

**LICENSING (LICENSING AND GAMBLING) SUB – COMMITTEE**  
**DECISION OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12/05/2021**  
**APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE –**  
**GORILLAS TECHNOLOGY LTD**  
**SOUTHAMPTON SO17 2FX**

All parties will receive formal written confirmation of the decision and reasons.

This hearing was held as a virtual meeting using Microsoft Teams and was streamed live online for the press and public to view via the Live Events platform.

The Sub-Committee has considered very carefully the application for a premises licence at Gorillas Technology Ltd, 133 Portswood Road, SOUTHAMPTON SO17 2FX. It has given due regard to the Licensing Act 2003, the Licensing Objectives, statutory guidance and the adopted statement of Licensing Policy.

The Sub-Committee considered the representations, both written and given orally today, by all parties. The Human Rights Act 1998, The Equality Act 2010 and The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 Section 17 have also been considered whilst making the decision.

The Applicant confirmed to the Sub-Committee that following discussion with Police, the opening hours applied for have been agreed as follows:

**Supply by retail of alcohol:**

Monday	0800 - 0000
Tuesday	0800 - 0000
Wednesday	0800 - 0000
Thursday	0800 - 0000
Friday	0800 - 0000
Saturday	0800 - 0000
Sunday	0800 - 0000

The Sub-Committee received legal advice that the legislation provides for a presumption of grant of a licence, unless the Licensing Objectives cannot be met by conditions.

The Sub-Committee heard from members of the public who objected to the application. In light of all the above the Sub-Committee has determined that the application, should be granted, subject to the conditions agreed with Hampshire Constabulary.

## Reasons

The Sub-Committee considered very carefully all the representations objecting to the application. It noted the strength of feeling and the concerns in respect of the Licensing Objectives that were raised. The Sub-Committee were unable to consider matters raised in representations that related to planning.

The Sub-Committee considered the fact that the premises is located in a residential area, and the impact it may have to residents in this location. Consideration was given to the representations made by the applicant and the type of premises they wished to run with regards to the range of alcohol and food items they wished to sell.

It noted the fact that Hampshire Constabulary had agreed conditions with the applicant and had not raised the need for a hearing. It was also noted in particular that there is to be no access into the premises by the public.

Having considered all of this, the decision was made to grant the application. Whilst the Sub-Committee were mindful of the concerns raised by the objectors regarding the problems concerning potential noise and disruption, this decision was made bearing in mind the type of business to be run from the premises. Accordingly, having listened carefully to the assurances by the applicant's solicitor, the Sub-Committee decided that the application met licensing policy and to grant the application.

This decision was on the basis that the Sub-Committee believed that the conditions agreed with Hampshire Constabulary would be sufficient to ensure the premises would adhere to the Licensing Objectives.

Residents and local businesses can be reassured that where the grant of any application leads to an adverse impact upon the Licensing Objectives a review of the licence can be brought by them and appropriate steps taken at that time.

There is a right of appeal for all parties to the Magistrates' Court. Formal notification of the decision will set out that right in full.