

## **NOTICE OF DECISION**

**LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE – WEDNESDAY, 3 APRIL 2024**

**LICENSING ACT 2003**

**PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATION FOR EXPRESS FOOD LIMITED, 8 - 9  
ABBEY PARADE, EALING, W5 1EE (HANGER HILL WARD)**

## **DECISION**

In coming to its decision, the sub-committee carefully considered the application before it, which was set out in the agenda papers published prior to the hearing. It considered the oral representations made in support of the application, made at the hearing by Ms Mannas Sultani, the applicant, and by her agent, Mr Manuel Rocha.

The sub-committee also considered the written and oral representation made in objection to the application by a responsible authority, Mr Robert Dear, on behalf of the Licensing Compliance and Enforcement Team and PC Victoria Hewison on behalf of the Police.

The sub-committee considered the Home Office (January 2024) Revised Guidance issued under S182 of the Licensing Act 2003 and, Ealing Council Statement of Licensing Policy.

Having carefully considered the written and verbal representations from the responsible authorities, the applicant and her agent, in regard to the new premises licence application for Express Food Limited 8 - 9 Abbey Parade Ealing W5 1EE the Licensing Sub-Committee has resolved to refuse the application.

## **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

The Sub Committee found that Ms Sultani has a complete lack of experience in running a licensed premises. Whilst the Sub-Committee noted her willingness to learn, they also had regard to the fact that she does not yet have a personal licence.

The Sub-Committee were satisfied with the responsible authorities' evidence that the premises is located within a particularly difficult area with a history of crime and anti-social behaviour. This added to their belief that Ms Sultani, with no appropriate experience, would be unsuited to running this premises and would struggle to uphold the licensing objectives. Given that there were no other proposals for a DPS, the Sub-Committee refuse the application because they shared the responsible authorities' concerns that the licence would add to existing problems in the area.

## **RIGHT OF APPEAL**

The Applicant, licence holder or any person who made relevant representations may appeal against the sub-committee's decision. An appeal must be made to the Ealing Magistrates' Court within the period of 21 days beginning with the day on which the appellant was notified by the licensing authority of the decision appealed against.

Any party who launches an Appeal at the Magistrates court is requested to copy in the Council at the time that the appeal is filed at court. The person to copy in is Ms Hatoon Zeb at [zebh@ealing.gov.uk](mailto:zebh@ealing.gov.uk) or London Borough of Ealing, Perceval House, 5-NW 14-16 Uxbridge Road, Ealing, W5 2HL.

**Date: 4 April 2024**