data and officer's experience.

**Our decision is as follows:**

That the application is refused.

**Our reasons for reaching the decision are as follows:**

1. The Licensing objectives have not been met.
2. This application was within the CIZ and the application did not address the licensing objectives.
3. Local residents and local councillor objected to the application.
4. There are existing alcohol related issues with anti-social behaviour on Mill Road and the local area.

5. Recognised that the applicant recommended substantially amended conditions but these were not regarded as sufficient to fully meet the licensing objectives. The Sub Committee sought the view of the Police regarding the amended conditions and the Police continued to object to the application.

*Signed*

*Cllr Russ McPherson*

*Cllr Markus Gehring*

*Cllr Gerri Bird*

*Dated 15 June 2020*

The applicant has the right of appeal to a Magistrates Court within 21 days from the date of this decision notice by contacting:  
Cambridgeshire Magistrates Court, The Court House, Bridge Street, Peterborough, PE1 1ED.

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