

John Burns

From: Colin Poole
Sent: 13 March 2025 09:24
To: Vicky Phillips
Subject: FW: Pavement License application - Loungers UK Ltd

Hi Vicky,

This now can go to planning in relation to the premises license.

Thanks

Colin

From: licensing <licensing@westsuffolk.gov.uk>
Sent: 12 March 2025 18:03
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Subject: RE: Pavement License application - Loungers UK Ltd

Dear Colin

Thank you for your email outlining the Town Council's objections to the Pavement Licence application for the Lounge, Haverhill, which I am responding to in my capacity as a Licensing Officer of West Suffolk Council.

As part of the consultation, I can confirm that we have advised the applicant's solicitor that the market square is not maintainable highway, and therefore it cannot be included on a Pavement Licence under the Business and Planning Act 2020 and Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023. We have requested a new plan excluding this area.

However, I must also advise that this will not effect their Premises Licence application which includes the same plan. In other words, the market square area as marked on the plan could be approved for licensable activities under the Licensing Act 2003, providing they have permission from the market square landowner.

As you will be aware, under the Licensing Act 2003, any person is able to make written representation in relation to a new Premises Licence application. For a representation to be considered relevant, it must address the likely effect the granting of the application will have on the promotion of one or more of the following licensing objectives:

- the prevention of crime and disorder
- public safety
- the prevention of public nuisance
- the protection of children from harm

Therefore, whilst we cannot extend any statutory consultation periods, if you feel that any of the issues you have raised relate to the impact of licensable activities on those 4 licensing objectives, you could withdraw your representation against the Pavement Licence application as no longer being relevant but submit a new representation against the Premises Licence application accordingly. The end of consultation date for the Premises Licence is 3 April 2025, which gives you enough time to discuss at the meetings you referred to. Please let me know if this is your intention.

If you require any further clarification regarding these applications or the consultations thereof, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards
Dawn

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Subject: Pavement License application - Loungers UK Ltd

Name of Applicant: Loungers UK Limited
Name of Premises: Lounge
Postal address of premises relevant to this application. 1-5 High Street Haverhill Suffolk CB9 8AA
Proposed activities: Pavement use Day/s Times 11 tables, 44 chairs Monday to Sunday 08:00 to 23:00

Dear Licensing,

Haverhill Town Council would like to comment on this application, in respect of the market square element. The closing date for representations is 20th March, however our next planning committee meeting at which a formal response would normally be signed off takes place on 24th March. There is also a relevant West Suffolk meeting, the Haverhill High Street Enhancement Scheme Steering Group on the evening of 20th March. Mike Pursehouse will be

aware that Councillor Indy W Wijenayaka has a proposal for a different approach to licensing in Haverhill Town Centre to create a co-ordinated and coherent town centre street café policy.

Is it clearly better that elected members get a chance to discuss how this application fits with wider plans, so is it possible to defer the determination of this licence until after these meetings? It would be greatly in the interests of the applicant to agree a deferral, so that their aspirations can be taken into account.

If it is not possible, then the town council will highlight that the extensive community use of the market square for events, for which we hold premises licences for the areas covered by this application, is a key consideration.

We have previously made the point in regard to a similar request from Wetherspoons to put tables on the market square that whilst such proposed outdoor dining is very much in line with our aspiration for the town centre, it has to be capable of being cleared fully away for community and civic events several times a year. That means the applicant needs to demonstrate they have both storage space and capacity to move their tables and chairs off the highway and off the market square, whilst still being able to operate their indoor business. In the absence of this, then under my delegated authority from the town council, **we object** to the application for the section on the market square as it will unreasonably interfere with our existing licenced use of the market square and High Street, and cut across joint proposals on street cafes from West Suffolk and Haverhill Town Council. We would be pleased to enter into discussions with the applicant if this can help resolve the objection.

For the avoidance of doubt, any separate submissions from town councillors are their own opinion and do not represent the town council.

Kind regards

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