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Alcohol, Entertainment and Late-Night Refreshment Licensing Committee

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Report of Elizabeth Reeve, Licensing
Officer

Licensing Act 2003: Application for a New Premise Licence – KFC, 27 Harlaxton Road, Grantham, Lincolnshire, NG31 7SA.

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Purpose of Report

Committee to determine an application for a new premises licence.

Recommendations

That the Alcohol, Entertainment and Late-Night Refreshment Committee consider an application for a new premise licence for KFC, 27 Harlaxton Road, Grantham, Lincolnshire, NG31 7SA. Whilst taking into account the views of the representation made in relation to one or more of the licensing objectives:

- The Prevention of Crime and Disorder
- Public Safety
- The Prevention of Public Nuisance
- The Protection of Children from Harm.

Decision Information

Does the report contain any exempt or confidential information not for publication?

No

What are the relevant corporate priorities?

Healthy and strong communities

Which wards are impacted?

All wards

1. Implications

Taking into consideration implications relating to finance and procurement, legal and governance, risk and mitigation, health and safety, diversity and inclusion, staffing, community safety, mental health and wellbeing and the impact on the Council's declaration of a climate change emergency, the following implications have been identified:

Finance and Procurement

- 1.1 There are no specific financial implication associated with this report, however, in the event of an applicant, responsible authority or interested person making an appeal against a decision which was then subsequently upheld, the council may incur additional costs.

Legal and Governance

- 1.2 This is an application for new premises licence under S17 of the Licensing Act 2003. The committee should consider whether the application is likely to impact on the promotion of the licensing objectives. In reaching the decision the Committee should consider, the steps that are appropriate to promote the licensing objectives, the representation (including supporting information) presented by the parties, the guidance issued under S182 of the Licensing Act 2003 and the Councils own statement of licensing policy.

Is an Equality Impact Assessment required? No

Community Safety

- 1.3 Community Safety implications will be considered in accordance with the licensing objectives and the duty to consider in accordance with S17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998

2. Background to the Report

- 2.1 On 2nd June 2026 an application was received by the licensing authority for a New Premises Licence. **(Appendix 1)**
- 2.2 The application is for the following activities and timings;
- **Late night Refreshment Indoors & Outdoors** Monday to Sunday 23:00 until 02:00
 - **Opening hours** Monday to Sunday 09:00 until 02:00
- 2.3 The premises already benefits from a premises licence, which permits Late Night Refreshment Indoors only, Thursday to Sunday from 23:00 to 00:00 with opening hours Sunday to Thursday 11:00 to 23:30 and Friday and Saturday 11:00 to 01:00. This licence has been in place since July 2014.

3. Key Considerations

- 3.1 Each application is to be determined on its own merits.
- 3.2 During the consultation period one resident submitted a representation to the application. This relates to concerns regarding potential noise disturbance with the drive through speakers. The agent for the applicant has offered a compromise, but this has been rejected by the local resident, so the representation still stands. **(Appendix 2)**
- 3.3 Licensing Officers have the delegated authority to decide whether a representation is relevant, vexatious, or frivolous however, Section 9 of the Revised Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 states:
- 9.9 It is recommended that, in borderline cases, the benefit of the doubt about any aspect of a representation should be given to the person making that representation. The Subsequent hearing would then provide an opportunity for the person or body making the representation to amplify and clarify it.***
- 3.4 It was felt that the representation at Appendix 2 did not fall within the delegated authority.
- 3.5 Where relevant representations are made, the authority must:
- i. Hold a hearing to consider them, unless the authority, the applicant and each person who has made such representation agree that a hearing is unnecessary, and
 - ii. Having regard to the representations, take such steps mentioned below (if any) as it considers necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives. The steps are:
 - iii. Grant the application subject to conditions that are consistent with the operating schedule modified to the extent that the committee considered appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives and any mandatory conditions that must be included under the Licensing Act 2003.
 - iv. Reject the whole or part of the application.

- 3.6 A location plan in relation to the premises drive through speaker location and nearest residential houses, has been included to aide members. **(Appendix 3)**

4. Reasons for the Recommendations

- 4.1 The licensing authority should give appropriate weight to;
- ❖ The steps that are appropriate to promote the licensing objectives.
 - ❖ The representation (including supporting information) presented by the parties.
 - ❖ The guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.
 - ❖ South Kesteven District Councils Licensing Policy.

- 4.2 The guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 states at 9.37 that;

“As a matter of practice, Licensing Authorities should seek to focus the hearing on the steps considered appropriate to promote the particular licensing objective or objectives that have given rise to the specific representation and avoid straying into undisputed areas. A responsible authority or other person may choose to rely on their written representation.

They may not add further representations to those disclosed to the applicant prior to the hearing, but they may expand on their existing representation and should be allowed sufficient time to do so, within reasonable and practical time limits.”

5. Consultation

- 5.1 Statutory 28-day consultation has taken place from 2nd to 30th June 2026. During this time one representation from a member of the public was submitted. No responsible authorities objected to the application.

6. Background Papers

- 6.1 [Statement of Licensing Policy 1st April 2021](#)
- 6.2 [Guidance to Applicants](#)
- 6.3 [Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003](#)

7. Appendices

- 7.1 Appendix 1 – New Application for a Premises Licence submitted
Appendix 2 – Representation from resident and correspondence with agent
Appendix 3 - Location plan of the Premises